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A Prayer for a Happy New Year

Bless Thou, this year, O Lord!
Make rich its days
With health, and work, and prayer, and praise,
And helpful ministry
To needy folk.
Speak Thy soft word
In cloudy days;
Nor let us think ourselves forgot
When common lot
Of sorrow hems us round.
Let generous impulse shame the niggard dole
That dwarfs the soul.
May no one shirk his share of work
Through selfish thought.
Each day fulfil Thy holy will
In yielded lives;
And still the tumult
Of desires
Debased.
May faith and hope and love,
Inspired from above,
Increase.
Bless Thou, this year, O Lord!

—Andrew S. C. Clarke

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Notice

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

A NEW YEAR WISH

New mercies, new blessings, new lights on the way,
New courage, new hope, and new strength for each day;
New wine in the chalice, new altars to raise;
New fruits for thy Master, new garments of praise;
New gifts from his treasures, new smiles from his face;
New streams from the fountain of infinite grace;
New stars for thy crown, and new tokens of love;
New gleams of the glory that waits thee above;
New light of his countenance, full and unpriced—
All this be the joy of thy new year in Christ!

—Frances Ridley Havergal

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

I want the New Year's opening days
To fill with love, and prayer, and praise,
Some little things to do for Thee,
For Thou hast done great things for me.

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A NOTE OF THANKS

This Christmas I received several cards and gifts from the preachers and the Ladies Auxiliaries. I have experienced great joy from these gifts and those sent to my wife.

Christ came to earth as the Great Gift of the Father, and I love His Gift. I am not able to work, as I will begin my 84 year on January 17, 1950. I wish to express my appreciations for the good gifts that I have received.

I am also glad to say that the Bridgeton Church has taken on new life since Brother Clinton Lupton became our pastor. He is helping to carry on the work of the church, and he donates to the church.

We are praying that peace and blessings will rest upon every one during the New Year.

Rev. J. A. Ringgold
Bridgeton, N. C.

The two most important things in the world are motives and tendencies.

CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.,
HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The tenth annual meeting of the Church Finance Association, Inc. will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 1950, at Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, located just off N. C. 42, about twelve miles West of Wilson, N. C. The meeting will begin at 2:00 P. M.

This meeting will mark the end of the first ten years of service by the association. It is hoped that this will be the best annual meeting yet.

If you are a member of the association, and have not already received your notice of the meeting, please consider this an official notice. You should represent either in person or by proxy. If you should mail your proxy, please send to:

M. L. JOHNSON
Secretary-Treasurer

He serves his party best who serves the country best.—Hayes.

Self-Delusion What Is It?

Elder A. J. Jenkins, D. D.
McArthur, Ohio

Self-delusion is the act of the individual deluding himself, or the group deluding themselves. To delude one's self is to impose upon the person the beguile to self, and deceive self with judgment that is harmful, and use the deceptive beliefs tending to make the mind incapable of accepting Gospel Truth, and Jesus Christ as Savior. All of this incapacitates one, or a whole congregation from being real lovers, and true servants of the Savior, and makes unbelievers in the work and leadership of the Holy Spirit. Self-delusion is a characteristic of sin that leads to darkness from whence one never recovers. (Psa. 49:19, "He (they) shall go to the generation of his Fathers; they shall never see light." Self-delusion leads to self-deification, where one becomes impregnable in their own mind and independent of godly help. This is a deplorable lament to all who are thus deluded, and grievous to those in sympathy with the horrible condition of the deluded. Self-delusion makes obstinate sinners of all who follow the lust of the flesh, because they are actively given over to it fully. Psalm 81:12, "So I (God) gave them over to their own heart's lust: and they walked in their own counsels." Self-delusion is exhibited in the thinking that the person's own way is safe. Read Proverbs 14:12. Also God says, Romans 3:16, "Destruction and misery are in their ways, And the way of peace have they not known." Self-delusion leads souls to disregard most all of what God says, when they should all beware of wicked ways, which God will not excuse, either in sinners or professors. Jeremiah 44:17 is warning. Self-delusionists think of self as being pure in the sight of their own company, but all should read and consider Prov. 30:12. All of this class think of self as being better than all others out of their class, and they should be aware, Luke 18:11, "God I thank thee that I am not as other (Christians) men." In

this act we not only have hypocrisy exemplified, but self-delusion verified. Self-delusion often takes people where their money has deluded them, until they don't know their soul's standing with God. Revelation 3:17. "And knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked?"

The self-deluded persons think of self as having peace, and that within, but fail to measure their condemned soul's condition by the word of God (Deut. 29:19). This self-deluded class of millions of people think they are above criticism and adversity, but God says, Psa. 11:6, "Upon the wicked shall He (God) rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest, this shall be the portion of their end." Self-deluded people think they will get to heaven on their gifts, but hear what God says, Matt: 7:21, "Not every one who saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

The self-deluded people fool themselves by thinking that privileges entitles them to go to heaven, but Jesus settled this long ago in these words, Luke 13:25, "Lord, Lord, open unto us; and He shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are," and all the pleading they do won't get them in; read verses 26-28 and be convinced truth prevails. The self-delusioned think they are in favor with God, and He will not punish them, but it will pay them to read Jer. 5:12, and Rev. 20:10. "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." This fire will convince the last delusioned person of the reality of God's Word being truth, and of the salvation being a reality, not a delusion. The delusioned people make themselves believe that Jesus will not judge them guilty, but it is part of God's plan. Rev. 20:13, "And the delusioned were judged out of those things which were written in the books according to their works."

All delusioned people in submitting to Satan and becoming sinners, have made themselves slaves to do all kinds of sin and crime Satan wants done. Rom. 6:16, "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves to obey, his slave ye are to whom ye obey." The delusioned is doomed to die with their sins, and in their sins. Jno. 8:21, "Then said Jesus again unto them, (delusioned) I go my way and ye shall not seek me, and shall die in your sins." All delusioned people have their hearts set on their father the Devil. "And the lust of your father ye will do" (Jno. 8:34). This great crowd of delusioned people, many millions of them, all self-deceived, and all determined to get rich, or in other ways ignore God, and serve the Devil, will pay with their souls, for their folly in the end. Luke 16:14-24, "The rich man also died, and was buried, (his body) and in Hell he lifted up his eyes, (soul) being in torments, verse 24, "For I am tormented in this flame." He had been used to fire to warm his body and enjoy it, but now his soul is in hell-fire, and he is tormented with the burning flame. This man was thoroughly convinced of the reality of hell, and reported back to add delusioned people to stay away from hell. Luke 16:28, "For I have five brothers, testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment." In his torments he was so sincere in his good wishes for his brothers he pleaded, Luke 16:30, "But if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent." God gave him his last instructions and all delusioned people their last warning here, "If they hear not the preachers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead" Luke 16:31. Delusioned unbelievers will all in hell be thoroughly convinced of the reality of hell, when there thirty seconds, Mk. 16:16, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that disbelieveth the Gospel truth shall be damned." You choose, but God judges.

Notes and Quotes



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

We thank you, so much

This is to express to those who have been thinking of us during the holidays, and for some time prior to these days, in which cards, letters and gifts have been coming to us. We express OUR HEARTFELT THANKS TO EVERY ONE for these kind remembrances. As it is impossible, or almost impossible, for us to greet every one with a THANK YOU CARD, we hope that this word will be sufficient. Approximately 300 people have thought of us and they made their thoughts tangible. We can never live long enough nor be able to express to every one that which is in our heart toward you. May God richly bless every one with a prosperous New Year, and may your laudable undertakings be wonderfully blessed during the year of 1950, is our prayer.

Personal blessings

For the past several months God has blessed me physically in such a way that I have been able to keep at work in the VINEYARD OF THE LORD; and, during the Christmas period, God has given to me a great spiritual blessing in having fellowship with my family and my kinsmen in Christ.

The third Sunday in December by invitation, I accompanied Rev. J. R. Bennett to Shiloh Free Will Baptist church at Pine-town, where we had great fellowship, in the Lord meeting with those, and for whom we had done revival work many years ago. Our heart was made happy by the reception that we received. Brother Bennett preached at the 11:00 o'clock hour and the evening hour was cordially given to your servant, in which we brought a message from Luke 2:7 using the latter clause, "Because there was no room for them in the inn."

At Ruth's Chapel, a little church near our home and which we are serving as pastor on second and fourth Sundays, we spoke at a sunrise service on Christmas morning, taught the adult class at 9:45 a. m., and preached at 11:00, and again at 7:30 P. M., making four services in which I spoke during the day. God blessed me with physical and spiritual strength; truly I can say, "Not I, but Christ."

At this writing, Monday, Dec. 26, we are planning to meet Rev. Ralph Osborne at his home on Wednesday of this week and anoint an afflicted child of God and pray

that she may be healed. If arrangements are made we plan to preach at his church, Sidney, on the same evening.

Thursday, by invitation from the president, we, Mrs. Griffin and I, are to visit the auxiliary of the Black Jack Church, and on Saturday night and Sunday we are to preach in the Black Jack Church. After serving this church for 14 years we know it will be a pleasure to meet with people and worship the Lord at Black Jack. We have been away now for a little more than two years, and it seems much longer, from this fellowship. At a later date we will report on these services.

Christmas gone

The day that we call Christmas is passed into history. It has brought much gladness and blessing to some, and it has brought disaster and sorrow to others. The death toll has been great, and many deaths have been the result of sin and a disregard for the Christ who came and bled and died to save us from sin and death. The real joy, the lasting joy, has come as a result of accepting and appropriating the blessed gifts of God's grace to the proper use to ourselves and others. In the life of thousands there was NO ROOM FOR CHRIST. Egg-nog and spiritous liquors crowded out Christ. Santa Clause, the myth, was sung more than the Baby Jesus. Gluttonous eating of the good things for the physical man, brought pain and misery to thousands, while just around the corner or over the way hungry children cried for bread. Some children were swamped with useless toys, more than they knew what to do with, while some poor little fellow just across the street, or down the road had to do with nothing to make his or her little heart glad. But this is the world that we live in today. Don't you think that if we all would share that which the Lord blesses us with, and make others happy thereby, we would be happier ourselves?

Clippings from The Missionary Review

We hope that, as you read the news clipped from the Missionary Review, you will take courage and make gifts in a large way to help further the work in Cuba.

"The work is in the best condition that I have ever seen it. I have been going over the fields this summer, besides the other things that I have had to do, and we have had some wonderful conventions. The work is growing by leaps and bounds, which is due to the fact of the new graduates, they are going out on fire for God. The students too, have done a wonderful work, especially the girls. Some have been away back in the hills, but have had scores of souls saved. Some of the girls have had day school where they are so abandoned that the government does not send back a teacher. Such a ministry, and the most wonderful people. Too, there is a greater spirit of co-operation than before. We do praise God for

our splendid laymen that He is raising up, they have a definite interest in the work." —Mrs. Mabel Willey.

"Happy to report the Boy's Dormitory is finished."—T. H. Willey

"We are deeply grateful for the help from the Wilfongs. We find it making the burden much lighter."—T. H. Willey

"I have had given to me from a friend a young Guernsey bull with papers. I must go to Montgomery, Ala., to pick it up. Also plan to get other milk heifers."—T. H. Willey

"I would not cross the sea to give India a theology; India has more theology than she can understand.

I would not cross the ocean to give China a new code of ethics; China has a vastly better code than its ethical life.

I would not cross the sea to give Japan a new religious literature; For she has a better religious literature than a religious life.

But I would go round the world, again and yet again To tell China, India, Africa, and all the Islands of the sea

*'There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Emmanuel's veins,
And sinners plunge beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains.'*"

—Selected

LIFE'S MIRROR

There are loyal hearts, there are spirits brave.

There are souls that are pure and true;
Then give to the world the best you have,
And the best will come back to you.

Give love, and love to your life will flow,
And strength in your inmost needs;
Have faith, and a score of hearts will show
Their faith in your work and deeds.

Give truth, and your gifts will be paid in kind,
And song a song will meet;
And the smile which is sweet will surely find
A smile that is just as sweet.

Give pity and sorrow to those who mourn;
You will gather in flowers again
The scattered seeds from your thought-
borne,
Though the sowing seemed in vain.

For life is the mirror of king and slave,
'Tis just what we are and do;
Then give to the world the best you have
And the best will come back to you.

—Madeline S. Bridges

COMMENTS

By Rev. A. L. Reynolds
206 E. Washington Ave.
Kinston, N. C.

I noticed with interest some of the expressions used in the issue of the Baptist dated December 14, 1949. One of these was: "We feel the need of better literature." Surely we all agree that we need better literature; but, changing from one Standard literature to another, and trying to find literature that will suit everyone is a difficult problem. Some look at it as being modern, but we will never find literature made up by different people with which everyone will agree. We have the world before us and sins in every form; and perhaps, what is needed is Sunday School teachers who are capable of teaching and not merely reading what someone else has to say.

I noticed in an article of the same issue these words, "After all, having a form of government, you have a right to vote on all questions." This is exactly what we do not have, to my sorrow. If we had a Government, some one who could give the people a chance who are working for the betterment of Sunday Schools, Leagues and so on, there might be a great deal more accomplished. The reason for so many bodies of the Baptist is that there has never been a head to hold them together. Where there is no head there is not too much brain. Some people use the term "Free Will" to do anything they please, when the term has nothing to do with "Do as you please."

I noticed in the "Free Will Baptist Evangel" an expression as follows: "We as Free Will Baptist, remaining true to the faith sound the 'Awakening cry', for there are many gone out, or may we say (crept in, too many of us unawares) with another doctrine," and the article referred to the changes in the Treatise. May I say that the changes in the Treatise will have nothing to do with the "Faith of the Saints," or the doctrine of the Free Will Baptists, until there are provisions made whereby it can be used, and used to an advantage.

We need a discipline, and one by which all Free Will Baptist will be governed, and someone to see that it is carried out. Something that will be National, State and Local, and not "do as you please here and I'll do the same there." Something that will prohibit one little preacher from running off to another conference to be ordained because of malice of which we know God is not the author, or a church pulling out from its rightful place and going anywhere regardless.

There is much I could say and would like to say if time and space could be allowed. I have not dealt in personalities, but a condition that exist of which perhaps we are all involved. Perhaps we will never reach the standard of efficiency, but there is much progress that can be made if pursued in the right way.

Mt. Bethel and Sunday Schools

At Mt. Bethel, the youth training camp of Georgia Free Will Baptists, one of the phases of its course of study is training of Sunday School officers and teachers. Here we pass on to you some of the reasons, gathered from other sources, why this training is needed in yours or any church.

We quote from Baron Brunson. "The apostolic church made the school the connecting link between itself and the world." It was also said that, "the neglect of its schools by the church was largely responsible for the Dark Ages." The reformation was a return to teaching principles.

The Sunday School is a laymen's enterprise. Therefore training is important, as laymen are not otherwise trained (only as a "new heart" speaks to them). It relates to all people, of all conditions, and all help to promote it. It is of more rapid extension than any world movement because it is for everybody and by everybody. In such organizations it behooves us to train its "key" workers. It is important because two out of every three protestant children are out of Sunday School. Teachers and officers need

training, for they take a place of authority to train others in the Christian way. Sixty out of ninety times Christ was addressed, he was called teacher or its equivalent. The Great Commission contains two charges to teach. Paul stipulates that a pastor be "apt to teach" (I Tim. 3:2). Luther thought "teacher training" so important that he went so far as to say a clergyman was not fit to be a preacher unless he had first been a teacher. Wesley also lauded teaching and with others seemed to believe that teaching of Sunday School teachers saved England from horrors, such as French Revolution. We cannot depend on pastors for enough instruction. Satan works so fast, so many ways, can we afford to depend on only one hour per week by un-trained personnel? Fifty two hours of Sunday School is reduced to seventeen by untrained officers and teachers, ungraded lessons or classes, and irregular attendance, so we are told. Seventy-five percent of church members become members as a result of Sunday Schools. The better the officers are trained the greater percent is evangelized. Eighty-five percent is said to become active in the church and ninety-five percent of ministers and missionaries come out of Sunday Schools.

Training is the greatest aid to solving Sunday School problems. It is the first step to better and bigger Sunday Schools. Christ trained those whom he sent out. Real teachers are seldom found without special training. One must first be a "learner", then a teacher. All need to study "to show thyself approved." If pupils are to drink from a living fount, then teachers must not be a stagnant reservoir. Effective Sunday Schools mean trained officers. God stir in us that Sunday School officers have equal training.

Miss Dot Harvey
Jakin, Georgia.

The lying poster, label, title, pretence, advertisement, the stimuli which inflate and deteriorate all genuine trade, are the life-blood of that base-born supply which breeds demand for the artificial, the luxurious and the pernicious.—John Ruskin.

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Our Saviour's Birthday

—O—
Dorothy N. Harris,
3529 Myra Street,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Will His birthday make any change in our hearts. Will it inspire us to go forth as better Christians?

I trust that all Christians may have a mountain-top experience as we again near our Lord's birthday. May our hearts be filled with glory and thanksgiving as were the shepherds on that night so long ago. Luke 2: 16-17, "And they came with haste and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the sayings which were told them concerning this child." Are we telling abroad what we know about Jesus? He has meant so much in my life, and it burdens my heart for others to have the sweet peace and joy that fills my heart to overflowing.

Luke 2:20, "And the shepherds returned glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them." Notice that the shepherds returned. They must have returned to the tending of their sheep, but they were shepherds with new hearts. They had seen the Christ and they let it be known by glorifying and praising God. We need to seek a deeper experience with him, that we may go forth glorifying and praising God as the shepherds did.

In the second chapter of Matthew we read of the wise men searching for Jesus, and when they had found Him they returned into their own country another way. When we have found Jesus precious to our souls, when we have given Him preeminence in our lives, we may have to, and generally do, go back to our same occupations, and daily contact with the same people, but we go back bigger, taller, kinder, better and wiser owing to our experience with Jesus. We know that the wise men must have gone back to their own countries better and wiser men.

Our Saviour's birthday has been commercialized until the true meaning is almost gone. Christians let us pray that the world will give Him

back His birthday. Gifts at this time should be to the poor and unfortunate ones. Jesus did not give His life on the cross for a chosen few. Give in the name of Jesus.

The great experience we can have by truly visiting the Christ child's manger will take us through trials and temptations for many days to come.

Praise God that the Christ Child lives today as our Redeemer.

(P. S.—This came too late for the Christmas issue, therefore we are using it in this first issue of the new year.—Editor.)

—O— CUSTOMS AND HABITS

—O—
By N. Borders
Waverly, Ohio

When customs and habits are once formed, they are very hard to break away from. In fact, it is impossible in many instances—without divine intervention.

They tell us that a few centuries back the churches sang the Psalms of David; and, when they began to make songs that would rhyme, as our songs of today, many thought it was sacrilegious and refused to sing them. When I was a lad of forty years ago, there were but little instrumental music in the churches, and many people balked at the idea of it. But now you can find it in most of the churches.

There are some people who fight Sunday School even until this day, simply because they cannot find it mentioned in the Bible in those precise words. I am glad to say that their ranks are getting thinner and thinner every day. Yes, there are a few even unto this day that say it is a sin to give a preacher a dime for his labours in the gospel. If we had no scripture to substantiate the fact that it is right to pay the preacher for his labors, "common horse sense" would tell him that if a man would sacrifice much of his time that way that he would soon be scraping the bottom of the meat barrel, and his trousers would soon need patching.

So much for the different beliefs, and they are honest folks who hold to

such opinions. Yes, I think many of them will be saved. It is the way they have been taught, and those ideas have been grounded into their hearts. It is just so with the movies and the talking pictures in the churches. For example, if we have Bible pictures portrayed in the church, they will make an impression on the mind that will stay there longer than any hearing of the message by the ear. Psychologists claim that the thoughts will linger in the mind four times longer than by hearing. When I first heard of movies of this kind, I was a little surprised and doubtful myself, but when I saw the picture of the Life of Christ, I was entirely convinced that it was another step in the right direction. Again, it will attract a great many people to church who will not go to hear preaching. So, as concerns my part, I heartily approve of the sacred pictures. Perhaps some of us still have foggy ideas in our heads that it would be well for us to get rid of.

One can remember that the time was when people used to fight the idea of divine physical healing, but I think most people have come to believe in it. Sometimes I wonder if we have fully emerged from the Dark Ages, or not. People are still discovering new truths in the Bible that were overlooked by our forefathers. When the Bible is fully understood, maybe in that day the glory of the Lord will cover the earth as the waters that cover the seas.

The Bible speaks of "a more perfect day," when the swords shall be beaten into pruning hooks, and the lion and the lamb shall lie down with the kid. The main reason that I am such a strong Free Will Baptist is that we are tolerant with other churches, and will worship with most all Protestant denominations. It is the earnest prayers that count most, after all. We Free Will Baptist simply preach the simple and plain doctrine, and I cannot afford to preach any other. I have always made it a habit that when I had a horse that just suited me, that horse was not for sale. Every article of faith suits me just fine, and I praise the good Lord for them.

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

MRS. L. E. BALLARD IS QUITE ILL

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Mrs. L. E. Ballard of New Bern, North Carolina, has been quite ill for several days. She was taken to one of the hospitals in New Bern some days ago for treatment and rest for a nervous condition. Just recently she was returned home for recuperation, but she is still unable to be up and out of the home.

It is requested that the good church people go to the Lord in prayer for her, praying that God might restore her to her wanted health again. Pray for the family that they may be strengthened and comforted as they seek to do what they can for Mrs. Ballard during her confinement in the home.

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THE CHURCH TREATISE

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The Press now has a splendid supply of the Church Treatise on hand. Those churches, individuals, and church

organizations that need copies may secure the number they want by mailing their orders to the Press, Ayden, North Carolina. The price per copy is 30 cents; per dozen, \$3; per hundred, \$22.50, pre-paid.

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LITERATURE SALES FOR THE FIRST QUARTER

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The sales of Sunday School and League literature thus far for the first quarter of the new year have been splendid. We are at the present time more than one hundred orders ahead of the same period last year, and orders are still coming in most every mail. So, if there be some who have not placed your orders, simply mail them at once to us. Should there be others who have already ordered and found that they did not have enough copies to fill the needs of their classes, please send for the number you need. We will fill orders as long as our supplies last.

My Camp Experiences at Mount Bethel Camp, Ashburn, Georgia

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I have been dietitian at camp for a number of years and I would like to tell others of the wonderful training I have witnessed.

At camp Mt. Bethel last summer, we would arise at 6:00 o'clock and start preparing breakfast. Just before the meal was served, the students and instructors would come to the dining room and study hall for the morning devotional. As we prepared the meals in the kitchen, we could hear the prayers and testimonies of these young people, which were real soul-stirring and uplifting. They had good singing, too.

It was good to see the happy smiles on each face as they came in to eat. After singing a chorus, someone would give thanks for the food and then all were ready to enjoy the breakfast. It was so nice to hear them say as they finished—"I enjoyed my breakfast," "best coffee I have ever tasted," or "the biscuits were fine." After breakfast, each one would get ready for classes. As we prepared the noon day meal, we could listen to these classes, thereby receiving a great blessing from this.

We served dinner at twelve o'clock

and everyone was ready to do a child's part at the table. It did not matter what the menu might consist of—it was enjoyed by all. After dinner, a rest period was held before finishing classes for the day. As classes were over, each one was free to rest or play ball or games as they wished until time for supper.

After the evening meal, we all went to "The Rock" for vesper service which was the best service of the day. "The Rock" was a large rock on a knoll back of the camp building. We went over to this place and built an altar. "The Rock" was large enough for the whole student body and the instructors to sit on it while services were conducted. These services took place just as the sun was setting which seemed to make it so impressive.

After vesper service we would return to camp. While some of the young people would play games, others and the older people would sit and talk, until time for the evening service. Then some minister would bring a very impressive message. On Tuesday night of second session in '49 every unsaved person found the Lord precious to his soul, and confessed the Lord before the group of campers, before we retired for the

night. We just can't express how happy we were. The colored cooks were very much impressed at this conversion about 20 in all. We were happy to sleep that night, but usually the lights were out at ten o'clock.

Parents, if you have children who are unsaved, they don't have to go to camp Bethel to find the Lord, for He is everywhere, but that is a good place to find Him, for all the encampments I have ever attended, from 2 or 3 to 23 or 24 were saved, except one week's session.

Here is hoping you will meet us at Mount Bethel Camp third Sunday in June, 1950.

Mrs. C. J. Harvey
Camilla, Ga.

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BROTHER R. McLEOD GOES TO THE ORPHANAGE

Brother R. McLeod of Dunn, North Carolina, Route 5, has been elected as assistant superintendent and treasurer of the Middlesex Orphanage. He will assume his duties on January 2, 1950.

The tavern and the cocktail room naturally and certainly endanger the health, the life, the comfort, the safety and the morals of the people, and offend against the common law.

The Local Community, the Christian Citizen and the Liquor Traffic

By Regulus

The closer the liquor problem gets to the heart of the home, the more important it becomes to the Christian citizen. The custom of the home itself is most important of all. Next in importance is the neighborhood environment, then, the impact and influence of the local community, its social customs, its facilities and suggestion, its political organization.

All of these are determining factors affecting the very character of our homes, the training of our children.

It means much to the citizen of Hastings, Nebraska, as to whether or not liquor is sold in New York City, because his son may go there to find employment, and his daughter may go there to seek artistic training. There are, of course, an infinite number of ways in which the sale of liquor in New York City may affect his life and happiness, but primarily, what is done in Hastings is of greater importance to him.

The average man instinctively realizes this. He may not be a "Dry," but he does not want liquor sold on his street. He says, "Keep the taverns downtown; keep them out of the residential districts." He may finally reach the conclusion that it is better to keep them out of the town entirely, although he is willing for the nearby city to have saloons, night-clubs, cocktail rooms.

These things being true, the right of the citizen to protect his immediate environment is of the greatest importance to him.

The term "local option" is frequently used erroneously for "prohibition." Local option is, only the right of choice which is the very essence of democracy.

Sooner or later, the liquor question may come up for decision in your local community. If, and when that time comes, ask yourself and your neighbor these questions:

1. Will there be more liquor sold in this community if the liquor traffic is legalized?

2. Will the interest of my family (and your family) be best served by increasing the amount of liquor sold and consumed in this community?

3. Will the economic interest of the community be served by increasing liquor consumption?

4. Will the community environment be improved by licensing the sale of liquor?

5. Will social problems increase in number and seriousness if we license liquor sale, or will they be decreased by such a policy?

6. Does liquor revenue derived by the community from licensing the sale of liquor, really "pay?"

7. Will "business" be better in a dry town?

Let us discuss the last question, first. Local revenue (on the average) derived from the sale of liquor is \$2.24 per capita annually. All but 35 cents per capita is by transfer of funds from other jurisdictions—the 35 cents is received directly. The total local liquor revenue is only four-and-one-half per cent of all local government revenue, again "on the average."

It is perfectly obvious on its face that \$2.24 is not a major credit item. If the community, or family, or children will be safer and happier in a Dry town, certainly \$2.24 per capita is not a great price to pay.

There are other considerations involved in this matter of liquor revenue. The average individual expenditure for liquors in the U. S., is somewhat more than \$60.00 and everyone is taken into consideration in computing this average—men, women, children, babes-in-arms. The liquor traffic takes in \$60.00 and returns to the local community, \$2.24.

This fact confronts us with other questions:

Is the liquor traffic sound on the economic side; is the capital tied up in the maintenance of liquor sale serving the best interest of the community; does the money spent for liquor have a regenerative effect—that is, does it cause the creation of wealth? Is the community richer or poorer by the transaction? It is, of course, poorer; no wealth whatever has been created by the labor and the materials used in the making or distributing of liquor. No man is more efficient in his work because of drinking; he is not a better consumer because of it.

A distinguished Englishman once remarked that he had seen a drunkard in the gutter; he had a hole in his hat—the hat trade was suffering because liquor had made him incapable of buying another. His shoes were broken—the shoe trade was suffering because he had been knocked out of the market for shoes. He was dirty—the soap trade was suffering.

The community which takes in \$2.24 per capita from the sale of liquors has to expend great amounts of money to care for the consequences of drinking those liquors. Derelicts troop into the police courts every Monday morning; they congest the jails; their wives and children must be relieved with public appropriations or private charity. Liquor-caused crime, juvenile delinquency, ill health, accidents, death. It breaks up homes, and every broken home is a community disaster.

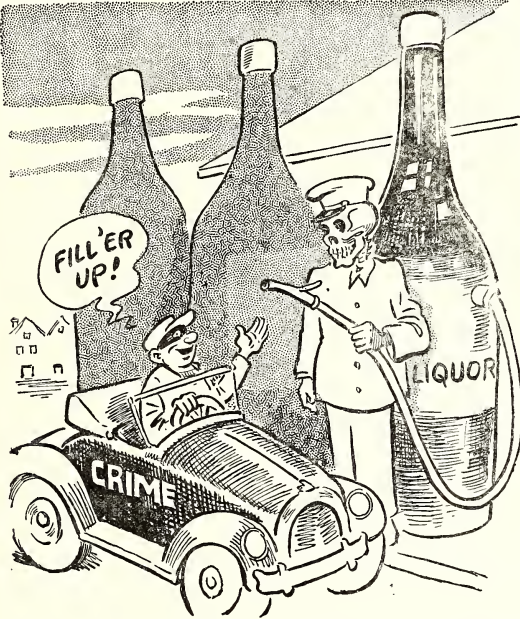
The liquor question is as simple as this:

1. All of the evil consequences of drinking alcoholic beverages have a direct relationship to the amount of liquor consumed.

2. The amount consumed is determined largely by the facilities for making and distributing liquor.

The pretense that more liquor is consumed where liquor is not legal-

LIQUOR MIXED WITH GASOLINE SPELLS CRIME



Drunken drivers of automobiles and trucks on the highways cause more wrecks, hospital cases and deaths than any other class of people in this country. The use of spiritous liquors by a great many drivers is the cause of a steady increase of crime over this nation. In spite of all good that the F. B. I. agents are doing to lessen crime, and to apprehend and punish the drunken drivers on our highways, the drinking of alcoholic beverages is increasing in this country. Drunken drivers are found in the highways every day in this land. The innocent children and others are being knocked down and maimed for life on the highways by people driving under the influence of whiskey. In fact, many are being killed by such drivers of cars and trucks.

As long as alcoholic beverages are as

easy to get as they are today in this nation, that long will we have drunken drivers. Law enforcement and legal punishment of the guilty will not stop others who drink from driving and committing crime on our public roads. The remedy is the removal of the whiskey business from public use. As long as the A. B. C. stores are convenient in towns and the cities of this nation, that long will we have drunken driving, wrecks, deaths and the injured for life. The person in the driver's seat of a car or truck, when under the influence of strong drink, is a menace to society, and has no right to be trusted with a moving vehicle on the highway. If there were a law in the land that those who drink whiskey were not allowed to drive on the highways, then it would be readily seen that the wrecks would become less in this

land. This must be considered a part of the general inefficiency of political administration. The administration of almost any law, whether by the Federal, State or community government, is usually far short of perfection. Local prohibition will not be perfectly enforced under any circumstance, but at its best it is far better than license.

There is a great deal of violation of law in so-called Dry Territory, but

A dry community is best.—Reprinted from *The Voice*.

country, and travelling would be much more safe for every one.

Whiskey is the cause of more homes being broken up than any other evil in our land. It is always coupled with other vice, and is at the bottom of many murders, suicides, house fires, and other disturbances. It leads in family divisions, loss of property, ruined health, and moral depravity.—*The Exchange*.

Two drinks of liquor and an old dilapidated car with a tank of gas, and you will be certain to get somewhere down the highway a nasty wreck. That is the history in many cases of the fellow who cares for nothing but strong drink and riding at high speed on the paved roads.—*R. P. Q.*

Road sentences for drunken driving do very little good to the fellow who has never been caught driving a car while he was drunk. He feels safe that the law will never get him for drunken driving. He will take chances, for he has gotten by before, and he thinks he will get by again. So, on he goes with a drink, and a tank full of gas; going some place just to be riding with his old cronies.—*Samuel Tucker*.

The New Year holds our a challenge to every one to do his best for himself, and for those whom he loves. It is divided into minutes, hours, days, months for proper living, wholesome exercise, and just dealings with all men.

The New Year has no time to throw away for wild spending, drunkenness, gambling, idleness, murders, thievery, or any other wrong doing. It is time given by God to all men to use wisely and well for the sake of humanity. And he who uses it for idleness, debauchery, adultery, robbery, and such harmful things is his own worst enemy, a menace to society, and a vile wretch before God.—*The Herald*.

According to reliable statistics, the average individual expenditure for liquor in this country for one year is more than \$60. This estimate is reckoned on the basis of every man, woman, boy, girl, and children in this country. Think of it! That is ten times more than the average spent for all religious purposes by each individual in the United States for one year. Now notice the local revenue, on the average, derived from the sale of alcoholic beverages is \$2.24 per capita on the annual basis. This is certainly a small return in dollars and cents to the government when the cost of maintaining the law against drunkenness and crime is far greater than the remuneration, not to speak of the damage the general use of whiskey is to the local community.

Any community is far better off without the \$2.24 from the liquor revenue than it is with the revenue and the presence of drinking and the effects drunkenness has on the morals of the community.—*The Cost of Strong Drink and Crime*.

GOODNIGHT OR GOODBYE?

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A business man, struck by an automobile was hurried to the hospital, where he was informed that he had only two hours to live. He had his family called and spoke to them:

"Wife, you have been to me the greatest woman in the world. Through sunshine and shadow we have walked together. You have been my inspiration in everything I have undertaken. Especially has this been true in my religious life. Many times I have seen the Spirit of God in your life. I love you far more than I did the day you became my bride. Good night, dear, I'll see you in the morning. Good night."

"Mary, you have been a joy to your father. How glad I am that you have looked so much like your mother. In face and spirit you have always reminded me of her. I see in you the sweet, beautiful woman who left her home to become the builder of mine. What a Christian you are! Mary, you will never forget how your father has loved you. Good night, Mary."

He then turned to his eldest son. "Will, your coming into our home has been an unmixed blessing. You were a manly boy. You have become an ideal man. You love God and the church of your father. You will continue to grow in every Christian grace and virtue. You have your father's love and blessing. Good night, Will, good night."

Charlie was the next. Having walked in evil ways, he had been a disappointment to his father and mother. The dying man skipped him and spoke to the youngest child:

"Grace, your coming was like the breaking of a new day in our home. You have been a song of gladness, a ray of light. You have filled our hearts with music. When not long ago you stood and surrendered your life to Christ and took the vows of church membership, your father's cup of happiness was full to overflowing. Good night, little girl. Good night."

He then called Charlie to his side.

"Charlie, what a fine, promising boy you were. Your father and mother believed you would develop into a great and noble man. We gave you all the opportunities that we gave to

the other children. If there has been any difference, you yourself must admit that the difference has been in your favor. We have done the best we could for you, Charlie. But you have disappointed us. You have followed the broad and downward way. You have not been guided by our advice. You have not heeded the warning of God's hold Word. You have not hearkened to the call of the Saviour. But I have always loved you, Charlie, and I love you still. God only knows how much I love you. Good-bye, Charlie, good-bye!"

Charlie seized his father's hand and between sobs cried out: "Father, you have said 'Good night' to the others, but 'Good-bye' to me!"

"Charlie, I will meet the others 'in the morning,' but by all the promises that assure us of a reunion and give me hope of having them with me again, by those statements of God's Word I can have no hope of seeing you 'over there.' It's goodbye, Charlie, good-bye!"

Charlie fell on his knees by his dying father's bed and cried out in the agony of his soul, praying God to forgive his sins through Christ's shed blood and allow him the hope of heaven.

"Do you mean it, Charlie?" Are you in earnest?"

"God knows that I am," he said, heartbroken.

"Then God will hear and save you, Charlie, and it's not 'Good-bye' but 'Good night.' Good night, Charlie, Good night. Good night my boy." And he was gone.

You, too, will have the hope of heaven if you will:

1. Confess your sins. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9).

2. Receive Jesus as your Saviour. "As many as received Him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God" (John 1:12).

"The statistics of every state show a greater amount of crime and misery attributable to the use of ardent spirits than to any other source." Who said this? *The Supreme Court of the United States*—none other.

A Message

I would like to send a message
To my friends both far and near;
For time is swiftly passing, and,
Christmas Day is drawing near.

The message that I'd like to send
Is good wishes for them all,
And about the night so long ago
When our Savior was born in a stall.

There was a star, a shining star
To show just where He lay;
There asleep on His mother's arm
While she rested upon the hay.

The wise men came from afar
To bring Him gifts of gold,
The star led them to where He was
And joy did fill their soul.

Down on their knees they worshipped Him,
Then departed on their way
For in a dream they had been warned
That Herod must not know where He lay.

His life on earth was spared for awhile
And he traveled on land and sea,
Preaching the gospel to one and all
Healing the blind so they could see.

The love He did have for us
No greater was ever given
And if we'll love Him as we should
We'll have a home in Heaven.

I wish I could put into this message
Just all I'd like to say
But love comes first in my thoughts
Of Christ on Christmas Day.

Mrs. Sallie Carraway,
Robersonville, N. C.

(P. S.—This poem arrived too late for our Christmas issue, therefore we are printing it in this issue.—Editor.)

AUXILIARY BOOKS ON SALE

After December 15, 1949, the following W. N. A. C. literature will be available:

1950 Year Book of Programs ----30c
1950 Go-Tell Program Book -----35c
Standard Wall Charts -----25c
Working with Our Youth -----30c
The New Manual of Auxiliary Methods -----30c

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Sincerely yours,
Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Nat. Ex. Secy.-Trea.

Department of Orphanages

Middlesex, North Carolina

QUARTERLY REPORT

TREASURER'S REPORT OF RECEIPTS

SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, 1949

NOVEMBER, 1949

Balance on hand Sept. 1, 1949 -- \$ 3,466.79

RECEIPTS

Religious Organiza-	
tions	\$16,147.47
Parents and Relatives	799.20
Friends	1,655.62
Refunds (Telephone,	
checks, Classes,	
food, etc.	289.03
Young People's Friend	
Subscriptions	28.00
Concert Classes	2,425.67
Farm cash sales	3,539.23
Coupons	66.22
Chapel Fund	837.31
Albemarle Cottage	1,034.16
Annuity Bond	100.00

Total Received for quarter ---- 26,922.41

Total for which to account ---- \$30,389.20

NOTE: Receipts have been mailed to each individual, auxiliary or person contributing but totals here are shown for all amounts from each church, regardless of organization from which it came for the period covered. Our books and files are open at all times for inspection or checking for any particular receipt. Receipts reaching our office later than Wednesday, November 30 will appear in the December report.

GENERAL FUND

Central

GENERAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES

Salaries	\$3,466.71
Office Supplies	167.34
Telephone and Telegraph	69.53
Insurance (All)	259.33
Conference (Including Board)	401.02
Financing and Publicity	883.28
Administration	
Travel	228.49
Food	1,949.89
Clothing	2,179.53
Refunds, (checks, food, etc.)	9.27
Laundry	57.75
Household Supplies	67.11
Recreation	27.05
Travel relating to children	53.59
Health fees	36.45
Education	445.80
Fuel, lights, water, etc.	1,038.24
Plant replacement, repair	689.47
Extra Inst. travel	7.50
Farm Supplies	779.86
Farm replacement, repair	244.07
Work on Dairy Barn	1,398.92
Replacement of live-stock	53.50
Y. P. F. Printing and mailing	81.46
Repayment of money borrowed from outside sources	2,713.24

Total General Operating Expense ---- 17,288.90

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

New Buildings (Albemarle)	\$ 508.13
New equipment (Sewing Machine)	138.88
Capital loans repaid	6,326.33
Total Capital Expense	6,973.34

Total expenditures for quarter -- \$24,262.24
Balance on hand Nov. 30, 1949 -- 6,126.96

Total accounted for ---- \$30,389.20
JAMES A. EVANS, Treasurer

WALTER McD. CROOM, Superintendent

Free Union	\$ 63.73
2nd Union	79.15
Rose Hill	25.93
Pleasant Hill	28.32
King's Cross Roads	44.86
2nd District League Convention	1.64
Sweet Gum Grove	121.57
2nd Union S. S. Convention	11.00
Black Jack	135.00
St. Delight	32.50
Harrell's Chapel	16.75
Hull Road	501.90
4th Union	52.42
4th Union Auxiliary Convention	31.84
Conference	361.19
Howell Swamp	25.00
Rocky Mount	24.20
Otters Creek	12.00
Shiloh	85.10
Saratoga	184.28
Dilda's Grove	15.50
Rose of Sharon	51.06
Spring Branch	244.41
Reedy Branch	74.32
Piney Grove, Pitt County	23.15
Little Creek	33.00
Gum Swamp	146.31
Hugo	40.57
Friendship	83.25
Piney Grove, Beaufort County	9.00
Walnut Creek	13.00
Hickory Grove, Pitt County	35.00
Elm Grove	25.00
Antioch	5.00
Cedar Grove	5.95
Grimsley	71.13
Edgewood	53.29
Winterville	71.50
Greenville	267.18
Dawson's Grove	53.00
Marlboro	78.53
Bethany	6.23
Aspin Grove	45.00
Total Central	\$3,288.73

Jack's Creek

Bowditch	\$ 15.15
Glen Alpine	20.00
Big Creek	10.00
Pensacola	15.00
Pilgrim's Chapel	18.00
Total Jack's Creek	\$ 78.15

Eastern

Carteret County Union	\$ 27.00
Gethsemane	29.05
3rd Union	85.00

Folkstone	9.63
5th Sunday School Convention	10.00
Mt. Zion, Onslow County	2.00
Mt. Zion, Pamlico County	38.00
Warden's Grove	12.00
5th Union	160.22
Friendship	118.90
Mt. Olive	3.95
Roe	3.00
Sandy Plain	35.50
Ephesus	54.00
Dalley's Chapel	24.58
Moseley's Creek	32.50
Jamesville	5.00
Ruth's Chapel	29.59
Whaley's Chapel	79.75
Davis	12.50
Union Chapel, Beaufort County	74.13
Grant's Chapel	3.00
Spring Hope	5.00
Pearsall's Chapel	21.55
Pilgrim's Rest	18.00
Rock of Zion	8.00
Northeast	33.00
Long Ridge	11.50
Arabahoe	5.00
Brice's Creek	20.00
Macedonia	7.00
Dublin Grove	32.89
Edward's Chapel	18.57
Snead's Ferry	15.86
Smyrna	22.76
Piney Grove, Duplin County	14.00
Pilgrim's Home	47.00
Soundview	16.00
Parker's Chapel	56.00
St. Mary's	79.37
Beaufort	79.41
Deep Run	70.55
Lane's Chapel	5.00
Mt. Pleasant	20.15
Welcome Home	6.10
Cabin	77.75
Bethlehem, Duplin County	25.76
White Hill	12.00
Gray Branch	31.25
Wintergreen	17.75
Sarecta	25.00
New Bethlehem	20.00
Beaulville	44.17
Indian Springs	13.64
Reunion Chapel	40.00
Core Creek	31.43
St. John's Chapel	27.20
Antioch	70.00
Kinston	94.50
Oriental	24.15
Rooty Branch	15.16
Bridgeton	15.00
Woodington	15.00
Total Eastern	\$2,052.20

Western

Holly Springs Vocal Union	\$ 14.93
Conference	100.00
Orphanage Memorial Chapel	218.20
3rd Union	100.07
Calvary	35.46
Oak Grove, Durham County	88.24
Marsh Swamp	70.00
St. Mary's	138.49
Elwood Lane	95.70
Friendship	69.74
2nd Union	37.89
1st Union	100.00
Stoney Creek	124.90
Rose Bud	14.70
Shady Grove	6.00
Union Grove, Durham County	13.00
Sts. Delight	14.00
Spring Hill	24.30
Tippett's Chapel	14.85
Everett's Chapel	53.00
Union Chapel	15.00
White Oak Hill	5.00
Mt. Zion, Nash County	120.60
Stancil's Chapel	49.74
Micro	45.40
Pleasant Hill	12.50

(See Report on page 14)



The Church Empowered

(Lesson for January 8)

Lesson: Acts 2:1-41.

Golden Text: Acts 2:38.

I. Lesson High Points

Verse 1. Pentecost is also known by other names in the Old Testament. In Exodus 23:16 it is called the Feast of Harvest; in Exodus 34:22, the Feast of Weeks; in Numbers 28:26, the Day of First-fruits. It took place fifty days after the Passover, and was a popular and joyous festival. At Jesus' command the disciples were assembled in Jerusalem, awaiting the fulfillment of the Father's promise. Their hearts were united in one purpose, and they were in perfect accord in one place.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

Verses 2-4. The Holy Spirit. The Lord was present in the Person of the Holy Spirit who came as "the promise of the Father". There were several prominent evidences of His presence. First, there was the sound "of a rushing mighty wind". There was an audible sign. It was the sound to be expected in association with the Holy Spirit, for in the Greek the Word for "spirit" is the same as that for "wind". The sound was not on the outside but on the inside, in the very room where the disciples sat. Thus the whole room was filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit, and thus the disciples were all immersed in the Spirit. It was a true baptism of the Spirit.

Secondly, there was a visible sign—"tongues like as of fire, * * sat upon each of them." In the Old Testament God is often associated with fire (Exod. 3:2; 19:18). John the Baptist foretold that Jesus would baptize "with the Holy Ghost, and with fire" (Matt. 3:11). And Jesus Himself, just before His ascension, told the disciples that they should be "baptized with the Holy Ghost not

many days hence" (Acts 1:5). He made no mention of fire. That leads us to believe two separate baptisms are meant. The Pentecostal experience was the baptism with the Holy Ghost, but the baptism of fire has not yet come. It is a baptism of judgment for the chaff.

Thirdly, there was another sign in the speaking "with other tongues, as the spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:4). As is shown in the following verses, they spoke in such languages as the people who were present could understand. These were Jews from all parts of the world, and they carried with them the marvelous messages they had heard.—Selected.

Ye men of Judea, verse 14.

Note, the Apostle Peter began his sermon on Christ as Lord and Saviour by first addressing his opening words to the men of Judea and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. The zeal with which he spoke, the sincerity of his words, and the spiritual influence which he had, through the Holy Spirit, upon the people were evidences that he was thoroughly restored to the divine favor with God. He spoke with authority and convincing power.—Advanced Quarterly, (F. W. B.)

15. the third hour—Nine o'clock, which was too early in the morning for people to be drunk.

16. this is that, etc.—The amazing and puzzling things the people have been seeing and hearing are the results of the outpouring of the Spirit of God in accordance with Joel's predictions. The quotation which follows is from the Septuagint version.

17. in the last days—There words are Peter's interpretation of the word "afterward" in Joel 2:28, upon all flesh—The outpouring of the Spirit of God would not be limited to prophets or individuals empowered for some special tasks, but would be available for all, even for servants and handmaidens (v. 18).

37. pricked in their heart—They were smitten with conviction. It was a terrible thing to have crucified their Messiah.

38. Repent—This involves godly sorrow for sin and a turning away from sin. The need of faith is also

implied in this verse, be baptized—Thus publicly declaring their allegiance to Christ.—Practical Commentary.

II. The Lesson Illustrated

A Lesson from Types

The main feature of Pentecost was the waving of the two loaves before Jehovah—Lev. 23:20.

The loaves were made of flour, from the same crop as the sheaf of first fruits. They were of the same grain, reaped from the same field, only the wave sheaf was in all things pre-eminent.

1. The wave sheaf and the wave loaves represent Christ and His people. Christ is the "firstfruits" (I Cor. 15:20), and believers are a "kind of firstfruits" (James 1:18). Christ is the "Firstborn," positionally, and His own are "brethren" (Rom. 8:29). Christ is the Sanctifier and they who are sanctified are all of one (Heb. 2:11); they are the "Church of the Firstborn" (12:23). This is a blessed and a glorious truth. All who truly believe on Christ are one with Him and also one in Him.

2. The two loaves point to the fact that in the Church both Jews and Gentiles are embraced. The sheaf of first fruits was one sheaf made up of separate stalks loosely bound together, but the loaves were made up of many small particles baked into loaves. The union is more close and vital. And it is a union of such who once were far apart.

Before Pentecost, Jews and Gentiles were divided by a "middle wall of partition" (Eph. 2:14). The Jews were the chosen and favored people of God (Rom. 3:2; 9:4, 5).

By the Cross of Christ both are reconciled in one Body to God, and in one Spirit have access to God as Father (Eph. 2:13-18).

3. The loaves were leavened (Lev. 23:17). Leaven, as we have seen on several occasions, is everywhere and always the type of corruption and evil. There was no leaven in the meal offering (2:11), because that offering is a type of the perfect manhood and character of Christ, tested by fire. There was no leaven offered with the wave sheaf (23:9-14), since

that points to Christ in resurrection. But the wave loaves were "baken with leaven", for in the Church there is still evil. Even after conversion, and with the Spirit indwelling, the believer still has with him the old nature (Rom. 6:11-13; 7:18; I John 1:8). What is true of the individual believer is true also of the Church collectively, since the Church is composed of all believers. There was evil present in the Early Church even in the days of her greatest purity and when the Holy Spirit was manifestly present and active (Acts 5:1-10;15).—Selected.

DURHAM CHURCHES REPORT

God's Watchword: Love

MRS. C. T. ADAMS, Reporter

The churches of the third union of the Western Conference are beginning a new church year. All the failures and accomplishments are in the past and we look forward with new zeal and courage. We hope that our failures will be stepping stones to success in the future.

Rev. L. S. Joyner is the new pastor at the West Hillsboro Church. This church needs your prayers.

Rev. Q. Hansley is pastor at King's Chapel. He reports that the work is growing in both Sunday School and preaching attendance. He and his family are standing by faithfully. As you know this church was closed when he took it over. Pray for its success.

Rev. E. B. Williams reports wonderful success at his church, Union Grove. There have been two revivals at this church during the year and recently they planned to conduct week-end revivals. Recently one of these meetings was conducted and four members were reclaimed. They had a full house and the attendance is growing.

Rev. Q. G. Worrel, pastor of Oak Grove Church reports progress.

The new pastors who have resumed their duties are:

Rev. R. P. Harris, Calvary Church.

Rev. B. Floyd Cherry, Edgemont Church.

Rev. Fred Rivenbark, Sherron Acres Church.

Rev. Earl Glenn, Tippet's Chapel Church.

These pastors, old and new, have begun their work, and whatever is accomplished will be up to the membership. Most churches think the pastor brings success in his suitcase and if things do not work out so well they blame the pastor. We must remember that the pastor's are God's anointed and every member should watch over him in love. There is so little love among believers today. There is a famine

of love, and just at such a critical time. Saints of God are expecting Jesus to come at any moment. This hope should encourage us to watch over one another in love.

These pastors can do much if they get the cooperation of the membership. Some of our churches are failing because of so much worldliness among the leaders of the churches. God never intended that his church play with the world. I can imagine that the Lord Jesus has filed a complaint against us just as he did the Ephesians Church. The word "Ephesus" means to let go or relax.

Therefore, it is not surprising that the Lord Jesus filed the complaint, "Thou hast left thy first love," for the church had started coasting, free wheeling, if you please, and of course this means that it was going downhill.

But the very fact that they were down gives them credit for having been up, up on the very top of these credits. First, they were patient. Second, they were workers. Third, they had nothing in common with evil doers. Fourth, they had courage to denounce those making claim to apostleship. Fifth, they had been burden bearers, responsible, trustworthy. "Nevertheless," says Christ, "I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love." They had relaxed to take inventory of their accomplishments, and had become "at ease in Zion." It had become "the used to" type of church. I very often hear members say, "if our church were like it used to be." They look backward instead of forward. They have at some time or another "let go" of love. We, as regenerated believers must never become satisfied, but press on into unexplored territory, and go forth and blaze a trail in advance of the thinking and practice of the timid and fearful. All of God's children who are filled with the dynamic power of the Holy Spirit possess a holy discontent to live on a low spiritual plane of the ordinary church member. We may be called fanatical, peculiar, if not really dangerous. If we should have strong churches the leaders must be of this type. Churches fail because the leaders are not yielded believers. They are lovers of pleasure more than of God. As the faithful pastors deliver messages showing the believer's privilege of living a clean, sanctified life, may I urge you to hear his message and stay on your faces before God until he sends the power from heaven which will purge you and make you fit vessels for the master's use.

Considering our denomination with its hundreds of members, including its ordained ministers, evangelists, and laymen, the question is, what is our love rating? How many of us have first love? It must be normal or subnormal, high or low, lukewarm, or something. We must not forget that, after all, our status is by no means a secret, for we must keep in mind that there is a public thermometer over our lives and

works that somehow the people read or hear about far and near.

If first love fills our hearts it is of God, for God is love, the first love. He gave to the world the first expression of love, "His only begotten Son." Jesus became first love for and to the church. "Christ loved the church and gave himself for it." We are told in Ephesians 5:27 that Christ is going to have a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing, and that it will be holy and without blemish. It will be the pure in heart, Spirit-filled Christians, that will be in this church, and it will take more than just having our names written in the church book. We must be pure and holy here.

First love is received when we actually receive Christ Jesus. We can best manifest and demonstrate that love as members of his body. By first love the local churches succeed, the union meeting, and state make progress; and as a consequence the whole church body goes forward gaining favor with God and man.

"For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ."

Who died for us, that while we wake or sleep, we live together with him, and we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you. And esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.

Rejoice evermore."

I Thessalonians 5:9, 12—

Copies of National Minutes

This is to advise that additional copies of the National Association minutes for the last session may be secured by writing to Reverend Clarence Bowen, 518 Woodland Street, Nashville, Tennessee. Any one wanting a copy, should write Brother Bowen without delay for a copy.—Editor.

When sending for a copy of the minutes, please inclose 6 cents in stamps to cover the postage.—C. F. B.

SUPERINTENDENT - TREASURER OF THE ORPHANAGE RETURNS TO PASTORAL FIELD

Rev. James A. Evans is resigning the Field-Treasurership of the Middlesex Orphanage to become effective on January 2, 1950. He wishes to extend his sincere thanks for the co-operation and help from the ministers, church officers, and the various congregations for their hearty support of the home for the more than nine years that he was head of the institution.

His future address will be: Rev. James A. Evans, 1108 South Tarboro Street, Wilson, North Carolina.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

THE MEANING OF SAMUEL'S NAME

Samuel Marsh walked slowly toward home. He had been playing at Edwin Mark's and each boy had been asked to tell something about the person for whom he had been named.

Edwin said, "I was named for my Uncle Ed, who is a great musician."

Robert came next. He had been named for a man who had gone across the ocean to teach the people about Jesus.

James and Joe told of their uncles by these names. They had large oil wells in Texas.

When Samuel was asked to talk, he did not know what to say. He knew that he had been named for his father's uncle, but that was all, and he thought his name was not so pretty as his little playmates.

Samuel ran into the kitchen, and went from room to room until he found Mother. "Did you have a good time at Edwin's?" she asked.

He shook his head, and asked, "What does my name mean, Mother?"

"It means, 'Asked of God,' my boy."

The little fellow did not understand. "What does that mean, Mother?"

"There was a good woman named Hannah, and she was sad without children. One day she told God that if He would give her a son she would lend him to the Lord all the days of his life. At last God granted her request, and she named the boy Samuel. She kept her promise, too. When Samuel was old enough she took him to the Temple—that was the same as our church, and gave him to help the minister there.

"God blessed and loved this little boy. One night, when everyone had gone to bed, the boy heard a voice calling him, 'Samuel!' He sprang up immediately. He was not fretful at being roused out of his sleep, but ran at once to Eli, and said again, 'Here am I; for thou didst call me.' But Eli sent him back to his bed; and there again he heard the call, 'Samuel!'

"Patiently he arose once more and came to the old man; this time Eli knew that God was speaking to the child, and he bade Samuel the next time he heard the voice, to say, 'Speak, Lord; for Thy servant heareth.'

"And God talked to the little boy in the night, and gave him a message for Eli.

"After that God talked to Samuel, and the people knew that he was God's own Prophet. It was a great honor to have God talk to him. So you see Samuel did a great deal of good in the world. To be truly loved by good people is one of the very best ways of being great.

"It is nice to know what one's name means, and it would help us to try and make it true. You see, sometimes one's name proves a special treasure."

Samuel always remembered the meaning of his name after that talk with his mother. He liked to tell about the boy who lived in the Temple and grew up to be a man whom God loved.—*Unknown.*

Report

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Rain's Cross Roads	91.31
West Hillsboro	20.00
Holly Springs	43.35
Pine Level	83.55
Piney Grove, Johnston County	99.80
Flood's Chapel	30.00
Sherron Acres	16.15
People's Chapel	41.20
Edgemont	30.20
Wilson	100.75
Pleasant Plains	100.00
Stoney Hill	25.00
Mt. Zion, Wilson County	35.00
Watson Grove	20.00
King's Chapel	15.00
Little Rock	31.20
Rock Springs	33.35
1st Union Sunday School Conv.	33.52
Branch Chapel	125.00
Total Western	\$2,556.09

Rockfish

Mt. Moriah	\$ 7.00
Total Rockfish	\$ 7.00

Cape Fear

Lee's Chapel	\$ 20.78
Hepewell	45.40
Powhatan	130.00
Auxiliary Convention	62.14
Oak Grove	140.55
Smithfield	101.50
Stevens Chapel	29.00
Tee's Chapel	23.50
Conference	50.00
Union Meeting	50.00
Goldsboro	40.09
Shady Grove	15.80
Wooten's Chapel	11.05
Ethel, Johnston County	83.60
St. Paul	3.00
Robert's Grove	45.30
West Clinton	14.15
Casey's Chapel	102.10
Johnson Union	30.60
Prospect	141.34
Pleasant Grove	50.00
St. Mary's Grove	51.90
Yelverton's Grove	8.99
Corinth	38.05
St. John's	5.00
Total Cape Fear	\$1,293.75

French Broad

Avery's Creek	\$ 15.00
Homer's Chapel	30.00
Forney Heights	23.10
Asheville	27.00
Red Hill	25.00
Barnardsville	10.63

Shoal Hill	12.00
Beaverdam	19.00
Canton	20.00
Swannanoa	26.00
Laurel Fork	7.00
Marshall	22.00
Myatt's Creek	17.00
Rev. W. L. Moretz	5.00
Ruth Cassida	5.00
Walnut	4.10
Cedar Hill	25.88
Mountain View	10.00

Total French Broad \$ 303.71

Pee Dee

Beaverdam	\$ 1.00
Mt. Calvary	1.50
Mt. Olive	1.00
White Oak	66.20
Oak Grove	46.65
Cypress Creek	4.00
Calvary	110.00
White Grove	2.00
1st Union	25.00

Total Pee Dee \$ 266.35

Albemarle

Piney Grove, Beaufort County	\$ 8.17
Conference	6.50
Piney Grove, Washington County	5.90
Gum Neck	5.50
Belhaven	25.70
Union Chapel	19.35
Sidney	20.00
Hickory Chapel	54.57
Gum Neck	5.00
Free Union, Beaufort County	68.00
Corinth	10.00
Mt. Olive	5.00
Fairmont Park	4.00
Newport News	5.00

Total Albemarle \$ 242.59

Piedmont

Marion	\$ 16.10
Wayside	40.00
Stamley	5.00
Mable Avenue	32.35
Cramerton	28.00
Goshen Grove	180.40
Rocky Path	14.00
Rocky Zion	36.10
Mt. Holly	15.00
Liberty	35.78
Ridgeway	50.00
Caroleen	27.00
Robinson Creek	11.20
Highland Pines	10.59
Aleo	8.00

Total Piedmont \$ 501.52

Conference Uncertain

Fugate	\$ 2.00
Sweeten Creek	25.70
Lewis Chapel	35.00
Total	\$ 66.70

Miscellaneous

Parents and relatives of children	\$ 140.00
Refunds	67.63
Young People's Friend Sub.	9.00
Cash sales, farm, dairy	38.40
Coupons	35.18
Mrs. A. B. Brown	4.00
Gilford Cannon	5.00
Margaret L. Lewis	5.00
R. B. Fagan	25.00
Rev. C. B. Hansley	4.00
Mrs. Ida Skipper	5.00

Mrs. B. F. Dail	1.00
Mrs. H. M. Morris	5.00
Rev. H. M. King	4.00
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wood	5.00
I. M. Reese	9.50
Mr. and Mrs. Len Jones	11.00

Miss Gladys Wooten	2.00
Miss Frances Cobb	1.20
Archie Horton	1.00
Miss Edna Cobb	.60
R. L. Goff	10.00
Travis Goff	2.00
Faye Harris	1.30
Carolyn Owens	1.00
Mrs. R. L. Goff	2.00
Mrs. Mike Taylor	5.00
Mrs. Nannie Bennett	1.00
Miss Maxine Keel	1.00
Miss Clara Cahoon	1.25
Miss Eula Brinson	1.00
J. W. Uzzell	50.00
Mrs. H. W. Cahoon	1.00
W. H. Applewhite	10.00
Callie M. Sykes	5.00
J. H. Wright	25.00
Mrs. B. R. Forrest	15.00
Mrs. E. G. Williams	35.00
State Auxiliary Convention	7.50
Mrs. Clyde Parrisher	5.00
T. B. Mellette	5.00
Mrs. C. F. Grant	8.00
B. H. Owen	5.00
Mrs. Roy Rikard	5.00
Ed Barnes	16.50
Annie J. Parker and Sons	100.00
Mrs. Elzie Gibbs	8.00
Waters Family	12.00
Mrs. Guy Willis	2.40
Mrs. Ruby Norman	\$ 5.00
Lester B. Bisher	25.00
Langley Community S. S.	13.75
Mrs. Nettie Evans	5.00
H. M. Mallard	30.00
J. T. Adams	10.00
L. H. Wetherington	80.00
T. M. Humphrey	3.00
J. H. Parker	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. James Boyd	25.00
Luke L. Nobles	5.00
Wilton Ray Wood	1.00
O. A. Jones	5.00
Dr. and Mrs. M. Hinnant for Eva Hinnant Lake	900.00
Mrs. F. A. Roberson	5.00
Kenneth Bowen and Len Butts	4.00
Job P. Wyatt and Sons Co.	50.00
Friends in New Bern, N. C.	3.00
E. M. Prescott	5.00
Mrs. E. M. Prescott	5.00
T. F. Davenport	5.00

Total Miscellaneous ----- \$1,924.21

CLOTHING FUND

Cape Fear Auxiliary Convention	\$ 30.00
Free Union Auxiliary (Central)	30.00
King's Cross Roads (Central)	30.00

Total Clothing ----- \$ 90.00

SEWING MACHINE FUND

Greenville Auxiliary	\$ 5.00
Gum Swamp Auxiliary	5.00
Parkers Chapel	5.00
Little Creek Auxiliary	5.00
Hugo Auxiliary	5.00
Bethany Church, S. S. and Aux.	150.00
State Auxiliary Convention	10.00
Black Jack Auxiliary	5.00
Pleasant Hill Auxiliary	5.00
Hull Road Auxiliary	5.00
Antioch	5.00

Total ----- \$ 205.00

MUSIC FUND

Greenville Auxiliary	\$ 10.00
Smithfield Auxiliary	5.00
Holly Springs Auxiliary	5.00
Pleasant Grove (Western)	20.00
Grimsley Auxiliary	2.50
Friendship (Central)	5.00
Kinston Auxiliary	5.00
Union Chapel (Eastern)	40.00
Antioch (Central)	1.00

Total ----- \$ 93.50

REFURNISHING GIRL'S BUILDING	
State Auxiliary Convention	---\$ 23.00
KITCHEN EQUIPMENT FUND	
British Chapel (Eastern)	---\$ 35.00
Holly Springs (Western)	----- 2.00
Edwards' Chapel (Eastern)	----- 62.57
Total	----- \$ 99.57
ALBEMARLE COTTAGE FUND	
Free Union	----- \$ 50.00
Piney Grove	----- 11.75
Mt. Tabor	----- 19.75
Union Chapel	----- 23.66
C. H. Ange	----- 5.00
Mt. Olive	----- 13.15
Corinth	----- 56.00
Soundside	----- 44.27
Malachi's Chapel	----- 138.59
Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Sawyer	----- 25.00
Union Meeting	----- 155.09
Total	----- \$ 542.24

Total General Fund	----- \$12,581.00
Total Clothing Fund	----- 90.00
Total Sewing Machine Fund	----- 205.00
Total Music Fund	----- 93.50
Total Girl's Building Fund	----- 23.00
Total Kitchen Equipment	----- 99.57
Total Albemarle Cottage	----- 542.24

Grand Total Receipts ----- \$13,634.31
 JAMES A. EVANS, *Treasurer*

BUDGET RECEIPTS

Eastern Conference	----- \$ 4,355.64
Central Conference	----- 4,405.97
Western Conference	----- 3,380.83
Capa Fear Conference	----- 1,812.91
Albemarle Conference	----- 417.59
French Broad Association	----- 447.48
Jack's Creek Association	----- 586.52
Piedmont Association	----- 566.52
Pee Dee Association	----- 338.57
Rockfish Association	----- 68.87
Western Yearly	----- 5.00

Total ----- \$16,385.93

DONATED COMMODITIES

NOVEMBER, 1949

Micaville Church, food	----- \$ 84.30
Parker's Bar-Be-Que, meal for children	----- 55.00
Markets Division Dept. of Agri., apples	----- 8.75
Trent Auxiliary, food	----- 32.20
Little Creek Aux., clothing	----- 15.00
People's Chapel Auxiliary, clothing and Household Supplies	----- 10.00
North Circle, Grantsboro Church, Household Supplies and School Supplies	----- 23.20
D. B. Sasser and Ralph Pate, fruit	----- 4.71
Mrs. Russell Bullock, clothing	----- no val.
Smithfield Auxiliary, food	----- 7.35
Lee's Chapel, food and soap	----- 36.25
St. Mary's (E) Auxiliary, food	----- 12.43
Watson Grove, food	----- 2.59
People's Chapel Aux., food	----- 19.10
Piney Grove, food	----- 15.30
Powhatan Auxiliary, household sup.	----- 23.75
St. Mary's (E)	----- 3.70
Mrs. Avery Sasser, clothing	----- 3.70
Pleasant Plains, food and farm supplies	----- 116.10
Saratoga, food and corn	----- 48.80
Mrs. W. H. Groves, clothing	----- 20.00
Holly Springs Auxiliary, food	----- 27.65
Hull Road Auxiliary, food	----- 15.00
Black Jack Auxiliary, food and household supplies	----- 41.16
J. O. Lee, coat for Joyce Stevenson	----- 12.00
Fred Parker, food	----- 5.00

Total Value ----- \$642.95

WALTER McD. CROOM, *Superintendent*

NEW YEAR'S WISHES

What shall I wish thee?
 Treasures of earth?
 Songs in the springtime.
 Pleasures and mirth?
 Flowers on thy pathway,
 Skies ever clear?
 Would this insure thee
 A Happy New Year?

What shall I wish thee?
 What can be found
 Bringing thee sunshine
 All the year 'round?
 Where is the treasure,
 Lasting and dear,
 That shall ensure thee
 A Happy New Year?

Faith that increaseth,
 Walking in light;
 Hope that aboundeth,
 Happy and bright;
 Love that is perfect,
 Casting out fear;
 These shall ensure thee
 A Happy New Year.

Peace in the Saviour,
 Rest at His feet,
 Smile of His countenance
 Radiant and sweet,
 Joy in His presence!
 Christ ever near!
 This will ensure thee
 A Happy New Year!

—F. R. H.

J. C. Griffin Visits Gum Swamp Church

We desire to tell the readers of the Baptist paper that we were indeed fortunate in having Brother J. C. Griffin with us at Gum Swamp Church, Pitt County, North Carolina, on the third Sunday in November. He was the founder of our Sunday School.

Brother Griffin did really preach a good sermon that Sunday morning, and every one seemed to have enjoyed Brother Griffin's visit with us very much. We welcome him back again to preach for us. May the Lord richly bless him is our prayer.

Roosevelt Spain,
 Greenville, N. C.

Georgia Camp News

We began beautifying Mount Bethel camp grounds December 27, 1949. However, we were not able to complete the work, and if you have any donation to make, please send it to Miss Eloise Griffin, Treasurer, Leary, Ga.

Religion and Civilization

If men ignore the claims of Christ and reject Christianity, they are undermining the defenses of civilization.

Civilization cannot endure if religion is neglected. A nation which puts God last, is sure to come upon evil times. Failure to recognize and discharge religious obligations spells general failure in the long run. When men turn their backs on God, it is tantamount to wilful assertion of independence of the Creator, and in a moral world, such rebellion cannot be unpunished.

Religion is the bulwark of civilization. The upward progress of the race depends upon the quality of current ideals. Spiritual idealism is the unique bestowment of Christianity. By Christ, men are taught that all men are brethren, that the curse of war is incompatible with the brotherhood of man, and that the interests of every nation are best served by international goodwill.

The calamities which have overtaken our modern world are due to the despite heaped upon the Christian religion and to the pre-eminence given to opposing philosophies of life. Christ has taught men to love one another, embodying His ideal in a life and death of superb self-sacrifice, but men have preferred to love self more, to covet what belonged to others and to seek what they craved with regard only to whether or not they had the power to grasp what they wanted. This accounts for the poverty and misery of large portions of humanity, this is the secret of many gigantic fortunes and this explains the possible imminence of another world-war. This rank egotism of individuals and nations will sweep our civilization on to destruction unless the idealism of the New Testament is restored. Never was the call more urgent than now for the church to put on strength and to leaven public thinking with the spirit of the world's greatest Teacher.

That the strength and permanence of civilization have been jeopardized by the godlessness and materialism of our time needs no proof. Destructive criticism of the Scriptures has been more than matched by the general neglect of the Bible. Some have assailed the Bible with intellectual weapons, but a far greater number have crippled its influence by letting it severely alone and by refusing to be guided by its teachings. The desecration of the Sabbath day is equally well known and the peril to our civilization from the secularization of the day must not be overlooked. If men become so absorbed in the material interests of life that they are never at leisure from themselves and fail to utilize the day instituted of God, for the higher purposes of worship and communion, the day of punishment and calamity is plainly in sight. And if the church, which is the one institution charged with the task of furnishing

men with religion and ideals, is not given support requisite to her task, civilization will be imperilled in proportion to religious delinquency. Such indeed has been the case and the world today is paying dearly for putting self before God.

The calamities which befall men are evidence of the love of God. Many hold that calamities flatly contradict God's love and they so declare. But when we reflect that it is God's purpose to fashion men in the moral and spiritual likeness of his own person, it becomes apparent that when men forget the true goal of life and seem bent on thwarting the eternal purpose of the Creator, it is a real mercy to bring a civilization to its senses by what we may term a display of His holy, just and loving wrath. Were God content to let us live and die like animals, plenteous harvests and pleasures would suffice for a career of indulgence moving on toward destruction. But God has created us for spiritual ends, He has bound us to holiness and brotherhood and sacrifice by the wonderful love, a love unto death, incarnate in Christ, and where this object is likely to be destroyed by the wilful neglect of religion, any means, however severe, calculated to call men back to worship and devotion, is a true expression of God's redeeming grace.

We are living in a day of judgment. It is likewise still a day of grace. But the salvation of our civilization and of us men lies in restoring the worship of God. This age has had and still has many "other gods." The gods of self, of power, of pleasure, of lust and of money receive homage and worship before the only true God. This practice must cease. We cannot permanently kick against the pricks. We cannot forever trample on God's day and God's book and neglect God's house. Religious indifference has Omnipotence arrayed against it. So strong is God's passion to save, that, if Calvary's appeal is not heeded, God will speak through earthquake, fire, sword, disease, and other elemental catastrophies, until a crushed humanity acknowledges its dependence on the Creator and turns unto Him for the life which is life indeed, immortal and forever blest.—Anon.

—Reprinted from Tune Time.

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- 9:30—Song Director, Rev. Raymond Riggs
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—Roll Call and Seating of Delegates
—Rules of Decorum
—Petitionary Letters
—Tardy Letters
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—Messenger, Rev. John Roberts

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 2. Home Mission Board
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FRIDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

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SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

- 9:30—Song Director, Rev. Wm. T. Newsome
—Devotional, Rev. Wm. T. Newsome
—Rules of Decorum
—Reports:

1. Financial Committee
2. Treasurer, Rev. Raymond Riggs
3. Woman's Auxiliary, Sis. Allie Allison

SATURDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

- 11:00—Song Director, Rev. Wm. T. Newsome
—Devotional, Rev. Homer E. Willis
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—Messenger, Rev. Bryan Taylor, Flint, Mich.

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Prayer for Strength

Father, before thy footstool kneeling,
Once more my heart goes up to thee,
For aid, for strength, to thee appealing,
Thou who alone canst succor me.

Hear ye! for heart and flesh are failing,
My spirit yielding in the strife;
And anguish wild as unavailing,
Sweeps in a flood across my life.

Help me to stem the tide of sorrow;
Help me to bear thy chastening rod;
Give me endurance; let me borrow
Strength from thy promise, O my God!

Not mine the grief which words may lighten;
Not mine the tears of common woes;
The pang with which my heart-strings tighten
Only the All-seeing One may know.

And I am weak, my feeble spirit
Shrinks from life's task in wild dismay;
Yet not that thou that task wouldst spare it,
My Father, do I dare to pray.

Into my soul thy might infusing,
Strengthening my spirit by thine own;
Help me, all other aid refusing,
To cling to thee and thee alone.

And O in my exceeding weakness
Make thy strength perfect; thou art strong:
Aid me to do thy will with meekness
Thou to whom all my powers belong.

O let me feel that thou art near me;
Close to thy side, I shall not fear;
Hear me, O Strength of Israel, hear me,
Sustain and aid; in mercy hear.

—Anon.

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Notice

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

Special Christmas Feature at St. Mary's

The congregation of St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern, North Carolina, enjoyed an unusual Christmas program on Christmas evening, when the pastor, Rev. L. E. Ballard, and his son Beverly Ballard, gave the monologue-solo production of "The Story of the Shepherd Who Stayed With the Sheep." They were assisted in the candle light features by Jane Smith, Jean Carawon, and "Jerry" Ballard, with the robed choir of the church rendering one of the songs.

The stage settings were ideal, the whole back of the stage being transformed into a scene of Bethlehem, with the shepherd's hill in the foreground. For his portrayal of the Shepherd, the Rev. Mr. Ballard had been "made up" by a very good make-up artist, and some of the congregation failed to recognize in the aged shepherd, with his white beard and mustache, their pastor. For the solo parts the son wore a black cathedral singer's robe. Some of the parts he sang in the midst of the scene; others came out of the darkness. The prologue, "Lighting of the Candles," was very impressive, with the soloist singing "O Holy Night," while the whiterobed "Spirit of

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Christmas" held aloft the great candles representing the Light of the world, and quaintly costumed "Candle Lighters" moved quietly about the church, lighting candles until the scene was lighted up with a soft glow. There was rapt attention as the aged shepherd came back to the scene of the long, long ago, and told his story of the angels and their song, and of the little wounded lamb he cared for while the other shepherds went to Bethlehem, which became to him as he clasped it to his bosom the Christ-Child, when a voice sang out from the darkness "In-as-much as ye do unto one of the least of these."

Recently, in connection with a special superannuation service, the Rev. Mr. Ballard rendered "The Old Preacher", dressed very impressively in character. A monologue on "The Prodigal Son has been scheduled for one of the services in February.

The Church Reporter

Be at war with your vices; at peace with your neighbors.—Benjamin Franklin.

Narcotics and the Children

One of the strange sights in this country is the New York clinic where child drug-addicts file by in a long line. But more pathetic than the children is another line. It is a group of parents looking on—a group made up of those whose children have left home and have been lost. They never have written a line home to tell where they are. Those parents are standing there looking at the faces of those young addicts, thinking that among them they may find their own lost son or daughter.

What a picture is that! It is a picture of the most cruel, the most treacherous, the most generous plague that ever afflicted the human race. Every right-thinking man and woman ought to help wipe it out.—E. P. Giboney in "The Narcotic Review."

The condition upon which God has given liberty to man is eternal vigilance.—John Philpot Curran.

Tithing or Tipping?

Mrs. J. E. Frazier
W. N. A. C. Finance Chairman

(This is the first of a series of articles being presented by request each month by a W. N. A. C. department chairman. Watch for each monthly article. They will contain helpful advice for auxiliary officers and definite plans to be worked by local chairmen, and we believe worthy reading for Free Will Baptists everywhere.—Mrs. H. B. Sloan, W. N. A. C. President)

Whether to tithe or to tip is the question before Free Will Baptists. The Bible recognizes no portion of one's income less than a tithe as a full recognition of Christian stewardship.

When we give less than a tithe, we have appropriated unto ourselves the right to determine the value of the Lord's service to us and the amount of our obligation to Him. In other words, we offer the great God of heaven and earth a gratuity—a tip.

Thus far the cause of Christ has been advanced by our tips rather than by our tithes. In 1948 Free Will Baptists contributed, according to their records turned in at Columbus, Georgia, July, 1948, a total of \$421,315.52 to all our churches, institutions, and boards. An estimate based upon Income Tax returns, indicates that Free Will Baptists as individuals received nearly twenty-six million dollars, or that a tithe of Free Will Baptists' income in 1947 would have been \$2,508,000.00. On this basis Free Will Baptists are giving, roughly, 1% of their income to the Lord's work instead of the 10% they should give.

Fifty-thousand Co-Laborers

"Fifty-thousand Co-Laborers in 1945" was the goal adopted by the W. N. A. C. meeting held in Flat River, Missouri. Each state convention was asked to and did through state delegates present at that meeting, adopt a goal toward securing these 50,000 Co-laborers. Thus both state and national convention were united in the appeal. Many have adopted

the Co-Laborer Band Fund as the standard of their offerings to the promotional program launched by the Boards of the National Association.

If every member of every Woman's Auxiliary organization would become a member of this Band and bring regularly her offering to the monthly auxiliary meeting and there combine her gift—little or much as she has been prospered—with all other auxiliary members' gifts then we would truly be "laborers together" for the cause of missions, the Bible College, etc. All Co-Laborer offerings should be sent monthly through the proper local channel to the W. N. A. C. treasurer. Then each month the National Auxiliary treasurer sends to each National Association treasurer his proportionate part of all such funds that she has received during the month.

If W. N. A. C. members would all tithe instead of tip the Lord, soon we could see greater things being undertaken and accomplished by our foreign missionaries and also by our Bible College personnel as well as by all other Free Will Baptist agencies.

An easy way to be a Co-Laborer is to calculate your tithe for the month. Take one tenth of this tithe with you to your auxiliary meeting as your Co-Laborer Band offering. It all eventually goes through the channel of your church, or should. Thus the auxiliary is really "helping" the church of which she is a vital part, with the budget for missions, Bible College, etc. If the Woman's Auxiliary treasurer will explain to the pastor where by this offering they are helpers, there can be no objections. The Auxiliary Co-Laborer offering, however, must eventually reach the W. N. A. C. treasurer whose duty it is to distribute this fund to Associational treasurers. Either the auxiliary treasurer, the church treasurer, or the convention treasurer may send this offering to the W. N. A. C. treasurer. This depends upon what plan has been adopted within the respective state by the Woman's auxiliary for distribution.

What would happen if Free Will

Baptists caught the vision of the increased power of the forces of Christ backed by tithing Christians? Tithing, for example, would transform the F. W. B. foreign mission effort. Instead of 12 missionaries on 2 foreign fields there would be support for 30 missionaries without changing the way in which we now divide the gifts to our boards. A similar increase would be felt by all other F. W. B. agencies.

A Suggestion for 1950

A special three months period for a tithing test by all W. N. A. C. members is being set for February, March and April of 1950, climaxing at the Pre-Easter Week of Prayer Services. Of course, the spiritual blessings and the participation in the extension of the gospel should not be limited to Woman's Auxiliary members, or even to 50,000 out of more than 400,000 Free Will Baptists.

An excellent plan would be for the Auxiliary treasurer and third vice-president to meet with the pastor and arrange to make this three months' Tithing Test a church-wide test. It can be done. It has already been tried by F. W. B. churches and wherever tried it has proved a lasting blessing and souls were converted as a result of this plan and the series of stewardship messages brought by the pastor as he cooperated with the auxiliary members of his church in the promotion of Christian stewardship.

The Co-Laborer Band plan is to challenge every F. W. B. to purpose for a minimum of three months (February, March and April) to give a tithe of all he or she makes to the Lord, and that one-tenth of the tithe will be channeled through the Woman's Auxiliary Co-Laborer Band Fund. Thus we are true to our name "Auxiliary to the church" and true to our Heavenly Father who says thru the Apostle Paul to us "let every one of you lay by . . . as God hath prospered."

Certainly every leader in every

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Notes and Quotes



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

Please, Remember!

That, I have not been the treasurer of the State Board of Education, for about four months, and yet I am receiving money for that cause. This has been announced in the conferences and associations, and also, the Union meetings along with announcements in the Baptist. When sending money off for Christian Education, REMEMBER REV. D. W. HANSLEY, AYDEN, N. C., IS THE TREASURER. SEND HIM ALL EDUCATION MONEY.

A Pleasant Fellowship

A very pleasant and joyful fellowship we spent the First day of 1950. It was my happy privilege to be at the Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church and to preach Saturday night before the first Sunday, and both Sunday morning and evening. There were two, a young man and his wife, who accepted the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour Sunday morning and asked for baptism and church membership.

It was a great pleasure to see the improvement that has been made to the church edifice and to enjoy the comfort of the new heating system and to note the growth of the Sunday School.

Rev. J. R. Davidson is the pastor, as, many people in eastern N. C., know, under whose leadership growth is evidenced.

May God continue to bless the church and may it grow as a tree planted by the water's edge is our prayer.

World Day of Prayer

On February the 24, many prayers will ascend up to an all-wise Father, from whom all blessings flow. This special day of Prayer is set apart by the National Association of Evangelicals and a special Scriptural pro-

gram arranged, which is reprinted here for the benefit of those who might want to participate in this Day of Prayer and use the program. Here is the full notice as given in the United Evangelical Action, of December the 15th, which speaks for itself.

World Day of Prayer February 24, 1950

For the fourth year the National Association of Evangelicals has published a thoroughly Scriptural program for use on the World Day of Prayer.

The theme of the 1950 program is "ALL POWER," based on Matt. 28: 18. It will be treated in five sections:

- I. Secret of Power.
- II. Source of Power.
- III. Stewardship of Power.
- IV. Service through Power.
- V. Supreme Goal of Power.

Dr. Wm. H. Lee Spratt, pastor of Judson Memorial Baptist Church, Denver, Colo., editor of the program, was assisted in its preparation by Mr. Oscar J. Harris and Mrs. Leslie R. Marston.

To keep the printing cost at a minimum, a limited supply will be available, so order your supply NOW.

There is no charge for this service but a free-will offering, to defray the expenses of printing and handling, will be appreciated.

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A False Conception

From writings some time and preaching all along, some have the idea and such has been reported, that "J. C. Griffin does not believe in altar services." Such accusations are false. Here is what J. C. Griffin believes: I believe that God can save a person at any time in any place. One does not have to be down at an altar to find the Lord Jesus in the forgiveness of sin. I actually find people who seem to think that you cannot be saved unless you beg God for hours to save you and that this must be done at an altar in the church.

Why beg God to save you when

God so loved you that He gave His only begotten Son to save you? Why not let God do what He wants to do? God wants to save every one. Christ came to save the lost. Why not let Him do what He died to do for you? God's mind is already made up. We don't have to get Him in a notion to save us. He has been ready from eternity. What God says, is, "ALL THINGS ARE READY." Give up your sin and believe on the Lord Jesus. The jailer at Philippi said, "What must I do to be saved?" They said; "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." They didn't say "Get down to an altar and pray through and God will save you." That would have been salvation by works. And Paul says, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8, 9). If I prayed it down, that would be works. Yes, I do believe in an ALTAR RIGHT IN THE CHURCH, but I do say any one who believes in Christ whether he is at an altar or by his bedside or on the road or in the field, at his desk or in the air receives salvation and it is not of works; but is by faith in the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Works of God

"Then said they unto him, (Jesus) What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent" (John 6:28, 29).

So then faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is the work of God. Christ said, "He that believeth on me shall never thirst" (John 6:35).

People that believed on Franklin D. Roosevelt, endorsed Roosevelt's theories. They favor the "New Deal" as followers of the late President. So it was with President Washington and Lincoln. We patronize the lawyer, the doctor, and the merchant that we believe in. We fish where we believe the fish are, and every phase of life is made up by faith in some one or in some theory or some plan. So it is with SALVATION

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WHAT I THINK ABOUT PRAYER

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Here are a few things that I believe about prayer. I believe in prayer in any form. God's word tells us to pray without ceasing. We may pray standing, sitting down, or lying down. I was propped up on my elbows when I was praying to God, when the storm divided and spared the house I was in. Once I was walking along praying when God revealed to me a vision which I had. On another occasion, one of my nieces was sick and out of hope. She had tried three of the best doctors that she knew and without results. I knelt down at my bedside and prayed to God on her behalf, and she soon got well.

Listen, Brethren, we must not get too proud, or too exalted to bow down to God in prayer. A man told me once that there was a man from the country who was shabbily dressed, but he wanted to join a city church. The preacher thought that it would be a little embarrassing to take the old countryman into his fine church. So, he told him to put it off a while, and to talk to the Lord about it. When he came back to join the church, the preacher asked him if he had talked to the Lord about the matter. He replied, "Yes." The preacher said, "What did the Lord say?" He said, "I have already tried to get into that church but they would not have me."

Dear people, do not get too proud and exalted with yourselves, for the Scriptures say, "Whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased." I do not imagine that the rich man wanted to put his hands on poor old Lazarus, fearing that it would drag him a little further down. God's word says, "Every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess." Christ bowed over with his face to the ground when he prayed so earnestly to His heavenly Father. Malachi says, "All the proud, yea, all that do wickedly shall be stubble." Some people will tell you that God was here talking about Sodom and Gomorrah. If God does not want me to exalt myself, then he does not want you to do it either. Christ was not any more humble to the Father than he wants you to be. Dear friend, if your child was on his death bed, and you did not have any hopes of him, and the child were to tell you to hurry and pray for him, for there was something in the way of salvation, would stand up to pray for him or her? You would kneel, I know. So, consider the other mother's, boys, and girls, for they are just as precious to them as yours are to you.

I told a person one time that I did not believe in standing up to pray in church. She replied, "When they stand up, they get nearer to God." But when Christ was in such agony praying to the Father about his crucifixion, he did not stand up. He

bowed down with his face to the ground. The Apostle Peter prayed one time on the house top, but the Word does not say that he stood up.

The Wife Comes to the Minister

"Yes, Mrs. G, this Bible will solve your home problems better than the doctor's bottle." The minister was instructing the wife of Mr. X in the Christian way to larger life. She had reconsecrated herself only the Sunday before, and was now finding that consolation and conviviality are not served from a cocktail glass.

"My husband and I found, as the doctor said, that we could get away from our cares with a few drinks in the evening, but I discovered that we had to come back to them, multiplied. You see, we have two children. The more we drank the less success we had with making them happy. We were cross and impatient—and found ourselves pushing them out of our way. And now, Mr. X is turning on me with growing criticism.

"And what about your neighbors?"
"Oh, we are getting chummy only with those who take their turn entertaining. Husband was saying today he had no more time for those 'blue noses' across the street. He talks about the sissy preachers, and pities the poor suckers who can't have a little fun occasionally.

"I'm concerned about my husband. I want him to find happiness. And, oh, our sweet children—they're worth more than all that the stimulants ever could mean. Since I've quit drinking, new joy has come to me in exciting adventures with them. We are happier together than I realized we could be. But how can I get their father to see?" My look of concern turned into a smile:

"Just live this new life of radiance, so that every day, and in a Christian way, your faith will demonstrate that you have found a stimulant that makes your life significant."

While she was pondering this challenge, I wrote out a new prescription. It consisted of two parts, i.e., the five rules of Professor William James relative to a change of habits, and simple Bible verses for her to take as a daily spiritual tonic. The substance

of these practical helps is the sublimation of the appetite, and the re-direction of the aim. Paul points the way in Romans 12 and I Thessalonians 5:14-26.

—Selected

WHERE TROUBLE BEGINS

The proper training of children begins at home. Check these points:

1. Do the children have any regular work to do outside of school hours? Are they being taught that money should be earned by labor?

2. Are they permitted to go to movies of questionable character, to withdraw books of fiction from the corner drugstore without oversight?

3. Do they attend public dances; do they attend parties on school nights; are their parties properly chaperoned by mature persons?

4. Do the magazines which come into your home suggest drinking, questionable relations between the sexes, marital infidelity?

5. Do you think your child has been made to realize just what a heavy responsibility is involved in the driving of an automobile? Do you say "no" to your child when you ought to say "no," and do you make it stick?

6. Do you always know where your children are?

7. Do you know your child's school-teacher? Has she been in your home?

8. Are you trying to build into your child's character, a sound faith and philosophy of life?

9. Are your children's friends welcomed into your home? How much of their recreation and entertainment centers about their home roof-tree and how much of it is purchased from those who make a profit by selling it?

"Be sure that you are fit to use the road. Alcohol, even in small amounts, lowers your alertness and sense of caution. A fraction of a second may make all the difference between safety and disaster. If you cannot give the necessary concentration you are risking not only your life but the lives of others."—British Highway Code.

WILLIAM CAREY— FOUNDER OF MISSIONS

The Story of a Great Baptist Missionary

In the Indian town of Serampore stands three monuments to William Carey. The first, a brick and plaster tombstone. The second, the stately Serampore College. The third, two long rows of Bible translations, 36 in all, most of them translated by Carey into as many dialects of India.

Behind these monuments is the story of a cobbler with vision that enabled him to see a world lost in sin because men had heeded not the last command of the Master: "Go ye into all the world—and preach the gospel."

William Carey, the father of modern missions, was born in England in 1761. Apprenticed to a cobbler, he came to a knowledge of Christ before he was 18, and by 21 was starting his ministry as a lay preacher.

Soon ordained into the ministry of the Baptist church, his one vision was of a world in darkness which must be given the light. To many he was but an irritating upstart, but so it has been with every flaming apostle of spiritual freedom.

In 1792, a year which will ever shine in Baptist annals, Carey published his famous tract on "An Enquiry Into the Obligations of Christians to Use Means for the Conversion of the Heathens." And in that year he preached his far-reaching sermon with its two-fold message, "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God." As a result, the first Missionary Society of modern times was formed by a group of thirteen Baptist ministers, and the first step in the work of world-evangelization was taken.

Two problems were at once overcome. The money to found the work came from loyal hands. And two men volunteered to go as missionaries. One of course was William Carey, and the other, John Thomas, a big-hearted and unselfish navy captain.

In June, 1793, these two, along with Carey's family, sailed for Calcutta, and the new great mission en-

terprise was fairly started on its course.

For many years Carey, along with those associated with him, faced the fiercest opposition. The East India Company, ruler of India, was an arch-enemy. The government of England was intolerant. The state-controlled churches looked with contempt on such a venture. And the Baptist churches, with a few notable exceptions, were totally indifferent.

But Carey had gone to India to save India for Christ. And in the midst of seething hordes of people in the depths of darkness and helplessness, he was able to write that he "felt the all-sufficiency of God and the stability of his promises."

Accepting a position as manager of an Indigo plantation, he was able to keep his family from starvation, though Peter Carey, his five year old boy died of the fever, and Mrs. Carey, under the strain, became a victim of insanity.

By 1800 he was able to move to Serampore, where he remained for the 34 years left of his life. Here, in company with other missionaries, he set about on the translation and printing of the Bible, starting a boy's and girl's boarding school to make his living.

The last Sunday in 1800 was memorable. Then, for the first time in India, Christian baptism was administered. And March 5, 1801, became another day to remember, when the completed Bengali New Testament was laid upon the communion table of the Mission Chapel.

Shortly after this, the translator's gifts were recognized by the British government, and "the consecrated cobbler" was appointed Professor of Bengali in a college in Calcutta. From this day on his labors became truly stupendous. Half the time was spent in Calcutta, the other half in Serampore.

His labors embraced six distinct lines of action. First, his unremitting toil as a college professor. Second, his translation work, which seemed endless. Third, his preaching and personal work, which he never allowed to fall into abeyance. Fourth, oversight and executive con-

trol of the Mission. Fifth, his volumes of correspondence written around the world in the interests of missions. And finally, his moral reform, which brought such fruits as the ending of suttee, or widow-burning, and the establishment of Christian hospitals.

Soon the one church at Serampore became eleven, with twenty native evangelists. And within twenty years, a dozen other great missionary societies were formed, carrying the gospel around the world.

In 1834 Carey died, having opened the gates of spiritual freedom to India's countless millions. The story of his stainless and triumphant life is one of the chief marvels of the churches history.—Tune Time.

JESUS AND ALEXANDER THE GREAT

Jesus and Alexander died at thirty-three, One lived and died for self; one died for you and me,
The Greek died on a throne; the Jew died on a cross;
One's life a triumph seemed; the other but a loss.
One led vast armies forth; the other walked alone;
One shed a whole world's blood; the other gave His own,
One won the world in life and lost it all in death;
The other lost His life to win the whole world's faith.

Jesus and Alexander died at thirty-three, One died in Babylon; and one on Calvary.
One gained all for self; and one Himself He gave,
One conquered every throne; the other every grave.
The one made himself God; the God made Himself less;
The one lived but to blast; the other but to bless.
When died the Greek, forever fell his throne of swords;
But Jesus died to live forever Lord of lords.

Jesus and Alexander died at thirty-three, The Greek made all men slaves; the Jew made all men free.
One built a throne on blood; the other built on love,
The one was born of earth; the other from above;
One won all this earth, to lose all earth and heaven;
The other gave up all, that all to Him be given.
The Greek forever died; the Jew forever lives.
He loses all who gets, and wins all things who gives.

—Anon.

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

1949—A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The year 1949 for Free Will Baptists was successful in several ways. More church improvements in the way of repairs and the building of Sunday School rooms to old churches were made than ever before in any year of the denomination. More money was raised for the erection of new church buildings of the denomination than has ever been raised in one year for new church locations. More Sunday School attendants were in attendance upon the Sunday Schools of the denomination than ever before in the history of the denomination. The Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina, distributed among the Sunday Schools of the denomination more Sunday School literature than it has ever done in any single year in its history. In fact, its entire business for the year 1949 was the greatest it has ever had in every way. From all reports from the field, the combined church attendance for the regular church services on the Lord's Day surpassed for the denomination any previous year.

Through evangelistic campaigns among the churches far and wide there were more converts to the Christian faith, coming into the Free Will Baptist denomination than any single previous year. Many of the local revival meetings reported conversions, ranging from 25 to 90 conversions in a single meeting. And there were quite a number of the revival meetings that reported having received new converts into the church, ranging from 30 to 60, with a two-weeks' revival meeting. Many churches reported that they had held during the year as many as two revivals with great success in both meetings. Some of these meetings were staged only a few months apart in the same church, thus showing that more than one revival meeting per year in a church is highly essential and successful. Moreover, from such reports, it has been shown that those churches that had such splendid success in their revivals were spurred on as a church unit to greater interest, greater zeal, and greater ambition to go forward in the work of the Lord. Many of the "dead churches" were revived, and spurred on to do things for the Lord, when they realized what other churches were doing to advance the cause of Christ in the world.

Furthermore, there were a number of churches over the country moved up to full-time work, when they had been having services only twice per month. There were others that went on half-time, thus holding four church services per month instead of two. In view of these facts, those churches doubled their raising of financial support for the expenses of carrying on the services of the church. Instead of falling behind with their financial obligations they moved forward with renewed courage and zeal to do more for their church and community in the name of the Lord.

WHAT ABOUT THE YEAR 1950?

The year 1949 was a record year for Free Will Baptists in the United States in different ways for which every Free Will Baptist should be proud. But what about the year 1950? Shall it be even better in all respects than last year? What does the ministry think of it? And what will the laity say about it? What do the Sunday School, the Young People's League and the Woman's auxiliary think of it? Yes, what does the general church membership think of it?? Can 1949 be equalled or surpassed by 1950? Think of it? Now is the time to begin the start, while the year is new.

God will do his part if Free Will Baptists will resolve to do theirs in a whole-hearted way for the cause of Christ. Let all the pastors and evangelists throughout the denomination resolve to make this year the best in their life history. May they seek vision, understanding, and guidance of the Lord as never before, and go forth, as the Apostle Paul, with a burning zeal for the salvation of the lost wherever they have opportunity to serve. May their spirit of co-operation with all phases of the denominational work be wholesome, greatly helpful, and be the means of advancing the cause of the denomination in a great way. Let them seek to build for unity, for church expansion, for the increase of God's kingdom by winning great numbers of the lost to Christ.

May the Sunday Schools reach out and seek to draw within their scope of influence and religious teaching those who hitherto stayed away from the church. May the teachers and officers become more concerned than ever about drawing every one possible in their church and community to their Sunday School, and then so teach the Word of God as to win the lost to the Lord Jesus. Let the Young People of the Leagues in their churches and communities reach out and embrace other young people, and bring them into their organization, and lead them to have a part in the great work of the study of the Word of God. Let their numbers increase by leaps and bounds, and their work grow into great proportions for the good of every one living in their midst. Surely the Woman's auxiliaries in every church will make this year the banner year in the history of their organization, for they are always energetic, faithful, and ever ready to render sacrificial services unto the Lord. Let them strengthen and enlarge their own local groups with renewed endeavors, increased memberships, and the setting up new objectives for achievements during this new year. Let them see to it that they, with the help of the Lord, will make this year far better and greater in all that they do for the Kingdom than last year.

"Where there is a will, there is a way." Though that way be hard for some, yet if it is the right way, it will prove to their good in the end. Find your best way, and then stick to it.—The Times.

-: Department of Foreign Missions -:

SonapurHat, Purnea Dist.
Bihar, North India
October 29, 1949

Dear Friends:

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May God prosper you in every undertaking for good during the coming year. It seems rather early to be sending Christmas greetings but we have just realized that even now some of these letters may be late. There are people, many so-called Christians among them, who would be little change of greetings and gifts. It has always afforded us consolation, inspiration, renewed courage and hope to realize that in common with millions of other Christians we are paying homage to the greatest person and the most significant event that the world has known—to the birth of the Lord Jesus himself. Just to mediate on what this event has meant to me personally fills my soul with humble gratitude and praise. If it had never taken place, where and what would I be? Would my situation have been similar to thousands of those I see every week—ignorant, undernourished and sick in body, poverty-stricken and desperate because of unfulfilled needs, without trust in their fellow creatures, in their gods or even in themselves, seeing their kindred and loved ones die by the scores without hope now or here-after. If my state is in any degree more fortunate than theirs it was through no merit of mine or, possibly immediate fault of theirs.

Christmas has always been the day of days to me. But now the significance is clearer, brighter and dearer than ever before. As I review the many blessings that have been, are, can and will be mine because of the happenings on that far away eve in the Judean Hills, I am filled with longing to be more like my Saviour and to do more for him each passing day.

As I recall the missed opportunities, the bunglings and the lack of trust and faith this past year, I realize that a mere intention to be like him, to serve him, to proclaim him, to live for him or die for him and to be worthy of him, will, in itself, fall far short of the mark. Oh, how I do long to make this year different from the others so that it will not be marred by mistakes, sins, lack of faith and ignorance. It can not be done by me alone, by you alone, but by and through His Holy and Divine Spirit can it be done. Nay, it must and shall be done.

This may be my last Christmas or yours—who knows? This may be our last year to serve God, and country and one another—which one of us knows what this new

year has in store for us and for the World. A world full of those living in sin, ignorance, filth, disease, poverty and without a Saviour. What am I going to do for them this year? What are you going to do? Will I be too busy with my own thoughts, ambitions, and plans to listen to His still small voice and to do his bidding? Will you?

We do wish for you a prosperous new year but above everything we covet for each of you a life hidden in Christ Jesus and a year in which your every thought, word and deed will be prompted by the Holy Spirit.

Yours for a happy Christmas,

Paul and Nelle Woolsey

(P. S.—This letter came too late for the Christmas issue of the Baptist.—Editor.)

MISS LLOYD TO GO TO NORTH INDIA

Greetings, dear friends and co-laborers, in the Name of our Lord.

He, it is, who doth go with us, and giveth victory every step of life's way. It has been quite a long while since I visited with you through the pages of our paper, but I trust that by His grace, my visits will be more frequent in the future.

"Now thanks be unto God, which causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the Saviour of His knowledge by us in every place." For three months I was ill in a hospital in South Travancore. But even during that time of being laid aside, the divine Presence of our God was my help and stay. He not only causes His children to be victorious over trials, but victorious in them. I praise Him this morning for the victory that is mine thru our Lord, Jesus Christ. In my heart there is peace because I know He is leading, and with my eyes upon Him, "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

While I was at the hospital, God gave me many opportunities to witness for Him and to serve Him by serving others. My life has been strengthened in Him, and eternity alone will reveal the value of the benefits I have gained from this recent experience. I want to thank each of you for your prayers and concern. It has been a great comfort to me to know that you were remembering. Our victorious God has triumphed in and over my illness. Praise be to Him!

I have been transferred from Kotagiri to our Northern field upon the recommendation of my doctor. The depth of God's purpose in bringing about this change in location is far beyond the understanding

of our human hearts and minds. But He surely had led all the way. I wouldn't have chosen this change, but He, in His infinite wisdom and love, chose it for me. I wouldn't have come here of my own will, because it is a hard place. But He willed it so and made me willing. When I gave my life to our Lord, I said, "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord", and I'm still content today to follow my Master wherever He leads. His Word comes fresh to my mind this morning, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." I am His and He is mine. His Word of truth shall be my shield and buckler, and I'm not afraid to press on with Him.

So this bright, sunny morning finds me in a new part of India with new people and new language. He has also given me new strength and new courage to face the unknown future. He is the important factor in my life, and to be in His will is all that matters. I do not fear because He is with me. He goes before me and is beside me. "Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee."

In closing my letter to you, I quote the words of a poet that has been a challenge to me. In another letter soon, I will tell you about this new place to which God has brought me.

PRESS ONWARD!

Press onward still! the glory lies before thee.

The crown, the throne, the sceptre all are yours!

The bitter cross a little while shall pain thee:

The prize awaiteth who the cross endures.

Press onward still! though darkness falls around thee,

The Light of Ages gleams from yonder throne,

And He who says, "I never will forsake thee!"

Through darkest shadows watcheth o'er his own.

Press onward still! and Jesus will go with thee;

His power thy fainting spirit will sustain;
And as the battle rages fierce about thee,
Will give the victory o'er and o'er again.

by Powell

So, dear friends, with Jesus as my Guide,
I press on with Him to greater victory—
unafraid.

Yours for the winning of souls,

Zalene Lloyd

The church has no place in politics as an organized unit; nevertheless, it should protest against political measures which violate the principles of Christian morality.

News from the First Free Will Baptist Church, Newport News, Virginia

By Mrs. D. W. Cherry
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Portsmouth, Va.

We are happy that our church is making progress. We are coming to the close of our first year, and as we count our many blessings of the year, we realize as never before that God has been gracious unto us. We are greatly rejoiced because of His loving kindness toward us.

One year ago we had only three families attending our church services. Our membership was ten. But at the present time we have members of twenty families attending our services. Our membership at the present time is 38, and although we have been few in number, we have carried on a full-time program throughout the year. Each Sunday we have two church services, Sunday School, and League—Junior, Senior and Adult leagues. We have Bible study class on Tuesday night, and prayer services on Wednesday night of each week. Our Woman's auxiliary is doing a wonderful work. We hold our meetings twice each month.

We have much good talent among our little group; they are efficient leaders, teachers, and also we have a pianist. During the year we have purchased and paid for a beautiful lot for our church building and parsonage. The size of the lot is 126 by 410 feet. We have rented a nice small brick church, and we are expecting to start using this church right away. We think that this is a wonderful opportunity, as we have never been able to hold a revival, or any meetings other than cottage prayer services except on Sundays.

We express many thanks to you good people who have sent us donations, or old clothing for our rummage sales. We have about sold all the old rummage we had, and are hoping that you will continue to help us with your donations and clothing for our rummage. Our small group of people are rich in spirit, and they possess talents, but they are poor financially. Many of them are giving their all in order to carry on the work of the church.

We are glad to report that Brother George Johnson, who is in the sanatorium at this time, is much improved. He is a charter member of our church, and one of the best workers our church, or our denomination has ever had. He has been very ill, and a bed patient for five months now. Will you cheer him up a bit by sending to him a letter or card. His address is: Mr. George Johnson, Blue Ridge Sanatorium, Charlottesville, Va.

We desire the prayers of all you good Christian people always. Please pray that we might continue to prosper in our work.

CHRISTIAN HOMES

The family is the oldest institution known to man. It is of divine origin and has divine sanction. It goes back to the beginning of the race and has been closely identified with the entire course of human history. The home has been variously regarded in different parts of the earth, but in every country it holds true that no other institution has risen higher than the level of family.

The Bible has much to say about the family, its several members and what they owe one another. The doors of the homes of most of the leading characters of the Scripture stand open to us. We know where these people lived, how they lived, what they had within their homes, what they talked about when they were together, what parents thought of their children and how the children acted toward their parents.

Because the home is so very important it would seem that its importance would be universally recognized. But that is not the case. The home is in danger. It has tremendous opposition. There are subtle forces working toward its overthrow. There are multitudes who place no other value upon it than that of a stopping-place, an institution of convenience.

The home is in decline. It is fighting for its life. The servant question, the high cost of living, the rush of modern life, the innumerable fads that claim our time, promising much and cashing out nothing, the dance mania, the speed mania, the recreation mania, are all a menace to the quiet and simplicity without which true home life has not the ghost of a chance. The table used to be the social center, where all the family met at meal time, but nowadays they straggle in as the exigencies of social or other engagements may permit. The bond of the common life in the home is broken.

We need to emphasize the fact constantly that the home is more than a place, although it is a wonderful place, the home is the institute of the affections, the sacred place where the heart is cultured and in which it has opportunity for its finest and most telling expression.

The home is a college of life in which the curriculum is love, sacrifice, loyalty, obedience, devotion, confidence and reverence.

Now in order to pursue and practice this course of study in the home it must be Christian. The individual we ask to be Christian and then he proceeds to make his institution Christian. An institution is but the lengthened shadow of a man. It is the expression of a man. It can be possibly no greater than he, but it can be as big as he is.

Homes, therefore, are creations of souls. They are not the products of the builder's art. Christian homes are made by Chris-

tian people and in no other way. Beautiful homes are made by beautiful souls.

Christ is the incarnation and expression of all that is true and beautiful and good in life. When we believe in Him and try to follow Him He touches and transfigures everything that concerns us, even ourselves. When He is the dominating influence in the homes of America, and for that matter in the homes all over the world, a tremendous change will take place in all our relationships.

A Christian home is ruled by love. That gives impulse and direction to the whole flow of life. If there is not love there can be no home, for home first of all is a spiritual something, a creation of the heart, and idealization and realization of what the soul itself is and wants. Love makes real soulmates. All the inmates seek the welfare and happiness of the other and so finds his or her own happiness. It is the giving life and it becomes the getting life. Where the heart rules, the mind follows.

The Christian home is needed very much today. It is needed for the sake of the nation. We are fighting some great battles for human rights in America. We must have leaders who possess courage to stand against privilege, and citizens whose ideals are high and clean, and who place the moral welfare of society above party schemes or private gain.

—Anon.—Select.

A Startling Opinion

Dr. John Timothy Stone said, "If pastors did but realize it, there is a simple way to produce all the funds the churches need, for all the work they can possibly do. It is by the spread of the practice of tithing;—already tried and proven by thousands of Christian men and women."

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Write for free samples and price list: Layman Tithing Foundation, 8 S. Dearborn St., Chicago 3, Ill.

OLD AND NEW

Farewell Old Year!
With goodness crowned
A hand divine hath set thy bound.

Welcome, New Year,
Which shall bring
Fresh blessings from my God and king!

The old we leave without a tear,
The new we hail without a fear.
Because,
I know that o'er it all
Rules he who notes the sparrow's fall.
—Anonymous

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

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AUXILIARY STUDY COURSE
HELD DEC. 7--- AT SHILOH
CHURCH, BEAUFORT CO.,
NORTH CAROLINA

We are happy to report a very successful session of the study course. The session was opened by congregational singing. Rev. J. C. Griffin led us in prayer. Mrs. John Forman read the Scripture lesson using the 16th Ch. of Romans, showing us that we women have been called of God for service unto mankind and for his glory.

We enjoyed spiritual singing at intervals throughout the day giving the instructor time for rests. We were also favored with a special by the Shiloh Quartet.

We had a goodly number of women present (mostly officers). We also had two ministers present: Rev. J. C. Griffin and Rev. Ralph Osborn; this we appreciate very much.

Mrs. Griffin went about the task of teaching the Manual very gracefully and humbly. We had two hours of study before lunch and two hours after lunch. The study dealt with the local organizations. Each office was studied. The vice-presidents and their committees, the duties of each and the qualification of persons to fill the office. We also learned more about our different phases of work and how they operate.

We, the women of the Albemarle district feel that we have been greatly helped by the information received through the course.

Christians! pray with us that we may ever go forward toward the goal set for us by our master. Striving always to serve him daily, humbly and ever submissive to his will.

Mrs. Cecil J. Waters,
4th Vice-President
Albemarle District

Report of Young People's Auxiliary

The young girls auxiliary of Mabel Avenue Free Will Baptist Church met with Miss Marjorie Farmer at her home on Archie Street, December 9, at 6:30 P. M., with the opening song entitled, "Every Day with Jesus," being sung by the group. The roll was called and ten members were present. After the business period was over, Mrs. Farmer served delicious refreshments to the following persons:

Misses Marjorie Farmer, Nancy Coble, Josephine Edwards, Marie Cox, Jealean Gales, Margaret Dail, Jeanette Nance, Shirley Purser, Mrs. Mack Venson, and Mrs. L. D. Gray.

We are asking the many friends to pray for us in our auxiliary work. Pray that we may go forward in the work of the Lord.

Josephine Edwards
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God Send Us a Woman!

More than five years ago, we wrote an editorial entitled, "God, Send Us a Woman," and, because of the many requests we have had for copies of this editorial, it is now reproduced for our readers:

And who knoweth whether
thou art come to the kingdom
for such a time as this?

—Esther 4:14

As this editorial is written I am sitting in my car in front of a liquor store in a town deep in the heart of Eastern North Carolina.

Sitting here on the sidelines, parked within easy view of the things taking place on the outside and on the inside, there is no hearsy involved in the facts here recorded—I am observing the picture before me with my own eyes and I am deeply troubled in body and soul.

I see people from all walks of life going in and coming out. I see men and women—white men and black men—white women and negro wo-

men—I actually see a mother leading her little son through the door—I see soldiers and sailors—all in one continuous procession, some going in and some coming out.

It is a disturbing scene. I cannot understand the picture that stands out there in front of men—I am amazed and confused!

I can catch up in my thinking when I see men drinking—I have witnessed scenes like this before—and I have seen them go in and out of liquor stores many times—and, throwing around them the mantle of charity and generosity. I can more easily excuse their frailty and weakness, for men have always been weak. But when I see a woman in a place like a bar room—well, I am just dazed—something in me goes wrong—something causes me to grow faint—I become sick—for I see something out there in front of me that is pitiable, sorrowful and tragic!

Somehow, I cannot accept this picture as a part of a woman's standard—not even the modern woman's standard—there is something wrong with the scene. My very soul rebels against it. The picture is all wrong—I know it's wrong—God Almighty who gave to woman her beauty and charm, her glory and strength, never intended that she should descend to the demoralizing and debauching atmosphere of a barroom.

No woman who has found herself—no woman who has paused long enough to find true appreciation for her own worth—no woman who takes the time to measure the power of her influence in her own field of activity—no woman who has caught a realization of her individual responsibility in presiding over her own home, and lending her influence and her example to her own children, and her own husband—no woman who sees and feels the weight of these responsibilities can find time to play with the cocktail glass.

If liquor must be used—we say if it must be used—let the men use it, but save womankind from its use at any cost!

This world has always placed woman on a pedestal high above man, and somehow we are still old fashioned enough to want to hold her there.

And isn't there somebody, somewhere, in North Carolina, who can place her back on her former pedestal? Isn't there someone who can persuade the womanhood of North Carolina, or that part of womanhood that has stepped down from her high estate, to step back and wear the crown formerly worn by her?

Is there not some outstanding woman in North Carolina who will take the lead and call on the women of the state to do this for the sake of our boys and girls, for the glory of the state, and for the glory of God himself?

May the God of Beauty and Charm and Righteousness send us just such a woman!

—Selected by Mrs. Cornelia Nobles

Give Your Paper to Someone

I wonder what you people do with your Baptist papers after you are through reading them? I give my papers to some of my friends and neighbors who, for one reason or another do not subscribe for this church paper.

Perhaps they don't realize what they are missing by failing to subscribe to their church paper. So, I figured, if I could get them to read my papers, they might become interested enough to subscribe for them selves. Thereby this plan helps two ways: it helps to interest the non-reader, and when they get interested they usually subscribe, thereby increasing the circulation, which generally pleases the Editor.

Let us follow this plan this year, each of us, and note the results.

J. E. Ingalls,
Greenville, N. C.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

This is to notify all my correspondents that my address is no longer Durham, North Carolina. My new address is 1680 Nekoma Street, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia.

Ralph Lightsey

WHAT ONE SOLITARY LIFE DID!

"Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a woman who, to her peasant neighbors, was just one of them and one with them. He grew up in another village. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty, and then, for three years, he was an itinerant preacher.

"He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put his feet inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where he was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but himself.

"While still a young man, the tide of private opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of them denied him. He was turned over to his enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. As he was dying, his executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had on earth, and that was his coat. When he was dead he was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

"Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone, and today He is the centerpiece of the human race and the leader of the column of progress.

"I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that were ever built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned put together have not affected the life of man upon this earth as has that One Solitary Life!"
—Author unknown.

Why did we lose National Prohibition? Listen to these words of Mr. Walter Lippman, at that time one of the writers of the New York World: "We are forced to assert by disobedience, by agitation, finally by interpretation and acquiescence, the superior rights of experience over a legal text."

Do away with the use of alcohol and you will see spring up truer, deeper, simpler, more peaceful, more intellectual and more human joys.—*Maurice Materlinck.*

UNDERSTANDING

Eleanore Livingston Jester

I do not ask Thee Lord, to understand,
I ask instead, for strength to meet the task,
Abiding faith to trust in You alone,
Your nearness in each task, dear Lord, I ask.

I do not ask that I should understand,
Because I trust the One who died for me,
I'm sure He knows the things that I cannot,
And He will help my tear-blind eyes to see.

I do not question Lord, I trust You now,
The things that come are working for my good,
And though my heart may hold a lonely ache,
I wouldn't change it if I found I could.

Because my Saviour is so real to me,
So close when circumstances beat me round,
That I acknowledge in life's blackest days,
The realness of His love for me I've found.

He loved me well enough that He would bear,
The shame and pain so surely now I know,
He holds me tightly in His loving hand,
Come test or storm, He will not let me go.

And so I need not understand it all,
For Heaven isn't very far away,
He's waiting there to show, what He can do,
If only I have faith to trust and pray.

So on I walk the miles that lie ahead,
Serenely trusting in His guiding hand,
Content to wait and trust until, some day,
Sometime, somewhere at last, we'll understand.

—Selected.

SUPERINTENDENT - TREASURER OF THE ORPHANAGE RETURNS TO PASTORAL FIELD

Rev. James A. Evans is resigning the Field-Treasurership of the Middlesex Orphanage to become effective on January 2, 1950. He wishes to extend his sincere thanks for the co-operation and help from the ministers, church officers, and the various congregations for their hearty support of the home for the more than nine years that he was head of the institution.

His future address will be: Rev. James A. Evans, 1108 South Tarboro Street, Wilson, North Carolina.



Fellowship in the Early Church

(Lesson for January 15)

Lesson: Acts 2:42-47; 4:31-35.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

“And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common” (Acts 4:32).

First the people were all born again. There was no exception to that general condition—even Ananias and Sapphira, who spoiled the experiment, were backslidden believers. It was to the Holy Ghost they lied, and had been members of the Christian company and in apparently good standing until the day of their defection. But it was the love of Jesus Christ which bound this great group together in the bonds of mutual affection, and they were one family, all children of God. Secondly, there was complete unanimity of opinion in all things and about all essential matters. The text states that they were of one heart and of one soul, thus there was no occasion for quarreling, bickering, or difference of opinion on the matter of the use of their resources. Then note that they were bound together with a fervent love such as the world had never seen before. Men and women who had been complete strangers now embraced each other as brothers and sisters, and called themselves one family, the children of God. Whatever they had they gladly gave to their own spiritual kin, whatever they needed they felt free to use, if someone else did not need it more than they did! You see, this was the first time in history a group was ever gathered together whose members loved each other more than self—and whose compon-

ent persons desired to give rather than take.

Note also that the process of sharing was the exact opposite of modern political and economic Communism. This later system wants to take away from him who has more—the Christian community wanted to give to him who had less! No communist who has five dollars in his pocket is out searching for a comrade who has only one dollar so the more affluent one can share with the poorer associate: rather is he looking for the man who has fifteen dollars so he can take five of it away from him and thus double his own private capital!

Communism today is erected on a platform of force, hatred, fear and bloodshed. The leaders are suspicious of each other, and none of them is even out from under the dread assassination or free from the fear of betrayal and murder. On the contrary we see the Christian community bound together by love, none of them desiring office or dominion over his fellows, and all living in quiet contentment, possessed of the peace of God which is the unfailing collateral of salvation! Since no one had anything, none had more than another and envy and covetousness were unknown in their ranks. Contrast that to the greed, lust, hatred and loathing of modern Communism, and you have the perfect illustration of a world without God and a realm where He is Sovereign and Supreme!—Selected.

II. Lesson High Point

Note, “the Lord added to the Church daily such as should be saved, that is, God permitted none to be added to the church but those who were saved from their sins. Remember, the first church in Jerusalem, was made up of saints, true followers of the Lord Jesus, and sinners were not to become a part with them in the church. The Holy Spirit united only those who were daily converted under the preaching of the disciples with those who had already been converted. Those church members were recognized as true Christians for their brotherly love and deep piety one toward another by

the Jews who observed their righteous way of life.

They possessed religion every day to the week, and manifested its influence and power upon them wherever they went and whatever they did. A great many church people today in this country need this kind of religion. Spiritual gifts of the Lord unto Christ’s followers should be exercised in witnessing for Jesus and for the purpose of winning the lost to Christ.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

The Lesson Illustrated

“In the summer of 1946 I was asked to serve with Dr. J. F. Gregory as evangelist for the camp meeting at Clay City, Indiana. God had been very graciously moving upon the camp and all sensed his divine presence. On Tuesday night, after the third song, suddenly, just as it was on the day of Pentecost, God swept into the tabernacle with mighty power. It was a great spiritual cloudburst which took place during the following four hours. A thousand people felt the power of God moving mightily in their midst. From that point in the service at about 7:45 until midnight, the service and congregation were under the direct leadership of the Holy Spirit. More than 150 people prayed for pardon, cleansing, and complete spiritual victory in their lives. Such praying I had never heard, such keen interest on the part of one thousand people for so long a time I had never seen. Such surrendering and giving up fully to God as characterized the great revivals of history took place on that memorable night of which I tell you. The reality of the divine conviction, blessing, and salvation which were present produced a profound effect upon hundreds of young people who were present at the camp.

“Let me tell you the secret of this great service. For days previous to that service a mighty volume of prayer had been ascending to God. The young people were so eager to pray at 6:30 each morning that they had to move to a much larger building than had been assigned to them. The laymen met in large numbers each morning to prevail with God in

prayer. The ministers met in a tent to pray. People got under such a burden for souls that they went without meals. This was very noticeable among the young people. Confessions were made, ill-feelings were exposed, God melted people together into a great spiritual family.—Arnold's Commentary.

* MAMMY JOE *

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Several men were walking back and forth upon the platform of a small way station in Virginia. They had been there ten minutes and were growing impatient. At last one of them drew out his watch.

"Six minutes late," he said discontentedly, "The F. F. V. will be losing its reputation if it doesn't make better time. I hate waiting."

"Perhaps your watch is wrong," suggested one of his companions. "We have been in the woods for a week, and our time may not be accurate."

"My watch is all right," was the petulant answer. "It's the railroad."

Crouching near the door of the station was a big, motherly-looking black woman. She had been there since early morning, arriving even before the station master himself. All thru the long day she had remained in the same position, watching the trains as they arrived, and scanning each face eagerly. As the man put his watch back into his pocket she looked at him wistfully.

"You don't 'spect nothin' the matter, does you, boss?"

"Oh, no; the train is only a few minutes late! Expecting someone?" as he noticed the pathetic eagerness in her face.

"Yes, suh. My boy what's been in the hospital two years, is comin' home, all cured an' fixed up. The doctor sent word he'd put him on the F. F. V. an' send him straight thru. I was feared he might mistook the train, so I've been a watchin' all day."

"Where did he go?"

"Baltimore. You see, Henry Clay got hurted when he was a teeny feller, an' he kept growin' more an' more crooked, so we feared we mightn't raise him. We try all the doctors 'round here, an' at last one told us

'bout the Johns Hopkins, one where they fixed such things. He wrote for us, an' done make all the 'rangements. But it sure cost heaps of money. Me an' my old man we sell our little place an' go out to work. But we ain't care for that, so long as Henry Clay get well. Bless the Lord!"

"I am glad they cured him," congratulated the man heartily. "But I reckon he's grown so big and strong and handsome you won't know him when you see him."

"Bress the boy; Bress the boy!" ejaculated the black woman, between her smiles and tears. "White folks must have their jokes. But I reckon the boy is sure 'nough big an' handsome by this time. Me an' my old man were just plumb 'stracted when we heard he was all well an' a-comin' home. We sure did hustle 'round an' got money for his ticket, an' sent it to him; an' now the doctor's done writ he's comin'. Bress the Lord for all His mercies!"

A shrill whistle was heard in the distance. The men gathered up their baggage and stood waiting. Tears of expectation began to stream down the old woman's face. It was a small station, and the train stopped but a few seconds. Only one passenger alighted. He was a small black boy of ten or twelve years.

The old woman sprang towards him with an inarticulate cry. But she stopped suddenly. That was not Henry Clay. True, he did not have crutches, and did not even limp; but he was tall and thin, and so weak that he staggered as he walked. And they had written that Henry Clay was strong and well.

The boy approached her timidly.

"Is you Mammy Joe?" he asked.

"I 'spect so," fiercely. "But where's Henry Clay?"

The small figure shrank back.

"I—I done left him in the hospital. He was in the bed next to me, an' he hear the doctor say I never get well 'cept I go to a country that's warm, an' live out doors, an' have good nussin'. But I have no folks to send me. I always live on the street."

"What's that got to do with Henry Clay?"

The boy began to tremble.

"He—he done give me his ticket,

an' make me come. He say his mammy will be my mammy an' make me well."

"An' ain't Henry Clay a-comin'?" Her voice sounded like the cry of some wounded animal.

"He—he done got a job washin' dishes in the hospital, an' is a-savin' money. He say, tell you he sure be home next summer, when he have money 'nough. The doctors all like him an' say he is a fine feller. But is you going to be my mammy?"

The old woman caught her breath sharply. Then she held out her fat, motherly arms, and a smile of welcome lit up the face.

"Yes, honey, I'll be your mammy." —Selected.

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Notes and Quotes

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SALVATION is of the LORD. We are saved, wholly aside and apart from our works. It is all of GRACE on God's PART and wholly by FAITH ON OUR PART. "He came unto his own and his own received him not, But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believed on his name." (John 1: 11, 12). "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved" (John 3:14-17). Again I say, "Why not let God do that for which Christ died to do? Why beg Him to do something that He offers to every person. God holds it out to the lost sinner. God says, "COME."

"Your Board of Temperance is America's most powerful organization for sobriety," said a recent observer from Pennsylvania. Yes, when we begin to work as a team, with the will to win, no opposition will be too great. The majority of the Nation's remaining wet areas can be made dry.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

Nancy and Jimmie As Missionaries

Ever since Nancy Moore came to Mountain Hills to Live, she and her brother Jimmie had been asking each other just what they could do for Jesus. Mr. and Mrs. Moore had been sent there to preach and to teach about Jesus. The people in Mountain Hills were quite ignorant about the Bible. Many had never heard of Jesus before.

Nancy and Jimmie had often heard their parents discussing ways of telling the people more about Jesus, and had heard them pray for the people. All this aroused Nancy and Jimmie; they, too, must do something. Hence, one day when Mrs. Moore and Nancy were alone, she confided her problem to her mother, in these words,

"Mother, I wish Jimmie and I could do something for Jesus, too, here in Mountain Hills. Father and you are doing so many things. Isn't there something we can do? Jimmie often says for me to wait till he gets as big as father; then he'll do the preaching, and I can do the singing."

Mother had to smile. She was delighted to hear of her children's desire. Even though Nancy was only twelve and Jimmie only eleven, they were old enough to do something. Never would Mrs. Moore forget the astonished look on her children's faces when she told them the Mountain Hills children knew very little about Jesus.

"Would you like to have the children come in for an afternoon, Nancy?" suggested her mother.

"That would be fine! Wait, and I'll call Jimmie; he must hear this, too."

In a short time Jimmie was listening intently to Mother's idea, and said,

"Say, Nancy, then we can sing, and—I'll preach to them."

Nancy chuckled, "I thought you'd say that!"

"Maybe you could teach them a Bible lesson, Jimmie, and Nancy, you can lead the singing of your Sunday School songs. Before they leave, we'll play a few Bible games and have some cookies."

"Oh, Mother," whistled Jimmie, "that'll be grand. Which afternoon shall we ask them to come?"

"Let's make little invitations, and give them to the children," Mother suggested.

"Fine!" cheered Nancy and Jimmie. "Let us start right now so we'll have time to show Father at dinner time."

The invitations were very crude, but Father thought they were fine, and wished them success in their new venture.

To the children who received the invitations, it was a delightful looked-for event.

At any time it was a treat to be at the Moore home, but this was to be something different. Some of the children worked harder before going to bed, and some rose earlier that morning so as to be ready.

The day was beautiful. In the back yard of the Moore home a large maple tree cast a lovely shade. As each boy and girl arrived, Nancy would say,

"I'm so glad you could come! Jimmie will tell you where to sit."

After all who had promised to come had arrived, Jimmie whispered to Nancy,

"Remember, it's me that's going to do the preaching; I'm the man!"

"All right, Jimmie. I'll do the singing," smiled Nancy, thrilled at seeing so many children sitting around her.

"First," said Nancy, "we'll have the girls select a song. What will it be?"

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus," said Jennie Layth, and how happily they sang that old familiar song, which was new to the Mountain Hills children. Mrs. Moore was happy when she saw how enthusiastically they sang about Jesus.

"Now one of the boys," reminded Nancy. Nick Truett almost shouted to get his bid in first, "Stand Up for Jesus!" Nick had learned only a few weeks ago what it meant to stand up for Jesus. Their singing drew the attention of many of the neighbors. Some of the other songs they sang were, "Nothing But the Blood of Jesus," "Joy to the World," "Jesus Loves Me," and "I Need Jesus."

By this time Jimmie thought they ought to pray, so he asked Nick to lead in prayer. Every head bowed reverently as Nick began:

"Dear God: I thank You so much for Jesus who died for me, and for every boy and girl. I thank You for sending Mr. and Mrs. Moore here to tell us about Jesus. I thank You for the children's meeting, too. Amen."

"Now I have something to tell you," said Jimmie. "Long ago when Jesus was here on earth a little man heard about Him. He couldn't see through a crowd very well because all the people were taller than he. He wanted to see Jesus, so he ran through the crowd and climbed up a tree. When Jesus came by, He looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry down; I'm going to visit at your house today.' That made Zacchaeus think of all the bad things he had done. He was a tax collector, and if he could get money from the people that was not his, he thought it was all right; but when Jesus said He was coming to his house, he knew he would not be happy to have Him if he didn't tell Jesus about it. So he said to Jesus, 'I'm going to give half

of all I have to the poor, and if I took anything from the people that I shouldn't, I'll give back four times as much.' That made Jesus happy. Zacchaeus was true to what he said to Jesus. To have Jesus come into our hearts, we must make things right, as Zacchaeus did."

Playing Bible games was also new to the children. It thrilled them to know they could answer most of the questions. One little girl said, "I'm going to study so I'll know all about the Bible I can." Another said to Nancy and Jimmie, "What if you had never come? We would still know nothing of Jesus."

Nick, who proved to be a spokesman of the group, suggested, "Hands up for all who are glad the Moores came to live here." Every hand went up. "Don't forget to tell them so," he added.

As each child was ready to leave, a napkin was handed to each one. Such grateful little faces! Not one left without telling of his or her appreciation.

In the Moore home that evening everything was still. Only the clock was heard ticking. Jimmie broke the silence, as he ventured, "Father, do you think we'll ever go back to the city to live?"

"Jimmie, would you like to go back? Are you homesick to-night?" asked Father anxiously.

Noticing his father's alarmed expression Jimmie gave a big smile. "No, Father, I don't ever want to go back, because there people feel they know so much about Jesus they forget Him. I want to stay here where people really love Him. One little girl who was here today asked if the account of Zacchaeus is really true."

"Father, why didn't someone come here long ago to tell them?" asked Nancy.

"I don't know, Nancy, but now we are here; so it is up to us to work faithfully for Jesus every day so they may learn of Jesus now. And we shall stay here just as long as Jesus wants us here, Jimmie."

"I'm happy because we're here," commented Nancy, cheerfully.

"So am I," echoed Jimmie.

"And so are we," added Mr. and Mrs. Moore, "and with the help of our two little missionaries we shall be able to reach more children."—Words of Cheer.

We are told that the Minister should have the strength of an ox, daring of a lion, industry of a beaver, vision of an eagle, disposition of an angel, loyalty of an apostle, heroism of a martyr, tenderness of a shepherd, faithfulness of a prophet and the devotion of a mother. Indeed, the Christian ministry is the noblest of all callings.—John Pitcher.

"God is omnipotent, the saloon is not immortal, but immoral and the Church of God can't destroy it. The Church of God could do what it would if it would do what it could."—Dr. Ira J. Landrith.

NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION BOARD LAUNCHES BROAD PROGRAM

A far-reaching program of expansion was voted by National Sunday School Association's board which met December 14 in Chicago.

Approval was given to a continuing program of developing commissions of various phases of Sunday school work. Experts across the nation will be asked to serve on the first six commissions in the following fields: Children, Youth, Adult, Teacher Training, Evangelism and Missionary Education. Dr. James DeForest Murch, recently elected president of NSSA, will make the appointments.

In view of the apparent trend away from the outlines issued by the International Council of Religious Education, it was decided to encourage all evangelical groups to adopt the Uniform Bible Lesson Series prepared by the NSSA's lesson committee.

NSSA will co-operate with the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau in observing National Sunday School Week with the date tentatively set for September 17 to 24, 1950.

Evangelical denominations and fellowships will be asked to observe the third Sunday of September as NSSA Day.

A section devoted to NSSA activities will appear each month in a two-column section in United Evangelical Action.

It was also decided to set up an NSSA Sunday school standard and to grant certificates of merit for all Sunday schools meeting the standard.

Russell T Hitt was named general secretary of the Association and the Rev. William E. Kirschke will continue as executive secretary.

Nurnberg Military Post Dedicates New Chapel

"The American people from the very start have been a people who believed in God," Brigadier General David L. Ruffner told an audience of American soldiers, their families and civilian employees of the Nurnberg (Germany) Military Post attending the recent dedication ceremonies for the new post chapel.

"Out of worship have come some of the most prominent characteristics of the American people—American decency, American sense of justice, American generosity, American idealism, and American democratic freedom have been largely a part of its religious inheritance," he said.

General Ruffner, Commanding General for the Nurnberg Military Post, presented the keys to Chaplain (Col.) Paul Maddox, supervisory chaplain for the European Command.—Department of the Army.

A Boy Looking for Daddy in a Saloon

R. Stuart Nye Hutchinson of Pittsburgh tells in a recent article a story that is suggestive of the benefits to be found in young life by steadfastly adhering to its good things and rejecting the evil. He says:

"There was a thirteen-year-old boy many years ago whom someone saw one night standing in front of a saloon. He stopped and said: 'Harold, this is a queer place to find you. How does it happen that you are hanging around here?'"

"The boy replied: 'I have to look in here and it isn't the first time I have had to do it. I don't know whether it is the right place or not, but I am looking for my father. He is in one of these saloons.'"

"The man who told the story said that he did not know what to say to the lad, so he said nothing. Then the boy went on: 'When my father was a little boy, he went up and down this street looking for his father in the saloons, and then took him home. Now my mother has sent me to find my father. I don't know where he is, and I don't care if I find him or not. But there is one thing I do know. There will never be any boy looking in a saloon for me. I'll die first.'"

"Said the man who told me this story: I have followed that boy all these years since that night I saw him standing in the cold and snow outside the grog shop. I have seen him battle against heredity, against environment in a drunkard's home, against the social handicaps that follow; I have seen him trample them all under his feet. He is a man now, respected and loved in his city. There are little boys in his home, but they are not going out to seek their father among the saloons of the city."—The Wesleyan Methodist.

TO CHURCH CLERKS:

We have very recently mailed out the Minutes of the Eastern, Central and Western Conferences in North Carolina. In many instances the addresses are not given to us in completeness and, therefore, they may not be delivered to you. Please be on the look-out for them and if necessary make inquiry at your Post Office for them. And, too, when you get them be sure they are properly distributed to the members of your church.

Guilt is everywhere and always personal. We are responsible for the misdeeds of our rulers. Remember that God plagued the people because of the calf that Aaron made.

TITHING OR TIPPING?

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Woman's Auxiliary believes that the Bible is God's word. In Malachi 3:10 is God's promise and his appeal that we prove Him. So, every effort should be made to enlist every member in the Woman's Auxiliary and every Christian woman in the church to sign one of the Co-Laborer Membership slips, thereby indicating definite commitment to tithe for these three months. (Co-Laborer Membership slips are FREE for the asking from the W. N. A. C. Treasurer, Box 965, Nashville 2, Tennessee), January, the first month of the year, the month of beginnings, is the month of preparation and slip signing for this Tithing Test.

The test is not of God but is rather a test of Christian women and a test of the tithe as the expression of our Christian stewardship.

It yet remains to be seen what God will do to bless a denomination of people who recognizes God's ownership of all and His lordship of life by the practice of Christian stewardship—tithing not tipping.

Program for Albemarle League Union

convening with

Trinity Church

January 28, 1950

SATURDAY EVENING

- 7:00—Devotion by Oscar Webster
- President's remarks
- Special music
- 7:30—Reading of the minutes of the last meeting
- Roll-call of churches
- 7:45—Speaker, Ralph Osborne
- Subject: "Loyalty to God"
- 8:10—Report of Digest Committee
- Closing hymn and benediction

Mrs. R. L. Waters, Committee
Jamesville, N. C.

The United States is heavily burdened to uphold the solvency of more than one nation which could balance its budget with its liquor bill. We include our own government in this indictment.

Five Points for Young Christians

By Sallie Williams
108 Blount Street
Ayden, N. C.

Five things, if remembered, will help you each day

If obeyed they will keep you from going astray.

Though Satan may tempt you, and trials betide,

But you surely will conquer if in Christ abide.

Keep looking to Jesus, he never can fail,
And walk in His footsteps in every detail.
The world's vain allurements will vanish from sight,

By your looking to Jesus, your Saviour and Light.

Read daily your Bible, if you would be strong,

To witness for Jesus, and overcome wrong.
The Author of the Book, and the doer abide,

But they who neglect it will surely backslide.

Pray without ceasing, for this will bring you to Him,

Who cleanses and keeps you a victor over sin.

There's nothing so small that our Lord cannot do,

And nothing so small but He'll not undertake for you,

Confess Him to others, be bold for your King,

For those who are lying in darkness and sin.

What hope can you better to all recommend,

Than this blessed Jesus, the needy one's friend?

Do something for Jesus, He did all for you,
Your pay find in doing His sweet will.

To do so, seeking to please Him through life.

Day by day His presence shall gladden your way.

God's Minute

I have only just a minute
Only sixty seconds in it
Forced upon me—can't refuse it
Didn't seek it, didn't choose it
But it's up to me to use it
I must suffer if I lose it
Give account if I abuse it
Just a tiny little minute
For eternity is in it.—Selected.

God never reveals himself to cowards.—
Emerson.

NEW YEAR'S GREETING

New Year's greetings are fleeting,
But linger remembrance of blessings and love;

While thanks for the old year past linger,
Because blessings come from the hand from above.

How quietly the old year crept out!
With a little sun-shine and rain;
As the mellow star-light banished,
A New Year's day came rushing in.

Past blessings with memory still lingering,
As we look to the future with hope;
There extends a blessing to every one
Ere the new year finds its goal.

Why should not love and peace abound
Till strife on earth cannot be found?
Let honor be a new year renown
With every body across water or ground.

We cannot count the blessings God sends,
They fall upon all nations of men;
Far across a beautiful scene in the distance
Let joys and pleasures forever blend.

The year, months, and days take their flight,
But the departed hours bring into sight,
A sweet and beautiful view of eternal glory
Which is to make the world more bright.

By every bubbling stream
Where the banks with mosses and evergreens,
There every wild flower will beam, expressive of
The blessings that the new year brings.

Every day and night comes anew,
So, let every intention be pure;
For after months and years you may find
Success is always open to you.

Why should any person repine, or
Seek great riches so very fair;
For friend you may see the time
When success comes by the hand sublime.

Let every one seek to justly possess
Riches of honor and nobleness of fame;
But never in one way or other oppress
Upon others who have reached great success.

Can you not joys upon your pathway sprinkle
For others where the love-light has grown dim?
Because the beautiful stars that twinkle
Help make earthly pleasures mingle.

As the new year's days go fleeting by,
God's praises will be ever sweet;
For all His promises are true, and

Joy awaits those who will to Him be true.

Miss Ida E. Valentine
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Program

of the

Second Union of N. C.

convening with

Sweet Gum Grove Church

January 28, 1950

Uniform Theme: Stewardship.

MORNING SESSION

- 10:00 Devotions—Miss Emogene Nobles
10:15 The Meaning and Motive of Stewardship—Rev. Allen Bryan
10:30 Business period
10:50 The Stewardship of Personal Influence—Rev. D. W. Alexander
11:05 The Stewardship of Time and Talent—Mrs. Marion Moore
11:15 Congregational Singing—Offering
—Special Music, Local Choir
11:30 Union sermon: God's Stewardship Plan for Our Program—Rev. D. W. Hansley
12:00 Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00 Devotions, Mr. Johnny Humbles
1:15 A Balanced Stewardship Program for the local Church, Mrs. N. A. Clark
1:30 Special Music—Pleasant Hill Choir
1:40 Business Period
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2:45 Announcements and Adjournment

Rev. R. B. Crawford,
Rev. R. B. Spencer,
Mrs. Guy Corbett

When I Listen

J. Lilian Vandevere

They say God does not speak today
As in the long ago,
But sometimes, when I stop my play,
I hear His voice, I know.
For raindrops surely talk to me;
When rustling leaves are stirred
I know that something sings to me,
I know what Samuel heard.
He calls in winds that touch my cheek,
In bird notes, high and clear.
I'm very sure God speaks to us
If we take time to hear.

—Beams of Light.

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Christ, the Advocate

I dreamed the Saviour came to be
 My Guest awhile;
 My home was hallowed by His word,
 His gracious smile.
 At evening in the chamber there
 He went alone;
 I listened breathlessly to hear
 An undertone
 That thrilled my very soul because
 It held my name!
 Oh, was it all an empty dream?
 Nay, just the same
 As if within that little room
 I heard Him pray,
 He brings my need before the Father
 Every day.

—Opal Leonore Gibbs

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Notice

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

NOT GROWING OLD

*They say that I am growing old,
I've heard them tell it times untold,
In language plain and bold—
But I'm NOT growing old.*

*This frail old shell in which I dwell
Is growing old, I know full well—
But I am not the shell.*

*What if my hair is turning gray?
Gray hairs are honorable, they say,
What if my eyesight's growing dim?
I still can see to follow Him
Who sacrificed His life for me
Upon the Cross of Calvary.*

*What should I care if Time's old plow
Has left its furrows on my brow?
Another house, not made by hand,
Awaits me in the Glory Land.*

*What though I falter in my walk?
What though my tongue refuse to talk?
I still can tread the narrow way,
I still can watch and praise and pray.*

*My hearing may not be so keen
As in the past it may have been,
Still, I can hear my Saviour say
In whispers soft, "This is the way."*

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*The outward man—do what I can
To lengthen out his life's short span—
Shall perish, and return to dust,
As everything in nature must.*

*The inward man, the Scriptures say,
Is growing stronger every day.
Then how can I be growing old
When safe within my Saviour's fold?*

*Ere long my soul shall fly away
And leave this tenement of clay.
"This robe of flesh I'll drop, and rise
To seize the everlasting prize"—
I'll meet you on the streets of gold,
And PROVE that I'm not growing old.*

—JOHN E. ROBERTS

—Selected by Alice Dail

A REAL SACRIFICE

I heard a missionary speak
One who long had toiled,
Teaching heathen men of God
On far off China soil.

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The tales she told inspired me
Tho some were strange indeed,
She explained the Chinese customs
And told us of their need.

But what impressed me most of all
When I return said she,
I'm going to sacrifice far more
And give more liberty.

I thought of all she'd given up
To teach in Jesus name,
While I so little at home had done
It made me feel ashamed.

—JULIA SHACKLEFORD HYERS

Enthusiasm is the vibrant thrill in your voice that sways the will of another into harmony with your own.

As a beacon light is a guide to the storm-tossed, so let your light shine.

A smile is worth nothing until it is given away.

"Mystery Babylon"

Sherman H. Oaks
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Bessemer City, N. C.

"And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH" (Rev. 17:5).

"Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock" (1 Peter 5:3).

For three hundred years after Pentecost, the churches maintained their independence, according to Archard's church history, and several other historians.

The early churches were united only by the ties of faith and love. Constantine with his council of 380 elders of the Church, who assumed the awful responsibility of making a creed that was to read asunder the Church as never before, which it did, being the first creed ever made by inspired men to separate the Christians from each other on account of their belief. And the final result was, "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."

The great Roman Catholic Church is the mother of all men made laws, and doctrines that supercede God's New Testament law of love, and becomes the vicar of Christ.

The Pope's crown has this inscription, "Vi-arious Fei Dei," in latin, and the interpretation is substitute for the Son of God. It turns things upside down: the real truth is, Fei Dei Vicarious; that is, the Son of God substitute for men.

We see in the system of mystery, Babylon, and her daughters, men substituted for Christ, and the laws of men substituted for God's New Testament law. And men's way to Heaven substituted for God's way to Heaven. These things are anti-Christ, and anti-Christian.

The trouble with many reformers was: they reformed the doctrines of Babylon, and modified her govern-

ments. They should have thrown the whole in the waste can, and taken the New Testament as the only rule of faith and practice.

The Scriptures are plain and emphatic about Babylon, in order that we might understand what mystery Babylon is, it is up to us to discern her characteristics, or, her daughters. Doctrinally, a daughter is any sect, or church, that teaches another gospel, or foundation, or way to Heaven, other than THE FINISHED work of Christ as Sin Bearer on the Cross.

The Devil is transformed as an angel of light, and uses many subtleties to detract, or turn from salvation by grace, to salvation by works. Self-righteousness is substituted for the righteousness of God, which is by faith. And the power of man, or men's organization is substituted for the power of God. Paul said, "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes."

If you will biblically and prayerfully check up on those who claim to be Gospel preachers, you will be surprised how many are teaching salvation by works, or, self-merit, even in evangelical churches.

It will pay us to give every preacher and teacher the acid-test, with the following word of God: "I am the door, if any man enter by me, the same shall be saved." "I am the way, the truth and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me." "He that climbeth up any other way, the same is a thief and robber." "There is none other name given under heaven, whereby we might be saved." "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Christ Jesus." And to climax the Gospel read Ephesians 2:6-8, "For by grace are you saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not of works, least any man should boast."

Salvation is a personal matter between God and man, and the only way to appropriate it is, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt

be saved" (Acts 16:31). Yes, God's plan of salvation eliminates Babylon and her daughters.

Those who have and hold to the characteristics of Babylon, are her daughters. They have a modified form of government that controls, or lord's it over God's heritage. Many of them teach, that they are "the Church," and that you cannot go to Heaven unless you come under their authority, or jurisdiction. Others do not teach that they are the way to everlasting life, but have a church government that lords it over pastors and laity.

Any ecclesiastical authority over churches has the characteristics of Babylon. Therefore, in that sense is a daughter. "Christ is HEAD of the body, the Church," and He said to the churches of Ephesus, "Thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitanes (subjugation of the laity), which I also hate" (Rev. 2:6).

God's New Testament churches are independent; there is no higher authority than the majority vote of the congregation of Christians.

We must remember in the Apostolic days there were many local churches. Therefore, God wills that saved people constitute a visible church and set one apart as pastor, or, bishop, under the direction of the Holy Spirit. But, God never intended that an overall authority rule the churches. A local church is to have no head other than Christ the Lord.

We have associations for cooperation and coordination, to combine our efforts to carry the Gospel of Jesus Christ to every creature. But these associations have no authority other than an advisory council.

We must guard against, "lording it over God's heritage," both locally and otherwise. We know that in unity there is strength, but that unity must not supercede Christ as Head of the church. And that unity must not supplant the New Testament as our rule of faith and practice.

We hear so much about denominational doctrines: why substitute a denominational name for Christ's doc-

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"MINISTERIAL ATTITUDE"

Mrs. C. T. Adams, Reporter
Durham Churches
North Carolina

The Durham churches will meet at Union Grove, January 28, for the District Meeting. A New Year is here again, but will it be a year of success or free-coasting? Last year our churches did not show as much zeal as they should, and the meetings were not well attended. Some of the churches were careless in sending reports and offerings for missions and orphanage, but these failures should inspire the careless to strive during this new year for greater accomplishments.

Rev. R. P. Harris is the new moderator, and he, being a wide-awake leader, plans to launch new work for the Durham District. He expects the cooperation of every church. In order to accomplish anything for the cause of Christ's Kingdom here, all churches must fall in with his plans.

I have been a member in this District for sixteen years, and I have given much thought as to why our churches have not made as much progress as they should. Pastors and members need to be so consecrated that there would be a complete separation, but the ball games and other worldly amusements are luring the people away from church. Cottage prayer meetings are getting to be a thing of the past. Some preachers now preach that we must not be too religious, and that it is inspiring to go to the ball games, but this is contrary to the Bible and is the spirit of antichrist. Jesus prayed that we might be delivered from the world, for all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and pride of life is not of the Father but is of the world. Then, there are some who slander members of other denominations before their congregation, and this is also the spirit of antichrist. A church goes no further than the pastor.

It is a pity that there is no more manifestation of God's divine revelation among Christians than there is. Instead of yielding to the Spirit

of God for direction, many who profess the great call are given to bigotry rather than the true commission. Joshua, John and the chief priests and scribes were all reproved because they allowed the spirit of bigotry to rule their thoughts. John said, "We saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us; and we forbad him, because he followeth us not." The answer of Jesus was, Mark 9:39, 40, "But Jesus said, Forbid him not; for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can speak evil of me. For he that is not against us is on our part." Joshua said to Moses, when Eldad and Medad were prophesying in the camp, "My Lord Moses, forbid them," but the answer of Moses was as of Christ, and one that Christ would appreciate in all of us today, "and Moses said unto him, Enviest thou for my sake? would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit upon them!" (Numbers 11:29).

It seems that a very important part of ministering is forgotten by many and that there is a lack of love to serve one another. Today there seems to be a competitive spirit among ministers, not that which tends to build up the kingdom, but the feeling that superiority of one's work makes him a better minister than another, not realizing that he which is servant among you shall be great in God's sight. We should have one thought in mind, and that is, "We are workers together with God," for the building of His great kingdom and not for the establishment of our own bigoted system.

I have seen very humble pastors come to churches with much enthusiasm preaching the cross of Christ and complete separation from the world, and I have seen them leave defeated because some other pastor who preached that it was all right to enjoy worldly pleasures, criticized and hurt their influence. So often I wonder why all our preachers do not agree. Surely they must if they are called. I should like to say that when we see these things accomplished by some of the humble followers of Christ, we should be careful as to our criticism, for it is God's work

through the individual. Don't be as the chief priests and scribes in Matt. 21:15, "When the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying Hosanna to the son of David, they were sore displeased. And said unto him, Hearst thou what these say? and Jesus said unto them, Yea; have ye never read out of the mouths of babes and sucklings thou has perfected praise?"

It would pay some of our ministers to become babes in adoration for the great work of Christ in crying and saying, as was said of them in this passage, "Hosanna to the Son of David."

May all of our ministers uphold each other in love. The greater the accomplishments of those of Christ who will dare to stand in the face of a sin-cured world, defying the hordes of hell, the greater joy, for you are members one of another, and the praise of one should affect the joy of the whole body, for you work not for yourselves but for Him who bought all of us with His own life's blood. Your gain is our joy; your victory is our desire.

My desire in this message is to portray to you, the great need for a pure strain of unselfishness among those who claim the divine call to the ministry. Paul the great apostle, in his writings to the Galatians said, "For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another."

Announcement

The First Western District Sunday School Convention will convene fifth Sunday, January 29th with the Wilson N. C. Church instead of Watson's Grove as originally planned.

Thanks,

R. T. Sasser

Remember Cragmont in February



REMEMBER CRAGMONT IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Three Thousand Dollars Sought through Drive in North Carolina

Mrs. N. E. Harris, of Rocky Mount, who successfully led the drive last February for Cragmont Assembly, has been asked by the stockholders committee and the Board of Directors of the Assembly to direct this year's drive during the month of February. \$3,000 has been set as the minimum amount to be sought in the drive. At least this much is needed to meet payment on the indebtedness against the property, to put a new roof on the building and supplement the operating fund.

Letters are going out soon from Mrs. Harris to pastors and clerks of the various churches in North Carolina asking that special offerings be taken in the church services, and through Sunday Schools, Leagues, Woman's Auxiliaries and other organizations of the church during the month toward the goal of this drive. These offerings are to be sent to Mr. Fountain Taylor, Richlands, N. C., who is treasurer of the Assembly.

Those who have been privileged to visit Cragmont and receive the benefits of its summer assemblies, youth camps, etc., recognize the importance of the institution, and what it is des-

tinued to mean to the future of the Free Will Baptist denomination. A greater program than ever is being planned for the summer of 1950. Plans are being worked out to make Cragmont's blessings more accessible to more people than ever before. An investment in Cragmont is an investment in better churches for the future, and richer lives for eternity.

Individual donations in any amount, offerings from all local churches and auxiliary organizations, and appropriations from the funds of January Union Meetings, are earnestly solicited. Remember it goes to Fountain Taylor, Treasurer, Richlands, N. C., who will receipt for all donations and report them through the Free Will Baptist. Make all checks, money orders, etc., payable to Mr. Taylor. Let's keep Mr. Taylor the busiest man in North Carolina during February!

L. E. Ballard,
For the Committee

It is not what men eat but what they digest that makes them strong; not what we gain, but what we save that makes us rich; not what we read, but what we remember that makes us learn; and not what we preach, but what we practice that makes us Christians. These are great but common truths, often forgotten by many of us.
—Lord Bacon.

Any fool can find fault foolishly; but it takes a wise man to find fault wisely.—
Walter Murdoch.

ALABAMA CHILDREN'S HOME CONTINUES TO GROW

We are glad to report that the Alabama Children's Home is still growing in financial support as well as spiritually and the increase of children.

We have been carrying on a little over two years and the interest in every way is still growing. We are planning to install the Gym and playground equipment during the early spring.

We have a fine group of boys and plan to get started in some kind of farming for the Home project.

We also plan to equip the Shop with machinery and get the boys started in wood work. We are proud of the fine interest of our people over Alabama as well as Florida, Georgia and Mississippi. We are receiving fine financial support from the joining states and appreciate it very much.

We have a fine league and S. S. in our churches here and all the children enjoy the church work.

So far we have been fortunate in raising beef and pork to supply the institution. We are proud of the increase in the milk herd as well as two litters of pigs to begin the New Year. The big bus makes it possible for us to make some trips to joining communities and churches which is very enjoyable for all of the children. We only have about ten acres in all the property here at the Home, but we are hoping that we will soon be able to secure some joining land for farming.

Your liberal contributions have made it possible for us to operate in a good way and we urge you to continue to support your Alabama Home in a good way.

W. H. Ryland, Supt.

Once a little boy walked three miles to attend a Sunday School, and when asked why he did not attend the one nearer home, replied: "They make us feel that they love us down here." There is something drawing in the love of God. When one loses the simple love of God out of his heart, he begins to fill up the vacancy with criticism.
—Sent of God.

The Biblical Meaning of Christian Stewardship

R. B. CRAWFORD, GREENVILLE, N. C.

As a member of your National Stewardship Commission I have been asked to write an article to our church papers using the above title.

THE GENERAL IDEA OF STEWARDSHIP

The Bible and history teach the church has always believed in stewardship. A consciousness of stewardship responsibility was born with the race. From the first pages of the old Testament we read: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion." This scripture proclaims the source and scope of man's accountability. "Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife" tells us there is a stewardship of family relations.

Cain and Abel stand before an altar presenting fruits of material progress. Cain killed Abel not because he felt no responsibility to God, but because he was desirous of getting ahead of his brother. Cain asked "Am I my brother's keeper?" The Lord answered, "Thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground." There is that partnership we have with God and with our fellowman that the Lord has set up for our good and happiness.

DEFINITIONAL MEANING

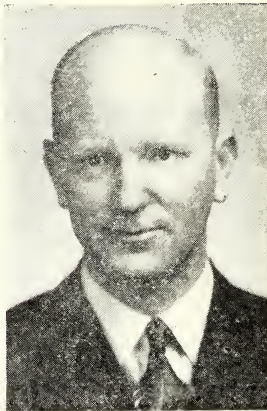
The *steward* is, in fact, a "partner" with his master. He is also a "servant" and "employee," a "manager," "agent," "superintendent," "director," "trustee"; sometimes a "son," but never a "slave." A steward has an honorable station. He is absolutely trusted by his master—trusted with his property, his plans, his reputation; trusted when his master's back is turned; trusted with his interests, safety, and welfare of his fellow servants; trusted to carry on confidential and diplomatic affairs of high importance.

Not only is the steward to keep intact the things entrusted to him but he is to devise and effect the greatest possible enlargement of his master's interests. To be a steward is never a sacrifice but an honor bestowed upon those worthy to receive it. The individual subscribes his hand to stewardship. Man becomes by his acceptance God's chosen steward.

SOME OLD TESTAMENT CONCEPTIONS OF STEWARDSHIP

"And all the tithes of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or fruit of the tree is Jehovah's: it is holy unto Jehovah" (Lev. 27:30). "Which cometh forth from

the field year by year" (Deut. 14:32). (Please read in full the following references: Lev. 27:30-34; Deut. 14:22-29; Numbers 18:20-32; Mal. 3:7-12.) Many other scriptures you will recall. You are well aware that "the silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts" (Hag. 2:8).



Rev. R. B. Crawford

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

The word Christian means relating to Christ, belonging to Christ, or Christlike. Christ makes stewardship Christian. His life is its chart; His teachings are its compass. His mind is final; the ideals and ideas He advanced are ultimate. We have already considered the word steward. Our conclusion then is that Christian stewardship considered the word steward. Our conclusion then is that Christian stewardship is 'the recognition and fulfillment of personal privilege and responsibility for the administration of the whole of life—personality, time, talent, influence, material substance—everything—in accordance with the spirit and ideals of Christ.'

Think carefully of some of the things Jesus had to say concerning stewardship. Matt. 23:23, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you tithe mint and anise and cummin, and have left undone the weightier matters of the law, justice and mercy and faith: but, these ye ought to have done and not to leave the other undone." Luke 11:42—"But woe unto you pharisees, for you tithe mint and rue and every herb and pass over justice and the love of God: but these ye ought to have done and not to leave the other un-

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done." Matt. 5:17 reads as follows: "Think not that I am come to destroy the Law and the prophets: I am not come to destroy but to fulfil." Matt. 5:20—"For I say unto you, that except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and the pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven."

Now look at the words of Paul, who is our great teacher and preacher. Rom. 6:15, "What then? Shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid."

In Luke 18:12, the pharisee was thankful he was not unjust. "I fast twice a

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: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

MRS. BALLARD IN DUKE HOSPITAL

For the information of the friends of Mrs. Gertrude Ballard, of New Bern, North Carolina, we state that Mrs. Ballard is now a patient in Duke Hospital, Durham, N. C., having been moved there from New Bern where she had been confined to the hospital and to her home since early in December with serious illness. She underwent an operation at Duke on the morning of the 12th and was at the time of this writing (Jan. 13) reported resting well, with prospects considered good for an early recovery. She is expected to be able to return home within a week or ten days.

Rev. L. E. Ballard and the family desire that we express thanks to the many friends who have remembered Mrs. Ballard so kindly during her illness. Cards and letters of sympathy have been received from all parts of the country. It is requested that cards or letters for Mrs. Ballard be sent to the home address, 826 Pollock St., New Bern, N. C. rather than to the hospital in Durham, because of the hope of her early return home.

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ENLISTMENT

Christ taught his disciples to be active in the gospel ministry, patient in service, and to look for results from their labors in the way of souls won to the Christian way of life. They were enlisted in the great cause for directing human hearts in the true way of peace and happiness.

As time passed others joined the ranks of the apostles, and the Christian faith moved forward into distant lands. And there is no end to the work and results of the gospel way of life for all races the world over. Enlistment is ever going on in the service of the Lord, and Christianity will always have its power of effectiveness in the world.

But what about the enlistment of new workers, for the year 1950, in our Sunday Schools? Would it not be

helpful if Sunday School officials in the local churches would get busy, and set up plans by which their classes each Sunday might have new pupils joining the Sunday School? Could not most every Sunday School enlist members of the classes to become responsible for inviting those in their neighborhood not in school to begin now and become regular attendants of the Sunday School? Some effective work along this line by interested class leaders will prove successful.

There have been cases in the past in which proper enlistments of extra Sunday School endeavors resulted into marvelous benefits to the Sunday School. This year is a new opportunity for Sunday School leaders to put forth new efforts to reach all the children and young people in their respective communities and bring in a goodly number of the non-Sunday School goers. Christ told his disciples to go out into the highways and bring in those who needed the gospel. It is no less true today that all of the children and the young people should be in the Sunday School.

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LIGHT SHINING IN DARKNESS

No greater light ever shone in any community than the light of the gospel of Christ. No greater cause of truth and good-will ever elevated individuals to a higher plain of living than the true teachings of the Word of God to the people by consecrated men and women of the church. Plans and purposes of civic clubs, with all their uplifting influences for good in any neighborhood, together with the exercise of the common laws of the commonwealth to keep order and lessen crime, never equal the saving grace of the gospel of Christ in any particular locality, when the whole church people come together in one accord, and reach out and cause their true Christian living to be effective upon the entire church and community through their consecration, brotherly love, Christian teachings of the Scriptures, and being true friends to their fellow men. When God's Word takes firm hold on human hearts, they will help to elevate others.

The Biblical Meaning of Christian Stewardship

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week, I give tithes of all that I possess." We can easily see that Jesus was a loyal Jew, a son of a Jewish mother, trained from childhood with diligence to reverence and obey every syllable of the law, that he repeatedly commended those who observed its requirements and declared that not one jot or tittle should pass away from the law until all had been fulfilled.

We know the Bible taught the law of the tithe—and Jesus approved it. Since Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life, we

must practice Christian Stewardship as taught in the Bible and live under grace, keeping our hearts and minds centered upon Jesus who said, "For where your treasure is there will your heart be also" (Matt. 6:21).

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Dear Friends:

In the appeal for help on Superannuation, I wish to make these suggestions:

First, let each auxiliary, beginning the first of this new year, get a small bank for each member of the auxiliary, and

each week let each member drop in the bank a nickel or a dime, or even more if they can do it. Then, in the month of October, when the reports are sent in, the money will be already on hand.

Second, Let each minister contribute a tenth of just one month's salary to Superannuation. Also, if there is an old retired minister in their community, for the pastor to visit him. This would make the retired minister feel much better for having the pastor to visit him.

May all of us think about these things, and then pray much about them.

Mrs. Carrie G. Ringgold,
Bridgeton, N. C.

:- Department of Foreign Missions :-

ATTRACTIVE MISSIONARY POSTERS TO BE DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE CHURCHES

Several hundred nice mission posters have been printed which are to be posted in our churches over the several states. The posters are in two colors and have the picture of a large thermometer, the mercury of which is to be kept raised with a red crayon each month according to the liberality of your respective state toward the cause of missions.

These posters are being placed in the hands of the several state Directors for distribution. If you desire one for your church please get in contact with your State Foreign Mission Director. You will be kept informed the forepart of each month through the denominational papers as to what your state has given the preceding

AN OPEN LETTER CONCERNING THE "PREACHING MISSION IN NORFOLK, VIRGINIA"

I feel impressed to write this open letter concerning the Preaching Mission beginning in Norfolk, Virginia, on Jan 8th, running through the 15th. The literature being distributed throughout the city states that the "Norfolk United Preaching Mission" is "Sponsored by the Norfolk Minister's Association, 10 denominations, 100 Churches." There is nothing in this literature that informs the public that the Federal Council of Churches of America has any part in sponsoring this Preaching Mission, yet the Minister's Association knows that the movement is tied up with the Federal Council of Churches of America.

I am made to wonder why this fact is left out of the literature distributed to the various churches in Norfolk and other cities where the "Preaching Mission" is put on. Is it fair for the pastors to keep their people in the dark concerning the fact that this work is being sponsored by the Federal Council of Churches? It is fairly well known that there are lead-

month and you are to raise the mercury on your church poster accordingly.

We hope every one will give us perfect cooperation in the reception and use of these posters. We are depending greatly upon the State Directors in getting them out into each and every local church. We trust they will not fail us.

Rev. Raymond Riggs had these posters printed in Detroit and they are being mailed out from the Missions Office in Monett, Missouri.

They will be mailed out as soon as the books and financial records are balanced for the past month of December, and the mercury on each poster will be raised as of the standing of your state on December 31.

Winford Davis,
Promotional Secy.-Treas.

ers in the Federal Council of Churches who do not believe the Bible to be "The Word of God," and who do not believe in the Virgin Birth of Christ. Can this be the reason for not letting the churches know that the Federal Council of Churches is helping to sponsor the Preaching Mission being put on in various cities throughout the country?

It is said by some who are supporting the Federal Council of Churches, that "the Federal Council of Churches of America is a bulwark against catholicism completely dominating the religion in America, and that all Christians should join with them in this safe-guarded freedom of religion." Does it make sense that we should join evil in combating evil? God's Word says for us "to come out from among them and touch not the unclean thing." Do we need to call on unbelievers to assist in saving from evil? God is able to take care of Himself and His work, and he scorned the testimony of Satan.

I write this as a Free Will Baptist minister and I write it as a warning to our people, that they may investigate before joining hands in every-

think that is called religion. Try the Spirits and see if they be TRUE.

Yours in Christ,
J. A. Alexander,
2549 Vincent Ave.,
Norfolk, Virginia.

NEW YEAR'S EVE WATCH SERVICE

On the night of New Year's Eve, New Hope F. W. B. Church met in one of the most glorious worship services the church had experienced in a long time.

Brother J. B. Parsons brought the message of the evening, reading a portion of the eighth chapter of Romans and selected his text from the reading: "For as many as are led by the Spirit they are the sons of God." Bro. Parsons stressed the fact of being led by the Spirit of God if we achieve anything as a Christian in power and influence the final thing above all depends on the Spirit we are led by. At the close of the message, every Christian pledged to work toward a deeper prayer life, and a closer walk with God in 1950.

After the message several special numbers in song were rendered. Everyone was greatly blessed in the praise service, when almost every Christian in the church stood praising God for his goodness to them through 1949, and expressing a desire to have a closer walk with God and do more in his service in 1950.

As the old year slipped away and the new year came in, it found the altar filled with Christian people praying for the leadership of God in the New Year in whatever the Lord had for them to do.

The people left the church feeling that indeed the Lord had been with them and that they had received a special blessing from the service.

Mrs. Felix Simpson,
Joelton, Tenn.

No man who is truly ready to take part in a noble quarrel will ever stand long in doubt by whom or in what cause his aid is needed.—Ruskin.

Possession of churchmen by the Almighty Spirit could more than offset obsession of henchmen by alcoholic spirits.

PROGRAM

of the

Albemarle Union Meeting

to be held with

Trinity Church

Saturday, January 28, 1950

MORNING SESSION

- 10:00—Devotions conducted by Mr. Carl S. Heynen
- 10:15—Moderator's address
- 10:20—Reading minutes of last meeting
 - Calling the roll of ministers
 - Calling the roll of churches
- 11:10—Special music by the local church
- 11:15—Offering for orphanage
- 11:20—Sermon by Rev. Bob Woolley
- 12:00—Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Devotions by Asa Harris
- 1:15—Special music
- 1:20—Field Worker's Report
 - Treasurer's report
 - Apportionment Committee's report
 - Miscellaneous Committee's report
 - Petitions for next union
- 3:00—Adjournment
Alice Webster,
Program Committee

PROGRAM

of the

Carteret County Union of Free Will Baptists

convening with

Holly Springs F. W. B. Church

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 1950

THEME: *Complete Stewardship Our Way of Life for 1950*

"Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."—1 Cor. 4:2.

MORNING

- 10:00—Devotional period, by local church, J. R. Bennett, Pastor
 - Song, "Draw Me Nearer"
 - Scripture, Matthew 25:14-30
 - Prayer
 - Song, "My Jesus I Love Thee"
 - Special musical number
- 10:15—Appointment of finance committee
 - Enrollment: Delegates, ministers, visitors
 - Appointment of committees: Resolutions, Temperance, Obituary Digest
- 10:35—Complete Stewardship through the Church as an Organization
Theme of Talk: "A Well Balanced Program of Stewardship for the Local Church," by Mary Belle Lewis, Bettie, N. C.
- 10:45—Recreational period
- 11:00—Congregational song

- Complete Stewardship through the Sunday School, Rev. J. R. Bennett
- 11:20—Devotional and union message by Morehead City Church, J. Albert Harris, Pastor
- 12:00—Luncheon

AFTERNOON

- 1:15—Music and devotional, Russell's Creek Church, Willie Stille, Pastor
- 1:30—Complete Stewardship through the League, Archie Mae West, Morehead City
- 1:40—Report of obituary committee
- 1:45—Special musical number, arranged by Mrs. J. Albert Harris
- 1:50—Complete Stewardship through Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. Mildred Howard of Holly Springs
- 2:00—Report of temperance committee
- 2:05—Complete Stewardship through Individual Application, Garris Gaskill
- 2:15—Report of resolutions and apportionment committees
- 2:25—Report of treasurer
- 2:30—Miscellaneous business including report of digest committee
- 2:40—Spiritual stimulation period led by W. E. Anderson
- 3:00—Adjournment

PROGRAM

OF THE

First Union of the Western Conference of North Carolina

convening with

Watson's Grove Church, Johnston County
January 28, 1950

SATURDAY MORNING

- 10:00—Opening song by congregation
 - Devotions by Rev. W. A. Hansley
 - Welcome address by Mr. Fred H. Watson
 - Response by Mrs. Eddie Flowers
- 10:30—Reading of minutes of last meeting
 - Roll call of ministers, and recognizing visiting ministers
 - Roll call of churches
 - Report of Orphanage by committee and offering
- 11:15—Moderator's message
- 11:30—Union sermon by Rev. J. A. Evans
- 12:00—Business period
- 12:15—Lunch

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:15—Devotion by Rev. Rommie Mitchell
 - Report of Committees
 - Business Period
 - Petitions of the next union
- 3:00—Adjournment

Program Committee:
Mrs. E. G. Holland
Mrs. Luther Kirby

PROGRAM

OF THE

Second Union of Western Conference of North Carolina

This union meeting will meet with Mount Zion Church in Nash County, January 28th, 1950.

MORNING SESSION

- 10:00—Hymn by congregation
 - Devotions by Rev. Herbert Howard
 - Appointment of committees
- 10:30—Welcome address
 - Response by Bro. J. D. Bissette
 - Reading of minutes of last union
 - Roll call of ministers
- 11:00—Union Sermon by Rev. D. Bissette
- 12:00—Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Hymn by congregation
 - Devotions by Rev. T. Renfrow
 - Business period and roll call of churches
- 2:00—Report of all officers and committees
 - Petitions for the next session
- 3:00—Closing song and benediction

Program Committee

Mrs. Luther Bissette

PROGRAM

The Third Union of the Western Conference will meet with the Union Grove Church, Durham County, N. C., January 28, 1950.

MORNING SESSION

- 10:00—Devotions conducted by Rev. L. S. Joyner
 - Welcome address by pastor of the church, Rev. E. B. Williams
 - Moderator's message by Rev. R. P. Harris
 - Reading of minutes
 - Roll call of ministers
 - Appointment of committees
 - Intermission
 - Solo "Moment by Moment," Rev. R. P. Harris
 - A message to the churches, "Storms" by Rev. Floyd Cherry
- 12:00—Dinner

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Congregational singing
 - Devotions by Betty Lou Bizzell
 - Committees' Reports
 - Report of churches
 - Business period
- 3:00—Closing remarks and benediction by the moderator, Rev. R. P. Harris

Mrs. C. T. Adams,
Committee

AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT

Alice E. Lupton, Editor
801 Pullock Street
New Bern, N. C.

FOURTH UNION AUXILIARY

The Fourth Union Meeting Auxiliary of the Central Conference of North Carolina will meet with Daniel's Chapel on Sunday, January 29, 1950. Program as follows:

MORNING SESSION

- 10:00—Sunday School
11:00—Devotions by Mr. Vernon Sullivan
11:15—Welcome address by Mrs. Selby Tomlinson
—Response by Rev. P. C. Wiggs
11:30—Music by local church
11:40—Sermon by Rev. J. D. Vernelson
12:15—Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:15—Devotions by Rev. N. D. Beaman
1:30—Special music by local church
1:45—Business
2:30—Local church program and benediction

Rev. T. P. Ellis,
Mrs. J. C. Cobb,
Mr. James T. Thorne

MT. ZION AUXILIARY REPORT

Mount Zion Woman's auxiliary held its monthly meeting in the home of Mrs. James Crocker, Friday evening at 7:00 P. M. The program began with a song, and Mrs. Argo Brewer read the scripture lesson and led in a word of prayer. The program topic was: "Giving Christ Preeminence at Christmas." It was conducted by Mrs. Ressie Johnson.

Following the program, the roll was called with ten members present for this meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. An offering of \$2.15 was taken. The meeting closed with a song and prayer.

Mrs. Henry L. Johnson

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

This is to notify all my correspondents that my address is no longer Durham, North Carolina. My new address is 1680 Nekoma Street, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia.

Ralph Lightsey

Prosperity can be only for the free; that Freedom is the sure possession of those alone who have courage to defend it.—*Theydides.*

THE COMMON CHRISTIAN

They're not in society and may have no family tree,
But the likeness and lowliness of Jesus is seen plainly by you and me.

They may have no fine furs or cars, no clothes too fit to see,
But you can see that precious heart shining right through those rags of humility.

Don't turn your nose up, Christian, when our poor come to church.

Just greet them from the heart and move over without a shirk.

And if the faded garments, neat, clean as can be, seem to sting your heart till the tears come,

Just remember there's more where yours come from.

We don't have to go to China to do a great big deed,

For right around your corner, there may be a friend in need.

Let's not be self-centered or from the Lord draw away,

For there are many even at our door who need our help today.

—Written by Mrs. J. W. Arnold
805 Wine St.
Gainesville, Texas

GEORGIA NEWS

Dear Baptist Readers:

Since this is the first time there has been anything in the Baptist from Patmos Church, Baker county, we would like to tell a few facts concerning our work by way of introduction.

Patmos Church was established in 1882. The Griffins of this community had a major part in this establishment. This family of today are serving the Lord just as faithfully as did their ancestors.

We have 175 members on our roll, but only a small number of active members, owing to the fact that so many have moved away.

Rev. Carlton Houston served us last year as pastor. He is also our pastor for this year. He does not live in our community and preached only once a month last year. However beginning last November he is preaching twice a month for this year. Bro. Houston has certainly served us well the past year, and we are looking forward to a greater service this year.

We have a very wide awake Sunday School here at Patmos, and I think one of the best Leagues in this part of Georgia. I have never seen a group of young people more earnest in their efforts to serve the Lord. I think some of this can be attributed to the State Bible encampment, since

so many of our young people went to camp and found the Lord while there, and returning home ready for service. There is much I wish to say about our Bible encampment but will wait and write about that later.

On October 13 last our church made history, for on that day Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Harvey joined with us. Since the establishment of our church he was the first preacher to hold membership with it. It was indeed an honor and pleasure to welcome them in our midst, for more devoted, wholehearted Christians I have yet to see.

Bro. and Sister Harvey have worked earnestly and faithfully for our state camp. They have given of their means and service so freely, never failing to boost our encampment wherever they go. I know that they will prove a great blessing to our church.

I would like also to say we have a very active Woman's Auxiliary here at Patmos. We have accomplished much in the past year, in which we feel the Lord is well pleased.

We want all the praying people to pray for us that we might keep on keeping on in this great fight for God and right.

Mrs. C. C. Sheffield

PROGRAM

OF THE

Cape Fear Union

TO BE HELD AT

Hopewell

January 28, 1950

MORNING SESSION

- 10:00—Devotions conducted by Rev. J. W. Stanley
10:15—Roll call of officers and ministers, reading of minutes
10:30—Church enrollment and reports
11:00—Intermission
11:05—Song Service
11:20—Union Sermon by Rev. G. C. Joyner

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Devotions by Rev. W. D. Lassiter
1:30—Sunday School report
2:00—Mission report, followed by reports of Finance and Allocation Committee, Program Committee and report of Treasurer
2:30—Special music by local church
2:45—Miscellaneous business
3:30—Adjournment

H. T. HINSON,
L. J. CARLYLE

The Great Gardener

Reg. McClelland

I know of a wonderful Gardener,
The Owner of two estates;
The one is yonder in Heaven
Beyond the pearly gates.

Its roses, daisies, and lilies
Are perfect in fragrance and bloom;
They never are blighted with sadness,
Sorrow, temptation or gloom.

They live in the sunlight of glory,
And gaze on the Gardener't sweet face.
They sing the blessed old story,
Redeemed by His wonderful grace.

The other is still in the making,
Where briars and thistles appear;
And hearts are burdened and breaking,
But the Heavenly Gardener is near.

He tenderly shelters His roses
From chill or heat too severe,
And when the testing exposes,
He's watching so precisely near.

He knoweth the frame of each flower—
How tender, weak and how frail.
He never forgets for one hour;
His watchfulness never will fail.

Those plants in the Heavenly Garden,
All had their beginning down here,
But now they are blooming in Glory—
Removed from all danger or fear.

But, oh, the pain the transplanting
Did cause the ones who remain!
But soon in the Garden of Glory,
They'll all be united again.

This moment of suffering and sorrow,
Can never, no, never, compare
With God's eternal to-morrow,
In the Heavenly Garden up there.

The Preacher's Wife!

There is one person in your Church
Who knows your preacher's life;
Who wept and smiled and prayed with him,
And that's your preacher's wife.

The crowd has seen him in his strength,
When wielding God's sharp sword,
As underneath God's banner folds
He faced the devil's horde.

But deep within her heart she knows
That scarce an hour before
She helped him pray the glory down
Behind the closet door.

She's heard him groaning in his soul,
When bitter raged the strife,
As, hand in his, she knelt with him—
For she's the preacher's wife!

You tell your tales of prophets brave
Who marched across the world
And changed the course of history
By burning words they hurled.

And I will tell how back of each
Some woman lived her life,
Who wept with him and smiled with him—
She was the preacher's wife.

—Author unknown.

PROGRAM

The Albemarle District Sunday School
Convention will meet with Trinity Church
at Pungo, N. C., in Beaufort County, Janu-
ary 29, 1950.

MORNING SERVICE

- 10:00—Song service and devotion conduct-
ed by A. J. Newberry
- 10:15—President's message
- 10:25—Enrollment of ministers
—Recognizing visiting ministers
- 10:40—Reading the minutes of last con-
vention
—Calling the roll of Sunday Schools
—Reading of reports by the reading
clerk
—Offering taken for the Orphanage
- 11:00—Graduation — Teachers Training
Class, Rev. L. R. Ennis in charge
- 12:00—Lunch hour

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Devotions conducted by Mr. Carl
Heynan
- 1:15—Special music by the local church
- 1:25—Business period
—Report of special committees
—Treasurer's report
- 2:30—Adjournment

By the Committee

TESTIMONIALS

I want to say that I do read and enjoy
my copy of the Free Will Baptist paper
which is printed at Ayden. I get a lot of
pleasure from reading it each week. I
cannot write but I do enjoy reading the
articles that the other people send in from
time to time.—*Mary Smith.*

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It does seem that more of our church
people would subscribe to the Baptist pa-
per. My whole family like to read it. The
children especially enjoy reading the story
in the Boys and Girls Corner.—*Mrs. Joe
Carmiele.*

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Editor, why don't you ask more people to
send in more good leading articles for
your paper? Our family wants more ori-
ginal sermons from our preachers. They
are not writing as they should I think to
our church papers.—*Mrs. Caroline Fergu-
son.*

MY HEAVENLY HOME

BY DORIS GILLIKIN
Beaufort, N. C.

I've dreamed of a home high on a hill
Where all is perfect, quiet, and still;
There the sun never ceases to shine,
And life is all bliss, for happiness is mine.

I see dear faces who have gone on before,
I know they're waiting to open the door.
I hear the angels singing their wonderful
praise

While I'm yearning His face to behold.

There'll be no pain, nor sorrow up there
No troubles or burdens I'll have to bear.
I'll my soul rest at His dear feet,
As I shall feed on His love so sweet.

So long I've dreamed of that beautiful
home,
Never more shall I want to roam.
Lead me dear Lord to your home above
That I may ever live in your heavenly love.

N-O-T-I-C-E

In mailing in your money for foreign
missions you will please address your let-
ter, or envelope, to Missions Office, 211
Bend St. (or Box 377), Monett, Missouri;
either way will be all right. However in
making out your check or money order you
may make them out in my own personal
name as it makes them easier for me to
sign over, but the address on the outside
of the envelope should be as stated above.
Of course, if the envelope is addressed to
my personal name I will get it, but it will
come out on the route first, otherwise it
will go direct to the office, which is much
better and makes less trouble here. My
personal address is Rt. 1, Monett, Mo. The
office address as stated above.

WINFORD DAVIS, *Treasurer*

MY TESTIMONY

The Lord has been so wonderfully good
to me that I want to say that I have been
in the good old way something like 56
years. The blessings have been so won-
derful in spiritual and temporal things,
and of late the presence of the Lord has
been so real that I wish to exclaim as did
the Psalmist: "Bless the Lord, O my soul;
and all that is within me, bless his holy
name. Bless the Lord, O my soul and for-
get not all his benefits."

I have often wondered if the majority
of the people give much thought of the
question: "Where shall I be when the
trumpet shall sound so loud as to wake up
the dead?" That is something everyone
should be thinking about very seriously.

Mrs. Mary Rouse,
Dudley, N. C.



THE FIRST CHRISTIAN MARTYR

(Lesson for January 22)

Lesson: Acts 6:1-15; 7:54-60.

I. GOLDEN TEXT ILLUMINATED

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).

Of necessity, the blessings of God in salvation are all conferred freely, and since a gift cannot be earned, the promises of grace are largely unconditional. Since by grace we are saved, and that not of ourselves, but a gift from God, the Christian occupies an enviable position as far as his eternal welfare is concerned.

But when we enter the realm of rewards we are on entirely different grounds. Prizes are offered for the successful athlete in open competition, and pay is held out to the faithful employee. In like manner God offers inducements to obedience and promises compensation for services rendered, and we find no confusion or Scriptural contradiction between these two phases of revelation if we are careful to keep the context of each verse clearly in mind and do not confuse salvation and service.

The New Testament is replete with such encouragement. Jesus told a parable of a man who hired laborers and paid them for their services. Paul wrote a graphic account of the Christian race in the arena of life and described the reward for successful competition, and Peter told of the crown the Good Shepherd would confer at His Appearing. From start to finish the Christian life offers a challenge to the courageous and a crown to the victorious, but all of this follows the fact of salvation and is limited to those who have been saved by faith alone. The work of redemption was completely consummated by Christ on the Cross—the task of making salvation known to the lost has been reserved in each generation to

the people of that period of time.—
Selected

HEART OF THE LESSON

And Stephen, full of faith and power, verse 8. Stephen was "the first great Christian ecclesiastic," the chief of the Church of Jerusalem. He is called "the Archdeacon" in the eastern Church. He was the first Christian martyr. We learn from Acts 6:5b that he was "a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost."

He performed great wonders and miracles which attracted the attention of the people because he was full of power, of the Divine energy by which he was enabled to do those things. He enjoyed the unction of the Divine Spirit, and received great favor from the Lord. He was filled with great zeal and boldness to proclaim the great truths of the Word of God.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

Suborned men * * stirred up the people * * set up false witnesses (Acts 6:11-13). The enemies were at their end. They were forced to resort to unfair methods to stop this trouble maker. Their little game had been rudely upset. They had been "playing church" for many, many years and had profited by it in money and power. Stephen had got the people's minds down to vital matters, to consider eternal things in good faith and dead earnest. They, like rats in a trap, would resort to anything to save their skins. People were flocking by the thousands Godward and a great number of the priests were obedient to the faith (vs. 7). It looked like annihilation to the Jewish religionists.—Selected.

He kneeled, cried, fell asleep. How like the spirit of the Master as He died hanging upon the cross! Stephen prayed, as it were, that his enemies might be spared the condemnation brought on by the sin which they were then committing, and be given another chance to know the Christ as their own Saviour and Lord. His last prayer was not for himself, but for his enemies. What a wonderful example of Christian courage and fortitude, and fervent love for lost men.—Senior Quarterly (F.W.B.)

III. THE LESSON ILLUSTRATED

A Heroic Girl

"Me no Mohammedan, me Christian," said a little Armenian girl to approaching turks in the days of the first World War. She well knew how they would be likely to treat a Christian. Greatly angered, they threatened to starve her, then said they would throw her to the dogs, but she repeated the same words. They carried out their threat and threw her over the wall to the savage dogs. The next morning they were amazed to see the little girl lying with her head on one of the dogs. Awakened by their coming she looked up and said sleepily, "Me no Mohammedan, me Christian." The superstitious Turks sold her, and she was sent to a Christian orphanage.—D. M. Stearns.

Martyrs of Communism

We have been listening, in the conference of Youth for Christ, International, held in Winona Lake in July 1948, to two address by "Bob Pierce," who had just returned from China. In both addresses he told of terrible persecutions and murders by the communist of North China when they gained control of a city. In one place they seized some Christians who acknowledged their faith and refused to recant. Then they proceeded to execute them after the pattern of the execution of Christ their Master. However, instead of crucifying them on wooden crosses, they placed them flat on the ground with their arms outstretched, under a burning sun, and fastened them to the ground by driving sharp wooden stakes through their hands and their feet. There they were left impaled for two days until their agonies were ended by death. Truly in some parts of the world genuine heroism is required on the part of faithful Christians yet.—Arnold's Commentary for 1950.

The task of the church is to build character in the individual; the duty of the state is to provide a favorable environment for this task.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

MRS. CONNIE WILDER, SR.

On Tuesday, March 13, 1949, when the sun was sinking low, God saw fit to call the soul of our dear neighbor, Mrs. Harriet Corbett Wilder, out of this world of suffering into a home of rest. She was the daughter of Mary O'Neal and Joshua Corbett. If she had lived till March 29 she would have been 66 years old. She had been in declining health for a number of years. She was critically ill the last week she was with us.

When she was a young girl she gave her heart to God. She had been a member of Friendship F. W. B. Church in Johnston county for many years. She enjoyed being in the service of the Master. She attended church and Sunday School whenever possible. Her greatest pleasure was in rendering service unto others. She was indeed a true and devoted wife, a patient and loving mother, and a kind friend to everyone. We do miss her very much but we know that God's will is best and we feel that she has gone to her heavenly rest which she tried faithfully to attain.

The funeral services were conducted at the church on Thursday afternoon at 3:00, by Rev. Walter Williams and the Rev. M. E. Godwin a former pastor. She was laid to rest in Friendship cemetery. The large crowd of relatives and friends present and the numerous beautiful flowers that she had, attested the high esteem in which the deceased was held.

The survivors are her husband, Connie Wilder, Sr., and seven daughters, Mrs. Elmer Godwin, Mrs. Clarence Allen, Mrs. Gerrie Fulgum of Middlesex, Route 1, Mrs. Lester Minton of Durham, Mrs. Theibert Creech of Zebulon, Route 1, Mrs. Lester Williamson of Hamlet, N. C., Mrs. Howard Franklin of Wilmington, one son, Connie Wilder, Jr., of Middlesex, Route 1. There are 25 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, one brother, Mr. Joseph Corbett, one sister, Mrs. Lucy Driver, both of Zebulon, Route 1. Three half-brothers, Mr. Balard Hocutt of Selma, Route 1, Mr. Thad Hocutt of Kinston, Mr. Add Hocutt of Zebulon, Route 1.

There is an open gate at the end of the road,
Through which each must go alone.

There is a light we cannot see

Our Father claims his own.

—Written by a friend,
Mrs. Mary Ella Narron

MRS. DORCAS MEEKINS

Mrs. Dorcas Meekins fell asleep in Jesus on Sunday night, November 20, 1949. She was born in Gum Neck community in Tyrrell County, North Carolina, on January 24, 1879, making her stay on earth 70 years, 9 months, and 26 days. She had been in ill health for two years.

For many years she had been a true and loyal member of the Free Will Baptist church. The Woman's auxiliary of the church has lost one of its most worthy members, and in our hearts will live the memory of her faithfulness as a neighbor and friend. To know her was to love her.

The funeral services were conducted in the church by her pastor, Rev. J. W. Alfred, assisted by the Methodist minister of Columbia, North Carolina. Her body was laid to rest in the church yard under a most beautiful mound of flowers, expressive of the esteem in which she was held by her loved ones and friends.

The survivors include seven children, one sister, two brothers, and a host of grandchildren. Her delight was in keeping God's law, and her profession expressed her deep concern for the love of God.

How patient in her suffering,
When no hand could give her ease;
God the helper of the helpless
Saw the pain and gave her ease.

Not dead but passed beyond
The mist that binds us here;
Into a newer, larger life
Of that unclouded sphere.

A happy union was once enjoyed
How dear that memory still;
But now we only see a vacant chair
That no one else can fill.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. C. L. Parrisher
Mrs. J. J. Everton

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, God in his infinite wisdom saw fit to enter the home of Brother John H. Watson on June 3, 1949, and took him to his heavenly home:

The members of Kenly Free Will Baptist Church realize their loss, and beg to submit the following resolutions:

First, That though we are saddened by the passing of a faithful member, and a life-long deacon, we bow in humble submission to the will of our heavenly Father, who doeth all things well;

Second, That we extend to his wife and children our heartfelt sympathy and point them to our God for consolation, and comfort in their bereavement; and

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his family, a copy to the Free Will Baptist paper for publication, and a copy to be for the minutes of the church.

Mrs. Eddie Flowers,
Mrs. H. J. Watson,
Mrs. Bernard Ferrell,
Committee

MISS FLORENCE ANN REBECA BOYKIN

Aunt "Flou" passed on to her eternal reward on December 21, 1949, at 6:35 A. M. She had been in ill health for the past two years, and was critically ill for the last two weeks she was with us. She was 84 years, 11 months, and 8 days old at the time of her death.

"Aunt Flou," as every one called her, came from a large family. There were several brothers and sisters who had all passed on several years ago. She was a spinster, and there were three spinster sisters who were much devoted to each other. The four sisters were buried in a row in Mt. Zion burial ground.

All who knew Aunt Flou loved her, and our memories of her will live on for a long time. She was a charter member, and the eldest one in Mt. Zion F. W. B. Church in Wilson County. She was a loyal worker for the cause of Christ.

Her face was plain, her words were, too,
But in her heart her love was true.

God took her away from earthly pain,
The loved ones' loss is heaven's gain.

God bless memories she left behind,
The patience shown, and deeds so kind.

Her loved ones, we humbly pray,
Will meet Aunt Flou on Judgment Day.

—Written by Mrs. R. R. Johnson

JAMES HARDY WATSON

Whereas, on September 12, 1949, God saw fit to take James Hardy Watson out of this life into the life everlasting:

The members of Kenly Free Will Baptist Church will miss him, but we beg to submit the following resolutions of respect:

First, That though our loss be his gain, we bow in humble submission to our heavenly Father who doeth all things well;

Second, That we extend to his family our sympathy and point them to him who gives comfort and consolation to them in their bereavement; and

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his family, a copy be sent to the Baptist paper for publication, and a copy be for the minutes of our church.

Mrs. Eddie Flowers,
Mrs. H. J. Watson,
Mrs. Bernard Ferrell

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

THE LOST WATCH

MABEL P. SMITH

Merle Evans' wrist watch which his Uncle Phil had sent him on his thirteenth birthday, had excited the envy of all his boy friends.

"It is real silver, too," he told them proudly, "and see, it has my initials."

Thad Hurley's fine Christmas pocket-knife was the next most prized of any of the boys' possessions.

Merle and Thad were chums and so they sometimes exchanged their watch and knife for a few days, causing other boys some jealous feeling.

Merle had not long before persuaded Thad to come to his Sunday School class; and he had been won to Mrs. Miller, the teacher, by her sweet, kindly manner, and her interesting talks.

So Mrs. Evans did not fear that Thad would have a bad influence over Merle, even though Thad's parents did not have a good name in the community.

Besides, Merle was a year older, and Thad really sort of looked up to him. Yet he was about as easily influenced for evil as for good.

All had gone well between them until early one evening, as they, with eight other boys, were coming home from a day of picnicking in Shane's Woods. They had to pass the Miller apple orchard, in which there was one peach tree, and it was not far from the fence.

It was bright moonlight and the boys could see some of the largest peaches hanging on the lower branches—a real temptation to most boys.

"Come on, fellows," said Hal French, "let's help ourselves; there's lots of them and they won't even be missed." But if ten boys gathered all they wanted, Merle knew they would be missed, and he spoke up: "That would be stealing, and you know it. And besides it would be mean as dirt from a woman like Mrs. Miller, who is so good to everybody."

"Oh, yes," sneered Hal, "just hear the preacher. Sissy loves his Sunday School teacher—and he's such a nice little angel boy he wouldn't do anything but sing and pray!"

At this all the other boys laughed—even Thad was afraid not to.

Merle's face burned, but he said nothing, only started on.

"Oh, come on, Merle," said Thad; "what's the use of being so strict? We'll pick only a few. I'm going to get one anyway."

Merle took hold of his arm. "If you're

bound to go and be a thief with the rest of them. I can't stop you—but you know you are only doing it so the boys won't poke fun at you. You're just a coward, that's all."

Thad started to go on with Merle, then one of the boys called out, "'Fraid cats! 'fraid you'll get caught—but we're not."

Thad weakened at that. "I'm no more afraid than you fellows are. I'll show you that." He broke away from Merle and ran over the fence.

Then Hal called to Merle. "We'll wait till you get out of sight, so you can't tell anyone you saw us."

Merle went on home feeling blue because Thad had been led off so easily, and because his beloved teacher was to be robbed of her best peaches. But he made up his mind that he would not tell on the boys, especially not on Thad, his chum.

Strange to say, nothing was ever heard about the robbing of the peach tree, even though when Merle passed by the orchard next morning he saw that only a few peaches were left on the tree.

Thad kept away from him a couple of days. Then Merle went over to get back his watch which he had let Thad wear on the day of the outing, while he had the use of Thad's knife.

When he asked Thad for the watch Thad's face got very red, and he almost choked when he tried to speak. But at last he blurted out, "I guess you'll want to do something dreadful to me, but I lost it at the outing, or on the way home. I went down there yesterday and looked everywhere and all the way going and coming, but couldn't find it." Then Thad broke down and cried, and Merle felt like doing the same.

"But didn't you have it fastened on tight?" asked Merle. "I thought I did," sobbed Thad. "I'll work and pay for the watch if I ever can, Merle."

Merle went home with a heavy heart—what would Uncle Phil say if he found out that the watch was lost?

At the Sunday School class the next Sunday Merle wondered why Mrs. Miller looked at him, especially so often and looked so sad. She did not say anything about the peaches, and besides she surely could never think that he had stolen them.

At the same time Mrs. Miller wondered how Merle could look so honest and frank, and show such a real interest in the lesson, when such an unhappy secret was in her heart, which she would not tell anyone.

And Merle would have been surprised had he known how often his beloved teacher had prayed for him that week, as well as for other boys whom she did not know.

Thad was not at the class that morning, and Merle knew why; but he did not know how miserable and wretched Thad's conscience was making him feel those days. Before the next Sunday Merle had fully forgiven Thad, and obtained his promise that he would come back to the class.

"She doesn't know you had any hand in that stealing, Thad," Merle told him, "and if you keep staying away she will be thinking you did have."

So Thad was in the class that morning, feeling like just what he was—a thief. But Mrs. Miller treated him just as nicely as ever; so he felt sure she had not guessed.

When the boys left the church Merle said, "Thad, if I were you, I'd go to our teacher and tell her what you did. You needn't say who the other fellows were—just fess up your own guilt. If you don't I'll always think you are a big coward, and a hypocrite besides."

Well, Thad did not sleep that night, and the next morning he managed to get up some courage—he just would not keep on being a coward, he told himself. Merle was not, even before all the fellows.

Mrs. Miller made it so pleasant for him that she made it easier for him to tell her what he had done.

She put her arm about him and said tenderly, "Thad, my boy, I am so thankful that you were brave enough to do this. I know how hard a thing it was for you to do, but now you will be stronger to refuse to do wrong another time." And she forgave him freely.

Then she said, "I only wish another boy in my class would have the courage to do as you have done. I won't say who he is but I have proof that he also is guilty."

"Why, Teacher!" exclaimed Thad, surprised, "none of the other boys in the class were in that bunch."

Mrs. Miller looked at him wondering. "But, Thad, I have real proof of it. I can't understand."

"Honest and true, Teacher, I know there wasn't."

"Then, Thad, let me ask you a question. Has Merle lost his wrist watch? He didn't have it on his wrist last Sunday."

"Oh, no! no!" cried Thad, all excited. "Merle didn't, but I did. I was wearing it that day, and he tried so hard to keep me from going to your orchard with the boys, too."

Mrs. Miller bowed her head and put her hands over her face, for a moment. Then looking at Thad through tears, she exclaimed, "To think that I have been so misjudging dear, honest Merle, the best boy in my class! Oh, how thankful I am that I was kept from telling anyone about it! For I found the watch under my peach tree."

"And just think of Merle's being blamed for something mean that I did," added Thad, his voice trembling and tears in his eyes.

"Yes, Thad. It's pretty hard for anyone to do wrong without causing some innocent person to suffer. How careful we should be to do right! And now let us just ask God to forgive us both, and we will ask this unhappy secret to ourselves, and never let Merle know how he has been misjudged."

She then went to her desk to get the watch and handed it to Thad. "Just give it to him, but don't tell him where it was found."

As Thad went down the road, the whole world seemed brighter, and he thought he had never heard the birds sing so happily, for his heart was in tune with theirs.

Merle was overjoyed to get back his watch. "Where was it?" he asked.

"Oh, between here and the lake," said Thad with a queer smile. "And say, Merle, I've seen Teacher too, and she was so kind and nice to me. She's pretty near an angel, I say. I told her there weren't any other boys of our Sunday School class in that bunch of thieves. So you needn't think she believes you had any hand in it."

"And I tell you what, Merle, after this I'm going to do the same as you do, even if the whole town tries to get me not to, for you never get into trouble like those other boys do. You stand for the right every time."

"All right," said Merle, throwing his arm over Thad's shoulder, "I hope you will, as long as I do what mother and teacher and the Bible tell me to."—*Young People's Guide*.

"MYSTERY, BABYLON"

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trine? why not say, the doctrine of Christ, as believed and taught by our church? And then be sure our church teaches the doctrine of Christ.

According to Scripture, we believe in the universal Church of Christ. And that Christ's vicarious atonement as sin bearer is the only way into the body, or Church of Christ. And that every born-again person, regardless of race or denomination, is built by Christ into this Holy Temple, or household of God, for the habitation of God through the Spirit. And that Christ is the head, or, chief-corner stone, and high-priest over the household of faith.

According to Scripture, we have no authority to deny any one baptism, or, the Lord's supper, because they do not join our church. Also, that God calls and ordains his ministers, and we cannot bar them from preaching the gospel and administering

its ordinances, because we have not ordained them. But, if they are preaching false doctrine, whether members of our church or not, we are commanded what to do: "If any man come unto you bringing not this doctrine (doctrine of Christ), receive him not into your house, neither bid him God-speed; for if you bid him God-speed you are partakers of his deed."

Our ordination Certificate recognizes the authority of the local church, by stating the following: This Certificate of Ordination shall be in full force and effect for life, or during the maintenance of sound doctrine and good moral character. It shall be subject to recall, or annulment, by a council of three ordained ministers, called by the church to which he belongs, and upon official demand by said church, he is hereby placed under solemn promise to deliver this certificate."

We should be careful not to overstep the independence of the church, by taking actions without the authority of the majority vote of the church.

Remember, the preacher is subject to the church of which he is a member, and there is no New Testament higher than the church. The last step Christ gave in dealing with any one is, "Tell it to the church."

A church joins the associations of their own free-will, and if any of these cooperative bodies take an overall authority, or deny the fundamental doctrines of Christ, the church cannot remain true to Christ as head of the church and remain a member.

The Devil works with all subtilty to supplant Christ as head of the churches, and as all-sufficient-Saviour. And if we are not alert and guard the truth with all diligence, we will gradually be overcome and become a daughter of Babylon. Christ said, "Except you repent, I will remove the candlestick."

When a church, preacher, or member, fails to obey Christ for fear that it will hurt their standing with an ecclesiastical authority, they grievously sin. For an example, a Gospel preacher was told by a "click" that if he did not change his preaching, that the Minister's Conference would

close all doors, and expose him in the denominational paper. The preacher prayed, "Oh, Lord, you called me into the ministry, and inspired my sermons; I will obey you rather than men, and if you do not open doors for me I will go down." Did he go down? No, more doors have opened than he can enter. And God has saved more souls through his ministry than all the preachers that wanted to usurp authority over him.

"Earnestly contend for the faith, once for all delivered to the saints."

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to say that I am no longer affiliated with Free Union F. W. B. Church, Beaufort County, North Carolina. Anyone desiring to contact said church, may do so by writing the church clerk, Brother J. T. Keech, Pinetown, N. C.

Yours in the service of Christ,

F. H. Woolard

BOOK REVIEW

"The Gospel of the King"

We have just read F. B. Meyer's book, "The Gospel of the King." For ministers, Sunday School workers, young people, and women's auxiliary workers in the church, it is interesting, instructive, and contains great spiritual values. Each chapter is short and can be read in twenty minutes. The book can be read with great profit in a short time.

The price, \$1.50; the publisher, Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Michigan. Order either from the F. W. B. Press, Ayden, N. C., or direct from the publisher.

"That Men May Live"

By Walter D. Kallenback, Ph.D., Th.D.

The author of this book has portrayed in seven messages the significance of the Cross. Each message treats a definite theme of vital interest to ministers and other Christian workers. A study of these messages on the Cross, between the present and Easter, will greatly benefit, and prepare the hearts of the readers for the Easter season.

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TREASURER'S REPORT OF RECEIPTS

December, 1949

Note: Receipts have been mailed to each individual, auxiliary, or person contributing but totals here are shown for all amounts from each church, regardless of organization from which it came for the period covered. Our books and files are open at all times for inspection or checking for any particular receipt. Receipts reaching our office later than Saturday, 31 December will appear in the January 1950 report.

GENERAL FUND

Western

Union Grove, Wayne County	\$ 89.20
St. Mary's	87.33
Kenly	103.06
East Durham	7.00
Marsh Swamp	19.80
Friendship	41.45
Orphanage Memorial Chapel	4.48
Pleasant Grove	291.59
Micro	135.60
Pine Level	30.00
Little Rock	67.56
Shady Grove	5.00
Edgemont	35.00
West Hillsboro	6.35
Everett's Chapel	40.16
Total	\$ 963.58

Piedmont

Stamley	\$ 5.00
Ben Avenue	11.25
Mt. Beulah	10.00
Total	\$ 26.25

Jack's Creek

North Bend	\$ 7.25
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Eastern

Trent	\$ 15.00
Rooty Branch	17.41
Bethel	53.45
Sandy Plain	3.00
Smith's New Home	49.20
Christian Chapel	60.00
Spring Hope	6.51
Macedonia	157.65
Mt. Zion, Onslow County	2.00
Jacksonville	13.00
Snow Hill	10.00
Warden's Grove	10.00
Whaley's Chapel	6.00
Davis	18.50
Sts. Delight	50.83
Ruth's Chapel	22.58
Roe	3.00
Friendship	23.32
Sarecta	10.00
Oriental	4.02
Core Creek	242.86
Beulaville	11.37
Sneads Ferry	3.89
Kinston	37.00
Gethsemane	10.00
St. Mary's	22.66
Wintergreen	1.00
Dublin Grove	13.63
Union Chapel	28.75
Folkstone	6.00
Total	\$ 912.63

Central

Daniel's Chapel	\$ 64.05
Sts. Delight	1.00
La Grange	33.16
Hull Road	15.00
Free Union, Greene County	10.00
Owen's Chapel	37.71

Spring Branch	5.00
Greenville	49.72
Winterville	13.00
Shiloh	25.00
Howell Swamp	40.48
Saratoga	60.00
Bethany	7.56
Rose Hill	9.25
Gum Swamp	6.04
Aspin Grove	12.00
Marlboro	2.63
Total	\$391.60

French Broad

Horney Heights	\$ 5.00
Hazelgreen	18.00
Beaverdam	13.00
Shoal Hill	10.00
Avery's Creek	4.70
Cedar Hill	15.75
Total	\$ 66.45

Cape Fear

Riverside	\$ 17.50
Bethel, Johnston County	6.00
St. Paul	10.00
Bethel, Lenoir County	5.00
Hopewell	3.50
Raleigh	25.00
Smithfield	4.70
Tee's Chapel	10.00
Goldsboro	21.00
Robert's Grove	5.00
Lee's Chapel	4.16
Powhatan	5.00
Yelverton's Grove	1.92
Total	\$ 118.78

Albemarle

Free Will Baptist Mission, Washington, N. C.	\$ 34.61
Gum Neck	20.00
Fairmount Park	18.00
Free Union, Beaufort County	5.00
Piney Grove, Beaufort County	8.49
Total	\$ 86.10

Miscellaneous

Parents & Relatives of children	\$ 284.80
Refunds	14.33
Young People's Friend Sub.	1.00
Cash sales, farm, dairy, etc.	15.63
Mr. & Mrs. Claude C. Wheeler, Jr.	10.00
J. H. Harper	10.00
Mrs. Ashton Smith	2.00
Roger A. Smith	25.00
Carolina Power & Light Co.	5.00
Carolina Builders Supply Co.	25.00
S. W. Richardson	25.00
Linville's Inc.	10.00
F. W. B. Tent, Hamlet, N. C.	10.00
Lewis Motor Company	25.00
J. W. Vandiford	2.00
Moss & Company	5.00
Leon Griffin	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Coley	100.00
Wilson Flooring Company	2.00
M. B. Steinberg, Inc.	5.00
S. F. High, Jr.	25.00
David C. Vick	5.00
G. W. Bailey	20.00
G. J. Cutler	10.00
Walter L. Stroud	25.00
The Cone Foundation	100.00
Dr. M. D. Bissette	25.00
A Friend	2.00
J. M. Davis & Company	5.00
Mrs. Nancy Rouse	5.00
W. J. Smithwick	5.00
Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Greene	1.00
J. E. Ballenger Ref. Service	10.00
Spring Hope Grocery Company	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Pollard	15.00
Henry Dennis Griffin	5.00
Hackney Bros. Body Company	25.00
E. R. Campbell	10.00

John Sexton & Co.	5.00
Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Barrow	25.00
Goodyear Service Stores	10.00
Total	\$ 929.76

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Jesse Gay, Annuity Bond	\$ 500.00
Levi Hill, Annuity Bond	1,000.00
Total	\$1,500.00

MUSIC FUND

Mrs. W. H. Rice	\$ 26.00
Little Rock Aux. (Western)	10.00
Swannanoa (French Broad)	25.00
Smithfield (Cape Fear)	5.00
Grimsley Auxiliary (Central)	3.13
Total	\$ 69.13

GIRL'S BUILDING FUND

Dawson's Grove (Central)	\$ 5.00
Friendship Auxiliary (Western)	26.00
Total	\$ 31.00

SEWING MACHINE FUND

Rose Hill	\$ 5.00
Dawson's Grove	5.00
Total	\$ 10.00

CLOTHING FUND

Cabin Auxiliary (Eastern)	\$ 30.00
Total	\$ 30.00

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT FUND

Bridgeton Missionary Society	\$ 12.00
Total	\$ 12.00

ALBEMARLE COTTAGE

Free Union, Tyrrell County	\$ 23.30
Gum Neck	27.47
Mt. Zion, Washington County	69.20
Free Union, Beaufort County	61.66
Trinity	91.05
Belhaven	35.00
Sidney	34.28
Hickory Chapel	57.43
Fairmount Park	40.31
St. Paul's	60.03
Shiloh	34.00
Portsmouth	10.00
Little Creek	5.00
Total	\$ 548.73

Total General Fund	\$3,502.40
Capital Fund	1,500.00
Music Fund	69.13
Girl's Building Fund	31.00
Sewing Machine Fund	10.00
Kitchen Equipment Fund	12.00
Clothing Fund	30.00
Albemarle Fund	548.73
Grand Total	\$5,703.26

BUDGET RECEIPTS

Eastern Conference	\$ 5,310.27
Central Conference	4,815.70
Western Conference	4,380.41
Cape Fear Conference	1,936.71
Albemarle Conference	503.93
French Broad Association	538.93
Jack's Creek Association	593.77
Piedmont Association	592.77
Pee Dee Association	338.57
Rockfish Association	68.87
Western Yearly	5.00
Total	\$19,084.69

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I WANT SO MANY, many things,
My wishes on my prayers take wings,
And heavenward fly to sue for grace
Before the loving Father's face.

BUT HE, well knowing all my need,
Kindly rebukes my foolish greed,
And, granting not the gift I ask,
Sets me instead to do some task—

SOME LONELY TASK—for love of him,
So lowly, and in light so dim,
My sorrowing soul must cease to sing,
And only sigh, "'Tis for the King."

AND SCARCELY can my faith repeat
Her sad petition at his feet:
"These daily tasks Thou giv'st to me,
Help, Lord, to do as unto thee!"

YET while his bidding thus I do—
I know not, or why, 'tis true—
My thoughts to sweet contentment glide,
And I forget the wish denied.

AND SO MY PRAYERS he hears and heeds,
Mindful of all my daily needs;
Gracious, most gracious, too, in this—
Denying, when I ask amiss.

—Luella Clerk

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1950

Notice

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

PROGRAM

The Union Meeting of the South Georgia Association of Original Free Will Baptists will convene with Unity Free Will Baptist Church, 2816 Edison Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida. Services will be held Friday night, January 27th, the business session beginning Saturday morning, January 28, 1950.

FRIDAY NIGHT

7:30—Song Service
8:00—Sermon by Rev. I. J. Blackwelder

SATURDAY MORNING

10:00—Devotional by Rev. J. R. Graham
10:15—Moderator's Address—Rev. J. O. Fort
10:25—Seating of Delegates
11:00—Welcome by Brother H. C. Allgood
11:05—Response by Brother J. S. Howard
11:10—Intermission
11:20—Song Service
11:30—Sermon by Rev. E. B. Joyner
12:00—Lunch

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

1:30—Congregational Singing
1:50—Devotional by Brother S. H. Caudill
2:00—Business Session

HONOR ROLL

Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, Deep Run, N. C.	64	Mrs. Venie Carney, Durham, N. C.	10
Ralph Staten, Red Bay, Ala.	58	Mrs. J. C. Edmundson, Pikeville, N. C.	10
Mrs. E. B. Deans, Wilson, N. C.	53	Mrs. W. J. Paul, Columbia, Tenn.	10
J. R. Davidson, Davis, N. C.	53	Mrs. Eula Morris, Vanceboro, N. C.	10
H. L. Catrett, Colquitt, Ga.	26	H. E. Willis, Hazel Park, Mich.	9
W. C. Sutton, Cove City, N. C.	25	Rev. P. C. Kennedy, Beaufort, N. C.	9
Jimmie Tyndall, Pink Hill, N. C.	23	Mrs. Dorothy N. Harris, Jacksonville, Florida	9
William Webster, Pinetown, N. C.	22	W. H. F. Ivey, Selma, N. C.	9
Ray Doc Gay, Walstonburg, N. C.	22	Mrs. James S. Boyd, Plymouth, N. C.	9
Mrs. Elton Harper, Deep Run, N. C.	21	John Kornegay, Mt. Olive, N. C.	9
D. W. Alexander, Bethel, N. C.	21	Ranton H. Jackson, Saratoga, N. C.	9
C. R. Houston, Colquitt, Ga.	20	E. G. Holland, Kenly, N. C.	9
Mrs. Alice Lupton, New Bern, N. C.	19	Mrs. Swift Jones, Kinston, N. C.	8
E. C. Morris, Tifton, Ga.	19	Miss Mollie Heath, Greenville, N. C.	8
Mrs. F. A. Edwards, Chocowinity, N. C.	18	W. L. Moretz, Swannanoa, N. C.	8
Lowell Hyman, Timmonsville, S. C.	18	Mrs. Charlie Humbles, Ayden, N. C.	8
J. C. Griffin, New Bern, N. C.	18	W. R. Williams, Kenly, N. C.	8
Elton Cotner, Adamsville, Tenn.	18	H. E. Powell, Hyman, S. C.	7
Mrs. Eddie Flowers, Kenly, N. C.	17	Mrs. J. D. Murray, Wallace, N. C.	7
C. J. Harvey, Camilla, Ga.	17	D. J. Perry, Raleigh, N. C.	7
Mrs. Louise Tripp, New Bern, N. C.	17	Mrs. Rom L. Mallard, Trenton, N. C.	7
Mrs. John R. Murphy, Snow Hill, N. C.	17	Delbert Davis, Salem, Ark.	7
Mrs. B. H. Matthews, Spring Hope, N. C.	16	Mrs. Lester Mills, Greenville, N. C.	7
North Carolina	16	Mrs. B. G. Hardy, Merrimon, N. C.	6
W. C. Hill, Mount Olive, N. C.	16	M. L. Hollis, Red Bay, Ala.	6
Mrs. C. T. Brock, Kenansville, N. C.	16	Mrs. J. L. Nobles, Winterville, N. C.	6
Owen Thomas, Four Oaks, N. C.	15	Mrs. C. F. Swindell, Belhaven, N. C.	6
M. B. Hutchinson, McArthur, Ohio	15	W. H. Calvert, Belmont, N. C.	6
Mrs. Russell Little, Winterville, N. C.	14	Miss Emma Frances West, Dover, N. C.	6
R. N. Hinnant, Micro, N. C.	14	W. H. Fondren, Denmark, Miss.	6
G. W. Owens, Chipley, Florida	13	Mrs. Raymond Waddell, Goldsboro, N. C.	6
J. R. Bennett, Bridgeport, N. C.	13	Mrs. Norwood Mercer, Pink Hill, N. C.	6
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A. C. Austin, Aurora, N. C.	12	Mrs. R. B. Pyle, Hilton, Ga.	6
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Mrs. Robert Cunningham, Donalsonville, Georgia	11	Mrs. B. T. Dail, Maury, N. C.	5
Mrs. C. F. Heath, Cove City, N. C.	11	Mrs. Bettie Dawson, Dunn, N. C.	5
Rufus Hyman, Slocum, Ala.	11	Mrs. L. S. Howell, LaGrange, N. C.	5
Mrs. Marshall Joyner, Winterville, N. C.	11	Mrs. R. R. Griswold, Selma, N. C.	5
Mrs. C. G. Pope, Pikeville, N. C.	10	J. E. Ingalls, Greenville, N. C.	5
T. L. Walker, Columbia, Miss.	10	Mrs. O. G. Briley, Joelton, Tenn.	5
Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Columbia, Miss.	10	Miss Icy Goen, Bryan, Texas	5

3:00—Unity Free Will Baptist Quartette
3:10—Message in Song—Harmony Church
3:20—Round Table Discussion
4:00—Benediction

League Program, Eastern Conference North Carolina

Opening Song—"Onward Christian Leaguers"
Devotions—lead by Nixon Marshburn
Welcome—Mrs. D. F. Chambers
Response—Rev. Lee Whaley
President's Message
Program—Presented by Leagues of First Church, Kinston, N. C.
Minutes of Last Union
Report of Committees
New Business
Congregational Song
Benediction

Very truly yours,
Pearl Buck,
For the Committee

Men's S. S. Class Enjoys Fish Fry

The men's Sunday School class of Elwood Lane F. W. B. Church enjoyed a splendid fish fry on Saturday night at six o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cooke, 400 Carolyn Avenue, Kannapolis, North Carolina. Hot fish with all accessories were served to around forty people.

The men held a business meeting following the supper, and elected new officers for the year. Those elected were as follows: Mr. C. C. Cooke, president; Mr. Ben Collier, vice-president; Mr. P. J. Dagoner, secretary and treasurer; Mr. W. M. Dean and Mr. George Pullium the Welcome Committee.

A social hour followed this business period, and informal games were enjoyed by all attending the supper.

Mr. C. C. Cooke, Reporter

The man who walks in the light is the man that the blood of Jesus cleanses from all sin. Rev. C. O. Moulton.

Promoting the Free Will Baptist Cause

Damon C. Dodd
Promotional Secretary

During the few days in which I have actually engaged in the promotional activities of the Denomination, I have been pleased to note one great desire on the part of every Free Will Baptist with whom I have come in contact; the desire to "get something done." Action seems to be the watchword of us all. And that is a healthy sign for any organization. Now, it is not enough just to want to do something, we must see to it that these efforts are channeled in the proper direction, for effort that accomplishes nothing is discouraging to everyone involved. I have concluded the following, relative to our needs in the promoting of our Free Will Baptist program.

I. EVANGELISM

We Stand in Need of a Denominational-Wide Revival

Of course, the primary object of such a revival should be the salvation of the lost. This we need to emphasize. But another important need that could be realized by such a revival is the rededication of the lives of Christians who make up our ranks here and there. I do not mean to infer that we are not Christians but I believe that we need to be "re-empowered" for the task which faces us at the hour. We have the grave responsibility of preparing against the day of the Coming of the Son of God. And we must be ready to take part in the final surge against the forces of evil.

We need a revival of PRAYER. We must pray primarily for the success of the program of righteousness everywhere. Then we will be justified to pray for the welfare of our particular denomination. Our denominational prayers should be two-fold: for our program of work, and that the Lord would send more laborers into the fields. We need several full-time evangelists! We need pastors! We need writers! We need home missionaries! We need! and we

must see our needs fulfilled by the power of Almighty God through a revival in our free will Baptist movement.

II. STEWARDSHIP

We Stand on the Threshold of a Great Day

Entrance can be had only as we make it possible through our faithful stewardship. WE MUST BECOME GOOD STEWARDS. "Every Free Will Baptist a Good Steward", the battle-cry of us all, should be the over-all goal for our denomination's stewardship program. This phase of the work will be emphasized, of course, by the National Commission on Stewardship. This commission plans to carry on through a series of Stewardship Study courses in the various churches throughout the summer, with a view to getting the stewardship message to all of our people everywhere. If everyone of us become honest stewards in the near future, there is no reason why we should not pour into our denominational program more than one million dollars by 1952.

III. DENOMINATIONAL LOYALTY

We gave to all causes of our denomination, locally and nationally, during the year 1948-49 nearly \$900,000.00. Of this amount, less than 90,000.00 went into the promotion of our denominational programs, such as Foreign Missions, Home Missions, superannuation, etc. We gave slightly less than twenty cents per capita for our Bible College, less than fifteen cents per capita for Foreign Missions, less than one-half of one cent each for Home Missions. At the same time, we gave nearly \$3.00 per capita for the local church activities. Now, it is a good thing to carry on a strong local program, but we must also learn that denominational pride calls on us to support our denominational programs at least as well as we support the home cause. If we were to support the national program with just fifty per-

cent of our record of local support which we gave last year, we would have, on our present basis of pro-rating, \$170,940.00 for education, \$129,360.00 for Foreign Missions, \$92,400 for Home Missions, \$46,200.00 for Superannuation, \$13,860 for Publications and Literature, and \$9,240 would go to our Free Will Baptist League Board. This would all be possible if we were giving but \$1.50 per capita to our denominational programs per year. There are so many things within our immediate grasp that we can't help but attain to some of the possibilities if we put forth even the minimum of effort. In the name of our God, let us rise up and claim the victory.

THE DORCAS CLASS HOLDS MEETING

The Dorcas Class of East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. John Oliver, 225 Ocoola Ave., Tuesday night, January 9, with Mrs. W. E. Marshall serving as co-hostess. Mrs. Marvin Lance, class president, had charge of the devotion.

Reports were heard from the group captains for the membership drive for the quarter ending 1949. The Reds won, with Mrs. Rose Bowen, their group captain, reporting nine new members for their side. New group captains were chosen for the next quarter with Mrs. Walter Crocker representing the Blues and Mrs. Porter Smith representing the Reds.

Motion was made for the class to send flowers to Mrs. Hooper, who is ill in the hospital. Mrs. Hooper is mother of two Dorcas Class members. The class decided to sponsor a grocery shower for a family. The class was also asked to remember in prayer another class member, Mrs. Evelyn White who undergoes surgery January 18.

After the business session games were played and refreshments were served.

Mrs. Lloyd Binkley,
Corresponding Secretary

Holiness

The Apostle Paul does not say that he kept the body of sin under, but his own body. There is a great difference between the "body of sin" created by the Devil, and the human body made by the Almighty."—Rev. B. Carradine.

Notes and Quotes



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

"ANOTHER GOD"

According to an (AP) news report, dated London, Jan. 11, Albania called Joseph Stalin "a god today." We are told that these gods will come about in the "last days." But I am sure no one except communists ever thought of Joseph Stalin as a god. He could rightly be styled as the "world's bloodiest ruler." But with all his hatred for Christianity, there are people who are adoring him as a god. We quote: "The official Albanian Telegraph agency said the 'Albanian people's assembly voted to erect a statue of the deity Joseph Visarionovich Stalin!" It is said that Albanian Premier, Enver Hoxha, said, "The great Stalin is our people's glorious Savior."

Christ said: "false Christs and false prophets shall rise" (Mark 13:22). Now, since the Albanians are worshipping Stalin as their saviour, and are erecting a statue to that effect I am sure that it will not be long before all communists everywhere, even these so-called American communists will be worshipping the idol as set up by the Albanians. The communist party cannot be American, only in name, because there is not one particle of unity between a true American and a communist. Black and white is as much alike as a true Christian principles. Communist government is founded on infidelity. There is no likeness.

UNEQUALLY YOKED TOGETHER

In the early part of World War II our American Government yoked up with Stalin and his infidelity to bring "peace to all people." What a diabolical condition has been created thereby. There can be no satisfaction until the world gives over to Stalin and his henchmen; then there will not be peace but slavery. Paul says: "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols?" (2 Cor. 6:14-16).

This "line-up" has only added trouble to trouble. Communism is covering the earth, and will as long as sinful man prefers infidelity to the Lord Jesus Christ. "Stop it!" is the cry of some politicians, while others in high places and some who claim to be Christians, say we can stop it

when we get ready. But how can it be done? The communists will keep winning by the ballot and their propoganda as long as possible, and when this fails, then they will come by force, as they are doing in China. They work from inside as well as outside. There is already a sufficient number of communists right here in the United States to destroy, by bombs and other methods of destruction, to make it possible for the enemy to take over, and they will do it by 1965; they are running ahead of their schedule. They planned years ago to take over the government of the world by 1976. They are going ahead with their plans.

"COLD AND HOT FROM THE SAME MOUTH"

It is said that a little boy watched his father in a Carolina cotton field one cold morning as the man blew his breath on his frosty fingers. The boy said, "Papa what makes you blow your fingers?" The father answered, "To warm them son." After a few hours they were called to lunch, and the father blew his hot coffee, after pouring it into his saucer. Then the boy said, "Papa, what makes you blow your coffee?" The father answered, "To cool it son." Then the boy said, "You have a funny mouth. In the cotton field it is warm and in the dining room it is cold."

Well North Carolina sells whiskey to make drunkards and then tax the people to raise funds to treat the alcoholics. That is "hot in one place and cold in another." The wet politicians say it pays to sell liquor. It brings in revenue to help run our government. But does it pay when men and women are becoming alcoholics by the thousands and have to be cared for in institutions that are kept up by taxation? No! it is a losing game. It is a loss in finance. A loss of good citizenship. A loss of parenthood. A loss in taking care of orphans that are made by the diabolical sale of intoxicating liquors. A loss of time to the courts trying the cases caused by drunkenness. A loss of innocent lives caused by driving demons fired by alcohol. A loss of property as drunkards never accumulate much property. A loss to homes for thousands and thousands are destroyed by alcohol. But greatest of all is the *loss of souls*, for it is written: . . . "nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God" (1 Cor. 6:10). If they cannot inherit the kingdom of God, they must inherit the kingdom of Satan—Eternal hell fire. Yet we have people who brag about the revenue brought in by liquor sales.

"Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder" (Prov. 23:29-32).

Immediately after the biting like a ser-

pent and stinging like an adder, the writer says: "Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things" (Prov. 23:33). Strange women go with drunkenness, as the world knows. A drunken man falls for women in most cases. If this is true about the man, what about a drunken woman?

It is a disgusting sight to be close to a liquor store and see women pressing their way into a crowd to get their liquor. I pity the child born to a woman who is the victim of strong drink. It calls for more institutions to take care of those born, often out of wedlock, as well as those who are married to some man. More institutions calls for more taxes. So you fellows that believe in taxing liquor and selling it to get revenue; Pray tell me where it pays?

THERE IS A PEACE

There is a peace that belongs to the child of God. The Kingdom of Christ means "Peace on Earth and Good Will to Man." God will not let Stalin defeat His plans. God will take care of Stalin in the long run. To find this truth just acquaint yourselves with the Word of God.

Superannuation Report

The following is the report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the N. C. State Convention of Free Will Baptists for December, 1949.

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand Dec. 1, 1949	-----	\$2,361.03
Receipts for December	-----	72.78
Total to account for	-----	\$2,433.81

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid to Superannuated Ministers:		
Christmas checks	-----	\$145.00
Regular checks	-----	300.00
Paid to National Board	-----	4.41
Operating expense	-----	55.16
Total disbursements	-----	504.57

Balance January 1, 1950	-----	\$1,929.24
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RECEIPTS ITEMIZED

Gum Neck Auxiliary	-----	\$ 5.00
Mt. Zion (Onslook County)	-----	3.50
LaGrange Sunday School	-----	6.58
St. Delight Leagues	-----	1.00
Rose Bud	-----	7.05
West Clinton Auxiliary	-----	3.25
Friendship (Johnston County)	-----	1.00
Yelverton Grove Auxiliary	-----	1.00
Union Chapel	-----	\$25.00
Davis	-----	\$ 5.00
Micro Auxiliary	-----	\$ 6.00
Core Creek Sunday School	-----	\$ 8.40

M. L. JOHNSON,

Chairman-Treasurer

:- Not Even the Smell of Smoke :-

By Fred E. Maxey
126 Woodview Avenue,
Norfolk, Virginia

Happy New Year to all the saints in the Brotherhood. I have not had the pleasure of visiting your homes through the Free Will Baptist for sometime. Pressure of work has deprived me of this privilege. We hope soon to either continue further with the subject of "Prophetic Ministry," or some other subject that God lays on my heart. We want to talk with you a few minutes through this column on a subject very close to my heart in these trying days.

Turn with me to Daniel 3:1-27 and 1st Peter 1:6-8, and you will get the setting of this message. Let us consider four things that are the out-come of the trial.

Self-Destruction of the Enemy

Note how these three men of God rose above the situation. Note the prospect of the trial with the threat over their heads, and how utterly careless they were about answering the king. Listen to them: "We have no need to answer thee in this matter." There was a settled confidence of heart, the out-come of an integrity of life and walk before God. Their only concern was that they should not in anyway be found in compromise of their relationship to the Most High God. Threatened with a fiery furnace, all right, but they are above it all. And the first effect of bringing those men into that trial justified them in their confidence, because the very means that were used of the enemy, to compel them into the fire, were consumed by the fire. If our lives are in utter position to the Lord whom we profess and confess and serve, we have no need to fear the fire. We shall certainly be wise NOT to invite the fire, but in the course of our life and our testimony, if and as the fire comes, we have no need to fear. The very means the enemy uses to bring about the fiery condition will be consumed. And my friends, that is a

very solemn word to any who would be creating fiery conditions for the saints. But the saints' concern must always be first their relationship to the Lord.

The Loosing of Bonds

Yes, another out-come was the loosing of bonds. Are you in the fire? Have you got a satisfactory reason for being there? There is one, it may apply to you or me, the fire is ordained of God for the purpose of loosing us from bonds. Yes, the limitations that circumstances and conditions out-side of us put upon us, the frustrations of which we are so conscious, they are dealt with in the fire. But what about the limitations, the bonds that are peculiarly ours, within us, the bonds of our make-up, the features of our temperament. Then the same is true: God wants to release us from those bonds. Here is a loving God ordaining the fire, and allowing the enemy to stoke it to a sevenfold heat, with the purpose in the heart of God, of loosing us from bonds. Friends, is this happening to us? The fires are being heated to an intensity that we never thought possible to endure, now, but are we being liberated by them? Are we coming into the glorious liberty of the children of God? Are we being rid of those things that have so marred our life, our testimony, our ministry? Maybe you are feeling that you have not got any bonds, well some of us have, and some of us are satisfied that this is what God is doing in the fire. There is a loosing in the fire.

Close Fellowship with the Lord

Another thing that happens in the fire is that these three men are found with ONE with them in closer fellowship and company than they had ever known before. We know a little about that, do we not? In the fire, coming to a real knowledge of our Lord. We come through the place of fire and say, "I would never have known the Lord in this way,

but for that; it was in the fire that I found Him in these terms. I knew all about the theory of it before, but I got hold of the reality there." In his ignorance, Nebuchadnezzar said, "One like the son of gods." But so far as we are concerned it IS THE SON OF GOD. All through the fire in sweet fellowship with our beloved Lord, and well then, the fire is justified.

The Supreme Glory, No Smell of Fire, but Joy Unspeakable

To me the crown of this whole matter is what follows after, and it is this that is the real burden of my heart. They came out of the fire, and there was not even the smell of fire upon them. I think that is wonderful indeed. Yes, a greater knowledge of the Lord. Yes, a liberation, and an emancipating. Yes, all this, BUT NOT EVEN THE SMELL OF BURNING! What is the interpretation of that? Well, I think there is no doubt that one very great effort of Satan in the fiery furnace, if he cannot stop us getting out, and cannot consume us in the fire is to leave the marks and smell upon us, that for all succeeding days people will associate with us the matter of suffering and trial. You see what that does, it draws attention to us, and the devil does not mind that, because if attention is drawn to us, the Lord is hidden. Having a smell of burning upon us means that the suffering and trial we have gone through have beclouded the glory.

To come out of the fiery trial of our faith without the smell of burning means, I think, the fulfilling of that word in Peter, "Whom not having seen ye love, on whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice greatly with joy unspeakable and full of glory" (1st Peter 1:8). This follows this word concerning the fiery trial of our faith. Here is the crown of a desperately dark time, of maybe years of suffering, of testing of our faith—JOY

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First Western District
Sunday School Convention
WILSON FREE WILL BAPTIST
CHURCH

JANUARY 29, 1950—5th SUNDAY

● *Theme: Go Ye* Scripture: Matt. 28:19
Song: Wonderful, Wonderful Jesus
Music Director: Vernon Sullivan

● 9:30—Song Service

9:45—Devotions, "Go Ye . . . and Teach",
Joe Morris, Union Grove Church

9:55—Welcome, Richard Lamm, Wilson
Church

10:00—Response, Ed Hatcher, Micro
Church

10:05—Special Music, Union Grove Quar-
tet

10:15—Brief Business Session

10:30—Congregational Singing

10:35—Sunday School Lesson, "Unto All
Men," James P. Hunt, Marsh
Swamp Church

11:00—Special Music, Narron & Wells
Quartet, St. Mary's Church

11:10—The Proposed Constitution and By-
Laws, Executive Board

11:25—Hymn, "Wonderful, Wonderful Jes-
sus", Congregation

11:30—Convention Sermon, "Go Ye," Rev.
Burkette Raper

12:00—Lunch

1:00—Song Service

1:10—Devotions "Go Ye and Baptize,"
Mrs. J. C. Sasser, Stoney Creek
Church

1:20—"Go Ye Through Retreat," Rev. J.
A. Evans, President, Cragmont As-
sembly, Inc.

1:30—Special Music, Marsh Swamp
Quintet

1:40—Business Session

2:40—Chorus Singing, Congregation

2:55—Awarding the banner

3:00—Adjourn

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PROGRAM

Fourth Union Meeting of the Central
Conference convening with Daniel's Chapel,
Wilson County, N. C., January 29, 1950.

MORNING SESSION

- 10:30—Devotions, Rev. T. P. Ellis
- 10:45—Welcome address, Vernon Sullivan
—Response, Rev. N. D. Beaman
- 10:50—Moderator's address
- 11:00—Business
- 11:20—Apportionment of Committees
- 11:30—Union sermon—Rev. L. B. Man-
ning; Alternate, Rev. R. C. Pro-
ctor
- 12:00—Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Devotions, Rev. P. C. Wiggs
- 1:15—Business
- 1:45—Report of Committees
- 2:30—Completion of Business
- 3:00—Adjourn

Committee:

- Rev. W. L. Hart.
- Mrs. C. W. Burress
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- Hubert Burress, Clerk

A CHIP ON HIS SHOULDER

He always has something to grumble about.
Has the man with a chip on his shoulder;
The world to the dogs is going, no doubt,
To the man with a chip on his shoulder;
The clouds are too dark, the sun is too
bright.

No matter what happens, it is never right;
When peace is prevailing, he is spoiling to
fight.

The man with a chip on his shoulder.

OUR COUNTRY'S EMBLEM

God bless our country's emblem
That floats o'er land and sea;
God bless each waving star and stripe,
And the men who kept it free—
Men who, 'mid smoke of battle,
And murderous shot and shell,
Held high the gleaming colors
Of the flag they loved so well.
Anonymous

Humility is a poor thing in the eyes of
men, but it is the measurement of grand-
eur in heaven.—Rev. G. D. Watson.

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This is to notify all my correspond-
ents that my address is no longer
Durham, North Carolina. My new
address is 1680 Nekoma Street, N.
W., Atlanta, Georgia.

Ralph Lightsey

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

Ministers Are Becoming More Conscious

More and more Free Will Baptist ministers are becoming more conscious of their duties and responsibilities, as leaders of the church, to the denominational program. They are sensing more keenly the fact that as they think and act so will the church people think and follow their leadership. They know that church progress depends very largely upon their vision, co-operation, and willingness to go forward in the work of the Lord.

The truth is, the time has come when the alert and active church is seeking the most progressive pastor they can find. Many of the preachers have come to know this. They are urged, therefore, to move forward with renewed zeal for study, for greater service, for a more sincere co-operation in the entire work of the church, etc. No preacher with a vision and a surging ambition will be content to stand still. If he can't move his church, he will move himself. And it will not take him long to do this, when the church lags back and will not go along with him.

It is a healthful sign to see the ministry moving forward; not content what they have done, but pushing-forward toward greater goals. That is what is necessary in every other field of public service, if men desire to achieve success. This type of outlook of the ministry is doing splendid things for those churches which they are serving. They have moved forward in a good way, and have come far from what they were ten years ago.

It is gratifying to know that a goodly number of our married ministers, with limited educational qualifications, are now taking college courses either by correspondence or are actually enrolled in Bible colleges or seminaries; and at the same time doing pastoral work. They are to be commended by the denomination as a whole for their zeal and purpose in seeking to better qualify themselves for the service of the Lord. A man

with a sound body and a clear mind never gets too old for study of the blessed truths of the Bible. His works will live after him.

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Why Not Support the Whole Program?

It has become generally known that quite a number of the rural churches are not supporting all of the denominational projects, or enterprises. Some of them stress foreign missions, orphanage work, and superannuation, but do very little about home missions, Christian education and the young people's assemblies. Their sister churches, on the other hand, are supporting all phases of the denominational work, namely: they are greatly concerned about Home and Foreign Missions; Superannuation and Christian education; orphanage work and Youth Camps or Assemblies, and any other phase of the work of the denomination.

We feel that every church should become interested and take an active part in the support of the entire denominational program. Certainly, each phase of the work is essential to the growth and expansion of the denomination. Furthermore, it does not look quite fair for any church to overlook any one phase of the work. Whatever they are able to give, from time to time during the year, their financial support, we believe, should be proportioned, or divided as the needs in each case deserve proper support. In other words, a well-balanced plan of giving on the part of each church is the right thing to do. Certainly, not a single phase of the denominational work should be overlooked by any church, regardless as to its financial status.

God has promised to bless those who give loyally and cheerfully to his worthy causes. If the weaker churches will seek to do what they can to each phase of the work, they will grow in interest, in usefulness, and in the habit of sharing, with the stronger churches, their financial help for every phase of the work. No church can afford to be out of line by negligence.

TWO HOUSES I VISITED

By DORIS SHEFFIELD

Two pictures I have here before me, as I travel down memories' lane: one house that is built like a castle, the other so humble and plain.

The castle sits upon a hilltop—surrounded by beautiful trees—the shack is down in the valley—just open to the Heavenly breeze.

I walked to the door of the castle, I knocked and I entered into a room filled with all the worldly riches, but as cold as a desolate tomb. I stood there alone for a moment amid all this earthly gain, then I turned and saw the faces of the parents,

and what little remains. Their only son is a drunkard who long from their hearth-side has roamed, never in all his life has been able to say, "My Home." For in their life's seeking all these riches great, they've closed the door on Jesus, until now it's too late.

When I closed the door of the Castle and left this all behind, I raised my eyes to Heaven and thanked God for His blessed sunshine.

Then I slowly walked down to the shack in the valley below. I knocked and received a welcome that leaves a warm happy glow. The smile on the face of the mother, as she happily leads me in, tells the story of a life of giving, a life that is

free from sin.

I looked around about me at the children so happy and bright, and I know that the love of Jesus has cast His Heavenly light. There in a chair sat the father with a Bible so worn and thin, and I knew that the Savior is welcome, an honored Guest herein.

Oh! just a word of wisdom to you who seek—in vain—to find a little pleasure in the earthly things. As you travel life's highways on this old earth below, remember that Christ gave His life for us, because He loved us so.

Now just a thought in closing I want to leave with you: *Hear the voice of Jesus, please, won't you answer His call?*

-:- Department of Foreign Missions -:-

Semi-Annual Report of National Foreign Missions Treasurer

JULY 1, 1949 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1949
Brought Forward from month of
June ----- \$ 2,914.98

Received during combined six
months as follows:

North Carolina	-----	\$5,953.50
Missouri	-----	3,635.81
Oklahoma	-----	2,853.23
Tennessee	-----	1,943.43
Michigan	-----	1,768.69
South Carolina	-----	1,089.56
Georgia	-----	979.05
Illinois	-----	610.53
Alabama	-----	520.14
Texas	-----	516.41
West Virginia	-----	297.75
Arkansas	-----	280.40
Kentucky	-----	198.50
Virginia	-----	178.53
Florida	-----	139.04
Mississippi	-----	84.90
New Mexico	-----	45.00
California	-----	36.60
Kansas	-----	28.00
Ohio	-----	16.40
Indiana	-----	15.00
Nebraska	-----	4.00
Louisiana	-----	2.00
Nat'l. Woman's Aux- iliary Convention	-----	172.23
Cuban Assn. on loan	-----	150.00
Subscriptions to the Review	-----	15.00
Sale of His Name Among All Nations	-----	66.00
Missouri Home Mission Board on Roach's Itinerary	-----	143.19
Total Receipts for six months	-----	\$21,712.83

Grand Total ----- \$24,657.27
Disbursements for six months ----- 23,436.93

Bal. in Treas. Jan. 1, 1950 ----- \$ 1,220.34

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ITEMIZED RECEIPTS DURING DECEMBER,
1949

Brought Forward from November	\$2,130.14
Received during December:	
W. W. Burrow, Lumber City, Ga.	\$ 100.00
Heads Church, Cedar Hill, Tenn.	5.00
Shady Grove League, Hickory Point, Tennessee	5.00
W. J. Gibbs, Pamplico, S. C.	25.00

Howard Grove Church, Ashford, Alabama	-----	10.00
Verna G. Edson, La Mesa, New Mexico	-----	10.00
John H. Wolfe, Pawnee City, Nebraska	-----	4.00
F. W. B. Church, Clayton, Texas	-----	4.40
Rev. W. F. Vickrey, Broken Ar- row, Oklahoma	-----	5.00
Rev. Clarence J. Hearron, Waco, Texas	-----	5.00
Jesse E. Hensarling, Dallas, Tex.	-----	2.50
Missionary Prayer Band, Nash- ville, Tennessee	-----	5.00
J. P. Barrow, Nashville, Tenn.	-----	5.00
John Moody, Anderson, Texas	-----	25.00
Shawnee Sr. League, Shawnee, Oklahoma	-----	3.15
Bear Point Woman's Auxiliary, Sesser, Illinois	-----	15.00
Mt. Joy S. S., Phil Campbell, Ala.	-----	7.00
Bayless McDonald, Nashville, Tennessee	-----	10.00
Mrs. Lon Carter, Aurora, Mo.	-----	2.00
Duck Creek Church, Mounds, Oklahoma	-----	5.00
Georgia State Association	-----	224.57
Dolores Hale, Bonnie, Illinois	-----	50.00
Floyd Payne, Ina, Illinois	-----	20.00
Winfield Church, Winfield, Ala.	-----	8.23
A. W. Hartley, Wichita, Kansas	-----	5.00
R. E. Pixley, Fort Smith, Ark.	-----	4.00
East Nashville Church, Nashville, Tennessee	-----	150.00
Woman's National Auxiliary Con- vention	-----	30.06
White Oak Auxiliary, Bladenboro, North Carolina	-----	15.00
Hickory Grove League, Haddam, Kansas	-----	8.00
New Prospect Church, Knoxville, Tennessee	-----	10.00
First Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma	-----	24.50
Gantman's View Church, Co- manche, Texas	-----	9.00
Junior F. W. B. League, First Church, Sulphur, Oklahoma	-----	1.68
Cuban Association on loan	-----	25.00
Richmond Church, Richmond, California	-----	16.60
Ella Outlaw, Mt. Olive, N. C.	-----	2.00
Mrs. W. G. Wilson, Bladenboro, North Carolina	-----	5.00
Ladies Auxiliary, Bryan, Texas	-----	26.00
Olivet Church, Guthrie, Ky.	-----	25.00
Oklahoma State Association	-----	36.50
Intermediate Boys, East Tupelo, Mississippi	-----	5.00
F. W. B. Church, Nason, Illinois	-----	5.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Red Bay, Ala.	-----	5.00
Black River Church, Andrews, South Carolina	-----	5.00
Subscription to Review, Mrs. A. J. Spratt	-----	1.00
Trinity Church, Nashville, Tenn.	-----	10.00
Senior League, Tulare, California	-----	5.00
Bethlehem Church, Ashland City, Tennessee	-----	17.00
Claude E. Sawyer, Donalds, S. C.	-----	20.00
Union Association of Tennessee	-----	100.00
Dennies' Bank, Huntsville, Tex.	-----	15.00
Central Texas Woman's Auxiliary Convention	-----	8.25
Oklahoma State Association	-----	4.69
Missionary Prayer Band, Nash- ville, Tennessee	-----	17.00
S. P. Easley, Portales, N. M.	-----	5.00
Goldsboro Circle of Union Grove Church, Goldsboro, N. C.	-----	12.00
Mrs. Doyle H. Frisbee, Sr., Cand- ler, North Carolina	-----	5.00
Bethel Church, Ashland City, Tennessee	-----	5.85
Rescue S. S., Whittington, Ill.	-----	30.00
Altona Church, Wellston, Ohio	-----	6.75
Sr. League, Heads Church, Cedar Hill, Tennessee	-----	2.00
Mrs. Ethel Carmichael, Clayton, Texas	-----	5.00
Jerusalem Church, Shelbyville, Indiana	-----	15.00
Ladies Aid Society, LaGrange Church, LaGrange, N. C.	-----	25.00
First Church, Marion, N. C.	-----	75.00
Leagues of Bright Light Church, Bryan, Texas	-----	25.00
Mrs. Gladys Gaskill, Stacy, N. C.	-----	2.00
Bethlehem Church, Ashland City, Tennessee	-----	9.85
White Pond Church, Blakely, Ga.	-----	5.00
Missouri Home Mission on Roach's Itinerary	-----	143.19
Wolf Church, Wolf, Oklahoma	-----	5.00
Fleta Wood, Huntsville, Texas	-----	18.22
Mt. Zion Church, Arlington, Ga.	-----	3.00
Williams Hill Church, Heming- way, South Carolina	-----	8.50
New Prospect Church, Hanna, South Carolina	-----	6.00
Ruth's Chapel, New Bern, N. C.	-----	8.00
Rev. J. C. Griffin, New Bern, North Carolina	-----	2.00
Mrs. Lee Poston, Hyman, S. C.	-----	5.00
Freedom Church, Marion, Ill.	-----	25.00
Bear Point Woman's Auxiliary, Sesser, Illinois	-----	15.00
State of North Carolina	-----	309.83
State of Missouri	-----	948.29
Total for month	-----	\$2,935.11
Grand Total	-----	\$5,065.25
Total Disbursements	-----	3,993.41
Balance in Treasury	-----	\$1,071.84

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RECEIPTS BY STATES DURING DECEMBER,
1949

Brought forward from November	\$2,130.14
Received by states during Dec.:	
Missouri	\$950.29
North Carolina	460.83

Tennessee -----	384.20
Georgia -----	332.57
Illinois -----	170.00
Texas -----	143.37
Oklahoma -----	85.52
South Carolina -----	69.50
Alabama -----	30.23
Kentucky -----	25.00
California -----	21.60
Indiana -----	15.00
New Mexico -----	15.00
Kansas -----	13.00
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**WHO IS IN THE FAULT?
WHO SHOULD BEAR
THE BLAME?**

By Orlander Harrison
Robersonville, N. C.

Someone is in fault

May we reason together, dear readers, and see if we can find where the fault does begin. We often hear some people complaining about the way the young generation is getting so wild and sinful. We admit that the condition is becoming somewhat near that way in a great many instances.

I realize that truth very well, for a great many of the young people are becoming very careless and unconcerned about the work of the Lord. A great many of them do not take a very great interest in serving Him. But, Who is really in fault? Are we people who are older leading and directing them in the way that they should go? Or, are we joining in with them in the ways of the world? Can we truthfully say that we are setting good examples before them in the way that we are living day by day? Are we living the life

in their presence that would be well for them to follow?

Let us ask ourselves the question: Are we really trying to lead them in that straight and narrow way, and desirous of their following our way of life? Often you will hear someone say something like this: "Oh there are so very many things to command the attention of the young people that it is very hard for them to follow in the right way." That is very true, but what are we doing to direct them in the right way? There are a great many things in this lovely land which God has blessed us with. But such blessings should not turn their minds away from our Master. I am afraid that, if we who are supposed to be leading and guiding them in the path of truth and honor, we are traveling in different ways, looking for amusements of various kinds ourselves. Eventually the evils of the world will overpower us, and the works of our Lord will soon be forgotten by a great many of us, I am afraid.

We often hear someone make the remarks: "You cannot tell the young people of today anything." But have we church people tried to keep them from the things of the world. Do we teach them that it is wrong to go to certain places where we know evil allurements are to be found in such places? Do not some parents make plans for some of them to visit such places? I mean such places as Sunday ball games, Sunday bathing places, theaters, public dances, and many other places which cater to the sinful things of the world. Think of it, friends!

Dear readers, if our dear Master were to come and call for us today, would we rather be at some worldly amusement, or would we rather be found at some place of worship, there reverencing and adoring our heavenly Father? Would we rather our sons and daughters were at the worldly places, if Jesus were to come, than at the house of the Lord, when He should meet them? Many times I have passed churches on Sunday at the time of service, and would see only a small number of people on the church yard. But when I traveled

on down the road and by some place of amusement, I found crowds gathered all around the place. Have you been at such places, dear reader, on Sunday when you should have been at the church for services? Have you? Be honest with yourself. If you were, then whose fault was it that you were there with the other people, both young and old? Certainly your presence at such place, if you were there, cast a bad influence upon others and caused them to think that since you were there it was all right for them to be there, too.

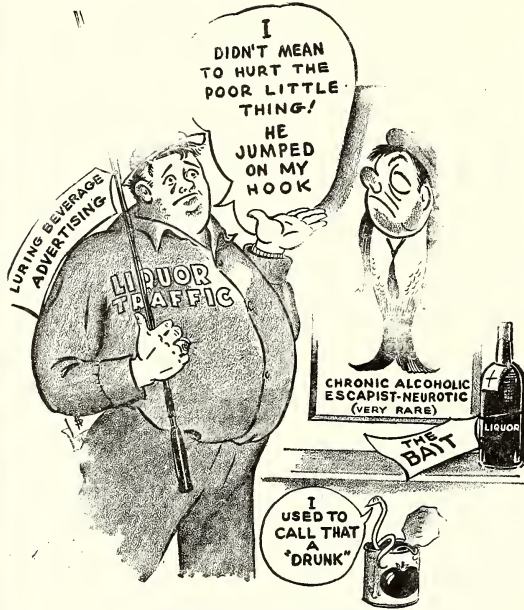
Think of it. A great many people will drive many miles to attend a ball game, or some other amusement on Sunday. They will pay several dollars to be able to get into the grand stand. But some of them could not or would not walk one or two city blocks, or drive one mile in order to be at church on Sunday morning. I ask: Who is in fault? You did not have to go to the places of amusements on Sunday. But, if some of such worldly-minded people happen to go to church, and the collection plates are passed around, they search deep down into their pockets to get the smallest piece of money they can find. They did not do that when they went to the places of amusement. There they paid what was asked to get in.

Dear readers, I hope that the people whom I have described at the places of amusement were not you. Many of the young people today have their names on the church rolls. But who is responsible for their not attending church services on Sunday? Did their parents teach them to go to church and to worship the Lord? No, a great many parents let them do as they want to do. They go to the ball games, bathing places, shows and to other amusements, and there they find many other parents at those places. What can we expect when this condition is found all about us in this age? Many a grey headed mother can be found with the young people at such places. But, reader, were you there? If so, you

LIQUOR INTERESTS AND THE YOUTH OF AMERICA

WHAT CAMOUFLAGE

A great many of the liquor dealers pose as being irresponsible for the constantly increasing numbers of young people who are indulging in the liquor traffic. They claim that they are not to blame for the multitudes of boys and girls in this country who are indulging in strong drink.



THE RED HERRING !

What nonsense! They know that they are doing all they can through their re-advertising to encourage boys and girls to form the habit of drinking beverage alcohol. At heart, they are not concerned about the great harm they are doing, because their minds are set upon getting rich from the ever increasing sales of alcoholic beverages. They grow fat with seared conscience and gloat over the fact that they are allowed to continue on in the corrupt business unmolessted. They are tigers let loose upon society! They are criminals of the meanest sort!

USE EVERY CONCEIVABLE MEANS TO ALLURE

Every conceivable means possible is being used to make all brands of whiskey appear and taste well to everyone who will taste it. Every means possible is being used through advertising to make whiskey advertising in the magazines appear attractive to the eye. They mean to attract and to allure everyone possible to become users of their beverages. They are de-

mons in the open to chase down, and to afflict mentally, physically, financially and spiritually all who participate with their dreaded liquids. They are as bold as a lion, cunning as a tiger, and as dangerous as a serpent! And everyone who caters to their business is trespassing on dangerous ground.

The indulger becomes intoxicated, wrecks his car, does serious damage to innocent people, and commits a heinous crime. This is not casual; it is happening every day on the highways of this coun-

try. But who is the blame? The first one is the one who allows alcoholic beverages to be sold as a legal business. The second one is the man who is trafficking in the liquor business. And the third one is the fellow who has little sense to drink it and become a criminal. Then who is affected by the whole process? The answer is: the American people.

THE LANGER BILL HEARING vs. LIQUOR ADVERTISING

Dear Editor:

This is just a word of information as to the fight the liquor interests are making against possibly favorable action by the Senate Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce with reference to the hearing, January 12-13, on the Langer Bill (S. 1847), banning liquor advertising across State lines.

It is moving rapidly to a climax.

This word, of course, reaches your desk too late for any further pre-hearing comment. But, you may expect from us details of the hearing promptly thereafter.

The rising tide of public sentiment is in evidence against paid liquor propaganda.

Points likely to be conspicuous in the thought of those who testify before the Senate Committee next week on the Langer Bill:

1. The fact will be emphasized that in recent months the liquor traffic has been going "hog-wild" as the saying is, in utterly unscrupulous invasion of every decency and home sanctity in attempts to mislead and beguile prospective beer-drinkers; especially, though the wine and whiskey interests are making similar attempts.

All this simmers down simply to this: *Has the liquor traffic any right at all to continue to impose its vicious philosophy through both eye and ear channels on the minds of youth in America's 40,000,000 homes and particularly those in which there are television broadcasts?*

2. It is averred that really involved is a startlingly potential danger to free speech and the right of a free press to free expression through fear of reprisals from the liquor trade unless they, the newspaper editors, keep themselves altogether out of the discussion.

A survey now just being completed reveals that more than 2000 of the nation's newspapers are rigidly refusing to accept any alcoholic beverage advertising. The particulars of this survey will soon be made public.

The line-up for the bill indicates that a large number of prominent men and women are availing themselves of the opportunity of supporting the Langer Bill. There is accumulating evidence that the wets will have an imposing array of witnesses. Details of all this will be supplied at the first possible moment.

Feel free to call upon us if we can be of service in any way in affording you information in this regard.

Cordially

FRED D. L. SQUIRES
Counsel, special committee
on the Langer Bill

THE CONGRESS AND THE LANGER BILL

WILL LIQUOR ADVERTISING BE CHECKED?

Joseph T. Zottoli, associate justice of the Municipal Court, Boston, out of almost lifelong first hand experience with the liquor factor in crime, declared that well established fundamental facts now "lead to the inevitable conclusion that our government must take active measures to prevent physical and spiritual injury being inflicted on the unwary people of our country and their dependants" through liquor advertising. . . . "The sophistical, alluring and deceitful practices in advertising now indulged in by liquor interests are highly

detrimental to mankind and should be stopped. Only in this way can our country hope to prevent the harm caused it by the sophisticated entrapments of the unwary.

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Norman Vincent Peale, author of "A Guide to Confident Living" and other best sellers of the hour and the distinguished minister of the Marble Collegiate Church, New York City, sent his forthright plea on behalf of the Langer measure in this direct fashion: "As a pastor I am continually being forced to deal with the influence of radio, magazine and newspaper material as it affects the thinking and the moral practices of young people. The constant reference to liquor and the sinister manner in which it is made attractive is without any question having a pronounced effect in the moral deterioration of American youth. . . . I cannot speak too forcibly in conveying to you my humble opinion that your Committee will render a great service to the young people of our country by reporting this Bill favorably."

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George W. Crane, Ph.D., M.D., of Chicago, noted writer on psychology and social relations and the author of daily syndicated newspaper columns nationally disseminated, wrote: "I receive over a thousand letters per day from Americans. These letters clearly show that liquor is destroying the morals of American youth! It is breaking up marriages and contributing factor to the spread of venereal diseases. Put me on record as 100 per cent against its evil influence and for the passage of this Langer Bill."

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Roger Babson, noted economist, head of the Babson Institute, Wellesley, Massachusetts, sends an urgent plea for favorable action on the Langer Bill: "Millions of families with teen-agers in their home circles. . . resent liquor advertising in magazines to which they subscribe. These millions hate to have their children and grandchildren constantly faced with liquor advertisements. I therefore earnestly endorse the Langer Bill and urge a favorable report by the Committee."

—National Woman's Temperance Union

While you give— JESUS SITS BY THE TREASURY

William Ward Ayer
Condensed from a Tract

And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites,

which make a farthing. And He called unto Him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: for all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.—Mark 12:41-44.

Jesus in the temple "sat over against the treasury." He is always there when His people make their offerings. It is obvious from this account that He considers "giving" a very important part of the service. There may have been some beautiful music in those temple services, but Jesus has left no word concerning His attitude toward it. I suspect the Rabbis often delivered powerful sermons, but we have no record of them. We do have Christ's important word about the offering.

The late Dr. W. B. Riley records how one memorable Sunday Dr. John A. Broadus, when his ushers were about to take the offering, left his pulpit and walked down to where one usher was beginning his collection and went along with him and looked at every penny, nickel, dime, quarter and dollar that went into the basket. You may well imagine that some of the people were angry. Some were confused. Others were filled with amazement. All were evidently surprised.

When the collection was over, Doctor Broadus went back to his pulpit to speak from his morning's text. He said to his congregation, "My people, if you take it to heart that I have seen your offerings this day and know just what sacrifices you have made and what sacrifices you have not made, remember that the Son of God, your Saviour, goes about the aisles with every usher and sees with His sleepless eye every cent put into the collection by His people."

Our use of money is often the acid test of our character. Money is not merely an objective thing. It is something vastly more than dollars and cents, bills and silver: our money is life crystallized, service transmuted into currency, talents and efforts made negotiable. Money used is life extended. Money is power—

power for good or power for evil. The New Testament speaks about the use of money as being a Christian grace and a definite responsibility. Paul says: "Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also" (2 Corinthians 8:7). He is speaking about the grace of giving.

The use of money by the American people is a revealing index to our character. We spend billions for liquor, billions for entertainment, billions for pleasure and billions for luxuries, but statisticians inform us that we are giving less and less to churches and charitable organizations. America spends more for chewing gum than she does for God. If the church could have one-tenth of the amount spent for cigarettes in America, she could put missionaries in every nook and corner of this lost world of ours to tell the glad story of the love and mercy of God. The evangelical church does not spend as much for all of its labors for the Kingdom as the liquor interests spend for advertising.

The use of our money is a revelation of heart attitudes—whether we put God first or last in our affairs. The man who tithes—who receives his salary and sets aside one-tenth for the Kingdom of God—acknowledges God's existence and sovereignty. "Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase" (Proverbs 3:9). Millions of our people give "something" to the kingdom of God only when they have "anything" left after they have indulged themselves and served the flesh. Many people are saying today, "I cannot afford to set anything aside for God. My family and other obligations take it all." Unless God is given first place, there will be nothing left for Him.

Captain Levy of Philadelphia was asked how he was able to give so much and still have so much left. "Oh," said he, "as I shovel out. He shovels in, and the Lord has a bigger shovel than I have."

A certain rich man was giving his testimony, recalling the day when

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UNTO ALL MEN

(Lesson for January 29)

Lesson: Acts 10:17-20, 24, 34-43.

Golden Text: Matthew 28:19-20.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

1. It is easily possible to be more concerned about customs and traditions than the salvation of souls.

2. It is easily possible to look with contempt upon the souls of men whom God would save.

3. We may not receive supernatural visions, but God will reveal Himself to us when we seek Him in prayer.

4. Peter's vision was in harmony with the command of Jesus to preach the Gospel to all nations. Such visions can be trusted.

5. While supernatural visions are not an impossibility today, in most cases God reveals His will to us through His Word.

6. The Church is the work of the grace of God, and grace could come only from Heaven.

7. The example of a man who is honest in his piety is bound to have an influence on his household.

8. It is perfectly safe to do the unusual thing if we are positively convinced that this is the Lord's will for us.

9. God knew both Cornelius and Peter by their human names; He knows the unsaved as well as the saved.

10. During the church age no one can be saved unless they believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. It is foolish to claim that Cornelius or Lydia (Acts 16) were saved before they had heard the gospel (Acts 11:12-15).

11. There had been a spiritual awakening among the Samaritans

(Acts 8:5-8) since the Day of Pentecost, and an Ethiopian eunuch had been led to Christ (vss. 26-40). Otherwise the Gospel message had remained in the hands of Jewish believers, centered mostly in Jerusalem and Judea. Here we see how the Lord led His people out in bringing it to the Gentiles. God dealt with Cornelius, and He also dealt with Peter, and He brought the two of them together.

That is how it began: Cornelius had a vision, and Peter also had a vision. Long before this Jesus had made choice of Peter as the man who should open the doors of the Kingdom to all three divisions of men: Jews, Samaritans, and Gentiles (Matt. 16:19). Peter had done this for the Jews on the Day of Pentecost, and also for the Samaritans upon his visit to them (Acts 2:38, 39; 8:14-17); now he was led to do it also for the Gentiles.—Selected.

12. God knew Peter's perplexity over the vision and Cornelius' desire to know the truth of the vision which he had seen at the hour of prayer, and he uses his divine power to soon reveal to Peter and Cornelius the purpose and meaning of what they had seen.

Dr. Adam Clarke says, "Cornelius prays and has a vision which prepares him to receive instruction from Peter: Peter prays, and has a vision which prepares and disposes him to give instruction to Cornelius. While he is in doubt and perplexity what the full meaning of the vision might be, the messengers, who had been dispatched under the guidance of an especial Providence, came to the door; and the Holy Spirit gives him information that his doubts should be all cleared up by accompanying the men who were now inquiring for him."—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

13. After being greeted by Cornelius, and after listening to the story of his experience with the Lord, Peter was forcefully convinced that he understood the meaning of the vision he had seen. He began his first sermon to the Gentiles in the home of Cornelius by laying down a fundamental truth concerning the

righteousness and grace of God. It was a truth that God had unmistakably impressed upon him. The truth that God is no respecter of persons is as definitely fixed and unchangeable as God Himself. In His mercy and judgment no person is favored because of race or color, position or wealth, training or popularity. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved (Mark 16:16).—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

14. This message of Peter's was powerful because it was plain, it was pointed and it was Spirit-filled. Peter now understood the significance of his vision. He realized God was saying to him that He was no respecter of persons, and if a Gentile were in the position of Cornelius, God would meet him. God bore witness that these things were true, for as Peter preached the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word (v. 44). It would seem there wasn't even the waiting for a special personal invitation. These people responded as the message was given, and God gave the indication that they had, in the Spirit of God coming upon them.

15. We cannot pass by this lesson without observing that it's not enough to be good in the worldly sense of that term. To be honored in the community, to have a position that merits respect, may be very good in themselves, but something more is necessary—a vital relationship to Him who is the Lord of life, to Him who died and rose again, is necessary for salvation.—Moody Monthly.

The Way They Grow

A little rain and a little sun,
And a little pearly dew,
And a pushing up and a reaching out,
Then leaves and tendrils all about—
Ah, that's the way the flowers grow
Don't you know?

A little work and a little play,
And lots of quiet sleep;
A cheerful heart and a sunny face
And lessons learned and things in place—
Ah, that's the way the children grow
Don't you know?

—The Sunday School Friend.

NOT EVEN THE SMELL OF SMOKE

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BEYOND SPEECH, FULL OF GLORY. The enemy ever seeks to rob us of our joy and frustrate the desire of our Lord that we should be radiators of His glory, and by the fiery trials, he too often succeeds. I met a brother in Christ who was incarcerated in a concentration camp. Without attempting to describe his harrowing experience in detail, suffice it to say, that by reason of the stand he took, at least three times he was trussed head downward over the bough of a tree and thrashed into unconsciousness. There were marks of suffering in his face, but the outstanding mark was not suffering, but glory, he was full of joy.

The Need for Watchfulness

The enemy is making a very big effort to rob us of joy. If he cannot keep us in the furnace, he will bring us so smelling of the fire that everywhere we go people will say, "Poor so and so, he is having a terrible time. I don't know how he goes on through it all." You see what the smell of fire is doing, it is drawing attention to ourselves. I have been quite impressed with the amount there is of joy and gladness relating to the anointing. We are so familiar with the thought that the anointing brings power and the exercise of the authority of the Throne, but you know the words in Hebrews 1:9, "Thou has loved righteousness, and hated wickedness: THEREFORE, God, thy God hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows." Here is the ONE who is supremely standing true to God, committed to a way of trial, of suffering, the fiery furnace. Yes, but this ONE is outstanding, in gladness and joy. Again, the Lord takes up the prophecy concerning Himself in Isa. 61 and says, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord hath anointed me." Now look at that prophecy, and see the amount of gladness that follows the anointing. For mourning, the oil of joy—for ashes, beauty — for heaviness,

praise. Let me ask you a question. Are you letting the pressure you are undergoing, the criticism you are the object of, the adversity in which you are found, rob you of joy? Are you as glad in the Lord now as when you first began the journey, or have you let the hard places in the way rob you of the joy? Has the adversity in the form of suffering, criticism, robbed you of joy, caused you to get under the juniper tree of discouragement like Elijah? If you are conscious of having lost something of your joy, you must take steps to regain it. I recently read an advertisement that had been put in a paper: "Wanted a Christian, cheerful, if possible." We may smile at that, but evidently that advertiser did not think there was much chance of finding a cheerful Christian. True godliness and glumness do not go together. Watch, or the enemy will rob us of joy and keep the smell of fire upon us. Let us pray that we can come through the fires of criticism, sickness, adversity, through dark experiences, and be those who have gotten full of what we have gained in the fire, and all that meet us after the trial find in us "joy unspeakable and full of glory." Some may read these lines and will not know what we are speaking of, this "trial of faith," but I say to such, don't worry about that, just store up the Word of God in your mind and heart, for my friend, if you are going on with the Lord, if you have any faith to purify, God will certainly purify it, and some day, some how, by some means, you will certainly find yourself in the fire. YOU ARE NOT GOING TO ESCAPE.

This is not the experience of some special saint only. God is after the purifying of the faith of ALL His people, and as sure as you live and GO ON with the Lord you will come to the fire some day. When this day comes, remember the Lord wants these things to issue from it. Do not be too concerned about the enemy. He is not on top in the matter at all. In his fury and malice and hate he is doing certain things, but God is over-ruling and turning these things to account and using them to

perfect what concerns Him and concerns us to bring about the end which He desires—even the glory of God in us.

PROGRAM

of the

Central Second Union Sunday School Convention

The Sunday School Convention convenes January 29, 1950, with Sweet Gum Grove, Pitt County, North Carolina.

MORNING SESSION

- 10:00—Devotionals led by Mr. Loyd Johnson
- 11:00—Address of Welcome by Mr. J. W. Rauls
 - Response by Mr. Charles Buck
 - Special music
- 11:30—Convention Sermon by Rev. M. L. Tyndall
- 12:30—Business Period
 - Adjourn for lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Devotionals by Pleasant Hill Sunday School
- 1:15—Ten year report of the Sunday School Convention by Mr. Connie Hines
- 1:30—Round Table Discussion led by Rev. D. W. Alexander. Subject: How We Can Improve Our Sunday School Convention
- 2:00—Special music
- 2:10—Business Period
 - Adjournment

By Committee

Note—Please send your full number of delegates. Business that requires our voting concerning our Convention work will be acted on at this convention. Each minister, teacher, officers and delegates have the privilege of voting. Be sure and attend and each do his part.

PROGRAM

League Convention Program for January 28, 1950, to be held at Sweet Gum Grove Church at 7:30 P. M.

- 7:30—Opening song and prayer
- 7:45—Message from President
- 8:00—Special music from Maury League
- 8:15—Business
- 8:30—Special music by Dr. Leonard E. Harris
- 8:45—Business
- 9:00—Convention Sermon—Dr. Leonard E. Harris
- 9:20—Congregational singing
- 9:30—League Benediction

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

FREELY FORGIVEN

Dear Friendly Boys and Girls,

I suppose most all our boys and girls know what bookkeeping is. Some of you are in Junior High School and probably are taking the commercial course which includes a smattering of this subject. Father or Mother keep books of the household accounts so they can accurately figure out their income tax at the end of the year.

A little girl one time heard in Sunday School that the Lord told Peter he should forgive seventy times seven, which means 490 times. One day she was on the front porch stringing beads for her dolly. She had the different colored beads for her dolly. She had the different colored beads separated in little heaps on her play table. Brother was riding around on the porch or a kiddy bar. Each trip around he came closer and closer to the table. At last he bumped it, over it went, and beads rolled every direction. You girls know how easily beads can roll out of sight. Of course, sister became angry. She jumped to her feet, scolded her little brother, and even though he said he was sorry, and helped to pick up some beads, his sister's anger was not appeased. But suddenly she saw tears trickling down the round rosy cheeks of her little brother and remembered the verse she had recently learned: "If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him" (Luke 17:3, 4).

She knew her brother was repenting of his careless act, because he was crying. She loved her little brother and promptly forgave him. But she decided to keep accounts. She got pencil and paper and marked down at the top: "List of Times I have Forgiven John." Underneath she wrote about the beads. But the Lord began speaking to her heart and she suddenly thought of the time she broke a wheel off his red wagon, and of the time she slapped him soundly (when Mother was not at home), and a few other things. She took the paper in her hands, she tore it down through the middle, put the two pieces together, and tore it through the center. Then again and again she ripped until the forgiveness account was a scrap heap. Then she felt better.

Dear boys and girls, do you know God keeps books in Heaven? In His books He writes your name at the top and then be-

neath it the sins you commit. When you repent of your sins and ask God's forgiveness, He, for Christ's sake, blots them out, and then God sees them no more, forever. If God is so good to us, how humble we ought to be in forgiving others who have wronged us. If we could see God's books we never would refuse to forgive others who we think have harmed us. Do you not think so?

Your loving friend,
LEOTA L. KNOPP.

—Juvenile Pleasure

The King's Cross Roads
Choir on the Air

Popularity of Old Hymns

The young people of King's Cross Roads F. W. B. Church are showing great interest in singing many of the old familiar church hymns. They are on the air in Greenville each Sunday, from 3:00 to 3:30 P. M. for an indefinite period. They are on the air by transcription, at Washington, North Carolina, on a six months agreement, from 4:00 to 4:15 P. M. each Sunday.

They are heard over the Rockingham radio station every Sunday by transcription. As soon as arrangements can be completed, they will go on another radio station. This will be made known as soon as the arrangements have been completed. The group of singers range from 30 to 40 persons who do the singing for each program. Much interest seems to be growing all the while by the public for the Old Popular Church hymns.

The church people are requested to listen to these programs on each Sunday afternoon for good singing of several of the well-known church hymns. Many have expressed their pleasure in having heard the King's Cross Roads Choir sing many of the splendid church hymns during the past months. May others join in, and rejoice to hear those young people sing for the glory of God.

By the Reporter

AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT

Alice E. Lupton, Editor
801 Pullock Street
New Bern, N. C.

Ladies of Lee's Chapel
Reporting

The Women of Lee's Chapel met at the home of Mrs. Edna Baggett on January 12 at 7:30 P. M. with twelve members present for the meeting. The bad weather and some sickness kept some of the members from being present. Our new president, Mrs. Harvey Williford, and the secretary, Mrs. Ludie Stone presided over the meeting. The program for this year is: "Advancing with Christ." Mrs. Eugene Jernigan gave the program which was very interesting.

Our February meeting will be held on Thursday night before the third Sunday in the home of Mrs. Nathan L. Godwin. All members are urged to be present for this meeting at 7:30 P. M. A suggestion was made that we take time out for a testimony meeting in our monthly meetings. We do need to stand up for Christ, and be bold, and confess our sins one to another. Please pray for us.

By the corresponding secretary

REPORT FOR YEAR 1949
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF LITTLE ROCK
CHURCH, LUCAMA, NORTH CAROLINA

Number of members 26	
Dues collected	\$ 43.00
Collected from Christmas cards	165.00
Collected from Turkey Supper	360.00
Collected from brooms, skiddo, napkins, etc.	376.85
Total	\$944.85
Paid to:	
Foreign Missions	\$ 45.00
Education	20.00
Superannuation	11.00
Crs:mont	54.00
Home Missions	60.66
Orphanage	103.39
Little Rock Church	45.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	279.83

Total	\$618.88
Canned fruit and vegetables to Orphanage valued	\$45.45
Used clothing for Orphanage valued	\$25.20
Mrs. Hubert Ferrell, Reporter	

Humility

Humility is paralyzing when it leads to discouragement, but stimulating when it throws us upon Christ.—Christian Missionary Alliance.

Announcement

This is to announce that I have been licensed to preach the gospel by Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church of Pitt County. I shall be glad to conduct, or assist in any religious work wherever called upon.

The late J. H. Little, who pastored churches for a number of years in eastern North Carolina, was my father. For references anyone may contact Mr. J. H. Tucker, Greenville, North Carolina, Route 1. He is clerk of Piney Grove Church. Or you may write to Rev. R. N. Himmant, Micro, North Carolina. He is the pastor of Piney Grove Church.

Those desiring my services may contact me at the following address:

Clarence J. Little,
Route 1, Box 247
Greenville, N. C.

While you give—

JESUS SITS BY THE TREASURY

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his total wealth was a single shilling. "That night," he said, "I wandered into a mission, and when the collection was taken I dropped it all in." Pompously he continued, "From that day I have prospered, for I gave everything I had to the Lord."

An old saint who had been sitting in the front seat and listening intently to the man ejaculated, "You dare not do it again!"

Money is such a practical thing that it reveals our willingness or unwillingness to trust God. Jesus said, "Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:1). If the woman of the text gave all her living she certainly must have trusted God to supply her every need in spite of the totality of her generosity. Do you think for a moment that God let her down? I wouldn't believe in a God who would let a woman like that down. God will never allow Himself to be in debt to His children.

The use of our money reveals our yieldedness to Christ. What is the true basis of giving? Love is the only proper motivating force. If you have a family I am sure you have noticed that the love of that family is constantly calling upon your generosity. Only a love for God and for

His needy children will give you an overflowing and generous heart, and a desire to pass on to the lives of others the blessings He has showered upon you.

American Tract Society
21 W. 46th St.
New York 19, N. Y.

LET'S GO TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION IN CALIFORNIA IN JULY!

Perhaps it is a bit early to remind you, but here goes.—The National Association of Free Will Baptists will meet in Richmond, California, on Tuesday evening, July 11, 1950. This will be a meeting of utmost importance to every Free Will Baptist for three reasons:

First, Our Free Will Baptist work in California is comparatively new and the National Association will be a good means of encouraging the growth and expansion of the Cause in that state. On the other hand, a meager attendance could do much toward discouraging our California brethren, thus impeding the work there to a great extent. Out of respect to our California Free Will Baptists, our westernmost representatives, let's attend the National Association.

Second, There are matters of vital importance to every Free Will Baptist Church Member which will be coming up at this meeting. The National Stewardship Commission will report for the first time. Our entire Missionary program will be dealt with and it is hoped to have one or more Missionaries from the fields present with us. The National Headquarter's campaign will be renewed, the Free Will Baptist Bible College will present her reports and proposals, and our entire plan of work will be set up and approved at this meeting. In addition there will be great Gospel messages by some of our outstanding preachers, marvelous singing, and unsurpassed fellowship, plus the additional privilege of seeing new sights and being entertained royally in typical California style.

Third, Denominational Loyalty demands that we make this as big an affair as possible. Many religious bodies have chosen the west coast as the scene of their major meetings in the past and they have attracted thousands of people. Last year, one church group numerically inferior to ours reported 10,000 persons present in their annual denominational meeting in Seattle, Washington. Another denominational affair similar to our own National Association drew some 15,000 persons from all over the United States. This group reported a constituency nearly 75,000 members less than our own Free Will Baptist group.

We must be present for the National Association when it convenes in Richmond, California on Tuesday night, July 11, 1950.

Plan now to attend!

Damon C. Dodd,
Promotional Secretary

BOOK REVIEW

"The Gospel of the King"

We have just read F. B. Meyer's book, "The Gospel of the King." For ministers, Sunday School workers, young people, and women's auxiliary workers in the church, it is interesting, instructive, and contains great spiritual values. Each chapter is short and can be read in twenty minutes. The book can be read with great profit in a short time.

The price, \$1.50; the publisher, Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Michigan. Order either from the F. W. B. Press, Ayden, N. C., or direct from the publisher.

"That Men May Live"

By Walter D. Kallenback, Ph.D., Th.D.

The author of this book has portrayed in seven messages the significance of the Cross. Each message treats a definite theme of vital interest to ministers and other Christian workers. A study of these messages on the Cross, between the present and Easter, will greatly benefit, and prepare the hearts of the readers for the Easter season.

The price, \$1.00; the publisher, Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Michigan. Order direct from the publisher, or from the F. W. B. Press, Ayden, N. C.

WHO IS IN THE FAULT? WHO SHOULD BEAR THE BLAME?

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are responsible for helping to support such places with your interest and your money. Is not that a shame on you? But did you say that you were not there? Let us hope so at least. But perhaps you were with some of your friends at some other place, playing a game of cards. Be honest, were you there? I mean you who have your names on the church register? Think it over, and ask God what does He think about it.

Kind reader, I truly trust that you were at some quiet place communing with the Lord, thanking him for His many blessings which He has given to you. Do you not think that we should give this matter more consideration? Some day God is going to call us and give to us our reward, or tell us what our doom shall be. That will make us think, for it will be either good or it will be bad, depending upon the life we lived while on earth. What kind of reward would you like to have when this life is over? I am quite sure that you would not want to hear that voice of the Lord saying, "Depart from me, I never knew you." Well, what examples are you setting before your sons and daughters? How are you leading them day by day? Why not get acquainted with the Lord? Get close to Him now, for He is willing to meet you any time you will turn unto Him and walk in His straight and narrow way. You are not only responsible to Him for the way you live, but you are obligated as parents to train up your children in the way they should go.

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6:7). "... every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour" (I Cor. 3:8b). Please note these words of the Apostle Paul. Have you labored for your blessed Master, or have you labored for Satan? That is the question. Who is in the fault? Who should bear the blame? Think it over.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary. Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

MR. JOHN HARDY WATSON

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom saw fit to enter the home of John Hardy Watson on November 16, 1949, and take him to His heavenly home,

The members of Kenly Free Will Baptist Church realize their loss, and beg to submit the following resolutions:

First, That though we are saddened by his passing, we bow in humble submission to our Father in heaven who doeth all things well;

Second, That we extend to his family our heartfelt sympathy and point them to the heavenly Father for comfort and consolation in the passing of their loved one; and

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his family, one to the Baptist paper for publication, and one sent to our church minutes.

Mrs. Eddie Flowers,
Mrs. H. J. Watson,
Mrs. Bernard Ferrell,
Committee

Walter H. Smith Passes

It is with a sad heart that I write the account of the death of my husband who died September 29, 1949. If he had lived until January 14, 1950, he would have been 70 years old. He was a member of Brice's Creek F. W. B. Church. He was a deacon in the church, and had been a Christian from early childhood. He attended church and Sunday School as long as he was able.

He was a kind and devoted husband, and a good father. He was confined in the home for three years, and three months during his illness. He was very good and patient. I am so lonely without him.

Reverend L. E. Ballard of Saint Mary's Church in New Bern preached his funeral to a large crowd of sorrowing friends and loved ones. His body was laid to rest under a beautiful mound of flowers. He leaves to mourn their loss a heart-broken wife, two daughters, Mrs. R. L. Moore of New Bern, N. C., Mrs. H. M. Harvey of Bridgeton, N. C., one grand son, Ronald Moore.

God took him away from early pain,
The family's loss is heaven's gain.

God bless memories he left behind,

The patience shown, and deeds so kind.

He's gone but not forgotten,
Never will his memory fade;
Sweetest thoughts will ever linger
'Round the grave where he's laid.

His children and wife ever pray that they will meet him again on Judgment Day.

Written by his heart-broken wife, Mrs. Walter Smith, 808 N. Craven Street, New Bern, North Carolina.

Teddy H. Phelps Passes

Little Teddy Hermon Phelps, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Phelps of Creswell, North Carolina, died on January 12, 1950. Teddy was born last July the second, thus making his stay on earth only six months and ten days. He was a lovely baby with a smile for every one. He was just a bud on earth to bloom in heaven.

Every thing was done for him that loving parents and the doctors could do. He leaves to mourn their loss, besides his parents, four brothers, Harrison, Brooks, Manfred, and Dale.

His funeral was conducted in Mt. Taber Church on Friday afternoon by the Rev. L. E. and R. C. Ambrose. He was buried in the church cemetery.

Grieve not with hopeless sorrow,
Jesus has felt your pain;
He did thy lamb but borrow
He'll give him back again.

—Written by a friend,
Rev. R. C. Ambrose, Creswell, N. C.

Dennis A. Sawyer

On May 7, 1949, the death angel visited our home and took from us our Father-in-law, Dennis A. Sawyer, to live in the great beyond. He had been in bad health for a long time, but his wisdom was a great help to all of us. We trust that our loss is his eternal gain.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Dora Mae Swain, five grandchildren, two brothers, Philip and Jerry Swain, and two sisters, Mrs. Martha Reynolds, and Mrs. Ida Reynolds.

God bless the memories he left behind,
The patience shown, and deeds so kind.

We, all together humbly pray
That we may meet him on Judgment Day.

—Written by Mrs. I. R. Swain

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My God, is any hour so sweet,
From blush of morn to evening star,
As that which calls me to thy feet:
The hour of prayer?

Blest is that tranquil hour of morn,
And blest that solemn hour of eve,
When on the wings of prayer upborne,
The world I leave.

Then is my strength by thee renewed;
Then are my sins by thee forgiven;
Then dost thou cheer my solitude
With hopes of heaven.

No words can tell what sweet relief
Here for my every want I find;
What strength for welfare; balm for grief,
What peace of mind.

Hushed is each doubt, gone every fear;
My spirit seems in heaven to stay;
And e'en the penitential tear
Is wiped away.

Lord, til I reach that blissful shore,
No privilege so dear shall be
As thus my inmost soul to pour
In prayer to thee.

—Charlotte Elliott

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MISSED—ONE OPPORTUNITY

A. B. Kendall, writing in the *Sunday School Times*, records this incident:

"When I was a boy of about fourteen years a minister stayed in our home overnight. In the morning as he started on foot for a neighboring village, I went with him to assist with his baggage. I have never forgotten that walk! it comes back to me with a feeling of sadness. One great desire was surging through my soul, and it was, 'I wish he would talk to me about Jesus and my soul'; but he didn't. How much of sin and sorrow I might have been saved had he spoken the word I believe God wanted him to speak."

I wonder how many of us have been as diligent in this matter as we ought to have been. Have we let opportunities get by and lost forever?

It is good to be a delightful, wholesome companion of youth. It is good also to remember that some of these are hungry for the words of life, and that those who are not, but are thoughtless, should be pointed to the Saviour.

No minister of the Gospel and no saint should fail to let the young people know that he regards as the most important thing in the world.—Selected.

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ALONE WITH GOD

No great purpose has ever been achieved by any individual until his spirit has first gone out into some wilderness solitude, and there discovered its native strength, its absolute invincibility, when it relies upon no help but that of God. This is the experience of all the greatest among men. They go apart from their fellows for awhile, like Moses into the land of Midian, or like the Lord Himself into the wilderness, or like Paul, into the Arabian desert, and there in solitary communion with God they come to themselves.

From that communion with God, from that highest of all companionships, they drink in strength to fit them for the work of their lives. Alone with God they see visions which fill their souls; visions which

never fade afterward, even in the light of common day, but which serve as beacon lights to guide them, through storm, and darkness, till the purpose of their lives is fulfilled.—Edwin H. Eland.

All I know of good, truth, honesty and idealism I have learned from the Bible. In school I listened each morning as a chapter was read before classes started, and it was then that I came to know and respect the Holy Bible. I never have lost my regard for the Word of God, and if I had my way about it, a chapter of the Bible would be read every single morning in every schoolroom in this country. I feel at home in the pages of the Bible, for that Book speaks my language.—Henry Ford's in Words of Cheer.

A SERMON

By H. Pipkin
Mt. Olive, N. C.

I call this a sermon because I am dictating it exactly as I would preach it were I privileged to do so in your church. My text: Hebrews 2:3, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?"

This text of scripture suggests to us that it is a great thing to be saved. That is what the word salvation means. It means redemption from sin and deliverance from its final consequences. That is our salvation. It is indeed so great that I cannot comprehend the greatness of it. It is great because of what it does for those who possess it. It is so great that it cannot be purchased with money or received as a reward for good works, and it is so great because it is the gift of God and what it cost him to give it. We can neither receive it nor keep it; that is to say, we can neither be saved nor remain saved continually without him. The whole process of our regeneration and preservation is the work of God in the person of the Holy Spirit: however, that does not mean that there is nothing for us to do about it. We must know that we are lost and want to be saved. We must repent of our sins. We must exercise our faith in him to forgive us our sins by accepting him as our Saviour. This is our conversion—our regeneration—our spiritual birth—our great salvation. It is continual, and we may have it continually if we are willing to work it out—not work for it, but in it as it works in us and not neglect it. The fact that God's plan for our salvation is continual and that he will not let anyone take us from him, that he will never leave us nor forsake us assures us that we are secure continually insofar as he is concerned but does not deny us the privilege of leaving or forsaking him. He does not bind us to serve him but makes us free to serve him continually if we choose to do so.

Please let me repeat that in order to be saved we must be conscious first that we are lost and need to be saved. We must repent of our sins and exercise our faith in him to save us by accepting his gracious gift of saving

grace; thus by grace we are saved through faith, not of ourselves, not by works, it is the gift of God. Even so, we are still human beings, and in this world of sin, we are subject to temptation, and only by his grace, through faith in him to help us can we overcome the world and remain in fellowship with him. To begin with, when we are saved or born of God, we are babes in Christ and we still have to contend with the weakness of the flesh. Sometimes the Devil will bring the same old sins that we gave up when we were saved and of which, Paul said we are now ashamed, and suggests that we take them back into our lives, and when we refuse to do it, he will use all kinds of pressure by suggesting one thing after another, and only by the presence and power of the house that was swept and made clean when he was driven out and we were saved.

Perhaps the most common and effective of all the weapons used to destroy those of us who are saved is the false doctrine that we are all still sinners and cannot cease from sinning. Such preaching and teaching has discouraged multiplied thousands of people, causing them to lay aside their robes of righteousness, surrender their birthrights and go the way of the world, and the only way you can tell they are members of the church is by their names being on the book. But the scriptures say it has happened unto them according to the true proverb: "The dog is turned to his vomit and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire." If we fail to bear fruit, we shall be cut off and die a spiritual death, but even this does not necessarily mean that we are eternally lost. God's hand of mercy is stretched out still, and we have an advocate with the Father. We can repent and do the first works again, and as in the parable of the prodigal son, there is always a best robe and a feast for those who will arise from the hogpen of sin and come to God if they come willing to be received as a servant. Whether this can be done seven times, seventy times seven, or more or less is not

for me to say, but the scriptures tell us of a better and safer way to live. Let us present our bodies to him, a living sacrifice, yielding our members to him as instruments of righteousness, rendering unto him the things that are his and letting Caesar have the things which belong to him, praying always with thanksgiving that God will lead us away from temptation and deliver us from the power of evil. Let us lay aside every weight and the sin which does so easily beset us that we may run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, not some seminary or college professor, as the author and finisher of our faith. Thus we may abide in him; and, though we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, we need not be afraid for he is with us. This is our security, our preservation, our salvation. If we would keep it we must live it; if we would live it, we must abide in him and let his spirit abide in us, for unless we abide in him we can do nothing. We cannot abide in him if we neglect to pray. Let us be in constant communion with him in prayer and supplication for when we cease to pray we cease to have power to overcome the world, and are instead, overcome by the world; thus we may like Samson awake to find ourselves shorn of our spiritual eyes plucked out and ourselves bound by the strong cords of sin to be destroyed with those who rejoice over our failure to hold out. We should watch and pray lest we enter into temptation. If we are conscious that something is wrong in our lives or that something is about to take place in our lives that would condemn us we should repent as we become conscious of any sin in our lives, not after, but as we became conscious; thus, we may be preserved blameless, under the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. But how shall we escape if we neglect to pray or neglect to repent.

Now let us think of this great salvation and what it means for those

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Notes and Quotes



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

At this time we are giving to you a message that we delivered over the air from the studios of W. M. B. L. in the Gaston Hotel, through remote control. This message was delivered January the 17th, 1950. May God bless it and use it for His glory.

If any reader is not in the way of blessing, may that one yield his all to the Lord Jesus Christ and "Get in the Way of Blessing."

IN THE WAY OF BLESSING

"And he said, Blessed be the Lord God of my master Abraham, who hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth; I being in the way, the Lord led me to the house of my master's brethren" (Gen. 24: 27).

The 24th chapter of Genesis is full of beautiful things showing the blessings of obedience and faithful service and the blessings received by those who are in the way. It is only when we are in the Right Way that we may expect blessings. Jesus says that "I am the way and the truth and the Life." So when we are in Christ, the way that we take in every duty will be all right and the blessing will be ours. May we notice that this servant of Abraham was:

1. IN THE WAY OF DUTY. He had accepted a commission from his master Abraham and he had followed the instructions faithfully, and with a deep interest in that which had been assigned to him. After that he had done all that he could, he depended on the guidance of the Lord. There is a great blessing for us, in the acts of this faithful servant, providing we seek to benefit by the experience and blessings set forth in the Scripture as given in relating this event. Now in all this, there is much to direct us, in the way to get greater blessings by appreciating those already received, and following in the way for the greater things, which will be seen

each step of the way as we get nearer to the goal.

This applies to intellectual doubt; and, too, when we are perplexed as to the truth of new doctrines, it is well to know that the way to peace lies in the performance of the duties assigned to us by the Master, who said, "I will go with you." We certainly should take an inventory of our possessions and see if we can conscientiously proclaim that we are walking daily in the way of peace and the faithful performance given by our Lord and Master. The apostle Paul said, "Lef us hold fast our profession" (Heb. 4:14), which is to say in substance, "Let us be faithful to our Commission." When we, like Moses, are brought to a place where we can see no outlet, there is the sea ahead of us, and we are walled in on the sides and the hoard of Satan's emissaries back of us pressing every disadvantage, and with every imp in hell turned loose in pursuance and continually at our heels. If we are in the pathway of duty, going on an errand for our Master, let us remember that God will open a way for us to cross over the chasm, or the river, or surmount the mountain peaks and the blessing will come, because "We are in the way of blessing."

However, the Blessing depends on our state and standing, with the Master. If we are in the way for our own selfish motives, seeking the applause of men, or striving to please man, there is no blessing for us. But if we are in a serious predicament and we are there because of the fact that we are honestly trying to carry out the command of our Master, and then "Wait upon the Lord." He will surely bring us out. He opened the Red Sea for Moses; he stopped the mouths of lions for Daniel; walked in the fiery furnace with the Hebrew children; he sent an earthquake to Philippi and promoted the liberation of Paul and Silas, through the conversion of the jailor; and he slipped the chains off from the Apostle Peter, and had an angel to lead him out of the city. All these persons were in the pathway of Duty, and God took care of the situation. We need never fear as long as we "are in the way of duty."

II. THIS SERVANT WAS IN THE WAY OF PRAYER. Let us notice one of his prayers: "And he said, O Lord God of my Master Abraham, I pray Thee send me good speed this day, and show kindness unto my master Abraham. Behold I stand here by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water; And let it come to pass, to the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also; let the same be she that thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast shewed kindness unto my master. And it came to pass that before he had done speaking, that, behold Rebekah came out who was born to Bethuel son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher on her shoulder."

This young woman did the very thing that Eliezer prayed should be done. Now there are people who believe that such events were just "happen-soes," but I am just "old fashioned enough" to believe that it was due to the fact that Eliezer was in "the way of prayer." He had some rating with God. In other words, he was on the credit side of God's ledger. If he had been in the red with God, there would have been different results. There is no need for us to try to walk in the way of duty, if we are not in the way of prayer. No one can go higher in efficiency than his prayer life. Jesus said, "Ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you." If you will notice, this servant was not seeking a blessing for himself, but his prayers were for the benefit of another. That is the most successful way to pray. But we have to be very close to the Master to seek the welfare of others, forgetting self, for then it is that God pours out His blessings.

III. ELIEZER, THIS SERVANT, WAS IN THE WAY OF FAITH. Paul says, "He that cometh to him (God) must believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." The first part of this

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Is the Communion Essential to Salvation?

Dear Mr. Z:

You wrote me September 13, and I have been so busy I could not answer until now. Please forgive the delay.

You say: "I have a friend who says he is a fundamentalist, and is very sincere in his devotion to Christ. Recently we had a discussion on the subject of holy communion. As one who was brought up in the Lutheran Church, I feel that I receive the very body and blood of Christ when I receive holy communion. To my friend, communion is only a remembrance. Neither of us have been able to convince the other. He suggested that I write to someone more learned than he. We both agree that you should be able to help us.

"He bases his belief on the fact that Christ said: 'Do this in remembrance of me.' I agree that it is a remembrance; but Christ also said, 'This is my body,' and 'This is my blood.' Additional Scripture to support my belief is found in the Gospel of St. John, the 6th chapter, from verse 48 to the end of the chapter, with particular emphasis on verse 51."

To my mind you missed the point of the discussion of Jesus on the bread of life in John, chapter 6, because you begin with verse 48. If you should begin with verse 47, just before that, you will see that Jesus began the discussion by saying: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." One who personally trusts in Christ for salvation has everlasting life. This clear statement of John 6:47, repeated again and again in the Bible, as in John 1:12, John 3:15,16; John 3:18; John 3:36; John 5:24 and John 6:40. It is repeated in Acts 10:43; Acts

13:39; Acts 16:31. Here in eleven separate verses we have the explicit statement that one who depends upon Christ for salvation has everlasting life, or is saved, or justified.

Now if we take the words of Jesus in John 6:53 as referring to the communion, you have a different plan of salvation, by the communion supper instead of salvation by personal faith in Christ. For John 6:53 and 54 say: "Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

Now we must decide this question: is one saved by faith in Christ or by the rites and ceremonies of the church? If you say that one is saved by the communion supper, or that the communion is essential to salvation, then you could suppose that people were saved also by baptism, by saying prayers, by giving money and other good deeds.

On the other hand, if we let John 6:47 explain the rest of the passage, we will simply say that one who trusts in Christ to be his Redeemer has therefore, in a spirit that one is saved by the communion supper and blood. He has the eternal life which Christ purchased with His broken body and His shed blood.

In fact, verse 35 of the same chapter shows, I think, that believing is eating the bread of life: "And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst."

Jesus often referred to Himself in figures of speech. He said, "I am the light of the world," but that is a figure. He is not physical light, but spiritual light. He said, "I am the good shepherd." But He is figuratively our spiritual Shepherd as we are His spiritual sheep. If you take this figure of speech, "I am the bread of life," in the same way, then you will understand that one in a spiritual sense partakes of the body and blood of Christ by trusting Him for salvation and so having the atonement applied for us.

Besides, if we are going to take the statement of Jesus literally when He said about the Lord's Supper, "This is my body" (Matt. 26:26), then the Catholics are right who say that the bread actually becomes the body of Christ and the wine actually becomes the blood. That I do not believe, of course.

In this connection it is important to remember that to have the body and blood of Jesus offered again as a sacrifice is wholly contrary to the doctrine taught in Hebrews 10:11-12. There we are told that Christ "offered one sacrifice for sins forever," and that "there is no more offering for sins."

One is saved by heart-faith in Christ, not by the communion, not by baptism, not by good works. The Lord Jesus does all the saving, without any merit on our part, and does it gladly and immediately when we put our trust in Him.

I trust this letter will help to settle your problem.

In the Saviour's name, yours,
John R. Rice

—Reprinted from "The Sword of the Spirit, Jan. 20, 1950.

GEORGIA CAMP NEWS

It was my happy privilege to attend the Free Will Baptist Camp at Mount Bethel last summer. I enjoyed it very much, and I am hoping to be able to attend this summer.

The young people of today are looking for guidance and spiritual blessings. This camp makes it possible for them to have this kind of guidance. They are able to get a better understanding of God's holy word by attending the camp and studying the scriptures. They are also more capable of receiving the wonderful blessings of the Lord.

The minister who brought the message each night last year delivered some wonderful sermons. They were

inspiring to everyone who heard them. I do wish the parents of those children could have seen the glowing expressions on the faces of those boys and girls while those messages were being delivered. In the morning services also they were deeply interested, for it was really wonderful to see them taking an interest in what was being said.

The business manager, instructors and helpers looked after each child with love and understanding. We certainly did thank them for their loving care. Parents, you are today to start your children on the road to righteousness. Send them to camp where they can be taught to understand God's word. Help them to prepare themselves for God's work and service for the future.

A very great many of the young people today need to be gathered round the organ, like those young folks at the camp, singing spiritual songs. They need to be taught to study their Bibles. Furthermore, the friendships and the fellowship experienced at Camp made us, everyone, seem like just one big family in the arms of Jesus. I am very thankful to the Lord that he made it possible for me to be able to spend a few days at Mount Bethel. It did so very much for me.

Mothers and fathers, take your children to the camp this summer, so they will be taught the word of God. They will become better Christians to receive a home in heaven which God is preparing for them.

Mrs. George T. Bruce

A Visit to Sandy Plains Church

By H. Pipkin

It was my happy privilege to attend the annual Thanksgiving service at Sandy Plains Church in 1949, and as usual, it was a source of inspiration and encouragement to be in the service with these good people. I found the church very much alive spiritually as it was also physically.

I was very much impressed with some of the improvements they have made since I was here a year ago, especially the new heating system, which they have recently installed in the church building. This eliminates the necessity of being too hot or too cold in cool weather, as every section of the house is evenly heated from the floor. They have completely overhauled the church in the past few years, adding Sunday school rooms and comfortable house of worship. Perhaps God has preserved this great church as a memorial. Some of our best preachers and some of our most active and efficient laymen have been and are members of this church. May the Lord abundantly bless all their efforts to the furtherance of the gospel and the glory of God.

A BRIDE'S PRAYER

O Father, my heart is filled with a happiness so wonderful that I am almost afraid. This is my wedding day, and I pray that the beautiful joy of morning may never grow dim. Father, may its memories become more precious and tender with each passing anniversary. Thou has sent me one who seems altogether worthy of my deepest regards. Grant unto me the power to keep him ever true and loving as now. May I prove a true helpmate, a sweetheart, a friend, among all the temptations that beset the impulsive hearts of men. Grant me the skill to make the home the best loved place of all. Help me to make its lights shine farther than any glow that might dim its radiance. Let me, I pray thee, meet the little misunderstandings and cares of our new life bravely. Be with me as I start on my mission of womanhood,

and stay thou my path from failure. All the way, walk thou with me, even unto the end of the journey. O Father, bless our wedding day. Sanctify my motherhood, if thou seest fit to grant me that privilege. And when our youth dreams are realized, let the ripening years hallow our companionship. And so, may we walk hand in hand down the highway of life, even to the "Sunset and evening Star." And this I ask in the Name of Jesus, and for His sake. Amen.—Selected.

OBITUARY OF A NOBLE DOG

Only a lonely man who has made a companion, guardian, fellow worker, and mute but sympathetic confidant of his dog, can fully appreciate the poignancy of this beautiful tribute a Canadian sheep herder wrote for his four-footed pal. Who would not be proud to be the subject of an obituary that rings with so much truth and sincerity?

"A gentleman has just passed on.

He was kind and courteous, respectful of his superiors and indulgent to his inferiors.

He had courage without bluster and pride without vaunting.

He was a loyal friend and a devoted companion.

He never picked a quarrel nor fled from a fight.

He loved the children and delighted in their enjoyment.

He was generous and never critical.

He was full of the joy of living.

His name was "Hurley" and he was a sheep dog, eleven years old.

He lived happily, died serenely, and left a volume of satisfying memories."

Reverend Walter Carter to Hold Meeting at Piney Grove Church

This is to announce that Reverend Walter Carter of Rockingham, North Carolina, will begin a revival meeting at Piney Grove Church, Duplin County, North Carolina, on February 19, 1950. The public is cordially invited to attend these services. Please pray for this revival that God may greatly bless the meeting and that souls may be saved. Pray for the success of the services, and for the evangelist.

Rev. R. C. Kennedy

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Men are of two classes—those who do their best work today and forget it and those who promise to do their best work tomorrow and forget about it.

No religious service is really a success which fails to make the people aware of the presence of God.

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

THE STRONG LOCAL CHURCH PROGRAM

Speaking from a financial point of view, each local church should work toward, in a systematic way, for the attaining as rapidly as possible a strong local church program. As aggressive and wise farmers seek to build up a strong farm enterprise by careful planning and hard work, so the local church membership should study their church needs, and set forth ideas and plans by which they will be able to greatly strengthen their financial program of their church. For material expansion and growth for the good of the whole community, the community church, which is the center of spiritual light and goodwill, most necessarily needs to establish a strong financial status. Any thoughtful Christian knows that the local church must become strong in a financial way in order to be able to accomplish the desired goal for the glory of God and for the betterment of the people of the community. As a large and well equipped public school, operated by a splendid corps of teachers, is a great asset socially and educationally to the community in which it is located, in like manner a strong church in the community, and functioning to full capacity for the spiritual good of all the people, is certainly to be greatly loved and appreciated by the Christian people in that community. In fact, the church should be adequate for every spiritual need of the people, as the public school is adequate for the educational need of every child of the community. The church should be the most respected and honored spot among all the people of the community.

Yes, make the church in every way well equipped, financially strong, and the pride of every person in the neighborhood. It should be the most desirable place to go for comfort, fellowship, and sacred devotion to God that can be found anywhere. And it can be just that, if church people would pay the tithe and offerings, and quit robbing God of what the Bible says belong to him. Make the church a place where people will want to go and commune with God. God's plan for the Temple of

Jerusalem was wonderful, and the people rejoiced to go there for holy worship unto the Lord.

The church that is financially strong is able to bless the cause of Christ both home and abroad. It is always able to give to missions, Christian education, to orphans, to the sick, disabled ministers, and the like. Such a church is a working church, and while it gives to others, it receives in return the manifold blessings of the Lord.

—oooOooo—
"THE MARCH OF DIMES"

The Lord Jesus had great compassion for the suffering people wherever he went with his disciples to preach the gospel to lost souls. He taught the need of sympathy and loving care for all who were in pain or suffering.

"The March of Dimes" campaign for the purpose of raising adequate funds for the study, research and treatment of the great plague Infantile Paralysis is a most worthy cause for anyone to support with financial aid. Each local church, Sunday School, Woman's auxiliary, Young People's league, and all civic organizations will do well to give liberal support to this campaign for funds to combat this dreadful disease in our land. These organizations can be the means of raising large sums of money in their own groups for this most needy cause. No one should hesitate to contribute of his or her means in a liberal and cheerful way, thus showing a willingness to have a share in this noble work. Local churches, Sunday Schools, and all other religious bodies should take special offerings at a specified time at their services for this purpose.

God has promised to bless those who lend a helping hand to relieve the sick and suffering. No true child of God would want to ignore, or fail to give to this cause some of his or her means laid away in store, when the gift will mean so much for the blessing of mankind in days to come. We urge, therefore, our church people to give liberally and cheerfully to help "The March of Dimes" to become a strong fund with which the medical authorities may be more able to combat this blighting disease.

ONLY TODAY

Only today is mine,
And that I owe to Thee;
Help me to make it Thine,
As pure as it may be;
Let me see something won,
Let me see something done,
Then at the setting sun
I'll give it back to Thee.

What if I cannot tell
The cares the day may bring?
I know that I shall dwell
Beneath the sheltering wing;
And there the load is light,

And there the dark is bright,
And weakness turns to might—
And so I trust and sing.

What shall I ask today?
Naught but Thine own sweet will;
The winding of the way
Lead to Thy holy hill;
And whether here or there,
Why should I fear or care?
Thy heavens are everywhere,
And they are o'er me still.

Give me Thyself today;
I dare not walk alone;
Speak to me by the way,
And all things are my own—

The treasures of Thy grace,
The secret hiding place,
The vision of Thy face,
The shadows of Thy throne!

—Selected.

Too many Christians who have failed are finding too much fault with too many others who are making a fair success of their Christian life.

No sermon is a failure which starts someone thinking on his own behalf.

The most thoughtful preacher does not always get the largest crowds.

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

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THE MANUAL OF METHODS IN USE

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The Woman's National Auxiliary Convention provides an indispensable organ—"The Manual of Methods"—from which one may glean answers concerning the activities of this missionary organization, as well as keep in line with the latest plans concerning the work. It is ready information and a "very present help" to each officer, also to every member of the local auxiliary, each of whom should possess her own personal copy of The Manual and also the current copy of the Year Book of Programs.

At the 1949 session of the W. N. A. C. held in Columbus, Georgia, last July, a very important resolution was adopted. The resolution is "an officer-training day shall be held annually in each state or district."

As soon, then, as the officers are elected for the new convention year, the president or some other informed member designated by the auxiliary, should plan an officers' clinic using "The New Manual of Methods" as the textbook. Such a study will enable re-elected and new officers to become informed concerning added information or changes that have been made in the Plan of Work for the year. To assure a worthwhile study and to attain results many things should precede the actual work, chief of which is thorough preparation.

A true leader will fortify herself with much praying. She will become personally acquainted with her official body. She will not be satisfied until everyone has been enrolled and enlisted in the clinic. She will reach beyond her immediate officers, seeking to enlist other women who are good "officer material." She will plan an interesting presentation through use of posters, tracks, scrapbooks, impersonations, questions, and the like;

supplementing these with her own thorough knowledge of the content of The New Manual of Methods and the Current Year Book of Programs.

A true leader will learn the needs of each officer that she may be able to reveal those needs to the individual and point out an answer to the problem through the information contained in The Manual. To emphasize the importance of the study, she will place a copy of the Manual and the Year Book of Programs in the hands of every member of the clinic. (Extra copies of these books can be had from National Auxiliary Headquarters.) Thus armed, the leader is ready to guide the members into another important item in a worthwhile study course—Active Participation.

Individual participation in the study of a book leads to inspiration and realization of needs and responsibilities. Each officer should take part in the class discussions, emphasizing those phases which have to do with her department of work. A successful study of the Manual and the Year Book enables one to Practice Constructively.

Knowledge without practice is of little value. Each officer should use as a ready tool the knowledge attained through her study of The Manual. A personal desire to do the task well, reinforced through study, will create confidence, incite effort, magnify the aims of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention and quicken service in Christ's name.

An informed body is the pride of an organization. A clinic on methods, using The New Manual as a text, is invaluable to the members as a whole. The third vice-president should plan such a study course with every member of the local auxiliary present; the district third vice-president should plan such a course with every district officer, creating interest through information.

The New Manual of Methods is

ready reference. It is the "official communique" from headquarters to the local organization. Use it, thus becoming "endued with knowledge . . . ready always to give an answer to any . . . that asketh you a question."—James 3:13; I Peter 3:15.

(The last edition of The New Manual has been corrected and copies are now available from W. N. A. C. Headquarters, Box 965, Nashville (2) Tennessee. Price 30 cents per copy.)

"VITALIZING VISITATION"

Mrs. Myron Hyatt,
First Vice-President W. N. A. C.
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"Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen" (Isa. 43:10). God expects us to be witnesses which will bring the lost sin-cursed souls into His fold and also bring that saved soul into service. Visitation is scriptural. When Jesus said, "Ye are to be my witnesses," He defined very definitely their fields of service—"Jerusalem, all Judea, Samaria and uttermost parts of the earth." In other words they were to begin right where they were to enlist souls to eternal life as well as saved lives to service, and then enlarge their service in ever-widening circles until their witness should be heard throughout the whole earth. The early disciples practiced visitation in their ministry. When Jesus called His first disciples, two things were involved in the call! the invitation to follow and the promise that they would win others as followers. They were to follow Him not just for their own sakes but that they might win others to Him. In like manner every woman who has caught a vision of the necessity of organized missionary endeavors should consider herself a member of Christ's enlistment committee, working through the Woman's Auxiliary to enlist every resident woman member of her church in active participation of giving the Gospel to the world through their personal witnessing. This can be done through visitation.

Visitation is fruitful. There is nothing that blesses lives more than

the thoughtful visit of a person that is a real Christian witness. The following is a suggestive plan whereby enlistment chairmen can prove to be a real blessing in their communities. This plan is patterned after "The Welcome Wagon Service, Inc.," which operates in many cities in the U. S. and Canada. If you have this service in your community, you have an opportunity to work through them. If not, try this method—"The Free Will Baptist Welcome Service."

Far be it from any of our Woman's Auxiliary groups to ignore the newcomer to our community. But unless we're wide awake, how are we to keep account of every new family that arrives in town? Many times the new families don't get around to coming to church right away, so that you cannot discover them by this means. Sometimes they will even start attending a different church which is nearby, simply because the town is strange to them and they have no idea where their church may be.

Is there any way to remedy this? Yes. At least one solution is offered here. There is an organization (Welcome Wagon Service) that makes a business of acting as greeters to every family moving into a new locality. They have taken over a philanthropic service of early days in America and are making a thriving business of it, too. In the days when families moved westward in covered wagons, they would send a rider on ahead to announce their arrival as they approached a town. Another wagon was sent out from town to meet the weary travelers with a cheery greeting of fresh water and provisions.

Today, the Welcome Wagon Service is a personalized method of advertising which extends a warm and friendly greeting to every new resident of a community. By some means, the Welcome Wagon Hostesses always seem to get wind of every new arrival long before anyone else, and they came calling with their pretty baskets of gifts. In their baskets, they carry gifts from the merchants they represent, information about local churches, libraries, schools and organizations.

Through the F. W. B. Welcome Ser-

vice, you can be the one who welcomes the newcomer into your community and church. Make them to feel they are wanted and needed in our work for the Lord. Your basket of welcome will prove to be a great blessing. This plan can readily be adapted to fit your needs and resources.

If you prefer to carry a basket of gifts along with your welcome let it contain cake or cookies, fruit, hankies, church calendar, etc., but above all carry information of our church activity for the Master. I think it would be well in every visit to leave a small Bible or New Testament. The Word of God is what we should offer more than anything. Enlistment Chairmen—inaugurate the "F. W. B. Welcome Service" in your auxiliary society.

May I also urge all first vice-presidents to cooperate fully with your second vice-president in enlisting the girls and young women in youth auxiliaries by organizing the three groups suggested in "Working with Our Youth." These organizations do not interfere but rather strengthen league work. They serve to help F. W. B. young people to realize religion is not just something for Sunday morning and evening, but a week-day essential which is just as important as "reading, writing, and arithmetic," which they learn at public school; so our Youth Auxiliaries emphasize or educate in Missions. This is the greatest, largest and most productive enlistment field today, so work it!

I would appreciate a personal report of your progress or results achieved with the above suggestive plans. If I can be of assistance to you, feel free to call upon me. We are "co-laborers together with God." May God bless each of you as your service through our Enlistment Department blesses others.

A NOTE OF THANKS

I use this means to say a heart-felt "Thank You" to all of you who remembered to pray, those who sent cards, letters and flowers to Mrs. Roach while she was so very ill in the hospital. I wish I could say an individual thank you to each of you, but through our church paper is the best means I know to use. Your kindness

and thoughtfulness was much appreciated by us both.

I would like to express our appreciation to Rev. W. A. Hales and his people at the Fairmount Park Church of Norfolk, also, to Dr. Sparks W. Melton and his people at the Freemason Street Baptist Church of Norfolk for their financial assistance. It was certainly appreciated and you will never know how badly it was needed. With almost a month in the hospital the expense was a big item.

Mrs. Roach is much better now and the doctor says that she will be able to continue with me in my work in another month. Please, may we ask that you continue to pray. Mail will always reach us at our home address: Box 1201, Durham, North Carolina. With your prayers Mrs. Roach will be able to carry on as we begin two months of work in our own state of North Carolina, beginning on March fifth.

Thank you again all of you everywhere that helped so much.

Yours in His name and service,
Maurice W. Roach

Piney Grove Auxiliary Makes Report - Pitt County

PITT COUNTY

We, the Woman's Auxiliary of Piney Grove Church, met at the home of Mrs. Sallie Bett Little, at 2:30 P. M. The topic for the January meeting was "Advancing with Christ in the Home Land." The Scripture lesson was the 96th Psalm, which was read by Jaunita Worthington. After prayer which was offered by Myrtle Ruth Mills, the lesson was read by Hattie Lou Mills. Following this, a poem was read, entitled "A Christian," by Sallie Bett Little.

We then had the roll called and 15 members responded to their names. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The money taken in, including the dues, amounted to \$28.85. Two dollars and fifty cents were paid in to superannuation. An offering of \$3.25 was taken up for the Mission Car Fund, and eighty cents for foreign missions by Mary Beddard. We had two packages which were sold for sixty cents.

We want everyone who reads this small report to pray for our auxiliary that our aim and purpose will not be cast aside—that of soul winning. May we not neglect this too much, and may God bless us with much success. Pray that our own lives might be pure and clean, and free from any iniquity. Pray that we may live as God would have us to live day by day.

An offering was taken by Hattie Lou Mills for the Anna Phillips Loan Fund, to the amount of \$5.30.

Mrs. Hattie Lou Mills,
Second Vice-President

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A Generous Confessor of Christ

Jean Paul Mascarene fought a good fight. A young man of some means and considerable legal talent and very devout, he lived at Castres, a place which for fifty years had been annoyed by the restrictions put upon Protestants although they formed the majority of the population. When dragoons approached the district, Jean Mascarene therefore took his wife to his country home at Carelle, six leagues from Castres, but learning that Carelle was also to be infested with the militia, he moved to a peasant's cottage on a mountainside where in the fall of that year their little boy was born. As soon as they could part with the child, his parents sent him to his grandmother, who lived in the province from whence they had fled, while they stayed hidden in the cottage on the mountainside until the following February, when they went to Toulouse and boarded a boat to go to Bordeaux. Hardly had they reached the deck, however, before a lieutenant came and asked them if they were not of "the religion called Reformed." A lie at this point would have saved them both, but Jean Mascarene would not perjure himself, no, not even for the sake of the wife and son for whom he had so long been careful. Accordingly he was taken to prison at once, and finally brought before the criminal judge at Castres and charged with disregarding the king's command not to leave the kingdom. Modestly but firmly Jean Paul defended himself, and said that he loved his country too well to leave it unless forced to do so. When asked if it were true that he had been requested to alter his religious convictions, and had replied that he was persuaded of the truth of his belief and would remain faithful to it, Mascarene answered that he had said that, and, moreover, if the judge cared to put the same question to him, he would receive the same answer. Jean Paul Mascarene and another prisoner was then sentenced to the galleys for life; his property was appropriated (literally, stolen) by the State, and he was fined 3000 livres. He appealed to the

Parliament of Toulouse, and as he left the court he said, "My God abandoned everything for my sake and expired upon the Cross. It is right that I should make for Him the small sacrifice for which I am condemned * *, He will never forsake me."

Nor did He. Jean Mascarene remained in prison nearly two years. On May 7, 1687, he was brought in chains before that Chamber of Parliament in which he had once been a councillor. His composure was remarkable to all. He defended himself with great ability and once even got permission to question one of the judges. A record had been preserved of the good confession he made before his judges. He said, "I will acknowledge only Jesus Christ as our Intercessor, and no other head of the Church but Himself. I will acknowledge no other propitiatory sacrifice than the one sole offering, once made, of the body and Blood of my Saviour; no other merits that we can set forth than the merits of Jesus Christ. I acknowledge no other satisfactions by which we can pay Divine justice save His sufferings, nor other purgatory cleansing than His precious Blood, nor other indulgences than His grace." When his trial was finished, he was asked if he persisted in the same belief. He said, Yes, and went back to prison.

But early one April day in 1688 an officer came to his cell and told him to rise at once. Expecting death, Jean Mascarene calmly asked for time to say his prayers when he would be ready to go, he said, where God might call him. Blindfolded, he was led to a sedanchair, which he did not leave till he reached the frontier. Then the bandage was removed from his eyes; he was freed, and ordered never to enter a country which was not worthy of him. Thanking the officer, Jean Paul Mascarene remarked that it was hardly worthwhile to detain him two years and then take him exactly where he had desired to go in the first place. However, he added, he took comfort under all his sufferings, counting them nothing by comparison with the glory which he firmly believed he was yet to enjoy. So at last Jean Paul Mascarene reached Geneva with nothing but what he

had on his back—and the treasure he carried in heart and mind.

While in prison, Jean Paul wrote to a Christian baron, who suffered as he did for a good confession of Christ, "Sir and very honored Brother in our Lord Jesus Christ, very far from being ashamed of your chain, I regard it as a mark and a certain pledge of the crown," to which the brave baron promptly replied, "Generous confessor of Christ; He will confess you before His Father. Brave athlete, you are fighting the good fight; you will win the crown of glory. As for my chain, my friends know that, when it was being made fast to me, I said,

"Now blessed be the chain
That binds me to my God!
I have no grief nor pain,
But in His own abode
Shall be exchanged one day
For joys that never tire,
Oh, glorious destiny
That crown my best desire!"
—Selected.

YOU MUST MEET GOD!

"Prepare to meet thy God."—Amos 4:12. That was God's word to the people of Israel long ago.

It is His word to you today.

"God shall bring every work into judgment, whether it be good or whether it be evil."—Ecc. 12:14.

"I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, to give to every man according to his ways and according to the fruit of his doings."—Jer. 17:10.

"He hath appointed a day in the which He will judge the world in righteousness."—Acts 17:31.

"The day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ."—Romans 2:16.

"Prepare to meet thy God!"

"He is 'thy God'.

He made you,—*"He hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth."*—Acts 17:26.

He sustains you moment by moment. He cares for you in all things every day. He has saved you from a thousand dangers. He deals with you most patiently, and has never rewarded you according to your sins.

He is "thy God."

Your breath is in His hands.

You could not live a moment without Him. But you have lived as if all were in your own hands. You have served yourself, not Him. You have forgotten Him entirely. He never forgets you. If He did, think of the awful result!

By the ways you have said as Pharaoh said, "Who is the Lord that I should obey His voice?"—Exodus 5:2.

God hates sin with an infinite hatred and "God is angry with the wicked every day" (Psa. 7:11) but He gave the Lord Jesus Christ to suffer on that shameful Cross in such a way, as that if you, or any one, no matter how great a sinner he may be, will truly believe on Him, shall not perish, that is, shall not go to that awful hell the Bible speaks of, (Rev. 20:15) but shall have everlasting life. He has had the Gospel of His grace preached to you again and again. He has spoken to you often in His providences, in His judgments abroad in the earth, and at home, and by all His daily mercies, and, may be, you have been moved more than once to yield yourself to Him in honest and earnest obedience, but you have listened to the enemy of God and man—the devil, and you are still serving him—serving the devil!

Your parents and friends are praying for you, and they have plead with you because they know the teaching of the Bible as to the awfulness of meeting God unprepared. This tract to you also is inspired of God Himself because He has no pleasure in sending men to hell. "Say unto them, as I live, saith the Lord, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live."—Ezekiel 33:11.

"Prepare to Meet Thy God."

You will have to meet God as to all that He has done for you, as to all He has given you. The sermons you have heard, the prayers offered in your behalf, the entreaties made to you personally, the opportunities, the privileges you have had, all will have to be accounted for to Him.

You will have to account to Him for the health He has given you, the time you have had, all your body's

powers, your mind, your eyes, your ears, your hands, your feet, and all the capabilities He has endowed you with, as to the use you have made of them.

A man born in idiocy has nothing to account to God for. But we men born with all those facilities which make a man the masterpiece of God's creation will have to face God about our use of those faculties in reference to His glory.

Men will have to meet God as to the use they have made of His silver and gold, of His earth, and world, for "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein."—Psa. 24:1.

Ah, the day comes rapidly, when men will meet God about all the trouble that comes from this universal greed for wealth, at the expense of God's holy law, and His golden rule—Love thy neighbor as thyself."

You Must Meet God.

You cannot get away from it. You can get away from others, but not from God and His judgment. His righteousness demands your judgment. His Word declares it.

Every man's conscience says it must be. You can mock men, but you cannot mock God.

You have many secrets from your nearest friend, but you must meet God about your whole life.

There is only one way to meet God in peace.

He has made a most gracious and infinite provision for sinners through the atoning death of the Lord Jesus Christ, and of those who believe on Him (John 3:18) it is blessedly true that

"God commendeth His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."—Rom. 5:8.

"Christ died for our sins."—I Cor. 15:3.

"Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree."—I Peter 2:24.

"He obtained eternal redemption for us."—Heb. 9:12.

"He gave Himself a Ransom for all."—I Tim. 2:6.

If a man will own himself to be just what the Bible says he is, and will accept by faith the Lord Jesus

Christ as the One who settled the whole question of his guilt, with God, on the Cross, he will have God's Word assuring him of salvation, and thus, and only thus, will he be able to meet God in peace.

"Be it known unto you, therefore, men and brethren, that through this Man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins, and by Him all that believe are justified from all things from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses."—Acts 13:38, 39.

Making things right with men does not make you right with God.

No change of conduct, or character or of religion can make you right with God.

The Lord Jesus said, "I am the Door, by me, if any man enter in, he shall be saved."—John 10:9.

Oh, man, salvation is the free gift of God to you because Jesus suffered the whole penalty of the sins of His people on the Cross.

You must therefore come to Him as your whole Hope; and turning from all your works, good and bad, rest in Him alone, if you would be right with God.

"By grace are ye saved through faith and that, not of yourselves, it is the gift of God. Not of works lest any man should boast. For we are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works."—Eph. 2:8-10.

Saved first, and then good works.

Unless Christ is precious to you, you are not prepared to meet God, no matter how good your name and religion are.—Gospel Tract.

New Prospect Church to Hold Revival

The members and friends of New Prospect F. W. B. Church commemorated the Lord's Supper on Saturday night, January 15, 1950. The pastor, Rev. Arthur Williams, and fifty-two members and visitors participated in this solemn service—all enjoying the presence of the Lord together.

The church is planning to hold a revival beginning on the fifth Sunday in January with Reverend E. B. Hyman of Conway to bring the messages. We desire the prayers of all the Christian people on the behalf of this meeting.

By Church Reporter



THE GOSPEL MOVES WESTWARD

(Lesson for February 12)

Lesson: Acts 13:4-5; 14:1-3, 19-23.
Golden Text: Acts 14:27.

I. Nuggets for Students

1. Whom the Lord calls, He is also sure to direct and empower in His service (Acts 13:4).

2. Men who do not know God easily adopt all kinds of superstitious beliefs (14:11-13).

3. Where was the man who had been miraculously healed when the mob stoned Paul? (vs. 19).

4. Not even a shower of stones can halt the man whose work for the Lord is not yet done (vs. 20).

5. Preaching in the power of God prepares the heart to receive the Gospel (vs. 21).

6. Miracles magnify our Maker and His power, but it is the Gospel that brings deliverance from sin (vs. 22).

7. It is one thing to preach the Gospel and win souls to Christ; it is another, and important thing, to teach and establish the believers (vs. 22).

8. The choice and induction of church offers is a solemn matter and should never be treated lightly (vs. 23).

9. Popular adulation today may be the prelude to painful abuse tomorrow, as Paul experienced in Lystra (vss. 13, 19, 20).—Selected.

10. Paul's vision spoken of in 2 Corinthians 12:2-4 may have occurred during his stoning at Lystra. If so, Paul, some fourteen years afterwards did not know whether he was dead or not.

II. Heart of the Lesson

Acts 13:4, sent forth by the Holy Ghost—Here an act is attributed to the Holy Spirit which clearly implies his personality. Seleucia—The seaport of Antioch, sixteen miles to the west.

5. Salamis—The chief city and seaport in the eastern part of Cyprus. John—John Mark, the author of the second Gospel.

Acts 14:1. Iconium—A city of considerable importance, especially because several trade routes intersected there. "It was situated in what is practically an oasis in the great elevated waterless plain of Lycania, being surrounded by a country producing excellent crops" (Starrett).

2. the gentiles—Gentiles in general, as opposed to proselytes—a different word than is used for "Greeks" in the previous verse. Made their minds evil affected—"Poisoned their minds" RVS. However, the opposition at this time was not such as to threaten violence, and the apostles endured it and went on with their work.

3. long time therefore—The "therefore" perhaps expresses a result following from the events of the two previous verses. Because there were a multitude of believers and because there was opposition to the truth it was necessary for Paul and Barnabas to stay until the converts were fully established.

Acts 14:19. came thither—Jews came to Lystra, where Paul and Barnabas were thought to be gods after the healing of the lame man. Probably a considerable time elapsed before the coming of these Jews, during which disciples were made, one of whom was Timothy, stoned Paul—This form of punishment was evidently due to Jewish instigation. Paul refers to this stoning in 2 Corinthians 11:25.

20. he rose up—There must have been a miracle performed to enable Paul, after such a stoning, to get up and go into the city and on the morrow to make a journey of several hours to Derbe. Either He was dead and was raised from the dead, or else he was miraculously strengthened after being bruised and stunned and rendered unconscious. — Arnold's Commentary.

22. ordained them elders in every church.—The elders whom they ordained thus became officers of the church. They were young and new converts to the Christian faith. They

were those who were the most suitable and qualified as officers of the church to instruct and guide the church members. Paul and Barnabas did this by prayer and fasting, and commended them to the Lord. "Even when persons are brought to believe, and that sincerely, yet ministers' care concerning them is not over; there is need of watching over them still, instructing and admonishing them still; there is still that lacking in their faith which needs to be perfected."—(Matthew Henry) (Advanced Quarterly, F. W. B.)

III. The Lesson Illustrated

Recent persecutions for Christ—Suffering persecution for Christ as they carried the gospel in Asia Minor was part of the routine in the case of Barnabas and Paul. The climax came when at Lystra Paul was stoned and left for dead. History teems with accounts of persecution because of loyalty to Christ, but we are especially interested in examples in our own day. One long account which has come out of North Korea, which has been ruled by communists since the war, was told in Motive of May, 1948, by Geraldine T. Fitch, who learned the facts from the lips of three men who escaped. We reproduce in condensed form a few of the essentials.

In February, 1946, a Christian Endeavor convention was being held in Pyeng Yang was stopped by police on the ground that it was anti-communist. Fifteen officers and speakers were arrested. On March 1, when a special union service of the churches was being held, seventy officers marched into the church and demanded that the service stop at once, and five ministers were arrested. On August 22, Kim Doo-Young, General Secretary of the Christian Endeavor Society for all North Korea, was arrested and kept in jail until October 11. (We haven't space here to tell how he was tortured for Christ's sake by Russian officials.)

Later Kim was tortured by "fatigue exams" for three periods of seventeen hours each. During these periods he was allowed no sleep at all. The name of the Russian who ordered this treatment is known. Finally Kim was released for a time. Much

else happened which we have no space to record. The next spring another order went out for Kim's arrest. Three times he had been imprisoned. He had endured seventy days of intermittent torture. He knew that another arrest meant Siberia or death. So he went into hiding, and finally succeeded in crossing the 38th parallel into South Korea. Just before the final crossing he heard shooting. A local Korean farmer said "They are rounding up a group of thirty. This is the time to go. Run! Run!" And he did. This sort of treatment was from the kind of people who want the world to believe that they constitute the only true democracy!—Arnold's Commentary.

NOTES AND QUOTES

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verse says "without faith it is impossible to please God." James says, "Faith without works is dead." So the faith of Eliezer had kept him in the way of duty and of prayer. No use to pray without faith. We must ask, "doubting nothing," and this means that we must believe that we received the thing asked for. "This is the confidence that we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us; and if we know that he hears us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him" (I John 5:14, 15). Jesus said, "Your heavenly Father knoweth what ye have need of before ye ask Him." It certainly is not a hard matter to get our Heavenly Father to listen to our prayer when the prayer is one of necessity, backed by Faith. So, before we can have the full blessing, we must be persistent in our march of duty. We must feel the responsibility, and endeavor to clear our skirts from any slothfulness. We must be in the way of prayer. No way to please God without prayer. There is no way to pray to God's pleasure except we pray in faith.

IV. MAY WE NOTICE THAT THIS SERVANT WAS IN THE WAY OF PRESENT NEEDS. He knew that he was not equal to the occasion. Thus he did not pray for something to be

given tomorrow or the next day or perhaps a year from now. I think that, far too many of our prayers are made in vagueness of presentation. If we need the blessing now—this very moment—why not ask for an answer right now? No doubt God is as anxious to give now as tomorrow. Peter's prayer was now, "Save me Lord or I perish." Peter at the Beautiful Gate said, "Silver and Gold have I none; but such as I have give I unto thee, in the name of the Lord Jesus, rise up and walk." A present tense petition and a present tense answer came.

We are taught to strive to enter in at the straight gate, by the narrow way. God leads in this way. Just as sure as He ever led the children of Israel out of Egyptian bondage, just so sure God will lead us who get into the way of life by accepting and confessing the Lord Jesus Christ. The last Missionary message given by the Master to His disciples was "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 always, even unto the end of the world" (Mat. 28:19, 20).

Notice that the promise of the Lord's presence is to those who go. Those who do not go in response to the great commission can not claim the promise. As it is with this command, it is with all others. No blessing except in the way directed by the Lord Jesus.

THREE BEES

Give this bee a small place in your heart,
It will sweeten your life with its honey;
Its name is, "Be kind,"
And I know you will find
It cannot sting—isn't that funny?

There's a bee with no hive for a home,
It lives with a girl or a boy;
Its name is, "Be true,"
And all the day through
It will bring to your heart greatest joy.

There's a bee that we all should desire,
Though often we fail to obtain;
Its name is, "Be wise,"
And it's a rare prize
That brings its possessor great gain.

—Selected

A Fellow's Mother

M. E. SANGSTER

"A fellow's mother," said Fred the wise,
With his rosy cheeks and merry eyes,
"Knows what to do if a fellow gets hurt
By a thump, or a bruise, or a fall in the dirt.

"A fellow's mother has bags and strings,
Rags and buttons, and lots of things;
No matter how busy she is, she'll stop
To see how well you can spin your top.

"She does not care, not much I mean,
If a fellow's face is not always clean;
And if your trousers are torn at the knee
She can put in a patch that you'd never see.

"A fellow's mother is never mad,
But only sorry if you are bad;
And I tell you this, if you're only true,
She'll always forgive whate'er you do.

"I'm sure of this," said Fred the wise,
With a manly look in his laughing eyes,
"I'll mind my mother, quick, every day,
A fellow's a baby that don't obey."

—The Youth's Visitor.

YOUR WORDS

Keep a watch on your words, my children,
For words are wonderful things,
They are sweet, like the bees' fresh honey,
Like bees, they have terrible stings.
They can bless like the warm glad sunshine
And brighten the lonely life,
They can cut, in the strife of anger,
Like an open, two-edge dknife.

Keep them back, if they're cold and cruel,
Under bar, and lock, and seal,
The wounds they make, my children,
Are always slow to heal.
Let Christ guard your lips, and ever
From the time of your early utter,
Let the words that you daily utter,
Be the words of beautiful truth.

—Selected.

NOW YOU TELL ONE!

A boy remarked at the dinner table that his class at school was to have a clean-up contest.

"A clean-up contest!" exclaimed his mother. "And you came to the table with those hands?"

"I know, Mother, but the contest doesn't start until next week."—Selected.

The Christian's real home is not down here; it is in Heaven.—L. L. K.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

MARK'S FAITH AND REWARD

Mark was faithfully going about his work day by day, doing it as the Bible says, "as unto the Lord." He was so young but so glad to do anything his employer told him to do, as far as his strength allowed. He could work only after school hours, but he was determined to do all he could in that time.

The other boys who worked in the store fooled their time away as often as they could without Mr. Hanks seeing them. But because he did not know it they got their full credit and their full pay. They tried to lead Mark into being untrue, too, but he had a Master in Heaven to serve besides Mr. Hanks. So no matter what the boys said, he would be true in his place.

The boys began to have an ill feeling toward Mark because he would not come to their terms. When he arranged the boxes, cans, etc., in the cellar in good order, after he was out of sight they went after him and strewed them around the floor again. When Mr. Hanks appeared they told him Mark did not do his duty, but left everything in bad order.

When Mr. Hanks told Mark about his slighting in his work, Mark said he arranged them all in order, but some one must have rearranged them again. But Mr. Hanks would not believe Mark. He said two against one must stand. Mark knew all the time that the boys had done the dirty work, but he would not take his own part. He knew the Lord would reward him some way, if he kept faithful.

This meanness continued for a few days. Mr. Hanks kept warning Mark if he did not do better he would lose his position. He could not stand for such work. He must have some one who would obey orders. Mark always assured Mr. Hanks he would do his best. He knew he had always done his best, but he would say no more. He would just let the boys go till they would see their own meanness and confess it, or, if not, he was satisfied to let the Lord take his part.

The next morning after Mark thought this, Mr. Hanks told him he had no more use for him in the store. Mark said, "All right, Mr. Hanks," and left with a smile of hope.

That night before going to bed Mark opened his nuggut box, and drew out this verse: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of the Lord" (Matt. 25:21). Mark wept alone in

his room for joy. He knew that was a direct promise to him from the Lord. He went to bed in great peace of mind, knowing the Lord would take care of all things.

The next evening Mr. Frees, a business manager, met him on the street, who had been wanting him for a long time to work for him in a responsible place, but he would not take him away from the place where he had been working. He said to Mark, "Well, my boy, I see you are not at work this evening. Are you off for the evening?"

"No," said Mark, "I am not working for Mr. Hanks any more."

"Is that so," said Mr. Frees, "didn't you like the place?"

"Yes, I liked it fine, but I didn't seem to suit there anymore. Mr. Hanks thought I'd better leave."

"Well," said Mr. Frees, "that is too bad," and went on. Mark would not say a word about how he was treated. He wanted people to think the best of Mr. Hanks, for he had always been kind to him otherwise.

Mr. Frees found out the facts of the case from Mark's father. He wanted to know, for he knew Mark was a trustworthy boy, by what he had often heard of him before.

The next evening the Lord honored Mark's faith. Mr. Frees came to Mark's house and said, "Well, my boy, I've come to hire you for our office. Would you like to come?"

"I certainly would," said Mark. "I expected a job before evening, but I did not know who would hire me. I asked the Lord for a job, and I knew He would get me one. I take it thankfully and gladly. Mr. Frees."

Mr. Frees was not deceived about anything that was said about Mark, for he knew what he was before he hired him. Mark's Christian character spoke for him everywhere he worked. "God is faithful."
—Unknown.

FAMOUS MEN

Jay Gould began as a book agent; Benjamin Franklin, a printer; Abraham Lincoln, a rail-splitter; Cornelius Vanderbilt ferried his own boat; John Wanamaker began work at five dollars a month, and Andrew Carnegie at ten dollars a month; John Jacob Astor sold apples in the street; Thomas Edison was a telegraph operator, and John D. Rockefeller worked in a machine shop.

A SERMON

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who possess it in the world to come or in eternity. This great salvation is our only hope of heaven, and by heaven I mean all that the word implies. I do not have words to describe it even if I could comprehend it, and even if I had the language of angels at my command and all the wisdom of Solomon, I would not be worthy to undertake it. But I mention a few things about heaven which are clearly taught in the scriptures and which I think we have a right to assume. I am speaking of the new heaven that Jesus has now gone to prepare for us. John on the Isle of Patmos saw it and it will appear after it is prepared with its inconceivable beauty and glory. He calls it the Holy City, the new Jerusalem. In this Holy City, we shall live forever with God, the blessed trinity, the angels and all his saints, all that have been redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus. He will dwell with us and be our God, and we shall be his people. There we shall know even as we are known, behold his blessed face and see him as he is. Let us praise his precious name for great salvation. Herein we shall experience all the fullness of life, eternal life, for there will be no death in heaven, no sickness, no sorrow, no tears, no night, no fear, no sin to tempt us and no pain to hurt us. Praise his name forever. There we shall walk and talk with Jesus, our blessed Saviour, sit down with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, sing with David and all the heavenly choir, worship God, the blessed trinity and praise his name forever with all the hosts of heaven for so great salvation. This is all I need. Herein is the fullness of so great salvation. Blessed be his great and holy name forever.

DO SOMETHING

Do something for which the world is willing to pay you money. Take nothing you do not earn. Save all your surplus to take care of yourself when you are unable to work. And be cheerful.

Elwood Lane Auxiliary Reporting

The Woman's Auxiliary of Elwood Lane F. W. B. Church held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. M. M. Overy, 902 Elm Street, on Saturday, January 14, at five o'clock. The meeting was opened by the president, Miss Earley, who had charge of the program. The scripture reading was from Second Corinthians, fifth chapter, and was followed by a chain of prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Eleven members were present, including Miss Volda Belle Earley, Mrs. George Lambert, Mrs. Paul Jenkins, Mrs. Joe Hailey, Mrs. Fred Steele, Mrs. Ray Allman, Mrs. Charles Cooke, Mrs. Ben Collier, Mrs. Gilbert Bostain, Mrs. J. W. Hoce and the hostess, Mrs. Overy.

The business session was opened with all new business under consideration, and all new members participated. We are putting forth new efforts to help raise our building fund for our new church.

Plans were made for our next meeting to be held on Saturday, February 11, at the home of Mrs. Ray Allman. The meeting was dismissed in prayer by Miss Earley. A social hour followed and refreshments were served to all attending the meeting.

Mrs. C. C. Cooke,
Kannapolis, N. C.

WHO OWNS WHAT?

The more a man boasts about what he owns the more convinced I am that what he thinks he owns owns him. Some time ago a man said, "I began as an office boy and now the business belongs to me." His friends smiled. They knew differently. They knew that he belonged to the business. On a tombstone were written words that revealed more truth than was intended, "Born a man, died a grocer."

George Eliot was near the truth when she said that nothing she had ever written was really hers, it was only handed to her.

When Haydn finished his oratorio, *The Creation*, and was receiving the praise of the multitudes, he humbly cried, "Not from me but from above it all has come." One of the greatest artists of all time wrote, "I realize with intensity, that man, in all that he does that is great and noble, is only the organ of something or the instrument of someone higher than himself." Often Christ was amused by those people who boasted about what they owned. The more they boasted, the more he was convinced that what they owned really owned them. The man who talked about his barns, and more barns, and bigger barns, in the end discovered that not even his own soul belonged to him. ". . . Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee . . ." People pray, "O God from whom

we come and to whom we belong and in whose service is our peace," but too often they are still thinking of their will and not his. Jesus put things straight when he said, ". . . not my will, but thine, be done (It is not thee who belongs to me, it is I who belongs to thee)."—*Selected.*

CHURCH DEADWOOD

Look over any church membership list, and you will find a lot of dead timber—members that joined the church and then settled down to do nothing, feeling that church membership is a passport to heaven.

They remind us of an incident told by a world traveler who was preparing to take a photograph of some Turkish warships anchored in the waters near Alexandria. The captain, noticing the young man, explained that these warships were not really dangerous,—were not really warships. "They look formidable enough," the officer continued, "but they are perfectly harmless. They were anchored there eight years ago and have not turned a wheel since."

How many times have we carried the battle into the enemy's territory since we enlisted in the Lord's army? Just why did we join the church? Have we made any sacrifices? Have we sought to help others into church fellowship? Or did we sail into the protected church harbor and anchor there some eight, ten, or twenty years ago,—and perhaps "have not turned a wheel since?"

Such church members do not worry the devil at all. He knows that they are "perfectly harmless." He also knows that church membership will not save a lazy Christian.—*Selected.*

SHOULD CHRISTIANS ATTEND THE SHOWS?

How dare you Christians, who claim to love the Lord, and who desire that his will be done in your lives, to bring such shame on his name by going to the picture shows? I dare you this minute to drop on your knees and tell your Father in heaven that this sort of thing is not a hindrance to your service to Him. Will you tell God that there is no harm in seeing some of the pictures, when you know deep down in your heart that the such type of pictures are shown at the same place at other times? You know that the picture companies make all kinds of pictures.

I once heard a young man, who attended a picture show, say the picture was so disgraceful to look upon that it made him sick. Remember, the things that God wants his people to look upon will not make them sick. He does say that if we are lukewarm church members, he will spew us out of his mouth. We are taught by the word not to love the world, neither

the things in the world. If any man love the world, the love of God is not in him. The lust of the flesh and the pride of life are not in the Father. Such things are of the world. The world will pass away, and the lust thereof, but God's holy word will not pass away.

Mrs. Nat Cox

BEYOND TODAY

If we could see beyond today,

As God can see;
If all the clouds should roll away,
The shadows flee,
O'er present griefs we would not fret,
Each sorrow we would soon forget,
For many joys are waiting yet
For you and me.

If we could know beyond today,

As God doth know,
Why dearest treasures pass away
And tears must flow,
And why the darkness leads to light,
Why dreary paths will soon grow bright!
Some day life's wrongs will be made right;
Faith tells us so.

If we could see, if we could know,

We often say!
But God in love a veil doth throw
Across our way;

We can not see what lies before,
And so we cling to him the more;
He leads us till this life is o'er;
Trust and obey.

—*Christian Work.*

SPEAK THE TRUTH

Many persons, we fear, are careless about their expressions, and are open to criticism. Exaggeration is a fatal error, and when the guilty party has lied, it is sin. "Hundreds at the altar," "scores saved," "a regular torrent of salvation," "never saw anything like it," and similar statements are often wide of the mark.

Again, there is the habit of so coloring a statement that while the truth is spoken, there is a covered lie. The eyes of the world are upon us, and the ears of the critics are open to hear; and above all, God is to be taken into account.

Suppressed truth or half-truth, that is meant to mislead, is the meanest kind of lying. "Thou desirest truth in the inward parts."

Our Lord cares not for pretense, He looks to the soul. "All things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do". Let us give no grounds, either by voice or pen, for the charge of untruthfulness.—*God's Revivalist.*

Faith is more than a passive acceptance of the will of God. It is also an aggressive co-operation with that will.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary. Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

Resolutions of Respect

Brother Lee Kight passed on to his eternal reward on December 23, 1949. He had been in failing health for the past year. Brother Kight was a charter member of Marietto F. W. B. Church, and also he was a senior deacon of the church. He was a faithful member, and we the members of the church submit the following resolutions:

First, That we bow in humble submission to God's holy will;

Second, That we extend our heart-felt sympathy to the bereaved family, and point them to the One who is able to heal all sorrows; and

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy be sent to the Baptist paper, and a copy be placed on the church records.

Mrs. D. D. Moore,
Mrs. I. V. Branch,
Mrs. Bennie Anderson,
Committee

Resolutions of Respect

It was on May 29, 1949, that the death angel took the life of our youthful Brother C. P. Wiggins. He made his stay on earth only 27 short years. He was a beloved member of Marietto F. W. B. Church. He is missed by all who knew and loved him.

We the members of Marietto Church wish to submit the following resolutions:

First, That we bow in humble submission to God's holy will;

Second, That we extend our heart-felt sympathy to the bereaved family, and point them to One who is able to heal all sorrows; and

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy be sent to the Baptist paper, and a copy be placed on our church minutes.

Mrs. D. D. Moore,
Mrs. I. V. Branch,
Mrs. Bennie Anderson,
Committee

Resolutions of Respect

On December 3, 1949, the death angel took from us our dear Brother Lester McLoIn. Since early youth he had been a faithful member of the Marietto Free Will

Baptist church near Lyons, Georgia. He was choir leader of the church which he loved so well. But we know our loss is his eternal gain.

We sincerely sympathize with his wife and loved ones. We of Marietto Church do hereby resolve:

First, That we bow in humble submission to God's holy will;

Second, That in his passing the church and community have lost one of the beloved members. He will be long remembered; and

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to the Baptist paper, and a copy be placed on the church records.

Mrs. I. V. Branch,
Mrs. Bennie Anderson,
Mrs. D. D. Moore,
Committee

ACHIEVING SERENITY

Jesus lived an untroubled life in a troubled world. He was never distracted or pushed off his balance by events or people. What would we not give to be able to achieve such serenity? Jesus' serenity was due in no small measure to the fact that He always kept His perspective.

Geography made no difference to Jesus. He probably never traveled more than a hundred miles from the place of His birth yet He did not speak for people living on certain streets or in a certain part of the country, or belonging to a certain race, but to all mankind.

How easy our minds are prejudiced by differences of social background or prestige, or by differences of race or nationality. None of these disturbed Jesus. He spoke for all people, wherever they lived. He did not modify the Sermon on the Mount for any man.

Gossip made no difference to Jesus. We are influenced as a rule by what the neighbors say or what we think the neighbors would say. There was plenty of gossip, even bitter gossip, about Jesus, but it did not influence Him one bit.

Many occasions are recorded in the Gospels when people talked and murmured about Jesus. When He went with Jairus to heal his daughter, people "laughed Him to scorn," but undeterred, Jesus went to her home and healed her. "We might have much peace," says Thomas a Kempis, in *The Imitation of Christ*, "if we would not busy ourselves with the sayings and doings of others, and with the things that belong not to us."

Size made no difference to Jesus. Our century is so impressed by bigness that size has almost become the standard measuring rod of our time. If one is to keep his perspective he must resist the temptation to judge primarily the size. We all too easily think in terms of the tallest

building, the largest auditorium, the biggest crowd, the most expensive article.

We find ourselves thinking in terms of the largest army, the heaviest bomb, and the biggest battleship. Think how much more valuable for the war effort is the tiny brain of an Eisenhower or a Stalin or in time of peace of an Edison or an Einstein. We can't imagine Jesus being impressed by the knowledge or observing the most numerous herd of camels or attracting the greatest crowd of people. Again and again He emphasizes the importance of the small and the unseen and the simple, the tiny mustard seed, the leaven, or the lilies of the field that were greater than Solomon in all his glory.

Time meant nothing to Jesus. There was no sense of hurry in His life. Haste and Jesus did not go together. Rather we hear Him saying "Take no thought of the morrow . . . sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." He never expressed any fear that if x or y were not done, His mission would fail. Frequently He deliberately left throngs of people who desired to see Him in order that He might be alone with God.

The key to Jesus' serenity, to a seemingly untroubled life in a troubled world, was in large part due to His ability to be unperturbed by the mundane aspects of life that keeps most of us stirred up, and to live with a deep, consciousness of the presence of God. The true way of softening one's troubles is to solace those of others.

—Selected

Auxiliary of Hazel Park Holds Meeting

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BY REPORTER

The Woman's Auxiliary of Hazel Park F. W. B. Church convened on January 3 in its regular meeting. After the rendering of an inspiring program, the vice-presidents gave their reports from which we learned that a goodly number of needy children have been benefitted from the clothing which was distributed, along with a cash offerings. Some clothing and shoes were sent to the Indian Mission in Oklahoma. Thirty individual Christmas baskets were given to the needy in the county hospital in Pontiac.

Our auxiliary sponsors a book review once each month. Mrs. Salom Maynard, our newly elected president, entertained the auxiliary in her home, and reviewed a book entitled "Representative Women." The other officers for the year are as follows: Alice Allison, first vice-president; Mrs. Georgia Felts, second vice-president; Eileen Dalton, third vice-president; Jessie Haley, fourth vice-president; Madena Hastening, fifth vice-president; Mrs. Homer Willis was retained as secretary-treasurer.

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The Secret

I met God in the morning
When my day was at its best,
And His Presence came like sunrise,
Like a glory in my breast.

All day long the Presence lingered;
All day long He stayed with me,
And we sailed in perfect calmness
O'er a very troubled sea.

Other ships were blown and battered;
Other ships were sore distressed,
But the winds that seemed to drive them
Brought to us a peace and rest.

Then I thought of other mornings,
With a keen remorse of mind,
When I too had loosed the moorings,
With the Presence left behind.

So I think I know the secret,
Learned from many a troubled way:
You must seek Him in the morning
If you want Him through the day!

—From Spiritual Hilltops, by Ralph S. Cushman

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I wish to thank the many friends throughout the denomination who remembered me with cards, flowers, and other gifts during my recent illness. I hope to be able in time to write each one personally, but might overlook someone unintentionally. It will be some time at best before I can write all, and I did not want to wait to say, "Thank you."

I am at home now, and while still confined and not fully recovered, I know that God has heard and answered prayer in my behalf, and that He will continue to do so. I ask that all of you continue to pray for me.

Gertrude Ballard
826 Pollock St.,
New Bern, N. C.

Always Giving

Giving, giving, always giving,
Is my Lord to me;
Giving of His grace and blessing,
Sinful though I be.
And shall I withhold from giving
While He gives to me?
Cling to earth and earthly treasures,
Though the need I see?

No, I'll give to spread the Message,
Give to Him I love,
Give to herald wide the coming
Of my blessed Lord;
Give as I have been forgiven,
Give to send His Word
To poor souls who sit in darkness,
Knowing not the Lord.

—The Youth's Instructor.

:- MESSAGES FROM GEORGIA :-

THE LAYMAN'S DUTY TO HIS CHURCH AND PASTOR

By Mrs. Edith D. Shiver

Who is a layman of the church? Everyone should be made to understand who the layman is. Some think it is some officer of the church, not knowing it is the member of the church. When one wants to lay down his sins and become a child of God—He joins the church of his choice—He becomes a layman. The church is made up of laymen and it needs every one to do his or her part.

Let us for a moment compare the church with our human body. When one part of the body becomes ill or paralyzed, the other parts have more burden to bear. This is the way it is with the church. When some member fails to fill his place, forgets or neglects his duties, and lives a life which is a witness against the church and God, we see what the other members have to do—carry their brother's burden. Yes, the church needs its laymen. What we wish most is that every layman would realize that he needs the church as well. Since every layman has a part to play in the church, let's see what his duties are.

When Joshua was speaking to the children of Israel he said, "and if it seems evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land ye dwell; but as for me and my house we will serve the Lord." If we are to serve the Lord, one of our first duties is to attend the church. Be present at every assembly. We are told in the Bible not to forsake assembling ourselves in the Lord's House. We can not get anything from the church if we do not put something in it. Why not let it be our presence, then? We not only want to give our presence to the Lord's house on Sunday, but live everyday as a witness for the Lord; as a result of our being present at church. "Press toward the mark for

the prize of the high calling of God." We know this mark will be a life of Christlike living every day.

The second duty is our service to our church. We mean doing what we are asked to do, seeing things to be done and doing them rather than talking about it, and offering to do something without waiting to be asked. God wants us to work in His house just as we work in ours. It is the duty of the men and women to give their service to the house of the Lord. Jesus said to His disciples: "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me and to finish His work." Sometimes our laymen neglect their duty in the church to eat meat from some earthly table—not realizing the service for the Lord is filling to the soul, I believe we would have more working for the Lord. We must use our talents. No matter who we are, all have one talent at least. Do not be as the foolish servant who buried the one talent that God gave him, but use it if we have just one it will increase, and we will find ourselves able to do more than we thought.

Third duty is to give your money. How much one gives depends on how much one has. We all pay debts to our fellow man, or try to, anyway. Well, everyone owes one debt—that is to God. We owe Him 10% of every dollar we have. Until we have paid Him this we can not say we are giving Him anything, when we give an offering to the church. We are just paying God some on the debt we owe Him. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." Too many people feel like they will go lacking for food or clothing if they pay God the 10% they owe Him. They don't believe the promise He has given us when He said He would supply every need. He did not say He would supply every desire, and that is what too many people is afraid of. The Lord surely does supply my every need, because I can see Him blessing me more every day since I have been giving Him a Gift.

The fourth duty of the layman is

to have love for his church and his fellowman. No church can stand when its members are divided. We will show our love for our fellowman by encouraging him to come to the house of the Lord and carry out his duties. We will show him ways in which he can be of service in the work for the Lord. If we have love in our hearts, all our duties will come natural.

If we have carried out the duties above, then there is another—Be pleased. Commend your fellowman for his duty well done. Be pleased over accomplishments. Be one who is always jolly when you have completed a task. Be pleased to be a witness for the Lord, no matter where you are. Do not be afraid of what the world of sin will say about you when you talk for your master. "But none of these move me—neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus to testify the gospel of the grace of God." When you are going about in this world, can those be your words? When God is checking up on us and your duties to our church, may we all say, "I have glorified thee on the earth. I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do."

Now, let us consider a few of the layman's duties to his pastor. We have said the people make up the church. They are the flock. Of course, our shepherd is God, but we need an undershepherd. This is our pastor. He leads his flock just as our Master leads us. He teaches those things which God has led him to teach. In fact, he is also somewhat a prophet of God. As Isaiah warned the people of what God would do, if they did not turn back to Him, the pastor warns his people what will be in store for them if they don't turn to God. He tells the flock what God expects of them today. If our pastor points out the way to everlasting life thru the help of God, then surely we owe him some duties.

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NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

"ANOTHER WALKOUT"

The above caption is given to an article written concerning the delegate to the UN from Russia, and the walkout was caused by the presence of the representative from the National Chinese government. Russia refuses to sit with the delegate from China, because Russia wants the "red" government in China to be recognized. This shows the attitude and spirit of Russia towards everything that she cannot rule; she will destroy. The representatives had already walked out ten times during the past when they could not rule. That is "Communism." The spirit of Russia has a great hold on the lives of men today in almost every land. "If I cannot get what I want for my satisfaction, I'll see that you do not get your satisfaction. I'll destroy with bombs; I'll take lives of others; I'll set on fire, in fact, I'll resort to anything ruthless and destructive to get what I want." Communism is born in hell and its father is the "boss."

TRY THE SPIRITS

John writes: "BELOVED, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world" (I John 4:1).

In the following verses, second and third of this chapter, John tells us what he is talking about and what he calls a "false prophet." He says: "Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God; and this is that spirit of antichrist, wherof ye have heard that it should come; . . ."

So, in the light of the inspired word as given, those who deny the first chapter of the Gospel according to John, which states that "The Word was made flesh" (John 1:14), are antichrist, or have the spirit of antichrist. Thus many cults stand convicted today before the *Judgment Bar of God*. All modernists dismiss everything from their religion that cannot be fathomed by the finite mind. Thus they take the supernatural out of their belief. But when you get the supernatural out of salvation you have nothing eternal left.

To take the supernatural out, you do away with the *creation* as given in the Bible. You do away with the *Virgin Birth* of the Lord Jesus Christ, you discount the *vicarious* and *substitutionary* death of Je-

sus Christ. And going further, the rank modernists, along with what we call modernist, come several of the "cults" that call themselves "Christian," with a theology that denies the *Resurrection* and *Ascension* and the *Coming Again* of the Lord Jesus.

With such a faith as set forth by the modernist groups of the *Spirit of Antichrist*, what have you left? Nothing more than Mohammedanism, or Confucianism, or Buddhism. I could accept either of these groups as faithfully as I can modernism, but modernism, as seen from this end of the line, is only a fulfillment of prophecy as set forth for the "last days." Let me quote: "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their conscience seared with a hot iron" (I Tim. 4:1, 2). And may we quote further; "For of such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works" (II Cor. 11:13-15).

CONDEMNATION OF CULTS

The modernists make much of their *Liberalism*. Some think that one religion is as good as another. No attention is paid to the fundamental doctrines of the Bible. They say that the Bible is full of errors and myths, and they are the only ones that know the truth. Fundamentalists to them are "narrow" and "ignorant." But to my mind every man that denies any part of the Bible as the *inspired word of God* throws the lie into the face of God. Here is my reason for this belief. "He that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son" (I John 5:10).

Paul saw these modernists and all the "cults" that deny the *Inspired Word of God*, and he has warned us against such in his instructions to Timothy, in that he said, "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lust will they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (II Tim. 4:1-4).

MY APPEAL

Brethren and Sisters in Christ; known as Free Will Baptists: I am soon to close out this life's activities, although I am

well and going now with good results. But when we get to and pass the "three score and ten" mark, we well know that there cannot be many more years of service here on this earth.

I want to warn you who shall come after me, and those who are now with me, against the inroads of Modernism which can be easily made by just a little slip. There are modernistic schools in the land, and often out of convenience, and what we call "economy," we send our children to the colleges where they teach against the doctrine as taught by our fathers and believed by us. So, let us be careful as to what institutions we send our children. "An ounce of preventative is worth a pound of cure," it has been said. It is too late when one has been indoctrinated with modernism, namely: just "joining the church and a water baptism brings salvation." One must be *born again*, and have *an unwavering faith in the shed blood of Christ to get to heaven*.

IN THE REGION OF YOUR HEART

BENJAMIN KEECH

If you're feelin' sort o' fretful,
If you're feelin' sort o' blue,
If you're apt to be forgetful
Of the blessin's owned by you,
Then it's time you went to doct'rin'
For each pesky burn an' smart;
Give yourself a close inspection
In the region of your heart.

If you find that organ coated
With a coverin' of hate,
Then the pain can all be routed
By a means not intricate;
Take some love an' pity, mix 'em
Till compassion crowns your art;
For the blues,—one dose'll fix 'em,
An' 'twill regulate your heart.

If you're eranky, cross an' scrappy
From the break o' morn till night,
When you ought to be quite happy,
That's a sign your heart's not right.
Take some blessed oil o' kindness,
Bandage up your brother's heart,—
This will stop your slothful blindness,
An' a perfect cure impart.

There are many hearts afflicted
In a manner sad to see,—
Some of them have been neglected
To the very last degree:
Rouse yourself an' go to workin',
Weed out gloom, remove hate's dart,—
Leave no festerin' wound a-lurkin'
In the region of your heart.

—Herald of Light and Zion's Watchman.

The Signs of the Times

By J. B. LAWRENCE

The Scriptural injunction to discern the signs of the times was never more imperative than now. This involves: (1) our duty to see things as they are with objective and dispassionate accuracy; and (2) to see the present situation in its relation and perspective.

No time is isolated from its antecedent and its consequence. In one sense, to be sure, every age is separate, unique and supreme for those who live in it and in it alone. It is their one opportunity to fulfill their task, but all times are related in God's kingdom program, and those who work in any age for the coming of the kingdom must work in the light of all the past and with a view to all the future.

In each generation the basic issues have to be grasped afresh. The conditioning environment shifts its emphasis and proportion, and new demands as well as new difficulties replace the old. It is because of this shift in conditions that a new appraisal of kingdom work is necessary from time to time.

The situation today is anything but assuring. Our free, democratic way of life is threatened. We are being attacked from within and from without, but the menace of a foreign foe is not as threatening and as dangerous as the attack from within. We can and will defend our land from invasion by a foreign foe, but the insidious working of evil forces within our social order is something else altogether.

In the past history of the world great nations have been undermined by foes from within. The Roman Empire, built by the genius of the Caesars who picked up the jigsaw puzzle which Alexander the great had left, was perhaps the greatest the world has ever known. It was the first time the world had unity based upon law and not merely and only upon force. Wherever the Roman legions went they built roads and set up courts of law. Their jurisprudence is today a precious legacy of our race. But that empire fell. Why did it fall? Gibbons gives five reasons:

First, the rapid increase of divorce which is undermining the dignity and sanctity of the home, the basis of human society.

Second, higher and higher taxes, and the spending of public monies for free bread and circuses for the people.

Third, the mad craze for pleasure, sports becoming every year more exciting and more brutal.

Fourth, the building of gigantic armaments when the real enemy was within in the decadence of the people.

Fifth, the decay of religion—faith fading into a mere form, losing touch with

life and becoming impotent to guide the people.

This looks like an untouched photograph of much of the life of our time. Some of our people are very much afraid lest the idealogies which infest the earth may infect our party politics with some germ, red or black or some other color. They have cause to be afraid, for some of the same forces of evil that destroyed the Roman Empire are, gigning at the foundations of the civilization of America, and unless they are destroyed they will destroy our civilization.

Some of these forces are:

Materialism, the destroyer of spiritual values.

Atheism, the destroyer of faith.

Racialism, the destroyer of brotherhood.

Fear, the destroyer of peace.

Liberalism, the destroyer of sacred traditions.

Lawlessness, the destroyer of civic order.

Paganism, the destroyer of Christianity.

These things are not enemies outside the gate, but potent and actual foes within the gate threatening our peace and our safety. They are doing something to us.

They have created a sense of insecurity, an orgy of crime, intense racial prejudice, economic injustice, and other evils which threaten to tear apart and destroy the unity and security of our people.

The basic trouble, the subtle force behind all these things and making them possible in our social order, is sin which is sweeping over our land like a prairie fire, scorching, singeing, seering, consuming. If our people do not see the wickedness which is corrupting our social order, it is because those who should see are palace-car passengers on the American train of life and know little of what is taking place in the country through which they pass.

Does this turmoil mark our Christian hopes as groundless and our Christian efforts as fruitless? Not at all. It is at such a time as this that a new age is born, and now if Christianity will do what it should do in shaping and directing the moulding forces of the age we are entering; if the churches of Jesus Christ will take the dominant place they should take and make Christianity an actual and factual influence in our social order, then we will realize in our homeland the rich fruits of Christianity, fruits richer by far than anything history has heretofore recorded.

This is what our churches are for. When Christ spoke of His people as salt, He was thinking of them as the

spiritual ingredient that would purify and make wholesome every phase of life they touched. When He spoke of them as the light of the world, He was thinking of a light by which men's feet would find the true path of life.

Christians dare not drift through these days, hoping that the currents of life will automatically sweep them on to a holier and happier state. Our churches dare not follow where the common currents of life may lead. They must grasp the currents that flow in our social order and guide their direction. Our pastors must speak with a voice that will command the attention of those who shape the thinking of our people; and all of us must make sacrifices that will give Christianity in the homeland such an impetus as will make the world aware of the redeeming and saving mission of Christ.

This is a great age for missions in the homeland.

—Reprinted from *Southern Baptist Home Missions*

RAINBOW DAYS

Monday is a white day,

Fresh and pure as snow;
A new beginning for the week;
I try to keep it so.

Tuesday is a red day,

Rich as any rose,
Full of loving promises,
From sunrise to its close.

Wednesday is a blue day,

Like a summer sky;
I try to think of happy things,
And make the clouds pass by.

Thursday is a green day,

Full of hope and cheer;
Like the friendly ivy leaves,
Growing all the year.

Friday is a violet day,

When, with love unseen,
All the little fragrant seeds
Flower among the green.

Saturday is an orange day,

Like a sunset sky;
Telling us the week has gone,
With its smile or sigh.

Sunday is a golden day,

In the old time blest;
And its light of love and joy
Gives us peace and rest.

—Unknown.

"YE MUST HAVE A ZEAL"

To have what you want, you must want that thing bad enough to work for it.

If we desire something, we don't just sit around and not work and make an effort to get it. We labor hard, and then when our pay check comes, we go down and buy it.

Christians, we wonder why we do not have more conversions, but do we have the love of the soul of man in our hearts?

Do we pray all through the week, especially for the lost? Do we work to win the lost? Do we go into their homes, and keep telling them of the love of Jesus?

No! Then how do we expect a harvest, when we haven't sown the seed first?

But, if we sow the good seed of the Word of God, we will reap a harvest of souls, for we have the scripture to back us up. "My words will not return unto me void."

"This true, we may not always see the results of our own labors, for sometimes, one sows and another reaps. But one thing we do know is, God gets the increase.

Once a couple bought a piece of land. They worked very hard, and improved this land. They put a house on it, planted an orchard, dug a well, making it a desirable place to live, thinking it to be their home. But something happened, and they had to sell the place, and move away the first year. The fruit trees were bearing luscious fruits, and the crops were green in the fertile fields.

They saw the new owners come in and gather the fruit from the trees they had planted, cultivated, and worked to get them to bear good fruit.

Even if the seed we sow can't always be a blessing to us, remember, if we love our brother we won't be envious of his reaping where we have sown. His heart will be blessed by gathering the fruits. The fruit he gathers will be a blessing wherever they go.

We do not throw the fruit away that we gather from our trees, we put them to use. So does God use

the fruits of our labors to bless others, to just keep spreading the word.

As the fruit is gathered we must bear in mind the seeds are always in the fruit, and as they are planted, more fruit comes from the seeds that are in the fruit we have gathered.

Mrs. J. W. Arnold

News from the First F. W. B. Church of Raleigh

Our church is progressing fine. We have been here only four weeks, but we have found the people very courteous and friendly to each other. They have been very good to us. They are doing a great work here for the cause of Christ. We do not have a large membership, but we truly thank the Lord for all that has been done, and for the faithfulness of everyone.

Rev. Herman Wooten is the pastor of this church, and he is a very sincere worker. He preaches the great gospel truths with zeal and in all earnestness. He spends much of his time in helping the needy ones, and also visiting the sick.

We are hoping and praying that we can in the very near future be able to build a real nice church, one that we as Free Will Baptists will be proud of in the city of Raleigh. We want one that the Lord will be pleased with in every respect. Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." We can do all things through Christ who will strengthen us in doing his great work.

If any of you dear readers have any tithes or mission money that you would like to give to the Lord, I am sure He could use it in the work here in a great way. "Bring ye all the tithes in the store house that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Please do not forget that God loveth a cheerful giver. Please pray for us that He will use us to His own glory.

Mrs. Cora Armstrong

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There must be death unto sin before there is life unto holiness. We must consent to be dead indeed unto sin, before we can have the fulness of the Holy Ghost.—Rev. L. E. Nice.

A Christian in the progress of grace and wisdom is like a vessel laden for port, the more it is filled the deeper it sinks.—Rev. D. B. Krings.

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

WHY SO MUCH SUFFERING?

The Bible speaks much about human suffering. It points out that disobedience is the cause of the most suffering which people endure. Christ had great sorrow for those who were stricken down with all manner of disease. He cured many by divine healing wherever he went with his disciples preaching the gospel of salvation. He tried to get the people to have faith and trust in him, and to live pure and clean lives, and they would not have to suffer so much in this life.

We believe a great many people bring upon themselves pain and suffering by over indulgence in a great many things which prove harmful to their bodies. For example, exposure of their bodies to extreme weather conditions, which ultimately bring on bodily impairment. Over exertion and irregular habits of rest and sleep will bring on suffering and nervousness. Some people bring upon themselves discomfort and suffering by the habit of over eating rich foods. Ambition and nervous tension for material gain, riches, prestige, personal power, etc., over a period of years impair the body and bring on pain and suffering.

When people persist in breaking the laws of the human body, they reach the breaking point and thus pain and suffering afflict their bodies as a serious consequence. The same is true with those who break the holy laws of God. They have to suffer remorse of conscience, the sting of criticism, and the dread of eternal punishment. People pay the price for the breaking of both the laws of God and the laws of human nature.

The normal life, both from the physical and the spiritual nature, is what God wants people to live. Christ went about doing good as a pattern for everyone. He set the example with respect to the way he lived his physical life. He was not an extremist in the things which he did in the flesh. He did not misuse or abuse his body. In the spiritual, he was the perfect Son of God. He was the very embodiment of all spiritual truth and holiness. While he did suffer in the flesh on the cross the agony

of death, yet he did it not because of his own sin, for he had no sin. He suffered that we might live. A great many people suffer today because of the transgressions of others. This was shown on a very large scale during the recent World War. Sin is usually at the bottom of most all suffering of mankind the world over; and, if people would seek to live clean lives before God and the world, there would be much less pain and suffering everywhere.

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WHY DON'T YOU LIKE TO READ?

Recently, an elderly person made this statement to the editor: "I don't like to read." We asked the person why she does not like to read, and her answer was, "I never formed the habit of reading when I was young. I wish now that I had."

We soon saw that this person had missed much in life by not having an interest in reading good literature. But today, the average person of middle life likes to read. School children are taught to read, and to read very much while they are in the public school. And when they leave school and get out in life they still read.

But what should people read most during their leisure hours in the home? We think too many spend too much time reading worthless stories and news tragedies, because over indulgence of such reading is harmful to them, causing worry, fear, dread, and wild imagination. For pleasant and most profitable reading, we believe people should form the habit of reading good magazines, church papers, Christian fiction books, the Word of God, and other such reading that will both broaden the mind and be useful to daily living. Spare moments spent at home by such reading tend toward peace of mind, happiness, and a deeper outlook on life. A good family library of the choicest books and religious magazines should really be a vital part of every American home. A well used and properly trained mind goes a long way toward personal happiness, and a peaceful home.

Walter Carter to Hold Revival Piney Grove, Duplin County

We wish to announce that Brother Walter Carter of Rockingham, N. C., will be at Piney Grove F. W. B. Church, Duplin County, on Sunday night, February 19, 1950, to begin a revival meeting.

We are asking all who will to come and be with us in this meeting. We feel certain that one and all who attend these services will derive great good from the meeting.

Brother Carter held a revival for us last fall, and we have missed him since he was

here in that meeting. It seemed that every one enjoyed his soul stirring messages, and I am sure everyone will enjoy the messages that he will bring in this revival. The Bible is fulfilling very fast and we know that the world will not stand long. If you will come and hear Brother Carter's messages, I feel sure that you will be drawn closer to the Lord. If we will put our trust alone in Jesus, He will surely help us through this rough journey of life.

Bonnie A. Deaver

There is always the sunshine, only we must do our part—we must move into it. It's all a matter of position.

Give It Away

"Any man who has a religion is bound to do one of two things with it, change it or spread it," says Robert E. Speer. "If it isn't true, he must give it up. If it is true, he must give it away."

We who have found Christianity to be true, satisfying the deep spiritual hunger of our lives, must act upon the second of these alternatives: We must spread it. Each of us can do this.—*Kingdom Truth.*

Greatly begin! though thou have time
But for a line, be that sublime—
Not failure, but low aim is crime.

—James Russell Lowell.

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

Editor
MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON

801 Pollock Street
New Bern, N. C.

Thompson F. W. B. Church Has New Auxiliary

Our Woman's Auxiliary of Thompson Church held its first meeting on Thursday, January 26, 1950, at the church at 3:00 P. M. Mrs. Tiner read the scripture lesson for the devotions, and Mrs. J. W. Tully brought a very inspiring message on the topic, "Our Best for Christ in Right Living."

The members present for this meeting were: Mesdames J. W. Tulley, E. W. Middleton, L. E. Tiner, G. R. Grimes, Homer Josey, Ervin Williams, James Ogg, Clifton Powell, Jeanette Tiner, E. P. Tulley, F. E. Scarborough, and J. L. Wilson.

Mrs. Eugene Middleton, Reporter

Quarter Report of Woman's Auxiliary, Sylvauga, Ala.

We held our meeting with 14 members present. The meeting opened with song and prayer. Mrs. Ana Johnston was in charge of the devotions. The scripture lesson was taken from John 21:15-18. The topic of the program was: "Witnessing for Christ in our Home Land." Mrs. Lanell Logan discussed the topic, "Through Deeds of Kindness." Topic number two was discussed by Mrs. Williams. The subject was "Use of Our Time." Mrs. Mull discussed the subject, "Doing Business for God." And the fourth topic was discussed by Mrs. Pinson. Her subject was "Soul Winning."

OUR QUARTERLY REPORT

(October 20, 1949 to Jan. 12, 1950)

Total money received	\$150.02
DISBURSEMENTS	
Paid for flowers	\$ 19.01
Given to Perry Baby	8.50
Postage on package to the Children's Home	0.37
Home missions	5.00
Paint for the church	34.27
Given to Brother Pinson	18.25
Groceries for chicken supper	10.05
Paid for literature	4.60
Material for the church	6.67
Christmas gift for Brother Pinson	3.50
Total	\$110.22

Balance in the treasury	\$ 39.80
Clothing sent to the children's home	\$ 24.75
Given to charity	\$132.56
Visits to see the sick	286
Visits to the hospital	50
Trays taken to the sick	36
Personal flowers sent (pots)	15
Fruit baskets sent to the sick and shut-ins	8

Mrs. Mary Mull,
Secretary-Treasurer

Piney Grove Auxiliary Report

The Woman's Auxiliary of Piney Grove Church, Johnston County, held its monthly meeting in the home of Mrs. Winston Crumpler, Friday evening, January 13, 1950, at 7:00 P. M. The program began with a song, and Mrs. Cora Spivey, the president, read the scripture lesson, and Mrs. Dora Cuddington led in prayer. The program topic was: "Advancing with Christ in the Homeland."

Following the program, the roll was called with nineteen members and one visitor present for this meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. After the business meeting closed, the hostess served delicious refreshments which were enjoyed by all present.

We are asking the many friends to pray for our auxiliary work. Pray that we may go forward in the work of the Lord.

MRS. RACHEL HINNANT,
Corresponding Secretary

More Than We Ask

I asked for just a crumb of bread.
Within His banquet-hall he spread
A bounteous feast on every side—
My hungry soul was satisfied.

I asked for just a ray of light
To guide me through the gloomy night,
And lo, there shone along my way
The noon-tide glory of the day.

I asked for just a little aid,
As I stood trembling and afraid.
With strength I had not known before
He made me more than conqueror.

I asked for just a bit of love,
For love is sweet. From heaven above
The words came now with meaning new,
"Upon the Cross I died for you."

—Faith Wells

REVIVALS

Naaman Borders

I will give some requisites for revivals, as I see it. The first thing for the church that wants a revival is for the salvation of the lost and for the glory of God. I feel that some people want a revival that their church might become stronger than other churches, or in order to have a good report to send to the association. Some ministers want one-third of the glory, and the church one-third, and for God to have one-third of the glory. If that is the object, you will not have more than one-third of a revival, and that will be the third that goes to God.

The next step for a church to have a good revival is for all the church to get in one accord. When there are envyings, backbitings, and sniping at each other, you will have to bury the tomyhawk, and not leave the handle sticking out. That will have to be done, or there will be no real revival. If we as church members cannot forgive each other our little faults, God declares very plainly that he will not forgive us our sins. So we just as well make up our minds first, as at last, to come God's way in the matter. There is no alternate.

Next, there will have to be much agonizing prayer. Yes, lots of prayer and more prayer. The secret of Billy Sunday's success as a minister was that he had the whole town to have a month's prayer meeting preceding the meeting. They were mostly cottage prayer meetings.

He had the town divided up into many sections, and leaders for each section. He had a band of workers visiting every place of business all over the town, and holding a service with the folks working there. He had them to urge the folks to go to church at night. When the meeting was under way, he called on all the Christians, and all that wanted a revival to form in line and to march through town with music and bannels flying. In other words, he went out after the lost and advertised.

We may not be able in the country or small towns to adhere to this method, but we must not be afraid to

break away from the cut-and-dried, and worn-out customs of the past. Do something to get Old Nick stirred up and uneasy. Get the people to talk about the revival.

The next thing is to do all the organizing before the meeting starts. Every man to his place, and let him be there on time. When the evangelist calls for a song, don't begin pounding on the tenor fork, and say, "do-ra-me," but start out at once at the psychological moment. Some would go so far as to exclude sinners from the choir. I would not do that but you must have a competent Christian leader, and the more Christians in the choir the better.

Most successful evangelists do not call for seekers or mourners until they are pretty positive that they can get a response from the sinner. Every failure we have makes it a bit harder the next time. I do not think it is a good policy to announce before hand how long the revival will continue, because that gives the Devil a clue to work on in the very start of the meeting. Sometimes we have to take the Devil by surprise. I think a good way to give the meeting out is to say that we will go on with it as long as the Lord leads.

I have seen some meetings close on schedule when the meeting is just beginning in a good way. It seems to me that we do a big injury to God and his cause when we do that very thing. On the other hand, we can go to the other extreme by holding on too long.

One more thing, and that is very, very important, and please do not forget it. Have the house well ventilated and at the right temperature. That is exceedingly important. If you do not know how, go to see your doctor about it. It pertains to your health. I have been present for big revivals when the house was crowded and a hot fire was in the stove, and no ventilation, consequently all of us almost smothered. There was no spirit in the meeting. All felt so lifeless and stupid that no one could enjoy the meeting. Someone will probably cast a sneer at this, but go to see your doctor about it. He will tell the truth about it.

Another way to help your revival,

or the church is to give all the Christians something to do, and do not try to do everything yourself. Make every Christian think that he has something to do, and that he is one cog in the wheel.

Then again, one more thing: Do not over persuade. When one is saved he usually knows it. Some pastors hold their own revival meetings, but as a usual thing it is better to get a new preacher because a new broom sweeps best. When you get him, let him do practically all the preaching. Changing preachers night about usually makes a flop.

When a revival is going with full headway, I think that a big long drawn-out Sunday School session hurts the meeting on Sunday. Another thing that hurts a revival is that some people will gather in the church a while before the meeting is to start, and begin to talk and to tell jokes. That hurts the spirit of the revival. As soon as the choir leader can get the sinners lined up, and to singing, the better it will be for the meeting. When the meeting is in a good way, do not preach more than half hour at most, and start your singing at once. Make your altar call and fast, and step back and praise God.

Friends, these are my suggestions. If you have any better methods, you would be doing wrong if you do not use them.

A NOTE OF THANKS

Brother W. A. Dail of Winterville, North Carolina, desires to express his thanks and appreciations for the cards, letter, and gifts which he received from his many friends during the Christmas holidays. He is very much appreciative of the tokens of love and friendship of everyone who thought of him during the Christmas season.

Brother Dail is a disabled minister with arthritis, and is confined to his home most of the time. He is always glad to have his friends to call by to see him, or to drop him a card or letter, expressing their love and friendship for him. His address is Winterville, N. C.—Ed.

The man who pays to support the Church and then spends his time finding fault with it, is undermining his own investment.

A Ministers' Institute in Georgia

A Ministers' Institute is to be sponsored by the Georgia State Association which was instituted by a move made in the Midway Association. A ministers' Institute is now in the making to be held at Mount Bethel, Ashburn, Georgia, for the first week in June, 1950.

The purpose of this institute and conference is first, educational and spiritual; second, to promote the welfare of the cause of Christ and the furtherance of the gospel by the Free Will Baptist church and its clergy. It is also aimed to create a greater love and co-operative spirit among the clergy, as well as among the laity.

The writer has been honored as the promoter of such an institute since it was through his efforts that the plan was put forward. It is hoped that the preachers of Georgia, and others are invited from other states, will take part as well.

The Camp Committee of Mount Bethel has granted the privilege of the camp and its facilities to the institute, and this institute will be conducted on the same basis, economically, as other young people's camps. At the quarterly meeting of the Midway Association, which was held recently, the ministers voted full co-operation, and the Midway Association, as a whole, is wholeheartedly behind the movement.

Rev. E. C. Morris, the Promotional Secretary of Georgia of Free Will Baptists, will also lend a helping hand in the work. Mount Bethel can be easily reached, and a picture of the camp has recently appeared in the F. W. B. Paper. This is the first of such an institution among the Free Will Baptists in Georgia. The prayers and co-operation of the good people are earnestly solicited.

Yours for the cause,

T. B. Mellette

There are those who comfort themselves with the belief that they are doing the Lord's work when they are fighting with other Christians.

First Quarterly Session of Midway Association of Georgia

The first quarterly meeting of the Midway Association of Georgia met with the Patmos Church on January 20, 1950, with fifteen of the nineteen churches representing. There were ten of its ministers present for this meeting, and three visiting ministers from sister associations.

There was received from association funds \$139, which was voted to be divided between the superannuates and the State Encampment. Rev. S. T. Shutes brought the eleven o'clock message. His subject was "The Fourth Man" and following the message the congregation was dismissed for the noon hour. The benediction was offered by Rev. E. C. Williams.

In the afternoon session, Rev. J. N. Barnes led the devotions, after which the program committee announced the subject for discussion. It was: "The Duty of the Laymen to the Church and Pastor." Mrs. Edith Showers was asked to lead the discussion. From the discussions, I am sure that all of us learned some things about our duty to the church and pastor that we had never thought of before. What was said did fit every church member, old and young, officer and layman. We are hoping that some lasting good will come from this meeting.

The body adjourned to meet with Bethlehem Church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in April, 1950. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. W. T. Wiley.

Rev. J. N. Barnes, Ass't. Mod.
W. B. Griffin, Clerk

Instant Decision

A teacher in a mission school in Africa had just explained the parable of the king who invited people to his feast. One of the large boys said he wanted to follow Jesus, and a little boy said the same. "Have you felt for some time that Jesus has been calling you?" asked the teacher. "Oh, no; it is only today; but I listened right off when He called." was the sincere answer.

When Jesus calls us He does not want us to wait, but to answer right off. He says in His Word, "Behold, now is the accepted time."—*Unknown*.

NORTH CAROLINA EDUCATION REPORT

Report of North Carolina State Convention Board of Christian Education for the months of October 18, 1949 to January 17, 1950.

RECEIPTS

Received from Rev. J. C. Griffin, balance brought forward from N. C. State Convention, October 18, 1949	\$ 43.30
Received from Rev. J. C. Griffin, cash and checks	38.23
Total Received from Rev. J. C. Griffin	\$ 81.53

WOMANS AUXILIARIES

Pearsall's Chapel Auxiliary (Eastern Conference)	\$ 5.00
Total receipts from Auxiliaries	\$ 5.00

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Marlboro Church Sunday School (Central Conference)	\$ 3.30
Shady Grove Church Sunday School (Cape Fear Conference)	5.00
Hopewell Church Sunday School (Cape Fear Conference)	3.00
Sandy Plains Church Sunday School (Eastern Conference)	3.80
King's Cross Roads Church Sunday School (Central Conference)	7.50
Albemarle District Sunday School Convention	12.00
Rose of Sharon Church Sunday School (Albemarle Conference)	3.00
Sts. Delight Church Sunday School (Central Conference)	2.00
2nd Union Sunday School Convention (Central Conference)	10.00
Black Jack Church Sunday School (Central Conference)	2.00
Wilson Church Sunday School (Western Conference)	2.30
Lee's Chapel Sunday School (Cape Fear Conference)	1.00
Hopewell Church Sunday School (Cape Fear Conference)	2.50
Pleasant Plains Church Sunday School Bible Class (Western Conference)	2.00
Marlboro Church Sunday School (Central Conference)	2.90
LaGrange Church Sunday School (Central Conference)	2.63
Marlboro Church Sunday School (Central Conference)	2.66
King's Cross Roads Sunday School (Central Conference)	9.50
Pleasant Plains Church Sunday School (Western Conference)	2.00
King's Cross Roads Church Sunday School (Central Conference)	1.60
Rocky Mount Church Sunday School (Central Conference)	6.06
1st Western Union District Sunday School Convention	5.00
Total received from Sunday Schools	\$ 91.75

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUES

King's Cross Roads Church Junior F. W. B. L. (Central Conference)	.87
2nd Union District League Convention of Central Conference	1.64
Pleasant Hill Church Intermediate F. W. B. L. (Central Conference)	.50
Wilson Church F. W. B. L. (Western Conference)	2.30
Free Union Church F. W. B. L. (Albemarle Conference)	4.10
Sts. Delight Church Adult & Junior F. W. B. L. (Central Conference)	1.00
King's Cross Roads Church Intermediate F. W. B. L. (Central Conference)	.35
Free Union Church F. W. B. L. (Albemarle Conference)	2.75
Total received from Free Will Baptist Leagues	\$ 13.51

UNION MEETINGS

Carteret County Union (Eastern Conference)	\$ 10.00
5th Union Meeting (Eastern Conference)	25.00
Cape Fear Union Meeting (Cape Fear Conference)	15.00
3rd Union Meeting (Western Conference)	38.60
4th Union Meeting (Central Conference)	13.90
2nd Union Meeting (Western Conference)	5.00
1st Union Meeting (Western Conference)	10.00
Total received from Union Meetings	\$117.50

CHURCHES

Robert's Grove Church (Cape Fear Conference)	\$ 1.00
Powhatan Church (Cape Fear Conference)	25.00
Stoney Creek Church (Western Conference)	20.00
Sound View Church (Eastern Conference)	10.00
Total received from Churches	\$ 56.00

RECEIPTS FROM INDIVIDUALS

Rev. C. J. Harris, Greenville, N. C.	\$ 25.00
Mr. Asa W. Harris, Pike Road, N. C.	19.75
Mrs. Sarah Morris, R. F. D. 2, Fremont, N. C.	5.00
Total received from Individuals	\$ 49.75

RECEIVED FROM CONFERENCES

Eastern Conference	\$ 25.00
Cape Fear Conference	50.00
Central Conference	50.00
Total received from Conferences	\$125.00

SPECIAL STUDENT FUND

3rd Union Meeting of Eastern Conference (for Miss Patty Gray Creech, a student in Free Will Baptist College, Nashville, Tenn.)	\$ 30.00
3rd Union Meeting of Eastern Conference (for Miss Patty G. Creech, a student in Free Will Baptist College, Nashville, Tenn.) This money not handled by this Treasurer	46.50
Reedy Branch Church S. S. Classes Nos. 5 and 6 (Central Conference) (for Mr. Leroy Forlines, student Bible College, Nashville, Tenn.) This money not handled by this treasurer	68.29
Winterville Church S. S. Forlines, Christian Workers Class (Central Conference) For Mr. Leroy Forlines, student in Bible College, Nashville, Tenn. This money not handled by this treasurer	51.00
Winterville Church S. S. Hines Bible Class (Central Conference) (For Mr. Leroy Forlines, student Bible College, Nashville, Tenn.) This money not handled by this Treasurer	15.00
Winterville Church Ladies Aid Society (Central Conference) (For Mr. Leroy Forlines, student Bible College, Nashville, Tenn.) This money not handled by this Treasurer	15.00
Total for Special Student Fund	\$225.79

N. C. STATE CONVENTION

Received from N. C. State Convention by Mr. Rom W. Mallard, Treasurer) (This money not handled by this Treasurer)	\$100.00
Total received from N. C. State Convention	\$100.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Sent to General Fund Bible College, Rev. Henry Melvin, Mgr.-Treas., 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tenn.	\$472.24
Sent to Students from Special Student Fund	225.79
Operating Expense (Office Supplies, Mileage, etc.)	84.24
Total Disbursements	\$782.27

BALANCE ON HAND

In First National Bank in Ayden, N. C., January 17, 1950	\$ 38.41
Cash on hand not deposited, January 17, 1950	45.15
Total balance on hand January 17, 1950	\$ 83.56

REV. DAVID W. HANSLEY, *Treasurer*
P. O. Box No. 176,
Ayden, North Carolina

The Housewife God Can Use for His Glory

Yes, there are many housewives and devoted mothers who are consecrated to our blessed Lord that can help the cause of our Lord.

First by being a dutiful, devoted wife and mother to her household. God can't use just a gad-about. They can usually prove more harm than help. But, when Mrs. Jones, who is

unsaved, has a whole houseful of little children and doesn't know which way to turn and feels like throwing up her hands, we can be of assistance. When we have just freshly sat at the feet of Jesus, and asked him to show her her need of Christ, then we can in the love and spirit of God tell her the Scripture: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. For my yoke (the word) is easy and my burden

is light, take my yoke upon you and learn of me. For I am meek and lowly in heart and ye shall find rest unto your soul."

Then, we can by close consecration be led to Mr. B. who is despondent over the future and even thinks of suicide. God can lead us to him and give him the words of life, and there is one who will always be his friend, our blessed Lord.

There is also afflicted Grand-mother M. whose eye sight is so dim she can't read the Book she has always treasured. We who have good vision could prove a blessing by reading to her even once or twice a week.

We who know Christ as our Savior can prove to be a great blessing to others, by being a blessing to others.

Mrs. J. W. Arnold,
805 Wine Street
Gainesville, Texas

In Thee all fullness dwelleth,
All grace and power divine,
The glory that excelleth,
O Son of God, is Thine.
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
And unto Thee we sing,
We praise Thee and confess Thee
Our holy Priest and King.

TO THE KENTUCKY FREE WILL BAPTISTS

I am sorry that the itinerary that was planned for your state for the month of February had to be cancelled due to the illness of Mrs. Roach. After spending nearly a month in the hospital, Mrs. Roach was not able to work on doctor's orders for another month. Sorry we couldn't come to you as planned. Hope another itinerary can be arranged later.

Despite the fact that a representative from the Foreign Mission Board will not call on you personally right now, would each of you take a special offering for the cause and send it to your treasurer. The need is great, and I feel sure that you good folk of Kentucky want to do your part. May I ask you to continue to remember my wife in prayer.

Yours for the cause of missions,
Maurice W. Roach,
Box 1201,
Durham, North Carolina



The Fight for Christian Freedom

(Lesson for February 19)

Lesson: Acts 15:1-6, 22-29; Gal. 2:16.

I. NUGGETS FOR STUDENTS

1. The Law says, "This do, and thou shalt live;" the Gospel says, "Believe and live."
2. The Law is a "yoke of bondage;" the Gospel is the yoke of Christ, which is "easy."
3. The Law could only work "wrath" against transgressors; the Gospel freely justifies all who believe.
4. The Law was a "schoolmaster" (lit., child-leader); the Gospel brings us to the Holy Spirit as our Teacher and Guide.
5. The Law could not make anything perfect; the Gospel brings perfection through the perfect work of Christ.
6. The Law was given to Israel; the Gospel is for men of all kindreds and nations.
7. The Law was the ministration of death; the Gospel is the message of eternal life.
8. The Law brought a curse upon the transgressor; the Gospel brings redemption from the curse.
9. The Law could not disannul God's promises; the Gospel repeats the promises of God.
10. The Law is "done away;" the Gospel of the Grace of God remains and is operative today.
11. The Law could not justify a sinner; the Gospel brings the message of justification by faith.
12. It is perfectly obvious from the teaching of Scripture that Grace cannot be put into the same form with Law. Men may confuse between Law and Grace, but they can never blend them. Where Law and Grace are confused, there is neither strict Law nor pure Grace. Law and Grace do not mix. They are contrasts and oppo-

sites, ruling in different spheres and exercising different ministries. Where they are mixed in teaching they are both marred, for in this case, the Law is robbed of its terror, and Grace of its freeness.

II. HEART OF THE LESSON

1. The church had been admitting Gentiles to full membership for a number of years on the simple condition of faith in Jesus Christ. However, a new generation of Jewish Christians had come into the membership in Jerusalem who were zealous for the Law of Moses, and who refused to believe that anyone was a real Christian unless he was also a Jewish proselyte. It was not the opinion of the Apostles nor of the church as a whole, but of the Pharisaic party within the church. This party sent messengers to the Gentile churches wherever they had been established and tried to compel the members to submit to circumcision and come under all the provisions of the Mosaic Covenant. This would mean absolute obedience to all the requirements of the Law. These messengers had not been authorized by the church, but they took it upon themselves to propagate this doctrine without Apostolic sanction. It is often thus with false teachers. They set aside God's established order and arrogate to themselves the authority to proclaim their version, or perversion, of the Gospel.

Such teaching brought about confusion and disorder among the Gentile believers. That is why the church in Antioch (of Syria) sent Paul and Barnabas to Jerusalem for a meeting with the Apostles to consider and iron out the whole matter.

It is important for Christians to learn to distinguish between Law and Grace. The Judaizers did not abide by the enactments of this Council, and their spirit has not died out to this day. There are still those who insist upon a mingling of the two. But the Word of God says, "If righteousness come by the Law, then Christ is dead in vain" (Gal. 2:21). —Selected.

2. Now note the opposition which was voiced by the Pharisees against Paul and his colleagues. They em-

phatically affirmed "that it was needful to circumcise them, and to commend them to keep the law of Moses." Thus it is seen that the same party, or faction of the Jews in Jerusalem opposed them. The Devil is ever ready to oppose the good work of the followers of Christ, regardless as to whom they are, and where they may be laboring for the kingdom. Those Pharisees were rooted and grounded in ceremonialism, sticklers to the rites and observances of the Mosaic Law, though some of them had become Christians. Old habits and practices of a great many people are hard to give up, and this is especially true with those who are reluctant to make changes in their way of living. "Those that had been Pharisees, even after they became Christians, retained some of the old leaven."—Matthew Henry. Moreover, some of them had such a jealousy for the ceremonial law, and such a dislike of the Gentiles that they did not want to admit the Gentiles into communion unless they would be circumcised. (Take time to study verses 6 through 21 to learn the further arguments on this question.)—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

3. It often is exceedingly hard to give up past traditions, or to recognize the validity of practices at variance with them. This problem is almost constantly met with on the foreign field. There are Chinese converts who will give up many things, but when it comes to the burial of the dead they think they must follow the heathen customs which have long existed. Often it is difficult for heathen who have long been accustomed to propitiate supposed spirits by charms and fetishes to believe, even after they have accepted Christianity, that they can safely drop these practices.

Once Sadhu Sundar Singh entered into conversation with a Hindu "holy men" lying on a bed of spikes. For eighteen months the Hindu had been torturing his body that he might crush the desires of self. He admitted, "I have not yet gained my object, nor is it possible to do so in so short a time. Many years, and indeed many births, will be necessary to accomplish it." Sundar Singh reasoned with him and testified as to

how he had found deliverance and peace in an instant, but the other man replied, "I can never admit that salvation can be obtained as a gift, and in one short life."—Arnold's Commentary.

SOMEBODY ELSE

Paul Lawrence Dunbar

The Lord had a job for me, but I had so much to do;

I said: "You git somebody else, or wait 'till I git through."

I don't know how the Lord came out, but he seemed to git along—

But I felt kind o' sneaking like—
knowed I'd done God wrong!

One day I needed the Lord myself—
needed Him right away!

An, He never paid no heed at all—an'
I could hear Him say

Down in my accusin' heart: "Niggar,
I'se got too much to do;

You git somebody else," He said, "or
wait 'till I git through."

Now, when the Lord has work for
me, I never tries to shirk;

I drops what I'se on hand right now,
an' does the good Lord's work,

An' my own things can run along, or
wait 'til I gets free—

No one else can do the job the Lord's
marked out for me !

DURING A THUNDERSTORM

Do not use the telephone. The telephone wires may receive a heavy charge.

Keep away from stove, radiators and the like. They are large metallic masses, likely to become heavily charged.

Avoid screen doors or other metallic bodies connecting with the exterior of the building.

Keep away from chimneys and open screened windows.

Out-of-doors the most dangerous places are under isolated trees and near wire fences in the open fields.

Small sheds and other shelters are dangerous if isolated from larger buildings.

Thick timber is undoubtedly the safest place to seek out-of-doors, since a single tree in a forest is not so likely to receive a stroke as a single person or an object in an open space of equal area.—*Country Gentleman.*

RELIGION

Religion means much more to me
Than profession of some creed,
It means true Christianity
Expressed to all in need.

It means to lend a helping hand
To those of every race,
To make the world a better land,
A safer and happier place.

It means a true and faithful heart,
Pure lips that speak no guile,
In gossip never to take a part,
But help the erring child.

It means to put the best I have
In the work I find at hand
To let my light so shine that I
Will be an aid to man.

It means to give the Lord first place
In everything I do,
And when there are trials hard to face
He'll surely see me through.

—*Julia S. Hyers*

The Advice of a Colored Preacher

This is a story that was told
Sometime ago to me,
And so to write it down in rhyme
I've taken the liberty.

There was a negro preacher;
I do not know his name,
Who preached one sermon only.
Each Snday 'twas the same.

Till finally in desperation
The deacons on him called.
One said, "Now brother Pastor,
We's come to tell yo all.

Dat we's gitting tired o hearing
All time de sime of tex,
We always is a knowing
Jus what yo gwin say nex.

Now we ain't allowing
Dat yo preaching ain't no good.
We blevs yo jus mix up,
Or else don understand."

"No," replied the pastor,
"I ain't mix up brother,
Jus dose lak I tells yo in dat one,
Den I preach yo nother."

—*Julia Shackelford Hyers.*

Some people think you have undermined the authority of the Bible just because you have raised questions concerning their opinions about the Bible.

Getting Ready for Church

Do you just come to church or do you get ready to come first? Do you ever make any definite preparation for the Sunday morning worship? Do you have the matter on your mind in advance? Do you plan for it both for yourself and for those in your home or for those whom you may influence? Do you pray for the service? Do you pray that the sermon and other parts of the worship may be helpful to you and to others? Do you pray that the pastor may be given Divine guidance in the preaching? Do you really desire a blessing for the day? Do you pray for the unconverted who may be in the congregation for that day? Do you make your Sunday School an excuse or an inspiration for the other services to follow?

We should make definite preparation for our worship. You expect the pastor to make preparation for the preaching, and while your preparation may be of a different kind, yet you are under the necessity of getting ready, if the service is to mean the most to you. And all can make this preparation. Try it and see what a difference it makes for the day. Get ready for church.—*Publisher Unknown.*

The Little Brown Church

"There's a church in the valley by the
wildwood;

No lovelier place in the dale;

No spot is so dear to my childhood,

As the little brown church in the vale."

A good many people have sung that one-time famous song and never knew that it was a real church. Fewer still have known that it was the First Congregational church in Bradford, Chickasaw county, Iowa. The church was organized in 1855, but the building was not erected until 1862. In 1864 Dr. William S. Pitts, a physician, who had composed both words and music, sang this song in the little church, which soon after was painted brown and was ever after known as "the little brown church in the vale."

The railroad later came through two miles west of Bradford, side-tracking the town. Regular services were discontinued in the church in 1888 and the membership was transferred to the Nashua church, two miles away. The original structure is still standing and a "Brown Church Reunion" is held every year about June 15, and a ladies' organization, known as the Willing Workers, keeps the building in repair and has it in charge generally.—*Publisher Unknown.*

No music is good enough for a Church unless it pleases the Heavenly Father.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

THE LORD'S MONEY BOX

GRACE SIMON SWANGER

Mother was busy mending stockings, when in rushed the children. "Do I have to put a tenth of my money I earn this week in the Lord's money box?" asked Robbie. "If I do," he added, "I won't have enough to get my air-gun."

"No," said Mother, "you don't have to pay the Lord unless you wish to. You remember I have told you that we really owe Him one-tenth of all we earn, and that if we are faithful in bringing our tithes, He will bless us. So I want you to learn to give willingly to Him."

"Well, I want to give to Him, but I want my air-gun, too—awful bad. I want to shoot the woodchucks that are eating our watermelons," said Robbie.

"So do I," added Howard, "and if you'll let us take the money out of our tithe boxes, along with what we've got we'd have enough."

"Will a man rob God?" quoted Mother. "And would my lads do so, too?"

"Did He ever specially bless you for tithing, Mother?" asked the children.

"Yes, many times. Let's talk it over before you rob the Lord's money box."

A few months earlier, Grandpa had promised the older lads five per cent of the milk check for doing the milking. Howard was to receive five cents a week for gathering eggs. Mother had tithed her small earnings for several years, but this was the boys' first chance to learn both to earn and give. They had each hunted up a box for their Lord's money, and had proudly placed them by Mother's. All had gone smoothly until now. Satan was tempting the boys to spend this part of their money.

"Before you decide whether to take your tithe money or not, I will tell you a true story," said Mother. "It will prove to you how Satan tempts us, and it will also prove that God gives us greater blessings than we can think of, if we are true to Him. You all remember the thirty dollars I earned last Christmas time? You knew, too, how hard it was for Grandpa to feed and clothe all of us, with debts to meet. When that thirty dollars came, I must tell you, boys, I almost hated to put three dollars in my tithe box. You all needed shoes and underwear, and the three dollars looked pretty big. I felt the Lord wanted us to send two dollars of it to our dear Missionary Lady who gave Robbie his Bible, so I sent Harold to town with the thirty-dollar check to get a money order. When

he came home I counted the change and found the postmaster had made a mistake of a dollar, and I was a dollar short. Now listen, boys. Right away a voice said to me, 'Just call that lost dollar the Lord's. He can afford to lose that better than you can. Just think of the things you need, and Christmas coming, too. What's a dollar to the Lord? It means more to you than it does to Him.'

"Who do you suppose said that to me?" said Mother.

"The old devil," solemnly answered Robbie.

"Yes," replied Mother. "And do you remember, Robbie, how I took a dollar bill and sent you with it to Mrs. Harris, who collects the money for our pastor. I wanted to pay the Lord quickly, so Satan couldn't tempt me to spend it for something else. You see he tries big folks, too, and I am telling you this so you will understand and be on the watch.

"I was so glad when the dollar was safe in the Lord's work, that I asked Him to make the rest of the money go far enough to make up what we lost at the post office. Now comes the precious story of God's love and care. Three months after, when Mother was sick and could not earn anything, one day there came a letter. It was from a stranger, but one who 'belonged to Christ,' and who had heard of us, and a check for twenty-five dollars was enclosed in His Name to be used for our needs.

"I know you remember how I cried and praised God for His thought for us, and now you understand how He rewarded my little faithfulness. Wasn't that a high rate of interest? Twenty-five dollars for one dollar! 'God is faithful' if we will be faithful. Think it over a while, boys."

They went slowly out to play. In a short time both came in again. "Mother, can't we hurry and send our money away, too, so the old devil will stop bothering us?" said Howard. They emptied the Lord's money in Mother's lap, they helped write a letter to send it to a Jewish mission. A few days later a "junk" man drove along and the boys sold their rags and old iron, and received enough for them to buy an air gun, besides tithing the money.

"You got your reward soon," smiled Mother.

"Surely God made him give us good weight," said Howard. "We never got so much before for the old iron."—*The Sunday School Times.*

You have to get behind your work to get ahead, and use your head to keep from getting behind.

MESSAGES FROM GEORGIA

(continued from page 3)

First, we are to give the pastor encouragement by attending the services of the church. He is pleased to preach to a few, for he has the assurance that God is in the midst, but how much more pleased is he when he knows he is bringing the word of God to a large number of people.

We as laymen should make it possible for the pastor to visit every sick person in our midst. Let him know who is sick. Provide a way for him to go see them if he has no way. Since he is a shepherd he is also to go out and seek those which are lost. We may be able to help him to do this. We may have a friend or loved one who is lost. Let our pastor know him so he, too, can help us bring the lost to know the Lord.

We owe our pastor our love. He is made happy when he knows there is no discord in the church. He appreciates constructive criticism. We should love our pastor so that we will be willing to give this when we feel that it will be of help to him in bringing the word of God to the people.

It is our duty to see that the pastor doesn't suffer financially. God intends for Him to be paid through us giving to the pastor. We want to help our pastors to be able to get around in order to preach the word of God to all nations as God has commended, therefore we must pay him with our money. In this way we will be paying God some of the debt we owe Him.

We should invite our pastor to all the church's functions, if he isn't one who preaches full time at our church. Make him one of us. Do not let him just be our servant, but let him be our shepherd. Following the teaching of the pastor, and letting our light shine before men is our duty to the pastor and to God. Let your light shine the brightest when you are in the darkest corner of life.

Now, does our life represent every letter in the word Layman?

L—Do we love our church and pastor, and love the work of God?

A—Armor—Do we carry the word of God as our armor to meet life with? Are we always willing to

give our arms to the service of the Lord?

Y—Yourself—Does your light shine before men so they may see Jesus in you?

M—Money—Do you pay your debt to God? You do to the county and state. Even the movie stars are paid. They aren't seen in person, but only a picture of them. Our pastors are here before us, teaching us. Why not pay him?

A—Another—Are we willing to help someone else? Tell them about God. What it takes to be saved. Let us remember when we help someone we are helping God.

N—Name—When our name is mentioned in this world do people say, "That is a worker for the Lord," or do they say, "That is a shirker in everything." Is our name written in the Book of Life?

If we have been laymen of the church who have shirked our duty in the past year, may we be able to say at the end of 1950: I am happier, I know my name is there, and my Lord can say, "Well done thou good and faithful servant," because I have done what I have done for my Lord.

Calling All Leaguers! Calling All Leaguers!

By C. J. Harvey

We aren't just calling the youth, but we are calling the adults, too. You remember reading in the December 18th issue of the Baptist of the Georgia League Rally which was held at Bethlehem Church in November. Well, hear ye, hear ye! Georgia is going to have another League Rally. When? You watch for the date in the Baptist. Where? At Camp Bethel, the State Bible Camp, which is located three miles from Ashburn, Georgia. You have never been there? Well then, you have missed very much. Where have you been so long, Georgia Leaguers? It is time for us to wake up and realize we have a Bible School for our Youth to go to and enjoy the fellowship of each other and the Lord. It is time to train the youth of our country,

for tomorrow's world lies in the hands of the youth of today. Are we going to let it fall into hands working for God, or are we going to throw it into the hands of Satan? We must realize the League is a Training organization of the church, and we must support it if we want our youth to support it rather than the dens filled with evil.

It is time for all churches to work together. There are 113 Free Will Baptist Churches in Georgia. Why the Bible School and League Rally can't be a success is no excuse other than—No Co-operation—of those who call themselves Christians. Are we really Christians, or do we just hold that title? I have been to the Bible School many years, and every year there are some boys and girls who find the Lord. They all live closer to God and go away knowing they are better prepared to meet the temptations in life and turn them away. They have the inspiration to go back to their communities and put into practice what they have learned. Many Leaguers have been organized as a result of some church sending a group to the Bible School. We at Patmos have sent girls and boys since Georgia first began this—thirteen years ago. We have received blessings from it, too. It has developed our youth to leaders, and now we have some of the finest leaguers in this section of the country.

This League Rally will be a success if we make it. Let us all be when the time comes to go, then go. If you don't have a League at your church now, go anyway and I believe you will be inspired to go back home and organize one. Don't forget to tell your friends about the League Rally which is to be some time this

Baseball in the Bible

Satan was the first coach coaching Eve when she stole first. Adam stole second. Cain made a base hit when he slew his brother Abel. Moses made his first run when he saw the Egyptians, but shut them out at the Red Sea. Isaac met Rebecca walking at the well with a pitcher. Solomon served as umpire in many close decisions. Samson struck out when he beat the Philistines. Abraham made a sacrifice. The prodigal son made a home run.—*Anon.*

year. Read your paper so you won't miss it. Hoping to meet at least one person from every F. W. B. Church in Georgia at Camp Bethel.

A sponsor for the Youth

An Inspiring New Year's Program

By Mrs. Edith D. Shiver

The Intermediate class of the Patmos church, Baker County, Georgia, has presented some very interesting programs, as well as the other classes, throughout these years, but on January 8 a New Year's Candle Light program was presented which we would like for you readers to know about.

The leader gave a most interesting talk on the failures and successes of the past year. The two readers, one reading from the Bible and the other of verse or phrase read some interesting passages which were inspiring to all. As music of "Onward Christian Soldiers" was played, twelve apostles entered the church robed in white, taking their places before the leader. As the leader's light was taken from the light representing the "Light of Christ," she wished to pass it on to others by lighting the candles of the apostles. As each apostle recited a reading appropriate for the month she represented, she lighted a candle in the background of the leader. Hymns were sung by a duet during the lighting of candles.

After the leader had given a challenge to everyone, the twelve apostles marched before the audience so they might catch the radiance from the candle, letting it represent the light of Christ. Soft music was sung and the leader prayed the closing prayer.

My dear workers in Christ, these were only lights from a candle burning that made the church bright, but we can make the world bright today if we will only let our light shine—live a life that others will see Jesus shining in us. Don't let your light just shine when you are in the church, but let it be a guide for someone's life. No matter where you may be, "Shine for Jesus where you are."

O B I T U A R I E S

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Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

Memorial Tribute of N. L. Robinson

Daddy was called to his heavenly home on Wednesday, September 21, 1949. He was born on December 12, 1867, thus making his stay on earth 81 years, 10 months and 21 days.

He joined Marlboro Church when only a young man, and was always active in church work.

Fishing and hunting were his greatest sports. On Wednesday he accompanied his only son on a fishing trip to Core Point in Beaufort County. He was taken sick on the boat. He died almost immediately after reaching land about 5 o'clock of a heart attack.

He lived at his present home at Marlboro over 50 years. He was first married to Absley Frizzelle in 1898. Surviving this union were six children: H. T. Robinson, Mrs. J. R. Beaman, Mrs. M. V. Braxton, Mrs. J. Robert Parker, Mrs. W. F. Beaman and Mrs. C. T. Fornes. Mother died on October 22, 1928. In December, 1932, he married Hula Allen. She died on November 25, 1948.

His funeral was conducted at home on Friday by his pastor, L. B. Manning of Fountain, assisted by L. B. Nobles of Winterville, after which his body was laid to rest in Hollywood Cemetery in Farmville.

It was a warm September evening
In nineteen forty-nine
Daddy left this world of sorrow
With six children and friends behind.

We don't understand all about such things
But we miss you just the same;
We're sure God said, "Come up higher"
And you were waiting to hear your name.

By doing good deeds for people here below
As long as I can remember;
You were sending material for your man-
sion up there,
And it was completed in late September.

You were loved by all who knew you
Your friends called you "Uncle Lace";
At home, at church, and at Sunday school
No one else can take your place.

You were always ready for S. S.
Every morning just before ten;
You set a good example, Dad
For children, women and men.

People pinned bouquets on you every day
They didn't wait until we were sad;
But said all along life's pathway
You sure do have a good Dad.

You lived your Christian life every day
Because God said, "Let your light shine
That others may see your good works"—
This sermon's for all left behind.

We know you're gone to a brighter land
This is consoling, not to be sad;
Help us live each day, and hear the Sav-
iour say
"Come up higher and meet your Dad."

—Written by his daughter,
Mrs. J. Robert Parker,
Farmville, N. C., R-1

In Memoriam

This is written in loving memory of my
beloved daughter, Nina Phelps who died
a year ago February 9, 1949.

A year has passed since you went away,
Long and lonely it has been;
Since that dark and dreadful moment
You fell asleep to never awake again.

You've left a home so still and silent,
A heart that is aching still;
A vacant place around the fireside
That never can be filled.

Long and patiently you suffered
While you awaited the Master's call;
Summoning you to your home in heaven,
Where pain is ended, and no shadows fall.

O what a comfort! it is the promise
To a heart that is filled with pain;
That death is but the gate to heaven
Where we'll never part again.

—Written by a heart-braken Mother,
Mrs. Lillian Phelps

In Memoriam

This is written in memory of Miss Flor-
ence Boykin who passed away on Decem-
ber 21, 1949.

All praise to the eternal Lord,
For by her life there were souls won;
And she will be greatly missed
By all whom she was well known.

As the years come and go,
We hope to meet her in heaven above;
For in that eternal day we'll
Join the pure and the blest,
Where tears will be wiped away,
And Florence ever be at rest.

—Written by a friend

A YEAR UNTRIED

A year untried before me lies,
What shall it bring of strange surprise,
Or joy, or grief, I cannot tell;
Eut God, my Father, knoweth well.
I make it no concern of mine,
But leave it all with Love Divine.

Be sickness mine, or rugged health,
Come penury to me, or wealth;
Though lonesome I must pass along,
Or loving friends my way may throng;
Upon my Father's word I rest,
Whatever shall be will be best.

No ill can come but He can cure,
His word doth all of good insure;
He'll see me through the journey's length
For daily need, give daily strength.
'Tis thus I fortify my heart,
And thus do shed and dread depart.

The sun may shed no light by day,
No stars at night illumine my way,
My soul shall still know no afflict,
Since God is all my life and light,
Though all the earthly lamps grow dim,
He walks in light who walks with Him.

O year untried!—thou hast for me
Nought by my Father's eye can see;
Nor canst thou bring me loss or pain,
Or health, or sickness, ease or pain,
But welcome messenger shall prove
From Him whose name to me is love.

—Selected.

PASS IT ON

Have you had a kindness shown?
Pass it on;
'Twas not given for thee alone,
Pass it on;
Let it travel down the years,
Let it wipe another's tears,
Till in heaven the deed appears—
Pass it on.

Did you hear a loving word?
Pass it on;
Like the singing of a bird?
Pass it on;
Let its music live and grow,
Let it cheer another's woe,
You have reap'd what others sow —
Pass it on.

Be not selfish in thy greed,
Pass it on;
Look upon thy brother's need,
Pass it on;
Live for self, you live in vain,
Live for Christ, you live again,
Live for Him, with Him you reign—
Pass it on.

—Henry K. Burton

The darkest hour has no more minutes
in it than the brightest.

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Precious Moments of Prayer

Burdened with worries and griefs of the day?
Tired of the labors that go with decay?
'Tis vain to seek for a partner to share,
This is the time, "Precious Moments of Prayer."

Sadness and sorrow now breaking your heart?
Eyes filled with tears when a loved one departs?
Arrows keep coming? There's no one to care?
This is the time, "Precious Moments of Prayer."

Seeking for pleasure, but none's to be found?
Still listening for words that seemeth renowned?
Cross of the Master the proud can not bear.
Better kneel down, "Precious Moments of Prayer."

"Moments of Prayer" in the time of great grief
Bringeth an answer with sweetest relief.
"Moments of prayer" for needed desires,
Start the soul singing with Pentecost fires.

Kneeling in earnest, soul seeking for rest,
Daily communing; to lean on His breast.
Deeply concerned, the Bless'd Saviour is there,
Listening in love, "Precious Moments of Prayer."

—Mrs. Venie M. Carney, Durham, N. C.

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ANSWERING A COMPLAINT

Some have complained about not receiving the Baptist paper each week in time for the study of the Sunday School lesson in it before that particular Sunday is passed. We do not understand the reason for this situation. The paper is mailed each Wednesday at the Ayden Post Office, and the Sunday School lesson in it is for the second Sunday following that date, or ten days after the paper has been mailed. Why the paper is not received anywhere in the United States within the eight or nine day period, in which it is in transit from Ayden, North Carolina, to the subscriber, is a matter of the U. S. Mails. We always run the Sunday School Lesson in the Baptist paper for the second Sunday following the Wednesday it is mailed, so that all of our subscribers within the bounds of the United States will be able to have their papers in time for the study of the Sunday School lesson in it.—The Editor.

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Aspin Grove Leaguers Ask for Co-operation

By the League Secretary

We few faithful leaguers of Aspin Grove Church, who have attended the league so very faithfully, do think that we should have a little more co-operation from the community. The Ladies Aid suggested the organization of our league, and they gave us a donation to help us to get started in the work, but none of them have attended to help us build up our league.

We are writing this message to encourage more people to come to our

league and to help us in the work. We do think that the ones who suggested it should come and help us to have a strong league work in our church.

A pessimist is one who makes difficulties of his opportunities; an optimist is one who makes opportunities of his difficulties.

The world turns aside to let any man pass who knows where he is going.—David Starr Jordan.

A friend is one who knows your faults, yet loves you in spite of your virtues.

He that would have the fruit must climb the tree.

Supporting the Free Will Baptist Cause

Damon C. Dodd, Prom. Secy.

If we are sold on a cause we will support it. This is true in both a spiritual and temporal sense. However, we are more concerned about the spiritual and that as it relates to our Free Will Baptist program.

We are not ready to expand until we learn to support what we already have. To be sure, we have carried on a good program and we have results to show for our efforts. Our Mission fields are being developed rapidly—our Bible College has grown marvelously since its inception seven years ago. We have come a long way since those hectic days of 1910. Perhaps many times we do not appreciate deeply enough these accomplishments. Be it far from me to belittle any of these truths. Rather I praise God for such advancement.

But face another truth—We have come as far as possible. "Before we go farther we must build more road." We have climbed as high as we can under present circumstances. We must support more adequately our denominational program.

JESUS KNEW THE WORKING PEOPLE

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By L. E. Jones
Warren, Arkansas

I am glad that Jesus was a carpenter, for he knew the salt of sweat along life's pathway, as he preached unto the people. He knew the aches in the joints of the working people. He knew what it was to bear the burden under heavy beam, and to suffer with the suffering people. He learned the lot of every laborer, however some wish that he had been born a king with a golden crown upon his head with shining jewels. But how could such a king ever know how hard life is for the common people? How could a king ever learn the patience and the skill, and have that understanding needed for mankind?

I am so glad that Jesus came to earth as a working man, because

There are three things which we need to realize:

1. We must support our local church program with our tithes and offerings. This makes it possible to establish a "home base" on which a denominational supply line can be anchored.

2. We must see to it that the tithe is not "stored" in the "storehouse." We believe that God expects us to bring our tithes and offerings to the Church which is the storehouse, and that proper distribution be made from there. God expects that this money be invested in the spreading of the Gospel. Let us beware lest we thoughtlessly spend it all on elaborate furnishings and embellishments and forget about the greater need—"Preaching the Gospel to every creature."

3. The church must in turn support the National program by regular and generous offerings. Our Foreign and Home Mission program, Bible College, etc., are all dependent for support upon the faithful steward-

ship of individual members, for its sustenance, so the National program is dependent upon the faithful stewardship of the churches for its support.

Support your Denominational program. Do it either of two ways:

1. By making special offerings directly to each department of work and clearing it through your state treasurer for that specific purpose.

2. By sending an offering regularly to the Unified Program Fund, you may clear this through your state treasurer, who in turn will forward it to the National Treasurer. It will then be divided as follows:

Bible College	-----	37%
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from the first he knew the smell of sweat, and the roughness of a mangle, for only one whose labors at the bench can fully know the feelings of the laboring man. But some may not think Jesus was the Saviour. But one cannot deny that in his spirit and in his flesh Jesus was a man sent from God. He knew man's hard lot, he shared with the weary, and relieved the pain of suffering souls. Yes, I am glad that Jesus was a carpenter. I am glad that he knew how to build clay and walled houses, and that he loved the things that go on in a humble home. His hands were calloused from hard work, and his feet were rough from endless hours of toil, yet his smiles grew kindlier with each new beam that he laid in building and each stone laid.

Christ has helped me, for I am a worker as he was long ago, and I am able to stand, but when I falter at my job, he helps me to build all my

walls as true and straight as can be. He helps me to be brave and kind, though I am weak at times and need his loving protection. I am asking the Christian people to pray for me that I may continue to try to do my Father's will.

Rose Hill F. W. B. League

By Bobbie Ann Smith, Reporter
The members of the league enjoyed a nice time this month. Our new officers were elected and installed. They are as follows: Faye Branch, president; Myra Stanley, vice-president; Donald Branch, secretary-treasurer; Pat Stanley, group captain; Bobbie A. Smith, reporter.

We studied our lessons all together, and everyone enjoyed discussing the things together. When we come to anything which we are in doubt about, all will take their Bibles and try to solve the doubt. In this way we learn many new things for our own good.

We desire to invite everyone, old and young, to visit our league meetings. We meet every Sunday evening at 6:30 P. M.

NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

A Form of Modernism—Under Cover

We have written often and warned our readers against the danger of "Modernism," but recently we came in possession of a book, entitled the "Chaos of Cults" by J. K. Van Baalen, B. D., which gives the characteristics of many of the modern "cult" religions, showing the founders and the theology of these "cults."

The writer tells us much of the "Modernist" in which he says, "Unitarianism and Modernism are one." We quote from pages 197-198: "Denying the fundamentals of the Christian religion is like putting one's feet upon a declining slope. Unitarianism in its beginning was not nearly as radical as it has since become. Gradually, however, it has drifted into a dull pantheism with no hope beyond a universal evolution. The history of the movement in the United States makes sad reading. When we learn of the manner in which Unitarians rested church buildings and property from orthodox congregations; of how little they spend for missionary work, even after a continuation of one hundred years, and not withstanding their great wealth; of the early opposition of most of the Unitarians to the anti-slavery movement; of the Harvard defense of alcoholism, we cannot help but think of the words of Jude, 'clouds without water, carried along by winds; autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots.' One thing they do engage in: they conduct vigorous propaganda among the evangelicals by means of advertising free literature in various periodicals. Some years a million pamphlets go out from the American Unitarian Association. Local parishes send them out by the thousands."

"Of late years Unitarian tactics have changed somewhat. They now advise ministers with Unitarian convictions to stay in the orthodox churches,

and work from within! This procedure is called 'strategic' by Doctor Slaten of the West Side Unitarian Church, New York; it is recommended by Dr. Palmer, the editor of the Harvard Theological Review; while Dr. J. W. Day, a leading Unitarian minister, writes, "A good many Unitarians are doing more good where they are than they could do anywhere else. They are undoubtedly capturing strongholds that we could never carry by direct contact. They are the Modernists of Protestantism who are working from within the fold . . . we want more of them and we want them where they are."

Mr. Baalen says, "Consequently we should not be lulled to sleep when we read between the years of 1916 and 1926 among the Protestant bodies the two liberal denominations, the Unitarians and Universalists suffered a decrease in membership, the former more than 22,000. Unitarians, after appropriating Universities and Divinity Schools that had been founded and endowed for the express purpose of propagating Calvinism only, now advise liberal ministers in evangelical denominations to use the property of their churches in order to undermine those churches "from within," that ultimately, "all may be one," when the unnerfed denominations shall come over in bulk."

We have quoted Mr. Van Baalen at length to show to our readers some of the things that are going on in the modernistic church and from whence these things come. I know of modernistic preachers today that are destroying the fundamental doctrines of the Protestant church as taught by our fathers and then they sing "Faith of Our Fathers," and run after every saint that they can find, trying to get them to take membership in their modernistic churches. They are a great deal more anxious to get members from other denominations than they are to get a soul saved from the depths of sin and ruin. Some of the newly made religious bodies build dance halls, called "recreation halls;" and, to be honest about the matter, they are only places of the world where fleshly desires are made to predominate. They go to what they call "worship" and then

to play. They are "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." "Having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof." A religion that has to appeal to the flesh to carry on is certainly not of the Lord Jesus Christ. If it is not of Christ, then it is anti-christ.

The Federal Council of Churches in a large measure is made up of the Modernists who deny "the power," and yet we find that some Free Will Baptists are blindly accepting some of the views as put out by these modernistic teachers. Not so long ago, I heard a minister, complimenting a message delivered over the air, by a certain rank modernist, who actually denies the virgin birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, His vicarious death, and Atoning Blood. A religion that denies any Fundamental doctrine as set forth by Orthodox Evangelicals can never be accepted by a person who knows the Lord Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour. When we are born of the Spirit—made a new creature in Christ, filled with and baptized into Christ, we have a knowledge that all modernists deny.

Apostasy

"Apostasy" is a falling away from revealed truth. Dr. Scofield says, "Apostasy is the act of professed Christians who deliberately reject revealed truth (1) as to the deity of Jesus Christ, and (2) redemption through His atoning and redeeming sacrifice." Since the Federal Council of Churches is dominated largely by those who deny the deity of Jesus Christ and His redeeming Blood, according to our information on their theology, I cannot endorse the work at all.

I am proud that Brother (Rev.) J. A. Alexander, Norfolk, Va., has the grace to speak out against the Federal Council of Churches. I endorse his open letter in issue of the Baptist of January the 18th.

Further Sayings of Mr. Van Baalen

"The scope of our work does not allow a comparison between Unitarianism and European Modernism of the last century. The intimate resemblance between them is clearly borne out not merely by their theo-

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Christian Education

By H. Pipkin,
Mount Olive, N. C.

Sometime ago Rev. W. A. Sellers had an article in the Baptist paper, in which he asked the question, "What is Christian Education?" While I dictate these lines, I am conscious that I am not qualified to fully answer this question; however, I humbly make the following suggestions:

The term "Christian Education" as it is generally used could mean modernism or some other ism, but true Christian education is knowledge of the Christian religion, to know what Christianity is, what it does and why it does it, to know at least in part what it has done for the individual, the church, society and the world, to know the doctrines of Christ concerning the plan of salvation, to know how to organize and deal with institutions of Christian service, including the work of the church with its various activities, such as Sunday School, prayer meetings, society work, home and foreign mission work, to know how to do personal work in helping others, to be able to think while we talk and pray while we think, to be able to distinguish between the works of the flesh and those of the spirit (Gal. 5:19-26), to be able to tell people how to be saved and how to live a Christian life, and the most important of all to know by our own experience what it means to be a Christian. After all, one cannot know the things of God without the spirit of God, and we cannot have the spirit of God without being born of God (I Cor. 2:9-16). One can have all the degrees that a religious institution can give and still be ignorant insofar as the knowledge of the true principles of Christianity are concerned.

Religious education and Christian education could mean two entirely different things. There are many religions but only one Christianity; for instance, the Jews have their religion and their religious schools, but generally speaking, they know little or nothing about Christianity.

If you would have a Christian education, it is essential that you study

the Bible prayerfully as the inspired word of God with an open mind and heart for God's revelation of the truth as he may reveal it by the Holy Spirit (John 16:13).

"Search the scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life and they are they which testify of me" (John 5:39).

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15).

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

"That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

This knowledge is not always necessarily obtained by attending religious institutions, however necessary they may be. Christian schools are necessary and may be essential for Christian education, generally speaking, if they really are Christian, but I doubt that any school, regardless of what name it is called, can do much toward giving one a real Christian education, and at the same time sponsor so many things for worldly entertainment as some of the so-called Christian schools do.

"No fountain can yield salt water and fresh" (James 3:12).

"Ye cannot serve God and Mammon. No servant can serve two masters" (Luke 16:13).

I hardly think it possible for any institution that advertises by sponsoring beauty parades, ball games, dances and other worldly entertainments can do much toward giving one a real Christian education. Don't be deceived by enticing words of a man's wisdom who are always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth, who would have you believe that all you have to do to be a Christian and be equipped with a Christian education is to have a diploma from some kind of a religious institution.

"If any of you lack wisdom let him

ask of God who giveth to all men liberally" (James 1:5).

Give attendance to reading I Tim. 4:13. Reading Christian literature, good books of truth, not fiction, for there is no substitute for the truth. Truth is knowledge, but there is no real knowledge in supposition and too much supposition about the Bible is dangerous and is calculated to retard or hinder one's progress in coming to the knowledge of the truth about the doctrines of Christianity. What people suppose is liable to be wrong and therefore cannot be depended upon if one is in search of the truth as the following passages of scripture would indicate: Luke 13:2-3; 24:37-38; 2:44; Acts 2:15; 7:25; 25:18; 14:19; 15:27; Matthew 20:10; John 20:15; Phil. 1:16; 1 Tim. 6:5.

Let us therefore be diligent in searching for the truth lest we be overcome by the imaginations of those who would make the Bible appear to be a mere outline and not a complete book, and we be guilty of adding to or taking from the things that are written therein. Association and conversation with Christian people would be helpful. If you would know how to lead people to Christ, let the Holy Spirit lead you as did Philip when he preached Christ to the eunuch (Acts 8:29-35). If Philip had been handing around a dirty picture show, sponsoring a ball game, a big dance or a beauty parade, the eunuch might have been still unsaved insofar as Phillip would have been concerned. Even so, there are some schools that so far have not bowed their knee to Baal nor compromised with the world in order to be recognized as a standard institution. Let us thank God for our Bible College, and do what we can to enlarge the scope of its service. Let us rejoice and be glad that God has blessed the Free Will Baptist people with this Christian institution. Let us pray that its work will always be the work of the kingdom and its purpose to send men and women, not to play ball and entertain the world, but to preach

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One Hundred Years Ago

One hundred years ago the great Gold Rush to California was on! People from everywhere were heading for the west coast and certain riches. They went for one purpose—GOLD! The anticipation of success was enough to cause them to endure suffering and hardship gladly.

People from every walk of life joined the mad rush to the "gold coast." The butcher, the baker, the doctor and lawyer—all of them became obsessed with the one idea—get rich in California.

Their means of transportation were most crude. They traveled by ox-cart, mule-train, and by overland stagecoach. Some of them even went by ship from New York through the Gulf of Mexico to Central America, and thence across the narrow neck of land to the Pacific, where they were met by other boats and taken the remainder of the journey.

Many of these died enroute or became so sick that they had to abandon the trip. Fortunes slipped thru eager fingers, dreams failed to materialize, air-castles collapsed.

ALL THIS WAS HAPPENING A HUNDRED YEARS AGO!

This coming July, one hundred years later, there will be a Free Will Baptist rush to California. This won't be for gold, but for something more precious than gold. It is the National Association of Free Will Baptists, which will be held in Richmond, California, beginning on Tuesday night, July 11, 1950.

You'll be able to travel much more comfortably than your fore-fathers. Streamlined trains, swift airplanes, and fast, comfortable busses will wish you to Richmond from any part of the country. Fine highways invite the motorist to tune up the family automobile and drive on out. You will not need fear starvation, wild Indians, or buffalo stampedes. These things that plagued your ancestors who were in the gold rush will not bother you. You'll be able to stake a good claim in the city of Richmond that will entitle you to a bed and something to eat, and a generous share of that fine California

hospitality and sunshine, plus the privilege of attending the National Association.

Join the Free Will Baptist "National Association Rush" to Richmond, California, in July, 1950.

Damon C. Dodd, Prom. Secy.

TEMPERANCE FORCES UNITE

The Temperance League of America, with headquarters in Washington, D. C., and the National Temperance Movement, Inc., with headquarters in Chicago, Illinois, on January 26 and 27, in Chicago, voted to unite in one great temperance movement in America under the name National Temperance League, Inc. The unification will be completed at the Biennial Convention later this year, and united operation will be a reality not later than January 1, 1951.

Due to legal technicalities, several months of active work in integrating the two programs will be required. Major Clayton M. Wallace, General Superintendent of the Temperance League of America, and Herbert H. Parrish, Administrative Director of the National Temperance Movement, Inc., are already at work on plans for immediate united action.

Committees on Public Relations, Convention, Nominations, and Incorporation have been set up. Dr. Frank E. Lochridge of Mitchell, South Dakota, was elected Chairman of the Interim Executive Committee; Dr. Wayne W. Womer of Richmond, Virginia, Vice-Chairman; and Dr. B. L. Scott of Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, Secretary.

Great enthusiasm was evident in the uniting meeting. High hopes for an intelligent, forward-looking, up-to-date program have been expressed by the leaders of both organizations. The program will include use of modern techniques of alcohol education in school, college and church groups; expansion of dry territory under local option; and promotion of legislation to reduce the consumption of alcohol. Major interest in national legislation focuses on the elimination of liquor advertising, and the passage of the Langer Bill (S. 1847) which would bar all forms of liquor advertising in interstate commerce.

The first united project will be the National Council on the New Approach to the Alcohol Problem, to be held in the University of Chicago, April 11-12-13, 1950.

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DANGEROUS CAPTOR

Give not thy tongue too great a liberty lest it take thee prisoner! A word unspoken is, like the sword in thy scabbard, thine. If vented, thy sword is in another's hand. If thou desire to be held wise, be so wise as to hold thy tongue.

Horse sense is what keeps horses from betting on what people will do.

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

EXCEPTIONAL GROWTH IN LITERATURE SALES

The increase in the sales of our Sunday School literature during the last six months of the year 1949 was exceptionally good. The increase for the **ADVANCED** quarterly was 2,000 copies; for the **SENIOR** quarterly, 1,800; for the **INTERMEDIATE** quarterly, 1,200; for the **JUNIOR** quarterly, 1,200; and for the **PRIMARY** quarterly, 700.

It has been very noticeable that a great number of the Sunday Schools are placing larger orders for literature all the while. It is true also that there are new Sunday Schools that are placing their orders for their literature with us each quarter. They had been getting their literature from some independent publishers, but they say that they want to fall in line and be loyal to the denominational cause, therefore they are switching to our literature.

We want to express our heart-felt thanks to all of those Sunday Schools that are using our quarterlies. We certainly appreciate their patronage, and hope that they will continue to increase their orders as time passes. We are now printing the literature for the Second Quarter of the year, and we are increasing these over last quarter in order to be able to supply every Sunday School with all the literature that they shall need for the incoming quarter. Shipments will be ready to be mailed in a few more days. It will be well for the Sunday School secretaries to begin sending in their orders very soon so that they will receive their shipments in ample time for the beginning of the second quarter lessons.

YOUTH'S BANNER AND LEAGUE LITERATURE

It is becoming more and more noticeable how the Youth's Banner is being used in the various Sunday Schools in the different states. As a consequence, the subscription list is increasing month after month. But there are hundreds of Sunday Schools that do not as yet take the Banner for distribution among their Sunday Schools pupils. They are missing something indeed worthwhile for their children and young people. We are urging them to not delay in subscribing for the Banner, and to place their orders for the number of copies sufficient to go round in their Sunday Schools. The children and young people will receive great benefit from the reading of the interesting and worthwhile stories and news items contained in the Banner each week.

The League literature is being used more and more as new leagues are being organized in our churches over the country. Our sales are on the increase for these League quarterlies, but the number of Leagues over the states are very small in comparison with the number of Free Will Baptist churches in this country. The pastors and the laymen of the churches, where there are no Leagues organized, should get busy and organize the young people and the children in the League work. Cer-

tainly, the young people of the church should have something to do in connection with the spiritual work of the church and community. More training the young people can receive from the study of religious literature of the right kind, the more will they be able to influence the community for Christ and noble living.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AND ITS OUTLOOK

The National Association of Free Will Baptists has, by virtue of its place and position in the denomination, certain definite phases of the denomination at heart, and therefore it seeks to expand all these phases of the work. For example, it is deeply concerned about missions (home and abroad), Christian education, Superannuation, the Sunday School and the League work, Woman's Auxiliary work, the orphanages of the denomination, and the like. But for the National Association to be able to give adequate support in a financial way to any of these causes, it must first receive ample support from the local churches in all of the states where Free Will Baptists are working. The church people in the local church is the source of the financial strength for the support of the national work. Consequently, before the National Association can be of much assistance to the above named phases of the denominational work, the church people in all of the churches must begin to give more liberally for the support of the national work.

Then there is, in turn, this truth: The national organization has as its responsibility the boosting, the patronizing, and the rendering of organized efforts to strengthen and to enlarge the usefulness of the Bible College, the denominational printing presses, the Sunday School and League work from a national point of view, and all of the other phases of the work. Each unit of work should receive all the while the good will and the best of co-operation, both from the national viewpoint, and from that of the church people as a whole. All the churches constitute the whole body of Free Will Baptists, wherever they are, and therefore the overall work, from the local churches to the National Association must be in essence a unit, in purpose a central factor, and in results a common achievement.

Let the National organizations, we say, boost the state, district, and local church organizations, and seek to foster their endeavors by the higher co-operation. Let them stand by their printing presses and publications, ever seeking to lend assistance, as time passes, for their growth and improvement. Minds working together in a most efficient way always bring improvements to public causes, whether religious, or secular. It is like a large family, if the parents are thoughtful, co-operative, and industrious, ever planning for growth and achievement in their business, the sons and daughters will most likely follow them, and render worthwhile services during the years of growth and maturity.

Two Traveling Salesmen and 4,000,000 Bibles

FORREST M. HOLLIS

Condensed from "United Evangelical Action"

When John H. Nicholson stopped for the night at Central Hotel in Boscobel, Wisconsin, early in 1898, the hostelry was crowded, but there was an extra bed in a double room occupied by another traveling salesman by the name of Sam Hill.

Wanting to accommodate as many guests as possible, the landlord asked Mr. Hill if he would object if another gentleman occupied the extra bed. Hill and Nicholson became overnight roommates. Although they had frequently met in their territories, they had never become acquainted.

This chance meeting was destined to be of tremendous importance. It was to lift the moral code of salesmen to the high plane it enjoys today. It was to popularize the Bible in commercial life and stimulate its reading. This meeting started the Christian Commercial Travelers' movement, better known as Gideons.

That night when Mr. Nicholson was ready to retire he opened his Bible. "Mr. Hill, I'm a Christian and make it a practice to read a chapter from the Word before retiring."

"Good," said Mr. Hill, "I, too, am a Christian and will be glad to join you." At the conclusion of the Scripture reading, the two men knelt in prayer.

The next morning they parted, each returning to his territory. In the meantime, each turned the incident over in his mind.

Nine months later they met again in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, and began to talk about their religious experience in Boscobel.

Hill and Nicholson laid the plans for the Christian Commercial Traveler's organization. Before parting they decided to send letters to as many Christian traveling men as they knew and invited them to meet at the Janesville (Wisconsin) YMCA on July 1.

Three men were present at that meeting—Nicholson, Knights, and Hill. They organized, choosing Mr.

Hill as president, Knights as vice-president and Nicholson as secretary and treasurer.

The next step was to choose a suitable name—one that would be an inspiration, and, at the same time, fulfill the purpose of a Christian body of men.

Again they went to their knees in prayer. Arising, Mr. Hill said: "We are the Gideons." The story of Gideon was read from Judges 6 and 7. The name symbolizes the fulfillment of their hopes, for Gideon was a faithful, obedient, brave, willing and sincere servant of God.

A second meeting was held at Waukegan, Wisconsin, on Sept. 1, to perfect the new organization. Seven men were present at this meeting. Since then the organization has grown by leaps and bounds. More than 100 names were added to the roll by the end of 1899. The Gideons decided to hold yearly conventions. Realizing the need of knowing Christian traveling men when they met as strangers, a symbol of membership was proposed. A button with a white jar containing a flaming torch on a blue background was chosen. This was to be worn in the coat lapel.

The first convention, which was held at Waukegan, Illinois, July 1-2, 1900, was attended by forty Gideons. The enrollment had grown to 622, double the fondest hopes of its founders, and enrollment was increasing at the rate of 100 a month.

At the second annual convention held in Madison, Wisconsin, June 30 and July 1, more than 2,000 names were enrolled.

Like their Biblical leader, the Gideons are a faithful and sincere body earnestly striving to bring men and women to Christ. They work quietly, unobtrusively, into the hearts of men and women on trains, busses, street cars and other public places.

Since November of 1908, when twenty-five Bibles were put in the superior Hotel at Iron Mountain, Montana, very nearly 4,000,000 Bibles have been distributed in hotels, hospitals, penal institutions, public schools, YMCA and YWCA.

More than 10,000,000 New Testaments were placed with the armed forces by the Gideons. Fifteen thou-

sand Bibles were shipped at one time for distribution in New England.

More than 4,000,000 youth Testaments have been given to the school children of America.

The Gideons furnished the staterooms of a leading steamship company with Bibles, and now the president of the company has ordered that Gideon Bibles be carried free of charge to any of the companies' ports. Thousands of Bibles in native language are now going to Japan, China, India and Palestine.

The money to pay for these Bibles is raised by voluntary contributions. Donations range from one dollar to several thousand. Funds received average about \$2,000 a day. Needless to add, the Gideons are the largest individual buyers of Bibles.

During World War 11 the Bible demand of the armed forces was exceedingly heavy. At the beginning of the African campaign the army ordered 300,000 Testaments from the Gideons. The executive officers were floored. They did not have the \$125,000 needed to make the purchase. What did they do but meet in executive session, and everyone present got on his knees to pray. Letters were sent out to every Gideon. The response was marvelous. The money was in the cash drawer before the end of the month, and the huge order was filled on schedule. That is the way the Gideons do business!

Of course, the Gideons do not stop with the distribution of Bibles. They are Christian laymen, giving their testimonies in all parts of the world. In industrial centers shop meetings are frequently held. Many Gideons do personal work by distributing tracts, Testaments and portions. Indeed, they are the spiritual yeasts working in the commercial world.

Regular membership is open to all commercial businessmen who are Christians. But any Christian man may become an associate member and share in the Gideon ministry.

The governing body of twelve men is called the cabinet, and consists of the four executive officers—president, vice-president, treasurer and chaplain, and eight trustees.

The society is interdenominational. Their field is the world. Their minis-

try is to carry the gospel to every nation. Briefly the over-all purpose of the Gideons is, in the words of the Master: "Not to be ministered unto, but to minister . . ." (Matt. 20:28).

Gideons remember the experience of Paul A Westburg, who found that living alone in a hotel room day after day was getting on his nerves. To break the spell, he picked up a Bible lying on the dresser table. It was a new experience. Though an inveterate reader, never before had he opened a Bible. As he continued to read, the words seemed to have a special meaning for him. Those old Biblical stories held him in a vice-like grip.

In later years Paul A. Westburg, past president of the Gideons, said of his experience, "A hotel room is the most lonesome place in the world, but a Bible will give you company if you'll give it a chance."

From a psychological point of view, the presence of a Bible lifts the morale of a hotel by making it more difficult for the wrongdoer. Every hotel knows of the finger loose man who takes a bath towel or bath mat with him when he leaves. But a suicide in a room is what the hotel hates worst of all, especially if it makes the daily papers.

Hundreds of dollars are found between the pages of the Bibles, placed there by men who have occupied the hotel rooms. One time a gambler who made a big winning left over five \$500 bills between the pages of the Bible. Another time twenty \$10 bills neatly folded together were found. The presence of a Bible has caused many a man and woman bent on doing a misdeed to pause and think twice.

The Bible is the Gideon's weapon. They tell of instances such as that of a well-known radio executive of Los Angeles, who had charge of five stations. He began to drink a few years ago and in a short time became a heavy drinker. He deserted his wife and four children and went to live in a hotel. He continued to drink and was rapidly on the downfall so that the future to him became a sea of darkness. Returning to his room one night thoroughly discouraged, he picked up a Gideon Bible on the dresser and began to read. Familiar words

his mother once read to him as a child came back to him from the pages. Memories caused burning tears to fill his eyes. He fell upon his knees and poured out his soul to God, asking for forgiveness.

Suddenly, with a surge of joy, he knew that his prayer had been answered. The tangled strands of life were straightened out between his wife and himself. Today the family is happily united. The five radio stations are again in his charge, and his daily broadcast, called the Haven of Rest, is carrying the Word of Life across the nation.

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South Carolina Conference Holds District League Convention

On Saturday, January 21, 1950, the leaguers of all ages met at New Town Church, Lake City, South Carolina, for a day of Christian service unto the Lord. The people of this church served a delicious dinner during the lunch and fellowship hour, from twelve to one o'clock.

The morning service included singing, devotional, and a drama given by Bethel's League, directed by Margaret Moore, all leagues representing gave their reports. Just before the lunch hour, Rev. Seldon Bullard of the Darlington Church brought the message on the subject: "Transformed in the Image of Christ."

During the afternoon session there were rendered more singing and devotions in the convention. The Junior and the Intermediate Sword Drill was conducted by Mrs. Tom Hamilton, Jr., Rev. Tom Hamilton, Jr., and Rev. Paul J. Ketterman brought messages from our missionaries. Then a beautiful reading was rendered by Inez Hyman of Mt. Elon League, which emphasized a greater need for our interest in missions.

In its business session the convention elected a committee of three people to visit churches needing help in the league work. The purpose of this

committee is to promote better work among the leagues already organized, and to help churches to organize new leagues where none exist.

The district leaguers are happy to know that some of the pastors are becoming league conscious, and that the churches in other districts are taking part in this work with us. We are thankful that this work is meeting the needs of many churches where the young people need to find a place in the service of the Lord. Already the Executive Committee has begun work on the program for the next district meeting with the Darlington Church. It will be on April 22, 1950. We are praising the Lord for such Christian leadership as that of Reverend Tom Hamilton, Jr., pastor of Liberty Church, and Reverend Paul J. Ketterman, Pastor of Mt. Elon Church. In the league work these two ministers are deeply concerned. They have as one aim the training of youth for service, and they, together with the other district officers, desire that all follow Christ's leadership. They desire to point South Carolina leaguers, old and young, to the Christian way of life.

I should like to receive letters or cards from leaguers anywhere in S. C., giving information about their leagues. I would be happy to receive dozens and dozens of letters from leaguers of our state. In writing please give the name of your church, your pastor, the number of leagues and the enrollment of each in your church. Give your name and address, and any other information that you wish include in your letter. If your church has no league, please have someone from it attend the District League Convention anyway in April. You will find a welcome there, and we believe you will receive a great blessing for having attended that convention.

Yours in His service,
Mrs. Alma H. Weatherford,
Corresponding Secretary,
Pamplico, South Carolina

It is not easy to be good nowadays. I would rather write a perfect system of ethics than practice an everyday one.—E. L. Patton, D.D.

AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT

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Report Blanks Ready

Dear Co-Worker:

The report blanks for the auxiliaries are now ready for distribution. You can obtain them by writing to the Press at Ayden. The report blanks are for the local to the District Convention, and from the local to the State Auxiliary Convention. You will remember that each local auxiliary is to report to the State Auxiliary Convention, with a delegate and contribution. The State Auxiliary Convention will convene with Shady Grove Church, in Sampson County, as usual in May. The Cape Fear District is host to the convention.

Yours in the work,

Mrs. James A. Evans, Secretary
State Auxiliary Convention,
1108 South Tarboro Street,
Wilson, North Carolina

**New Woman's Auxiliary
Organized at Antioch
F. W. B. Church, Ga.**

On Sunday, February 5th, Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Harvey came to Antioch Free Will Baptist Church for the purpose of organizing a Woman's Auxiliary. After singing two songs, "I Intend to Go Through with Him," and "In the Garden," prayer was made by Mrs. Bertha Owens. Brother Harvey read some scripture from the Bible and gave a brief talk on the "Five Points of Worship." The service was then turned over to Sister Harvey, who gave a talk on the work and purpose of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Brother and Sister Harvey began this organization, which shall be known as Antioch Woman's Auxiliary of Georgia Union Association, with ten members. The members are:

Mrs. Bertha Owens, President; Freda Owens, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. J. W. Williams, 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. Pearl Johnson, 3rd Vice-President; Mrs. Mollie Owens, 4th Vice-President; Mrs. Annie Owens, 5th Vice-President; Geraldine Johnson, Secretary and Treasurer; Virginia Ruth Johnson, Berta June Butler, Melba Owens.

A collection of \$3.15 was made and we bought Year Books and Manuals with \$3.00, therefore, leaving in the treasury, \$0.15. Our regular meeting day will be Wednesday evening at four o'clock, before second Sunday in each month. Everybody

pray that this organization may be a great help to our church and community.

Respectfully yours,
Geraldine Johnson, Secy.-Treas.,
Pitts, Georgia, R-2, B-102

**GOV. DEWEY GIVES
STATE GAMBLING
KNOCK-OUT BLOW**

To the Legislature:

"On Wednesday of last week, when your honorable bodies were not in session, the Mayor of the City of New York had flown to Albany by New York City police plane for delivery at the offices of your leaders letters asking their support for amendment to the Constitution of the State of New York permitting legalized betting on public sports events. In so doing he said that his law-enforcement officers were unable to 'eliminate scandals involving the participants in professional and amateur sports.'

"I regard this as such a shocking, immoral and indecent proposal that I consider it my duty to lay my views before you immediately before the matter is considered. My objections to this legislation are as follows:

1. It is fundamentally immoral to encourage the belief by the people as a whole in gambling as a source of family income. It would be immoral for government to make available to all of its people a state-wide gambling apparatus with the implied assumption that the games of chance were a fair substitute for or supplement to the honorable business of producing the goods and services by which the people of the union live.

2. It would be an indecent thing for government to finance itself so largely out of the weaknesses of the people, which it had deliberately encouraged that a large share of its revenue would come from gambling. I recognize that the state and some municipalities now receive a comparatively small revenue from pari-mutuel betting at race tracks. I have always had personal doubt about the wisdom or the morality of this system, but it is confined to those who are actually able to be present at the tracks and therefore is not a lure dangled before all people in all walks of life and near every home.

DOOM OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

3. The Mayor's proposal is apparently to legalize gambling on professional and amateur sports. Obviously, if the state puts the imprimatur of approval on the morals and decency of wholesale, universal betting on sports events of every kind, then there would be no logic whatever in refusing also to legalize lotteries, betting pools, dice games, slot machines and public gambling halls with all their attendant evils with which the American people are

thoroughly familiar. There is no logical place at which the line could be drawn and law enforcement would then break down completely.

4. Every proposal that I have seen for state-operated legalized gambling of any kind involves licensing by the state of betting rooms scattered conveniently and in large numbers throughout the state. These thousands of legal betting rooms would provide a continuous invitation under the sponsorship of the state to husband and wife to gamble away the money needed for the support of the family. I cannot understand how any one could relish the prospect of seeing husbands spend their time and the family's money in state-operated betting rooms. The prospect is no prettier in its inducement to wives and mothers and even children. What this proposal would do to the fabric of our society is quite difficult fully to comprehend, but it is clearly all bad.

There is an old adage that horse-players always die broke. I should not like to see that happen to the families of our state, as a result of an invitation issued by the government of the State of New York while I was Governor.

EFFECT ON SPORTS

5. Gambling on professional sports events has been the most demoralizing and destructive influence in American sports.

In the early days of baseball there were organized baseball pools which nearly wrecked the game. In the 1870s there were similar scandals and again, in 1919, the huge sums of money involved in gambling on the World Series resulted in corruption which nearly wrecked baseball permanently. Baseball was saved by the device of setting up a man of unimpeachable integrity as an absolute czar of its operations and since then baseball clubs have hired special police and exercised the most rigorous control in order to prevent gamblers from even entering their parks.

There have been scandals in horse racing for the benefit of gamblers. There have been scandals in the boxing field where the enormous sums of money involved in gambling were used for bribery and attempted bribery of boxers.

We have had these scandals even with gambling illegal. Should it become legal, with the staggering sums which might flow in, the stakes for the corruption of professional athletes by gamblers would become greatly increased.

The very idea of organized gambling, sponsored by the state, on events in which our sons and daughters in high school and college participate is entirely abhorrent. Amateur sports are even more precious to the American people than professional sports.

Millions of dollars would be involved if betting were legalized on high school and college basketball, baseball and football

games, on track meets, hockey games and other events. These huge sums collected under the sponsorship of the state would provide unlimited funds to professional gamblers to seek to bribe the youth of the state.

RESULT IN PREVIOUS TRIALS

6. This proposal is not new. Many other nations have had national lotteries and legalized gambling. I do not believe it is mere coincidence that most of these nations are in bad financial condition and their people poverty stricken.

7. These proposals are not new in the United States. In the early days in most sections of this country, gambling and lotteries were open, widespread and legal. Corruption and poverty flourished to such an extent that in state after state, the people themselves revolted against gambling and established stringent constitutional provisions against it. I might add that New York state was one of the first, if not the first, to adopt this course at its constitutional convention in 1821. We were the first to take this sound position. I hope we will be the last to abandon it.

8. In recent times, we have seen the rise of powerful underworld figures built upon organized gambling in states where it was legal or winked at as a matter of state or city policy. In each instance gang wars, murder, corruption and poverty have followed in the trail of such policy.

In 1935 the State of Florida, by an act of the state Legislature, legalized slot machines. It took only two years for the crime and corruption which followed to cause the state to reverse itself, and in 1937 the action was repealed.

In 1945, the State of Idaho authorized the use of slot machines in so-called non-profit clubs. Within two years, the state-wide authorization was repealed and the matter was left for local control. Even then, the crime and corruption which followed created such a revulsion that all but one of the large cities of the state repealed their permissive local laws and last year the Governor of the state asked the Legislature to repeal the law in its entirety.

In 1947, the Montana Legislature enacted a statute permitting the maintenance of slot machines, punch boards and other gambling devices for the benefit of the private membership of religious, fraternal and charitable organizations. The attorney general of the state advises me that before long racketeers moved in and used the law to run open gambling, even displaying signs saying "Public Invited."

In 1947, the Governor of the state said: "The condition of the state is worse than it has been for many years with reference to gambling." He later added with regard to his two terms in office: "The two outstanding mistakes were when I signed the slot-machine and the punch-board law."

GOVERNOR'S OWN EXPERIENCE

9. I have had a considerable personal experience in the administration of criminal justice. At one time I prosecuted a case based upon the charge that the "Dutch" Schultz gang, with money raised from the illegal numbers racket, acquired the influence which allowed them in 1933, through a political leader in the County of New York, to name and elect the district attorney of New York county.

I also know that with proper leadership and honorable administration of criminal justice, these conditions need never exist.

The entire history of legalized gambling in this country and abroad shows that it has brought nothing but poverty, crime, and corruption, demoralization of moral and ethical standards, and ultimately a lower living standard and misery for all the people.

I am unalterably opposed to the proposal which has been made by the Mayor of the City of New York.

THOMAS E. DEWEY.

—*The Civic Bulletin.*

SMOKING WOMEN—HEART DISEASE

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Coronary thrombosis has increased sharply among women. An article in the health magazine "Hygeia" ascribes the trend to smoking. Coronary thrombosis is a form of heart disease caused by formation of a blood clot in one of the heart arteries.

This condition blocks the blood supply to a portion of the heart. The writer in "Hygeia," published by the American Medical Association, Irene Shoehren, states that men once developed the condition from fifty to sixty times as frequently as women. Now, she states, one woman has the condition for every three men.

"Generally speaking, the reason that women have it less is that their metabolic systems take care of cholesterol better than men. Recent medical opinion is that diet has much to do with the increase in coronary heart disease."

Miss Shoehren states that tests conducted at Mayo Clinic on four groups of one thousand patients each indicate that "on the average, smokers are found to get coronary thrombosis ten years earlier than nonsmokers. Although not a cause of the disease, smoking is considered by many cardiologists to be a factor."

To the Christian conscience, smoking is one of the most offensive and inexcusable indulgences. It does a great deal of injury which is never recorded. It is habit-forming and expensive. In some cases, there is no doubt whatever but that it creates illness and hastens death. People are not healthier because they use tobacco, and all who use it would be better off if they left it alone.—Editorial in *The Watchman-Examiner*, N. Y. City.

"The man who says he can 'Drink or let it alone,' always drinks; and the man who just, 'takes one now and then,' takes more now than he did then."

"It will be like dynamite under the saloon if, just where he is, the minister will bring active work against it; if, just where he is, the teacher will instruct his pupils about it; if, just where he is, the voter will dedicate his ballot to this movement, and so on through the shining ranks of the great powers that make for righteousness, from father and mother to kindergarten toddler, if each will this day do what he can, just where he is!"—Francis E. Willard—*The Civic Bulletin.*

BIBLE CONFERENCE

Free Will Baptist Bible College
April 23-27, 1950

April 23rd through the 27th are the dates for the annual Spring Bible Conference to be held at the Free Will Baptist Bible College. These Bible Conferences have been an inspiration and great help to the many who have attended them over the past years. We have brought to the Conference as speakers some of the best preachers of our denomination. This year we have a splendid Conference program arranged which will be a blessing and an inspiration to all who attend.

Some pastors have written in already and asked for the dates of the Bible Conference this year in order that they might not schedule revivals on these dates. We think this is a splendid idea and trust that all our pastors will clear their calendar for this week and attend the Conference. We also invite the young people of our church to visit the College and attend the Bible Conference. A little later on a theme for the Conference will be announced in our church papers. Watch for this announcement and let us know if you plan to attend.



Planting a Church in a Pagan City

(Lesson for February 26)

Lesson: Acts 18:1-11; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18; 7:1

I. Heart of the Lesson

1. Corinth was a large city, perhaps half the size of Detroit. It was the center of Greek commerce. In the matter of religion it was given over principally to the worship of Aphrodite, the Greek goddess corresponding to the Roman Venus. It was a religious system that was grossly immoral. It is said that in the principal temple there were 1000 virgins dedicated to the immorality which the worship of Aphrodite required. Naturally the moral level had sunk very low, as the reading of the First Epistle to this church will show. An acquaintance with these conditions will help us to understand a little better the problems they faced later, and with which the Apostle Paul dealt so courageously and drastically. The low moral level of Corinth was responsible for the fact that whenever a man or woman lived with a loose conception of morals, it was said of him or her that they "behaved like a Corinthian." And that reminds us of the two cities of the plains in Abraham's day, whose wickedness was so great that even today we liken some of the vilest sins to Sodom and Gomorrah.

2. Among the early converts was Chispus, the very man who was the ruler of the synagogue. He and his whole family became believers. That seems to have been the beginning, and from now on many of the Corinthians also came and believed and were baptized. Let us note the order: First they came and heard the Word. That is always necessary. Then, after they had heard, they believed. And finally, as an outward testimony of their faith, they were baptized. It

is evident that Paul believed in, and practiced, water baptism.—Selected.

3. In the portion of our lesson from I Corinthians Paul gives stern injunctions concerning moral conduct and against fellowship in the church with any who are fornicators or idolaters or extortioners or drunkards. He explicitly declares that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God, and he warns his readers not to be deceived about this matter (I Cor. 6:9-10). People who had recently emerged from heathenism, and who were subject to temptations on every side in a great pagan city, needed such warnings. In one place Paul speaks even of drunkenness among the believers when they met together to observe the Lord's Supper (I Cor. 11:21). Such a condition of affairs was reprehensible in the extreme.—Arnold's Commentary.

And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? verse 15. The word "belial" as used here "is generally understood as an appellative of Satan, as the personification of all that was bad" (Bible Dictionary).

It simply means a worthless, reckless, lawless being, the Devil who is always opposed to Christ and righteousness in the world. His vile wickedness, therefore, is diametrically opposed to all that Christ came to the earth to do for lost humanity. There is no concord, no argument, no unity, and no peace between the forces of the Evil One in the world. Hence, Paul stressed the fact that Christ and his followers have no likeness nor concord with Belial, and therefore infidels, atheists, agnostics, and idolatrous worshippers are detrimental to the cause of Christianity in the world. Paul emphasized the need of Christians to avoid companionships and associations with such people.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

5. Each one should memorize the Golden Text, I Corinthians 6:19, 20. Please remember: The child of God is to live in the world, but not be of it. His pure life, lived in the power of the Spirit of God, is to be so different that there will never be any occasion to question that he is himself different. The power to save is never to be found in conformity to the

world, but in separation from it.—Moody Monthly.

II. THE LESSON ILLUSTRATED

Church Needs Good Separators

Perhaps the outstanding characteristic of the Christian is that he is different from the non-Christians among whom he lives. That does not mean that the Christian must be either a freak or a fright; he may be the most attractive person in the community, and his attractiveness may consist in the fact that he lives differently. We know preachers who are "good sports" with all classes of men and we know other preachers who specialize on the separated life; we hear men talk and not infrequently they say something like this, "Dr. So-and-So (referring to one of the first group) is a dandy fellow to fish with, to camp with, or to play golf with; but if I need anyone to do some praying for me, I will call Dr. — (of the second group)." The Christian who is a "good mixer" may pay too high a price for his popularity. As someone has well said, what the church needs more of is, not good mixers, but good separators. If the Christian responds to the party whip, wielded more often than otherwise by the enemies of our Lord; if the Christian participates in the dissipations of so-called high society—well, he is witnessing, but not for Christ.—The Teacher.

"I've Got Orders Not to Go"

"I've got orders, positive orders—not to go there—orders that I dare not disobey," said a youth, who was being tempted to a smoking and gambling saloon.

"Come, don't be so womanish, come along like a man," shouted the others.

"No, I can't break orders," said John.

"What special orders have you got? Come, show them to us, if you can. Show us your orders.

John took a neat wallet from his pocket, and pulled out a neatly folded paper. "It's here," he said, unfolding the paper, and showing it to the boys.

They looked, and read aloud:

"Enter not into the path of the wicked, * * Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away."

"Now," said John, "you see my orders forbid my going with you. They are God's orders, and by His help, I don't mean to break them."—Unknown.

* CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION *

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the gospel, do personal Christian service in trying to lead the world to Christ who told his disciples to go and teach all nations all things that he had said unto them (Matthew 28: 19-20). We should also be grateful for other institutions and pray for them wherever they are whose purpose it is to bring the world to a saving knowledge of the grace of God.

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logy but also by the hateful tactics employed against those who dissent— from their views."

Of mormonism, which follows similar tactics, E. L. Mills writes (Modernistic Christian Century): "It is a parasitic religion, living off Christianity. It does not seek to convert sinners, but to make 'saints' out of church members who already have a fair degree of saintliness."

In later writings I shall have something more to say about Modern-day "Cults." In order to get this evidence, just watch the F. W. B. paper. Keep your subscription going and get others to subscribe. Tell them about what is coming. Any religion that denies the deity of Christ, adds to the Bible, or takes away from the Bible, or claims that Jesus Christ was and is not what the Bible teaches, I am against it. Any man or woman that starts any such in the Free Will Baptist Church, I shall fight to get him out and to keep him out as long as I live. And with a sound Bible College, fundamental teachers, like we have in our Bible College at Nashville, Tenn., I feel that the modernist have but little chance to get a foot hold in our ranks. I am satisfied to say that we have a bulwark against modernism in our Bible College. Let us urge all to support and patronize the Free Will Baptist Bible College and produce fundamentalism on a larger scale.

Look and Listen

February is Cragmont Month in North Carolina. I have just read a

letter sent out by Mrs. N. E. Harris of Rocky Mount, who is at the head of the drive for funds during February for this great project. We are praising God for Cragmont. Let us put the place on the map in reality. Let us show to the world, that we are interested in a place where we can meet and gain instruction and fellowship for great things. Amen.

Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Bryan
Have a New Daughter

Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Bryan of Rocky Mount, N. C., are happy to announce the birth of a daughter, Jo Ann, at Park View Hospital, in Rocky Mount. The Bryans have two other children, Howard and Edgar, ages 7 and 9. Rev. and Mrs. Bryan spent several years in Nashville, Tennessee, where he graduated from the Free Will Baptist Bible College, in the spring of 1947. Coming back to North Carolina, Rev. and Mrs. Bryan made their home in Durham. For two years Mr. Bryan was pastor of the Calvary church there. In August of 1949 Mr. Bryan accepted a unanimous call to become pastor of the church here. In November, after his arrival, the Rocky Mount church purchased an additional lot, adjoining the church's property. On January 18, 1950, in conference, the congregation voted unanimously to begin the new church auditorium, which was planned under the pastoral care of Rev. A. L. Reynolds, now of Kinstan, N. C. As early as the congregation can realize the new auditorium for worship they plan to convert the old auditorium into an educational building, which the church is in dire need of, even at the present.

The church is in complete harmony and is a lovely organization. The church puts out a special bulletin each week, edited by the pastor, which includes all special church news, announcements and the order of service for the Lord's Day. If anyone reading this article wishes to have the bulletin you may have it by the asking. Just write our pastor and request that he add your name to the mailing list. If you are in Rocky Mount during any of our services or

have friends living in the city, we would be happy to have you and them visit our church. We realize we are undertaking a great responsibility, but we are striving to please the Master, in trying to supply the need in Rocky Mount for the Free Will Baptist Church. Our pastor stays busy doing all he can to reach the unchurched of our city; our church is behind him seemingly one-hundred percent to sacrifice, to see God's will done. The task is great, the laborers are few. We, as a church, are trusting God and plan to see it thru.

If any friend or friends of the church wish to send a donation on the new church building, feel free to believe it will be used for a worthy cause. We will be happy to receive it. If requested our treasurer will mail your receipt immediately upon receiving your offering. Address all mail to: First Free Will Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, N. C.

Do not forget to pray for us in our undertakings, for we are keenly conscious of the need of your earnest prayers and support.

By Church Reporter,
First F. W. B. Church,
Rocky Mount, N. C.

WHAT IS SUCCESS?

It's doing your work the best you can,
And being just to your fellow-man;
It's making money, but holding your
friends,
And staying true to your aims and ends.
It's figuring how and learning why,
And knowing where the pitfalls lie.
It's dreaming a little and doing much;
It's keeping always in closest touch
With what is finest in word and deed;
It's being thorough, yet making speed;
It's daring blithely the field of chance;
With making labor a brave romance;
It's going onward despite defeat
And fighting staunchly, but keeping sweet;
It's being clean and playing fair;
It's laughing lightly at Dame Despair;
It's looking up at the stars above,
And drinking deeply of live and love;
It's struggling on with a cheerful grin,
It's heeding the cry in the tempest's din;
And making better this good old earth;
It's sharing sorrow, and work and mirth;
It's serving, striving, through strain and stress;
It's doing your noblest—That's Success.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

KENNETH'S DEBT

"Mother, I want it just dreadfully; and it don't cost but a quarter."

But Kenneth's mother only replied patiently, as she had done several times before:

"I am sorry, dear; but I can't give you even a quarter."

"All the same, I'm going to have that rooster," Kenneth proclaimed to the younger children, who gathered around him. "I never can have anything. Mother could give me that quarter just as well as not." In his heart he knew this charge was not true, but it made him feel better to say so.

When the children came trooping in to supper that night, Ray ran to her mother, her blue eyes shining with excitement.

"Mother, mother," she cried, "Kenneth's got the banty rooster, and the coop is all made for it; and bimeby he's going to have a hen and lots of little chickens and sell the eggs, and buy a farm, and we're all going to live there."

Kenneth looked somewhat defiant as he took his seat; but, when his mother said gravely, "Where did you get the rooster, Kenneth?" the answer was prompt and frank. "Don't you worry about that, Mother. That's all right, honest it is."

Mrs. Miller was in the habit of trusting her children, so the subject was dropped. The rooster flourished in his new home, and all the children fed him, hung over his coop, and counted the number of times he crowed. Matters went on smoothly for a while until one day at luncheon Ethel announced, with her most elder-sisterly air:

"Kenneth Miller is going to be arrested, and I saw the policeman that's going to do it. That lady told me so, the one you borrowed the quarter from."

Mother drew the frightened boy into her room, and closed the door. Then Kenneth confessed.

"I borrowed it, Mother. The lady that lives across the street from the lady that was going to sell me the rooster, she knew I didn't have any money, so she said she would lend it to me. I mean to pay her. I do, honest."

"What are you going to pay her with?" Mother asked. "You haven't any money, and Mother told you she could not spare any."

"I thought maybe you could spare it by and by, or maybe Eddie or Nan would give it to me, or maybe I might find it on the walk, like Jimmy Lawrence did."

They talked it over a little more, and together they decided that Kenneth must make his own plans to pay his debt.

He wore a very puzzled face for several days, and once, coming close to his mother, he breathed a woebegone sigh:

"Mother, isn't it just dreadful to owe things and have bills?"

One night Eddie came in hurriedly, and called upstairs, "If any of you children will take this package to town, I'll give you five cents."

Kenneth's face lighted up, and he sprang forward eagerly. "I will, Eddie," he cried, and was out of the gate like a flash.

That nickel was the beginning. The next morning the boy shouldered a small spade which belonged to Papa, without a word to any one, started down the street. Going bravely to door after door, he asked, "Do you want your flower beds spaded up? I'll do it for ten cents."

Two people said yes; and so in the hot sun, hour after hour, sometimes struggling to keep back the tears, the boy dug away, and by the middle of the afternoon he had twenty cents. On the way home he stopped again at Mrs. Demorest's and gave her the money.

"That boy has got good stuff in him; he'll make a fine man some day," she remarked to her husband as the gate closed behind the tired little laborer.

His head ached, he was tired, he was hungry; but he had never been so happy in his life as when he climbed to his old seat on his mother's lap, and whispered in her ear:

"I am not ever going to have any bills again, Mother dear; I'm going to pay cash."—*Morning Star*.

A Correction

I wish to say to the readers of the Baptist paper that in my article on the subject: "*So Great Salvation*," the last sentence in the second paragraph should read as follows: "and only by the presence and power of God can we keep the evil spirit from coming in to possess the house that was swept and made clean when we were saved." In the third paragraph where I referred to Samson, it should read as follows: "and we like Samson may awake to find that we have been shorn of our spiritual strength with our spiritual eyes plucked out, ready to be destroyed with those who rejoice over our failure to hold out."

H. Pipkin

John the Baptist was not ashamed to tell others about the Lord Jesus. Are you?—L. L. K.

Western N. C. Church
Leader Visits New Bern

New Bern, N. C., February 7.—Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist church had as guests over the week-end Mr. and Mrs. David L. Ballard of Weaverville, in the mountains of western North Carolina, father and mother of Rev. L. E. Ballard, pastor of the church.

Mr. Ballard, who for over fifty years has been an active church leader and lay-preacher, participated in both the morning and evening services of the church here Sunday. He sang in the morning program, and at the evening service thrilled the congregation with a message on "Heaven", climaxed by the rendering of a duet adaptation of the popular old song, "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be," which was written by one of his friends and neighbors many years ago, and often sung by the gospel choir led by Mr. Ballard for around thirty years. His grandson, Beverly Ballard, sang the second part in the duet.

The smiling elderly couple made many friends while in New Bern. The congregation gave them a very hearty informal reception after the morning service, and many members of the church called at the parsonage Sunday afternoon and on Monday to pay their respects.

Mr. and Mrs. Ballard left early Tuesday morning to return to their home "Union Valley," near Weaverville. Mr. Ballard was extended a unanimous invitation to pay a return visit as guest speaker at any date he may find convenient.

—Church Reporter

SILENT FORCES

Silence marks the working of the greatest forces of life. No ear hears the sun draw up into the sky the countless tons of water that falls in rain. No man hears the groaning of the oak's fibers as it grows to its strength and height. Noise is usually an after effect, and does not often accompany initial power. Sounding brass and tinkling cymbals are noisy, but not powerful. So the will reaches its decision in silence, it does not need much shouting to know when a man is in earnest.

Love grows without a sound. The great Fisher of men worked quietly as fishers usually do, and, as Isaiah said, not crying nor lifting up His voice in the streets, yet He was doing His Father's work every minute. We need not become anxious when our sincerest work makes no great noise nor has no immediate effect. If we are deep in earnest, let us do what we can to keep still.—*Publisher Unknown*.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

Mrs. Eliza Fillers

Mrs. Eliza Fillers passed away at a local hospital in Greenville, Tennessee, Wednesday, January 25, 1950, after several weeks of suffering.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. Jesse Laws, a former pastor of Harris Memorial Church of Camp Creek, of which the deceased was a faithful member. She spent many years caring for a blind companion who will miss her careful attention.

She is also survived by a daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Douglas, and a son, Oscar, of Camp Creek, one brother, Noah Green of Afton and seven grandchildren. Two small children preceded her to the grave.

To the sorrowing loved ones:

"Clouds of sorrow and of sadness
Come into the lives of all;
May you feel God's presence with you,
As these shadows o'er you fall."

—Written by a friend.

Sunday School Convention Report

The Sunday School convention of the Second Union meeting district of the North Carolina Central Conference convened with Sweet Gum Grove Church on January 29, 1950. The devotions were conducted by Lloyd Johnson. He chose as his scripture lesson the 92nd Psalm. The theme was praising God and doing our part in God's work. The hymn "Sweet Bye and Bye" was sung and prayer was followed by Brother Johnson. Then another song entitled "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" was sung.

Mr. J. W. Rawls delivered the address of welcome, and Charles Buck gave the response. Rev. M. L. Tyndall who delivered the convention message used as his theme: "Separated and Set Apart for God's Service." An offering was taken for the Anna Phillips Educational Loan Fund. It amounted to \$32.53. Then the congregation sang the hymn: "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross," following church the convention was adjourned for the lunch hour.

Following the lunch period, the congregation re-assembled in the church and the service began with the song, "I'm Thine O Lord." The afternoon devotions were conducted and a girls' quartet was rendered

by Pleasant Hill Church singers. The choir sang "There's No Friend to Me Like Jesus." A report was given by Connie Hines concerning the progress of the Sunday School Convention since its organization several years ago.

The subject: "How to Make the S. S. Convention a Better One" was discussed. After all the reports from the various committees were made and received, a standing vote of thanks was given to the local church for the kind hospitality shown this Sunday School Convention.

By the Reporter

THE WAY OF LIFE

ELDER T. M. CARTER
Brunswick, Ga.

With eyes downcast, and countenance sad,
The boy plodded where once he was glad,
His career all blighted, ambition in flight,
Life to him was as dark as night.

No one for him seemed to have a care,
Whether he was here or whether he was there;
And the unkind words which he had heard,
Made life seem hard and his vision blurred.

Discouraged and sad he walked wearily
on,
Seemingly un-noticed by the passing
throng;
He was lost in thought as to what turn to
make,
And not even knowing which road to take.

The thoughts revolved many times in his
mind,
Why couldn't man to others be kind?
When a kindly look or an encouraging
word,
Could cause ambition again to be stirred.

At last he thinks of Him above,
His bountiful gifts of wondrous love.
He took his case to the Savior in prayer,
And peace of mind came to him there.

New ambition at once began to arise,
Because of the message from out of the
skies.

His steps once more were lithe and gay,
And around his lips a smile did play.

With a happy heart he filled the air with
song,
And faced again the rushing throng;
Clinging faithfully to the Lord's strong
arm,
The One who could keep him from all
harm.

When life is sad and fate seems unkind,
Keep constantly one thought in mind,
That the One who loves us is always near,
To banish away all sorrow and care.

And as we live in this world below,
There is One to whom we can always go,
Who will bring us comfort and good cheer,
And all of our sorrows readily bear.

Lift up your face ye down-cast soul,
Trust in God to make you whole.
He'll keep you pure and clean within,
And then at last we will live with Him.

THE AIR PLANT

A surveying party in Florida were resting at noon in a forest when one of the men exclaimed, "I would give fifty cents a swallow for all the fresh, cold water I could drink." He expressed the sentiment of the others, and there was not a spring or a stream anywhere in the vicinity.

While the men were thus talking, the surveyor saw a crow put his bill into the cluster of broad, long leaves growing on the side of a tall cypress. The leaves were those of a peculiar air plant. They were green and bulged out at the bottom, forming an inverted bell. The smaller end was held to the tree by roots grappling the bark. Feeding on the air and water that it catches and holds, the air plant becomes a sort of cistern. The surveyor quickly sprang to his feet with a laugh. "Boys," he said, "that old crow is wiser than all of us. He knows that there are a hundred thousand water tanks in this forest."

"Where?" they cried.

The surveyor cut an air plant in two and drained nearly a pint of pure, cold water from it. The men did not suffer for water after that, for every tree in the forest had at least one air plant, and almost every air plant contained a generous drink of water.—Sabbath School Visitor.

A HERO

A few years ago, a fire broke out in a charming little Swiss village. One poor man was in greater trouble than his neighbors, even. His home and cows were gone, and so was his son, a bright boy of six or seven years. He spent the night sorrowfully wandering among the ruins.

Just as daybreak came, however, he heard a well-known sound and, looking up, saw his favorite cow leading the herd, and coming directly after them was his boy.

"Oh, my son, my son!" he cried, "are you really alive?"

"Why, yes, Father. When I saw the fire, I ran to get the cows away to the pasture." "You are a hero, my boy!" the father exclaimed.

But the boy said: "Oh, no! A hero is one who does some wonderful deed. I led the cows away because they were in danger and I knew it was the right thing to do."

"Ah!" cried the father, "he who does the right thing at the right time is a hero." —Selected.

Fourth Union Meeting Report

The Fourth Union meeting of the North Carolina Central Conference convened with Daniel's Chapel in Wilson County on January 28, 1950. Rev. T. P. Ellis led the devotions and the welcome address was given by Mrs. J. E. Barlett. The response was by Rev. N. D. Beamon. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. All of the churches in the union meeting district represented with an offering. The ministers present were as follows: H. T. Sowers, L. B. Manning, R. C. Proctor, N. D. Beamon, T. P. Ellis, J. D. Vernelson. The visiting minister was A. L. Williams from the Western Conference.

Special music was rendered by Otter's Creek and Aspin Grove quartet. Following the music the union entered into a business session. Committees were appointed, and Spring Branch Church, Greene Co., invited the union to convene the next time with them in April, and the union accepted the invitation.

Since the roads were bad, a motion was made and carried for us to have the union on Sunday at the Black Creek School auditorium, and for the union to take care of any expense that might be incurred by its being held at the school. At this time special music was rendered by Harrell's Chapel quartet. The business was then called off for the Union sermon. Rev. L. B. Manning delivered a wonderful sermon. His scripture lesson was taken from St. Matthew, chapter 26. His subject was "Where Art Thou?"

The devotions for the afternoon session were conducted by J. D. Vernelson. Special music was then rendered by a duet from Water Branch, Otter's Creek, and Aspin Grove quartet. An offering of \$25.28 was then taken for the orphanage at Middlesex. The committees made their reports which were accepted as a whole. A motion was made by L. B. Manning and seconded by N. D. Beamon to send \$25 to Cragmont Assembly. This motion was carried. A motion was made by L. B. Manning and seconded by N. D. Beamon for J. C. Cobb to represent the Fourth Union in the

Stockholders meeting in the Church Finance Association. A motion was made by L. B. Manning and seconded by R. E. Hart for N. D. Beamon to represent the Fourth Union in the Stockholders' meeting of the Free Will Baptist Press. This motion was carried. A special number was then rendered by Harrell's Chapel quartet. A motion was made by L. B. Manning and seconded by H. T. Sowers to enroll Allen G. Baker as a licensed minister. This motion was carried, and Brother Baker's name was entered on the roll of ministers as a licensed minister.

A motion to adjourn was made by L. B. Manning and seconded by R. E. Hart. This motion was carried. After a rising vote of thanks for the fine hospitality shown this union by Daniel's Chapel was extended by the union, the meeting closed to meet the next time with Spring Branch Church in Greene County on April 29, 1950.

Rev. Reddin Proctor, Mod.
Hubert Burress, Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JANUARY 28, 1950

On hand from last union	\$119.43
Received from churches this union	102.00
Offering for the orphanage	25.28
Total	\$246.71
Disbursements	
To the clerk and moderator	\$11.00
To the orphanage	61.68
Missions	9.10
Education	9.10
Church Finance	9.10
Superannuation	9.10
Cragmont Assembly	25.00
Total	\$134.08
Total on hand	\$246.71
Total paid out	\$134.08

Balance in the treasury \$112.63

J. C. Cobb, Treasurer

Patience and tenacity of purpose are worth more than twice their weight of cleverness.—Thomas Huxley.

THANK GOD FOR THE HARD THINGS

God loves His people and that is the reason He is proving them and trying them. He prepares them for the life which is to come. Sometimes the testing is hard, sometimes the battle is hot, but nevertheless God still lives to show Himself strong in behalf of those who trust in Him.

God was with Jehosaphat when he was made king because he sought after God and not after Baalim (II Chron. 17:4).

The Lord is with those who trust Him and those who seek after Him, but it seems as if there are very few to-day who are seeking after God.

God was also with Daniel, because he trusted in Jehovah and staked his life on the promises of God. God wonderfully proved Himself a great Deliverer.

Did you ever think that God is always watching and looking at your life? Do you shrink from the tasks that He gives you to do? Is your life a ray of sunshine every day or are you sometimes controlled by circumstances?

Every Christian ought to be a light and a witness for Jesus Christ. That means to keep the feelings in the background and let only Christ be seen.

How beautiful is the life of one entirely yielded to God! How interesting! One who really lives for God finds life very wonderful, and really, it is not a bit dry. The man or woman who leads a Christian life finds it far from being a humdrum sort of life, as the world says they are living. But there is always something happening to make a Christian's life interesting. If we did not have any hard trials to go through or any battles to fight we never could enjoy the sweetness that comes our way. How much more we enjoy the sunshine after a heavy storm!

Let us thank God for the hard things, as well as for the pleasant things, and praise Him for the shadows as well as for the sunshine. "Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered" (Rom. 4:7). Praise God!—E. M. Swacha.

The knot was tied; the pair were wed,
And then the smiling bridegroom said
Unto the preacher, "Shall I pay
To you the usual fee today?"

Or would you have me wait a year
And give you then a hundred clear,
If I should find the marriage state
As happy as I estimate?"
The preacher lost no time in thought,
To his reply no study brought,
There were no wrinkles on his brow:
Said he, "I'll take three dollars now."

—Clipped.

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If I Had Prayed

Perhaps the day would not have seemed so long,
The skies would not have seemed so gray,
If on my knees in humble prayer
I had begun the day.
Perhaps the fight would not have seemed so hard,
Prepared, I might have faced the fray
If I had been alone with Him,
Upon my knees, to pray.

Perhaps I might have cheered a broken heart,
Or helped a wand'rer on the way,
If I had asked to be a light
To some dark soul today.
I would remember just the pleasant things,
The harsh words that I meant to say
I would forget, if I had prayed
When I began the day.

I think I could have met life's harder trials
With hopeful heart and cheerful smile
If I had spoken with my Lord
Just for a little while.
And, if I pray, I find that all goes well,
All care at His dear feet is laid;
My heart is glad—the load is light
Because I first have prayed.

—M. Joyce Rader

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Notice

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

REPORT OF WESTERN QUARTERLY MEETING, CUMBERLAND ASSN.

Morning Session

Cumberland Association, Western Quarterly Meeting, met with Stony Point Free Will Baptist Church January 7, 1950.

Meeting opened with song, "When We All Get to Heaven," led by Vergil Smith. Prayer was by Claude Philpo. Devotion conducted by Rev. Sydney Henry; Scripture reading, Luke 2:47.

Ministers present: Rev. E. M. Grubbs, Rev. H. C. Brown, Rev. Giles Givens, Rev. Sydney Henry, Rev. J. L. McIntosh, Rev. D. A. Hatcher and Rev. G. L. Burroughs.

Deacons present, Claude Philpo, Porter Craft and Robert Waynick.

Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. Motion made and carried that Rev. G. L. Burroughs sit in council.

Next order of business was appointment of committees.

Committee of general business: Rev. Giles Givens, Mrs. J. L. McIntosh and Claude Philpo.

Committee for nominating: Rev. Sydney Henry, Robert Waynick and Ed Sinks.

Committee for resolutions: Virgil Smith, Rev. E. M. Grubbs and Rev. D. A. Hatcher.

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Ridge, and Stony Point Church were read and adopted.

Virgil Smith conducted the song service for our morning worship, singing "Just Over in the Glory Land," and "When the Saints Go Marching in." Prayer by Rev. D. A. Hatcher. Message brought by Rev. E. M. Grubbs, subject: "Together in the Lord's Business." Scripture read, Jonah 1:1, 2, 3. Text Luke 2:49. Morning session closed by singing, "Nothing But the Blood." An old fashioned hand shake and prayer by Rev. D. A. Hatcher.

Afternoon Session

Song service was conducted by Virgil Smith; the congregation singing, "When I See the Blood." Devotion conducted by Rev. G. L. Burroughs. Scripture reading, Exodus 40th chapter.

Next, order of business was reporting of committees. Report of treasurer pro-tem,

\$9.00 dues collected. Report of general business, and all items were accepted. Report of nominating committee accepted. Report of resolution committee accepted.

Motion made and carried for chairman to make arrangements for fifth Sunday Rally.

Virgil Smith led song, singing, "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings," while offering was being taken. Motion made and carried to take \$10.00 out of treasure for offering.

The moderator appointed Rev. E. M. Grubbs, Rev. Syden Henry, and Rev. Giles Givens as a committee to further the cause of temperance work.

Rising vote of thanks was given Stony Point Church. We adjourned to meet with Pleasant Ridge Church, April 8, 1950. Dismissed moderator, Rev. J. L. McIntosh.

Mrs. J. L. McIntosh, Clerk

The Passing of the Picket Fence

By George W. Waggoner

I suppose that most of you know what a picket fence is. Some of the children may not. There are very few to be seen anymore. But the picket fence is a thing that is familiar to you older people. Maybe some of you helped build them. They have now passed; as many other things have, and more modern things have replaced them. There are many fond memories associated with this age of picket fences. Our purpose is, of course, to note the spiritual things of that day and compare them with today.

Spiritually speaking, many fences in life have been taken down—they have passed away along with the old picket fence. A fence is something that hedges us in. It keeps us within certain boundaries or limits. These spiritual fences are good things. They are not only good, they are godly. We are human and sinful. We don't know, many times, the dangers of sin and we couldn't cope with them if we did. The devil is too strong for us. There is always that inward struggle in every person. This is the testimony of the Apostle Paul in Romans 7. Among other things he says, "Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me." But God has surrounded us with certain fences which are a means of His help to us. By these means We can come thru with victory. The sad thing about it all is that, as I have said, many of them passed with the old picket fence. Let us notice some of the fences that have been taken down in life:

The passing of the family altar is one. God meant for us to worship in our homes to help ourselves and to help one another. "—and thou shalt teach them (commandments) diligently unto thy children—" Deuteronomy 6:7. And again in Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. "Our forefathers

did these very things. But show me the families today that take time for family Bible study and prayer. Oh, some do once in a while; but do they do it daily? The family altar has passed away. We argue that we are too busy and I'll admit we're living too fast. Should we leave off God's work or something else? Young children demand our attention during the time that we should worship, oft-times, but I believe we could find time if we sincerely wanted to. We find time for everything else we want to do. We need this fence in our lives.

Another thing concerns Sunday observance. It is not what it used to be. One of the Ten Commandments is "Keep the Sabbath day to sanctify it, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee." Again our forefathers were strict in regard to this. But this that would fence us in and help mold our lives for God, has passed. Just notice how many business houses are open on Sunday. Listen to the factory whistle. You can't tell what day it is. Watch the traffic—people going places for pleasure or for business. I know our world is complex, but it ought not to be so complex that we rule out the God who made us.

A third thing that has largely passed out of our lives is Bible reading and study. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God—" (2 Tim. 2:15). And Psalms 119:105, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." The very thing that would draw us close to God and give us strength is no longer real in our lives. Church members are reading novels and love stories and letting their Bibles mildew.

A fourth thing is one idea that has taken the day and is ruining the home. It is in regard to taking care of our children. This is the parents responsibility. Who would have thought a few years ago that we would have parents hiring baby-sitters and then going out on wild parties during all hours of the night? There is no use to go on. You know

what has happened in the modern home. Children don't obey their parents like they used to. Parents don't know where they are a lot of the time. Only this week a man came to our school and wanted to know if his little boy (about three years old) was there. It's about five blocks and across two main streets and a railroad from his house. He wasn't there but had been two or three times before.

I could go on and list and discuss other things that are passing with the picket-fence, like respect for and of women, pure talk, refraining from drinking, honesty, etc., but we won't take the time. God has said, "Thou shalt" or "Thou shalt not" because He can see our future and he knows what is best for us. We are hedged in with moral, social, and physical laws. They are for our good but we continually flirt with danger and try to break them. The story of Adam and Eve is an every day occurrence to all of us. We are living in a beautiful world. We have everything we need for our good. Yet we're continually doing what God has said we should not do or we're not doing what God has said we should. We are reaching through the fences that have hedged us in. We must pay the consequences of this sooner or later. In Ecclesiastes 10:8 the writer says "... whoso breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him." This can be implied spiritually. One little thing, done in a moment can ruin our character. It takes a long time to become famous but we may become notorious overnight.

God only knows the results of the passing of these fences from our lives. We know, in part, that our lives can't tell for Him as they ought to if we let the fences down. They cannot be fruitful or happy or even spiritual. Let's do our part in keeping them from passing, or in rebuilding the ones that have passed.

Attend the National Association of Free Will Baptists to be held in Richmond, California, July 11-14, 1950.

NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

In the book "The Chaos of Cults" by J. K. Van Baalen, B. D., some startling assertions are made, depicting and showing up the fallacy of many of these cults, among whom a great many things are said about the Mormon religion. Of course those of us who know the word of God, realize that the foundation of Mormonism was started by one Joseph Smith, and followed up by one Brigham Young, men who believe in plural wives. It is said that Brigham Young had 25 wives, and this book states that Brigham Young said: "Jesus Christ was a polygamist; Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, were his plural wives and Mary Magdalene was another. Also, the bridal feast of Cana of Galilee, where Jesus turned water to wine, was on the occasion of one of his marriages."

Another of the Mormon apostles said: "We say it was Jesus Christ who was married (at Cana, to Martha and Mary) whereby he could see his own seed before he was crucified." This was said by Apostle Orson Pratt."

Mr. Van Baalen gives references to Mormon books, giving book and page. Yet with such doctrines as taught by the founders of Mormonism, they are sending out all over the country "elders two by two" who proselyte, whenever possible by their strategy, many who are not informed of the real foundation of Mormonism. They never tell the truth about the doctrine. They give a little and wait until they have seduced the person, thus saving the "strong meat" until after they have accomplished their first steps in getting their prey. I am reminded of Jude, verses 17, 18, "But beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their ungodly lusts. These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit."

I am bound to say that the man who wants plural wives is following the flesh. It is claimed that polygamy is not practiced today by the Mormons, but it is believed by them; and, as Mr. Baalen says, "true Mormons must long for the time when the practice of Polygamy shall be restored."

THE VIRGIN BIRTH

Brigham Young, successor to Joseph Smith, the founder of Mormonism, said, according to Mr. Van Baalen: "When the Virgin Mary conceived the child Jesus, the Father had begotten him in his own like-

ness. He was not begotten by the Holy Ghost. And who was the Father? He was the first of the human family . . . Jesus our elder brother, was begotten in the flesh by the same character that was in the garden of Eden, and who is our Father in Heaven." And again we must say that Brigham Young was a blasphemer when he said, "Jesus was begotten in the flesh." The Bible teaches, "Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take Mary thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost" (Matt. 1:20) And again, "But when the fulness of the time was fully come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law. To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons (Gal. 4:4,5). Thus we cannot believe that doctrine of "Brigham Young."

To say that Jesus was begotten by the flesh is outrageous to me, and outright blasphemy against the Holy Ghost. Well, the doctrine that makes Christ no more than man is contradictory of the inspired word of God, whether it is said by a Mormon or by a Unitarian, Universalist, Modernist, or an infidel. To take the Virgin Birth out of the religion as given to us by the Lord Jesus, is to dispute the word of God.

Every Christian should have a copy of "The Chaos of Cults" in his library, and thus be prepared to meet the doctrine of any if the "Cults" that come along. The book is published by Wm. B. Eerdman's Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, Mich.

WHAT ANOTHER AUTHOR SAYS

"The Father has a body of flesh and bones as tangible as man's" (Doctrines and Covenants Sec. 130, page 3). Yes, the founder of Mormonism says the Father is a man with flesh and bones. But here is what Jesus says, "God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and truth" (John 4:24). But we quote more of what Joseph Smith, the founder of Mormonism, taught, which is false. "God himself was once as we are now, and is an exalted man, and sits enthroned in yonder heavens. This is the great secret!" (so says Joseph Smith, April 7, 1848).

Now we quote Brigham Young, according to "False Doctrines," by E. E. Shelhamer. Get this and compare it with what God says, "When our father Adam came into the Garden of Eden, he came into it with a celestial body, and brought Eve, one of his wives, with him. He helped make and organize this world. He is Michael, the Archangel, the Ancient of Days, and about whom holy men have written and spoken. He is our father and our God, and the only God with whom we have to do" (Salt Lake City, April 9, 1852).

Notice that Brigham Young said, "One of his wives." That is, that God was married to more than one wife. Thus Brigham Young makes God a polygamist. But we cannot believe that God the Spirit has wives, and such lust as Brigham Young and oth-

ers who are shapen in iniquity. No thinking sane mind who knows anything about the teachings of the Bible would accept such blasphemy.

But may we notice further in that saying of Brigham Young "He helped to make and organize this world." But the Bible says, "In the beginning God created heaven and the earth" (Gen. 1:1).

Read the whole chapter of Genesis (The Beginning) and see if Brigham Young's mormonism corresponds with God's word. Notice that Young says, "He is Michael, the Archangel." Do you get the contradiction of these statements? These teachers, Smith and Young say, "God has flesh and bones as tangible as man's," and then they state that God is "an Archangel."

Get your Bible and turn to Mark 12, and begin with the 18th verse and read through the 27th, and there you will find that the Mormon doctrine is false again. Hear the words of Christ, "For when they shall rise from the dead they neither marry or are given in marriage; but are as the angels which are in heaven" (Mark 12:25).

Now let us see what contradiction these Mormon teachers have heaped together "for the last days."

"God has flesh and bones." "He brought one of his wives into the Garden of Eden." Then God is the Archangel Michael, and "angel with a wife." Now Jesus says that angels do not marry. "For when they rise from the dead . . . they neither marry nor are given in marriage; but are as the angels."

This verse of Scripture contradicts other false doctrines taught by these Polygamist teachers—Joseph Smith and Brigham Young.

In the face of these facts I cannot understand why intelligent people will be led off after such false doctrines. However, Paul gives us a reason "For of this sort are they which creep into houses." (2 Timothy 3:6).

These quotations, as stated before, are taken from the writings of Mr. J. K. Van Baalen and E. E. Shelhamer.

We are taught to study the word of God, in order to be ready to meet false doctrines. Paul says; "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed" (Gal. 1:8). I am sure, upon the authority of the inspired word of God, that the doctrine of Joseph Smith and Brigham Young is not what Paul preached. So they and their gospel are under the "Curse."

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

This is to let the people know that I now live on Route 3, Washington, North Carolina. My old address was Greenville, North Carolina, Route 1. Those who may wish to correspond with me are requested to send their letters to the above address.

Rev. J. D. Vernelson



Alabama News

Edward B. Ledlow,
Editor
Talladega, Alabama

BROTHERHOOD FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH TALLADEGA, ALABAMA

The Brotherhood was organized several months ago by the men members of Talladega church. The organization is doing a great work with 14 members on roll at present. We hold our meetings every first and third Friday night in each month with God as our invited guest.

The purpose of the Brotherhood is to draw our church members closer to each other in unity and brotherly love; to maintain a deeper understanding of the Bible; to be a help to needy people; and for the upbuilding of our church and community.

The Brotherhood consists of a president and a secretary-treasurer with several committees acting.

We had a wonderful service at our last meeting. The Lord was with us. We gathered at the home of Brother C. T. Tinsley in Munford, Alabama.

Every church needs an organization for both men and women members, because when men and women of the church work together great things can be accomplished for the Lord. We hope that every man in our church will join our Brotherhood and help us to fight sin. Our next meeting will be in Brother James Barber's home in Westend Talladega, Ala. Every member is urged to attend. Come and help fight sin and the Devil. Visitors are also invited to attend our meetings.

SOCIAL NEWS

We have quite a few sick people in our community and we desire the prayers of each Christian for their speedy recovery.

The church is planning to start a

sing school soon under the direction of Mrs. J. B. Hardin, Eden, Ala., for the young people of our community. Our F. W. B. L. is well on the way with three classes organized. We hope to increase in the future. Our young people need all the encouragement they can get toward Christ and His cause. Let us do all we can for them.

The Talladega Church is growing in grace and power, souls are being saved, but we need a revival, so everyone help pray for a great revival in Talladega.

We had a Quarterly meeting at our church last fifth Saturday, which followed with Communion and feet washing service that night. Sixty-four took part in the Communion and Feet washing service. We had a fellowship the following Sunday and the Lord did bless our souls. Two souls were saved. Thank God for his saving power.

Edward Ledlow, Reporter

LADIES AID FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH TALLADEGA, ALABAMA

The ladies of the Free Will Baptist Church Talladega, Alabama, have organized a Ladies Aid for the up-building of the church.

The group has set aside each Wednesday afternoon as their regular meeting day. Assembling in the church, the meeting is started with prayer after which the business is transacted. Thus far, 17 have joined. Mrs. Eunice Limbaugh is president and Miss Faye George is Secretary-Treasurer.

Several projects are under way at present. Thread has been purchased and some of the ladies are crocheting.

Those who cannot crochet are making aprons. As another project, the ladies are taking quilts for those who wish to have quilting done. Seven have already been quilted.

With beautifying the house of God as our aim, and with God our helper, we are zealously working toward the fulfillment of our undertaking.

LADIES AID FRIENDSHIP F. W. B. CHURCH PELL CITY, ALABAMA

We meet at the church each Tuesday night, with 14 members present and some visitors. The president takes charge of the meetings. The roll is called, dues paid and other business of the organization is taken up with the body. We appoint someone for the devotional at each meeting. We all have a testimony for the Lord and the Lord blesses us in our services. The Ladies Aid hope to do greater work for the Master. Please pray for us.

Mrs. Paul Davis,
Corresponding Secy.

THAT LITTLE CHAP

A careful man I want to be,
A little fellow follows me.
I do not dare to go astray
For fear he'll go the selfsame way.

I cannot once escape his eye,
What ever he sees me do he'll try.
Like me he says he's going to be
This little chap that follows me.

He thinks that I am good and fine
Believes in every word of mine.
In me no badness must he see,
This little chap that follows me.

I must remember as I go
Thru summer's sun and winter's snow.
I'm building for the years to be
That little chap that follows me.

Mrs. Herman Dollar, Member
Free Will Baptist Church,
Wattsville, Ala.

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:- Department of Foreign Missions :-

SOULS BEING WON TO CHRIST IN CUBA

T. H. Willey
Pinar del Rio
Havana Province, Cuba

We have begun the New Year in Cuba with a great burden for the evangelization of the thousands who have not yet been in personal contact with the Gospel. I gave up my classes with a great reluctance only in view of the fact that there is a work that is particularly mine in going constantly into the fields, as I did in the beginning. This is a work that demands physical suffering.

Just a few weeks ago I went into our field that lies along the Caribbean Gulf. This is an immense field with thousands of people isolated because of such terrible roads. I had every reason in the world to thank God for our School of Missions when one of our fine graduates was there awaiting me with horses. We began a campaign that lasted six days, consisting of personal work from home to home during the day and preaching each night.

In that part of the field the people are so poor that all they can have for breakfast is a little cup of coffee. In all my trip not a drop of milk was to be had. If you would sleep with any comfort, you do so by making a pallet on the hard dirt floor. We averaged five hours in the saddle.

What a joy to meet the people saved under the ministry of our boy, Pepe! We went into one beautiful valley, after a ride of five hours thru a dismal swamp, and came out into an immense clearing, thickly populated with our people. It is a great blessing to go into their homes and hear them express their great joy in having found the Lord.

That night we had a great service. The crowd was so large we had to meet in the open. Our light was the brilliant tropical moon, so bright that we could see the features of our con-

gregation. The singing was wonderful and after an earnest message the invitation was given. I had finished the call for seekers when a giant of a fellow, a very pronounced sinner, came running to me. He cried, "I'm converted. Now I know. Now I believe." He grabbed me around the neck rejoicing. This was very unlike Pedro, but when a man is saved someone will soon find out. This was the break that night. There were eight definite conversions. Young men came with relatives saying, "Senor Willey, here is my brother or my father. He wants to be saved."

On another trip into the hills four were wonderfully saved. One father, who is a consecrated Christian, gave a wonderful testimony. He told of an incident that had happened to his son. The boy had gone to the highway on an errand; and, as the father sat meditating, the thought came to him that the boy should be arriving at the highway at that time. Suddenly he felt lead to go on his knees and pray for the boy. He prayed under a deep burden. When the boy returned, he told of how, just as he came onto the highway, a large truch ran him down. His horse was knocked down and he was thrown. While this happened the father prayed. God used this to convict the boy. I had the privilege of leading him to the Lord that night. On this same night a young woman found the Lord and a few days later walked from the mountains to the school offering herself as a student for missionary preparation.

So, as we labor, God is doing great things for us. New towns are being entered. The students return each week-end with reports of great victories.

The challenge of a great white harvest field is before us. What we do here will depend in a large measure on your faithfulness in prayer for your missionaries. We are counting

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on the faithfulness of our Free Will Baptist people. Will you pray for us? No task is too hard, no road too long, no self-denial of comfort too demanding when we know our people are remembering us in prayer and support.

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ALABAMA STATE NEWS

A GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION

We are happy to state in this issue of the Baptist paper we are publishing the first full page reports of the ALABAMA STATE NEWS, which is edited by Brother Edward B. Ledlow. He is planning to have a full page or more in the Baptist paper each month of the year, thus giving the readers of this church paper opportunity to see and read what Alabama has in our columns for the church people.

We are greatly appreciative of Brother Ledlow's kind offer to gather the news, and edit it for his people, and then send it on to us for our church paper. May God richly bless him in his efforts to do a great work for the cause of Christ. We urge the Free Will Baptist people of Alabama to send in their important news items, original poems, good prose articles, reports, and the like, to Brother Ledlow each month in time for him to edit it, and then mail the same on to the editor's office, Ayden, North Carolina. Let us look each month for good news from Alabama. Thanks a lot, Brother Ledlow, for your kind offer.

It is not out of order, we think, to speak of the recent generous offering of \$250 by the Reverend J. C. Moye, Snow Hill, North Carolina, to the Free Will Baptist Orphanage of Eldridge, Alabama. Reference is made to this gift in the superintendent's report, published with the Alabama State News in this issue of our church paper. The superintendent, Mr. Ryland, has expressed his heartfelt thanks for this splendid gift in his report, so that the people will know how the Home is being blessed with this gift.

We feel that this is an example which other persons of means should follow, and give to that orphanage, or to the other orphanages of our denomination some substantial offering that would be a great blessing to those orphan children. Certainly, gifts made for such causes and in the right spirit, God will greatly bless both the givers and those who receive the gifts. Brother Moye has been a liberal supporter for quite a while, of the Middlesex Orphanage, Middlesex, North Carolina, and God has blessed him in the giving. God has promised to bless others who perform their duty where help is needed.

MISSION PLANS COMPLETED

Letters have been sent out recently to pastors and clerks of the various churches in North Carolina, relative to the "drive for missions" during March and April, the months that have been designated as "Mission Months" by the State Convention.

Rev. Rashie Kennedy, a member of the National Foreign Mission Board, and Director of foreign missions in our State, with Rev. James A. Evans, Chairmen of the State Mission Board, and also a member of the National Home Mission Board, have worked out a program that will, we believe, mean much toward a better understanding of our needs, both in the Home and Foreign Mission fields, as well as to increase funds with which to better support all of our missionary efforts. It will take co-operation on the part of each pastor and church, as well as sacrifice on the part of us who are really interested in the cause of missions. If our hearts yearn for the salvation of those in need of the gospel, we should not be satisfied until we have given our best in helping to put into effect the Mission Program as arranged. We often wonder what the outcome would be if each one of us could realize and accept our personal responsibility in the support of missions. In 2 Timothy 2:20, 21, we have these words, "But in a great house, there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour and some to dishonour. If a man therefore purge himself from these,

he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the Master's use, and prepared unto every good work." A great Admiral once said, "Every true Christian is a real Missionary." If this be true, we need to "Examine ourselves, and see if we be in the faith." May we do this, and then apply ourselves more prayerfully and more obediently to the will of the Master, who said, "Let your light shine."

The State Mission Board is in need of more funds with which to help those in our own State who are calling for the gospel—yes, right here in our beloved State, there are isolated places where people do not hear the gospel preached, where there are no Sabbath Schools and where little children never hear the most blessed of all Names, except in a profane manner. It hurts us far more than we can express, when we have to say "No" to some of the appeals that come to us. During the past year we have rendered some really worthwhile assistance to some of those in need. We have made it possible to promulgate the gospel of Christ in new places, and where church organizations have been brought about. Our latest mission point is that of Washington, where we hope to see a strong thriving church, sometime not too far in the future.

If we are to keep on with the good work, surely we all must "put our shoulder to the wheel" so to speak, and accept the challenge before us in behalf of missions. The foreign need is great also—far greater than many of us can realize. Living in a land

of plenty, with comforts and in many cases, luxuries, it is hard for us to grasp the real meaning of sacrifice and suffering in the cause of Christ by our foreign missionaries.

May we co-operate to the greatest extent possible in the mission program as arranged, and give of our means generously for the support of the cause so dear to our hearts.

The State Mission Board of N. C. is standing by the program during our Mission Months, with our prayers and co-operation. Not only for the success of the program, but for every Free Will Baptist in the State, that we may be united in our efforts to become more missionary-minded, and if we will give ourselves wholeheartedly to the cause, the Lord will pour out wonderful blessings that we little dream of. Be much in prayer for a great awakening among our people to the earnest call that is coming to us from the Mission fields.

Alice E. Lupton, Secretary,
State Mission Board

NEEDED . . . THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS TO COMPLETE THE MISSION CAR FUND

Friends, it seems that the last mile of the race is always the hardest to make. Will you give just one more donation for this car fund? We lack \$325 of having the

(See Missions on page 10)

Middlesex Orphanage

ASST. SUPERINTENDENT-TREASURER



R. McLEOD

Assistant Superintendent— Treasurer's Message

In accepting the place of Assistant Superintendent and Treasurer of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage, Middlesex, North Carolina, I realize the responsibilities that the position carries with it. I am indeed grateful for this opportunity of service to the institution.

It shall be my purpose to devise plans for a more uniform system, in the different churches, for making contributions to our Orphanage work, in order to provide a more steady flow of funds to meet the urgent needs of the institution. I shall be looking forward to the time when I can visit all of our churches and present my plans.

I very earnestly solicit the prayers and cooperation of all our people, ministry and laity, because I am fully aware that unless I receive the wholehearted support of all, I will not succeed in the great task that lies before me.

R. McLeod

Rev. J. C. Griffin's Itinerary

An itinerary of the Cape Fear Conference has been arranged for the institution at the churches listed below.

Several hundred feet of film has been added to his pictures recently, thereby bringing them up to date.

His appearances will be at 7:30 in the evening.

St. Mary's Grove—Wednesday, Feb. 15.
Bethel, Johnston County, Thurs., Feb. 16.

Smithfield—Friday, February 17.
Johnson Union—Saturday, February 18.
Powhatan—Sunday, February 19.
Raleigh—Monday, February 20.
Wooten's Chapel—Tuesday, February 21.
Tee's Chapel—Monday, February 22.
Lanwood's Chapel—Tuesday, February 23.
Riverside—Wednesday, March 1.
Yelverton's Grove—Thursday, March 2.
Goldsboro—Friday, March 3.
St. John's—Saturday, March 4.
Daley's Chapel—Sunday, March 5.
Casey's Chapel—Monday, March 6.
Bethel, Lenoir County—Tuesday, March 7.

JANUARY RECEIPTS FOR 1950

Note: Receipts have been mailed to each individual auxiliary or person contributing but totals here are shown for all amounts from each church, regardless of organization through which it came for the period covered. Our books and files are open at all times for inspection or checking for any particular receipt. Receipts reaching our office later than Wednesday, February 1, will appear in the February report.

General Fund

CENTRAL

Sts. Delight	\$ 30.00
Hull Road	18.55
Kings' Cross Roads	1.95
Bethany	6.30
Rocky Mount	6.30
Marlboro	81.31
Wintergreen	1.00
Gum Swamp	6.01
Greenville	32.48
Winterville	61.50
Spring Branch	5.00
Saratoga	7.80
Rose of Sharon	7.00
Dilda's Grove	7.50
Rose Hill	16.62
Dawson's Grove	4.00
Reedy Branch	10.00
Aspin Grove	12.00
Pleasant Hill	.50
Second Union	86.28
Total	\$404.42

PEE DEE

Beaverdam	\$ 8.00
First Union	12.54

Total \$ 20.54

EASTERN

Morehead City	\$ 4.05
Warden's Grove	9.25
Mt. Zion, Onslow County	2.00
Soundview	11.00
Arapahoe	102.35
Sts. Delight	10.00
Dublin Grove	12.06

Whaley's Chapel	15.23
St. Johns Chapel	20.00
Core Creek	32.80
St. Mary's	23.19
Antioch	17.00
Snow Hill	10.00
Grantsboro	24.77
Union Chapel	28.03
Kinston	36.00
Beulaville	11.69
Sneads Ferry	4.76
Ruth's Chapel	10.58
Davis	12.50
Oriental	5.00
Bethel, Pamlico County	17.09
Smith's New Home	6.00
Third Union	50.00
Carteret County Union	30.00

Total \$505.35

FRENCH BROAD

Horney Heights	\$ 10.00
Canton	10.00
Cedar Hill	16.20
Marshall	8.00
Beaverdam	5.00
Avery's Creek	7.00
Laurelton Chapel	8.00

Total \$ 64.20

ALBEMARLE

Free Union	\$ 4.75
Mt. Olive	5.00
Piney Grove, Beaufort County	2.24
Soundside	.50

Total \$ 12.49

CAPE FEAR

Powhatan	\$ 5.00
Lee's Chapel	4.42
Robert's Grove	6.00
Yelverton's Grove	2.50
St. Paul	9.40
Goldsboro	17.00
Johnson Union	50.00

Total \$ 94.32

WESTERN

1st Union District Sunday Schools	\$ 8.85
Shady Grove, Durham County	5.00
Friendship	16.08
Marsh Swamp	20.00
Union Grove, Wayne County	48.66
Orphanage Memorial Chapel	11.71
Elwood Lane	15.40

Total \$125.70

MISCELLANEOUS

Refunds	\$ 18.50
Parents and Relatives	162.40
Holland's	3.17
Young People's Friend Subscriptions	6.00
Rev. J. C. Moye	250.00
Elizabeth Harris	50.00
L. J. Herring Implement Co.	15.00

Coupons -----	74.88
Total -----	\$579.95

REFURNISHING GIRL'S BUILDING

Edgemont Missionary Society, West- ern -----	\$ 26.81
Free Union Aux., Beaufort Co., Al- bemarle -----	30.00
Total -----	\$ 56.81

STOVE FUND

Arapahoe Auxiliary, Eastern -----	\$ 10.00
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MUSIC FUND

Smithfield, Cape Fear -----	\$ 5.00
Kinston, Eastern -----	10.00
Greenville, Central -----	5.00
Grimsley, Central -----	1.40
Little Rock, Western -----	5.00
Total -----	\$ 26.40

SEWING MACHINE FUND

Sweet Gum Grove Auxiliary, Central -----	\$ 5.00
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J. C. GRIFFIN ITINERARY

Hopewell, Cape Fear -----	\$ 31.00
Prospect, Cape Fear -----	38.06
Pleasant Grove, Cape Fear -----	37.52
Lee's Chapel, Cape Fear -----	50.00
Total -----	\$156.58

MEMORIAL WINDOW FUND

Johnson Union Auxiliary, Cape Fear -----	\$ 20.00
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CHAPEL FUND

Edgemont, Western -----	\$ 50.00
Elm Grove, Central -----	8.66
Total -----	\$ 58.66

PIG FEEDING PROJECT

Robert's Grove, Cape Fear -----	\$ 25.00
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ALBEMARLE COTTAGE

S. S. Convention -----	\$368.04
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Total General Fund -----	\$1,806.97
Total Girl's Building Fund -----	56.81
Total Stove Fund -----	10.00
Total Music Fund -----	26.40
Total Chapel Fund -----	58.66
Total Sewing Machine Fund -----	5.00
Total Griffin Itinerary -----	156.58
Total Pig Feeding Project -----	25.00
Total Memorial Window Fund -----	20.00
Total Cottage Fund -----	368.04

Grand Total Receipts -----	\$2,533.46
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BUDGET RECEIPTS

Eastern -----	\$5,835.62
Central -----	5,240.18
Western -----	4,587.92
Cape Fear -----	2,237.61
Albemarle -----	546.42
French Broad -----	603.13
Jack's Creek -----	593.77
Piedmont -----	592.77
Pee Dee -----	359.11

Rockfish -----	68.87
Western Yearly -----	5.00
Total -----	\$20,670.40

R. McLeod Treasurer

DONATED COMMODITIES

Aleo Church, Food -----	\$ 4.00
F. A. Lewis, Clothing -----	75.00
Marsh Swamp, Food -----	11.35
Arapahoe, Household Supplies -----	15.00
Little Creek Auxiliary, Clothing --	15.00
Piney Grove Auxiliary, Household Supplies -----	5.00
Mrs. Heber Graves, Clothing -----	15.00
Little Creek Auxiliary, Clothing --	25.00
Saratoga Church, Corn -----	36.00
Braston Jackson, Gilt -----	35.00
W. C. Westbrook, Gilt -----	75.00
Total Value -----	\$311.35

Walter McD. Croom
Superintendent

DON'T SAY IT!

If you always have a hanker,
To speak about a friend or neighbor,
Pause—Think—before you say it.
Are you doing them a favor?
Don't say it!

If you hear some bit of gossip,
Pray—don't pass it on.
Perhaps it isn't true—and
It wouldn't right the wrong.
Don't say it!

If another—somehow—seems
A little peculiar to you,
Before you criticize—remember,
You are peculiar, too.
Don't say it!

If when you are tempted
Of others to questionably speak,
Do you know the motive
Behind their words or deed?
Don't say it!

If you do not know the motive
And surely you can-not,
You'll be doing a priceless favor
Before you start, to stop.
Don't say it!

If you were asked the question,
Could you do as well as they?
You would answer quickly—
"But—I don't know,"—you'd say.
Don't say it!

If you could wear their heavy shoes,
And walk the same rocky way,
You'd always be stumbling—and
You'd have nothing to say—so
Don't say it!

If you feel you just must "SAY"
Please, don't let it be words of shame,

You're doing an awful thing,
When you smudge another's name.
Don't say it!

Mrs. Delsie I. Waters

FOURTH UNION AUXILIARY REPORT

The Fourth Union Auxiliary of the Central Conference of North Carolina met with Daniel's Chapel on Sunday, January 29, 1950. In the absence of Mr. Vernon Sullivan, the devotions were led by Rev. N. D. Beaman. The welcome address was given by Mrs. Carnell Lucas and Rev. Preston Ellis gave response. Special music was rendered by Otter's Creek Quartet. A collection was taken for the Orphanage which amounted to \$31.25 and prayer was offered by Rev. L. B. Manning. Rev. J. D. Vernelson delivered the very impressive morning message and chose as his scripture lesson a portion of the 12th Chapter of Hebrews.

Following the appointment of the various committees by the president, the following ministers were recognized and given an opportunity for remarks: N. D. Beaman, L. B. Manning, J. D. Vernelson, T. P. Ellis, R. C. Proctor and R. H. Jackson.

The afternoon session was opened with devotions being led by Rev. T. P. Ellis. The roll was called of Sunday Schools and Ladies Auxiliaries and a petition was made by the Howell Swamp Sunday School to become a member of this body. A motion was made and seconded to this effect and the Howell Swamp Sunday School was added to the roll. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The president called for old and new business. There being none, the various committees made their reports. The banner committee decided that the Ladies Aid banner should go to Harrell's Chapel and the Sunday School banner to Otter's Creek. The Treasurer's report was given and accepted. Following the Program and Finance Committees' reports, all reports were accepted by the Union.

The program given by Daniel's Chapel was greatly enjoyed by all and we were adjourned by Rev. L. B. Manning to meet in April with Spring Branch Church.

Mrs. David E. Gay, Secretary

RELATIONSHIP OF TRUTH TO LIFE

By Rev. J. Ernest Wooten
Ayden, N. C.

Truth is the light which enables men to discover the realities of life, and pursue courses which pay off in terms of success and true happiness. It is as safe and enduring when revealed through scientific research as it is when it is revealed through God's holy Word. Our concern is not with truth itself, but with the way it is sometimes presented. It may be used as a decoy to allure unsuspecting persons into traps of deceit. The truth of God, when studied and pursued, delivers men and women from the dangers of ignorance and deceit.

There has been published very recently a book, *The Nature of Man*, the chief aim and purpose of which according to the claim of the publishers themselves, is to discover and disclose the nature of man through science, philosophy, and religion. The authors of the different chapters are scientists, ministers, and philosophers, and they seek, through their interpretations, to convince men that the only way out of their difficulties and present global predicament is through the outlet of scientific understanding of human nature. The book contains many statements which are rich in thought and bulging with profound truth.

One chapter, *Man and His Destiny*, by Dr. Gardner Murphy, deals with "interrelationship." The author stresses the fact of the presence of "fellow-feeling" in the individual, and insists that inborn propensity constantly seeks an avenue of outlet in an effort to make contact with similar restless feelings of others. This line of scientific reasoning carries with it a great deal of eternal truth. It couples the fact of "fellow-feeling" with "spontaneous telepathy," and implies that a careful study of the findings of psychical research will enable men to understand more fully their true status in life.

The danger is not in any truth expressed or implied, but in the omission of the vital truth of life. The personal, living God of heaven is not

recognized as the author and source of all truth. Such reasoning assumes that man's first responsibility is to apply himself to the task of fitting into the great business of the integration of the race. It sounds logical and reasonable, does it not? But let us take a look at that which is not expressed.

This reasoning admits the fact of the religious nature within the individual, but insists that the innate longing within finds its satisfaction in agreeable association with others of its kind. The individual is responsible to no Superior, but seeks only to serve those of his own level, while he attempts to find that which satisfies his own personal desires. Consequently, because of his irresponsibility, he is not accountable to God for his errors and sins. Such a course of reasoning allows men to choose the "trial and error" method of life. In such a venture, his mistakes and crimes against society can be charged to none but the impulse within him urges him to make contact with his kind. Is such teaching safe? Does it enable men to find the true way of happiness and life? According to this scientific reasoning, the group, working as a unit, designs, outlines, and presents to society a "social gospel," devised by human ingenuity, to replace the Gospel of Christ.

No group of men, however capable or intelligent they may be, will ever succeed in establishing ways of righteousness, and in persuading men to pursue them, until they first turn their hearts God-ward. Righteousness is of God, and must be so recognized. When men yield themselves to God through Christ, for preparation for the tasks of life, then individuals will make team-work through groups effective and successful. The strength and success of the group lie in the character and attitude of the individual personalities of the group. God must find His way into the activities of men through His personal servants. Disintegration of its component parts means certain collapse of the group.

It is truth that the world needs today. Jesus says in John 8:32, "The truth shall make you free." He continues, and says in verse 36, "If the

Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." Divine truth, if practiced in the affairs of men, would bring light into this dark and confused world. That light must come from Him who said, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." (John 8:12). Let us seek more of God's truth day by day, as it is in Christ Jesus, that we may have light for our pathway as we pursue our course in this life.

MISSIONS

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fund completed for the Mission Car for our missionaries in India. We want to complete this fund so the car can be used to carry the blessed word of God in that land.

If you will deny yourself of something that you would like to have this spring, I am sure that we can easily raise this balance of only \$325. Will you give to this cause for the glory of God. Think of it! This car is to be used for the blessed Lord here on earth to carry His gospel to the lost.

You may say that you cannot go to the foreign field. That may be true, but you can help with your prayers, and your offerings. So, will you please give just one more time a substantial offering, and I am sure that God will bless you. Please send all offerings to Rev. J. W. Alford, Columbia, North Carolina.

Mrs. J. E. Foreman, Comm. Member
Washington, N. C., Rt. 1, Box 229

REPORT OF NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONS TREASURER

RECEIPTS BY STATES DURING JANUARY,
1950

Brought Forward from Dec.	\$1,220.34
Received by states during January:	
Missouri	\$826.53
Michigan	714.82
North Carolina	620.58
Virginia	458.82
Tennessee	193.21
Oklahoma	147.29
South Carolina	144.29
Georgia	127.55
Illinois	85.86
Texas	63.24
Mississippi	37.06
Alabama	22.85
West Virginia	16.05
Kentucky	10.00
New Mexico	5.00
California	5.00

Arkansas -----	2.55
Subscriptions to Review --	5.00
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Total for month -----	3,485.70
Grand Total -----	\$4,706.04
Total Disbursements -----	3,477.57
Balance in Treasury -----	\$1,228.47

RAISE THE MERCURY

Below you will find the figures representing the totals for each state as given for foreign missions up to February 1, 1950. Those of you who have the mission posters in your churches will want to raise the mercury on them to correspond with the total figure opposite the name of your state below:

North Carolina -----	\$6,574.08
Missouri -----	\$4,462.34
Oklahoma -----	\$3,000.52
Michigan -----	\$2,483.51
Tennessee -----	\$2,136.64
South Carolina -----	\$1,233.85
Georgia -----	\$1,106.60
Illinois -----	\$ 696.39
Virginia -----	\$ 637.35
Texas -----	\$ 579.65
Alabama -----	\$ 542.99
West Virginia -----	\$ 313.80
Arkansas -----	\$ 282.95
Kentucky -----	\$ 208.50
Florida -----	\$ 139.04
Mississippi -----	\$ 121.96
New Mexico -----	\$ 50.00
California -----	\$ 41.60
Kansas -----	\$ 28.00
Ohio -----	\$ 16.40
Indiana -----	\$ 15.00
Nebraska -----	\$ 4.00
Louisiana -----	\$ 2.00

REPORT OF NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONS TREASURER

ITEMIZED RECEIPTS DURING JANUARY, 1950	
Brought forward from Dec.	\$1,220.34
Received during January:	
Finis Miller, Porterville, Calif.	5.00
Mrs. Doyle H. Frisbee, Sr., Candler, North Carolina	10.00
W. S. Gardner, Springer, Okla.	25.00
Spring Hill Sunday School, Lexington, Okla.	8.91
Heads Church, Cedar Hill, Tenn.	5.00
New Covenant Church, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas	2.55
Mrs. John T. Holland, Walnut Ridge, Ark., sub.	1.00
Dailey's Chapel Church, Kinston, North Carolina	5.00
Shady Grove Church, Woodlawn, Tennessee	30.00
Duck Creek Church, Mounds, Oklahoma	5.00
Mrs. J. W. Arnold, Gainesville, Texas	10.00
Friendship Church, Clayton, Tex.	4.40
Whitney Church, Whitney, S. C.	20.00
State of Oklahoma	93.75

Georgia State Association, Barnard furlough -----	28.70
Georgia State Association -----	80.85
Northeast Mississippi Assn.	32.06
Ladies Auxiliary, Goldsboro, North Carolina	20.00
Verna G. Edson, La Mesa, N. M.	5.00
Woman's National Aux. Conv.	28.16
Rev. W. F. Vickrey, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, Barnard furlough	5.00
Bethel Woman's Auxiliary, Neptune, Tennessee	5.00
Subscription to Review	1.00
Bryan Church, Bryan, Texas	5.00
Highland Park Church, Highland Park, Michigan	300.00
Highland Park League, Highland Park, Michigan	30.00
Highland Park Auxiliary, Highland Park, Michigan	30.00
Highland Park Prayer Band, Highland Park, Michigan	30.00
Highland Park Prayer Band, Highland Park, Michigan	25.00
Highland Park Senior Class, Highland Park, Michigan	12.65
West Wayne Church, West Wayne, Michigan	9.49
Hezel Park Church, Hazel Park, Michigan	184.31
Hazel Park Auxiliary, for the Cronks	5.00
Owensboro Auxiliary, Owensboro, Kentucky	3.58
Tithes from Conference, Mich.	67.09
Flint Church, Flint, Michigan	10.20
Harper Grove Church, Henderson, Texas	8.90
New Hope League, Joelton, Tenn., Barnard furlough	7.66
Western Quarterly Meeting of Cumberland Assn., Tenn.	13.51
Good Hope Church, Henderson, Texas	6.74
Adult League, First Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma	7.50
Beginners Dept. of Sunday School, First Church, Tulsa, Okla.	2.13
Union League, Thompsonville, Ill.	12.75
Subscription to Review	1.00
Shady Grove Church, Woodlawn, Tennessee	10.00
Jesse E. Hensarling, Dallas, Tex.	5.00
Ladies Auxiliary, Horse Branch Church, Turbeville, S. C., Barnard furlough	25.00
Ladies Auxiliary, Horse Branch Church, Turbeville, S. C., Car Fund	8.50
Texas League Rally	8.20
Huntsville Auxiliary, Huntsville, Texas, Barnard furlough	5.00
Sulphur Springs S. S., Samantha, Ala., Car fund	5.00
Missionary Prayer Band, Nashville, Tenn.	47.58
Winfield Church, Winfield, Ala.	8.94
Carl Vallance, Monaville, W. Va.	16.05
Philadelphia League, Detroit, Michigan	7.50

Bear Point Church, Sesser, Ill.	58.11
Bethel Church, Ashland City, Tennessee	25.00
Free Water Church League, Guin, Alabama	6.91
Claud E. Sawyer, Donalds, S. C.	10.00
Subscription to Review	1.00
Bethlehem Church, Ashland City, Tennessee	12.60
Letcher County District Woman's Auxiliary, Kentucky	10.00
Northeast Mississippi Assn.	5.00
Liberty Jr. League, Vernon, Ala.	2.00
New Hope League, Joelton, Tenn.	2.70
Mrs. Gladys Gaskill, Stacy, N. C.	2.00
Heads Church, Cedar Hill, Tenn.	5.00
Rev. and Mrs. Jack Arnold, Gainesville, Texas	10.00
Subscription to Review	1.00
South Carolina State Assn.	80.79
Bear Point Auxiliary, Sesser, Ill.	15.00
League, Selma, N. C.	2.00
Pine Level Church, Alma, Ga., Barnard furlough	8.00
Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, Alma, Ga., Barnard furlough	10.00
State of Virginia by Maurice W. Roach	458.82
State of North Carolina, Car Fund ..	143.50
State of North Carolina, Mrs. Stevens	124.00
State of North Carolina, Zalene Lloyd	5.00
State of North Carolina, Barnard furlough	56.20
State of North Carolina	252.88
State of Missouri	637.54
State of Missouri, Barnard furlough ..	188.99
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Total for month -----	\$3,485.70
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CAN YOU GUESS!

Why is a pig's tail like the letter K?—Because it is the end of Pork.

When is a person obliged to keep his word?—When no one will take it.

If a barrel weighed ten pounds, what can you fill it with to make it weigh seven pounds?—Holes.

Why is a crow a brave bird?—Because he never shows the white feather.

Why is an elephant like an oyster?—Because neither can climb a tree.

Why is my sweetheart like a ten-dollar hat?—Because she is very dear.

Why is a nobleman like a book?—Because he has a title and several pages.

Why is the letter Y like a young spendthrift?—Because it makes pa pay.

Where was Adam going when he was in his thirty-ninth year?—Into his fortieth.

—Selected.



EPHESUS, A CENTER OF CHRISTIAN INFLUENCE

(Lesson for March 5)

Lesson: Acts 19:1, 8-10; 18-19; Ephesians 4:25-32.

Golden Text: Ephesians 6:10.

I. THE HEART OF THE LESSON

1. It is necessary to be filled with a holy boldness to preach the Gospel (Acts 19:8).

2. The Lord usually takes the Gospel message away from those who deliberately harden themselves against it (vs. 9).

3. That community in which all have heard the Word of the Lord Jesus, is peculiarly blessed (vs. 10).

4. Confession of that which had been concealed is necessary for a thorough cleansing (vs. 18).

5. It is best to burn the things out of a sinful past, for then they cannot be restored again (vs. 19).

6. That which is degrading in a Christian's conduct must be destroyed at any cost (vs. 19).

7. The power of the Word of God will lead to a thorough cleansing, if it is heeded (vs. 20).

8. Our spiritual relationship to other Christians should keep us from wronging them (Eph. 4:25).

9. Filthy language is just as improper in a Christian's conduct as lying and stealing (vss. 25-29).

10. Even the more subtle transgressions are grieving to the Holy Spirit of God (vss. 30-32).

11. Paul came in contact with some of the disciples of John the Baptist (Acts 19:1-7). They had believed the preaching of John, but did not know that He whose coming John proclaimed had indeed come and finished the work of salvation, and so it was natural that they knew nothing of the gift of the Holy Spirit. In dealing with them Paul spoke to them of Christ, not the Holy Spirit, and they believed in Him and were bap-

tized in His Name, and then they received the Holy Spirit.

12. The believers in Ephesus were real Christians. What finer illustration of loyalty to Christ could be imagined than the \$10,000 bonfire. Every one of those books, and we must remember that books were much rarer in those days than they are now, was a bad book; they were bad books because they dealt with heathenish rites and practices—fortune-telling and superstitions and worse.—Selected.

13. Paul wrote this letter to the Ephesians some years after his two years of ministry there. He knew that some of the best and most keenly intelligent heathens encouraged falsehood and deception with such maxims and quotations as, "Good is better than truth," and "A lie is better than a hurtful truth." He also knew the danger of such teaching, and urged the Ephesian Christians to leave off lying and be truthful in all things to everyone.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

14. "Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands that which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth," verse 28. Stealing, like lying, is a grave sin, therefore the Apostle Paul urged the brethren to be honest one with another, as they were to speak the truth to all men. Let no one, under the pretense of helping the needy, defraud any one, but let him earn an honest living, working with his hands. Let him be industrious, saving, and a good neighbor to the poor and needy. God never intended for any one to be a thief, a liar, a spendthrift, nor a habitually lazy person.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

15. Once the Holy Spirit had forbidden Paul to preach in Asia Minor (Acts 16:6) but now the Holy Spirit leads him to great success there as recorded in Acts 19.

II. THE LESSON ILLUSTRATED

"That's What I Want!"

Dr. Chamberlain, one of the oldest missionaries in India, says that one day while he was preaching in Benares, many burdened ones came to bathe in what they called "The Sac-

red River." Among them was a man who had journeyed wearily, on his knees and elbows, from a great distance. His heart was pained with the burdens of his sins. He hoped by washing in the Ganges to be relieved of the great burden of sin. Poor soul! He dragged himself to the river's edge, made his prayer to Gunga, a false god, and slid into the water. A moment later he came out with the same old pain tugging at his heart. He lay there on the bank in his despair. He heard the voice of the missionary. The missionary was telling the good news about Jesus; how He came into the world and died upon the Cross for the sin of the world. He raised himself and crawled a little closer. He listened to the wonderful news! He was hungry and thirsty for it. He rose upon his knees, then upon his feet, then clapped his hands and cried, "That's what I want! That's what I want!" The message of the Cross is what our sin-sick world needs!

He Kept His "Hallelujah"

A young man once shouted "Hallelujah" in a meeting, and was asked by the preacher what the "Hallelujah" cost him. His answer was fine. He said that he had a garage and had recently had an offer for Sunday business which would bring him in a large yearly income. He felt that he could not go into any business which would violate the sanctity of the Lord's Day, and he refused. "I lost the money," he said, "But I kept my hallelujah!"—The Christian Herald.

ANNOUNCEMENT

We would like for those churches that are planning to use Chester A. Huckaby in revival meetings between now and October the first, 1950, to please notify him as soon as they decide on the evangelist, that he may complete his schedule of evangelistic meetings. His address is: Rev. Chester A. Huckaby, 1513 22nd Street, Phenix City, Alabama.—Editor

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to announce that the Reverend O. M. Hillbourn has changed his address from East Rockingham, North Carolina, to Darlington, South Carolina, Post Box 425, telephone 767-B. Those desiring to write to him are requested to use the new address.

ALABAMA NEWS

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REPORT OF THE F. W. B. CHILDREN'S HOME OF ELDRIDGE, ALA. January, 1950

DONATIONS

Sister Billingsby, by Bro. Warren	\$ 1.00
Laodicea Church, R-3, Hanceville	25.80
Mrs. James Duboise (Fla.)	5.00
Rev. J. C. Moye Moter Co., Snow Hill	250.00
New Harmony Church	2.50
Ola Mae Robertson	1.00
Piney Grove, by Oma Owens, Chipley, Fla.	2.50
North Birmingham Church	10.00
Springfield Church and League	5.00
Prospect Church, R-2, Dothan	25.00
Ala. Fla. State Line Assn.	10.00
Auxiliary of 1st Church, Sylacauga	5.00
S. S. of Malone Church, Ala. City	10.00
Offering from program, Eldridge	8.25
Rev. G. T. Hallman, Phenix City	16.61
Old Canaan Church	2.00
Union Hill Church, by Audrey Pugh	4.90
Mt. Pleasant Church, by Clovis Chandler	1.00
Mt. Pleasant Church, by Hermon Hughley	7.67
Auxiliary of Hammock Springs Church, Georgia	2.50
East Thomas Church, Rev. A. R. Barker	63.00
Vernon Church	33.33
Union Chapel Church	5.00
S. S. of Townley Church	2.50
Trinity Church, East Gadsden	4.56
Springhill Church, Mrs. R. B. Ingram	2.50
S. S. of Oak Grove Church, Mrs. H. N. Duboise	5.00
S. S. of Springfield Church, D. L. C.	2.50
Quarterly Meeting of Jasper Association	18.41
S. S. of 1st Church, Jacksonville, Florida	5.00
Auxiliary of Unity Church, Sylacauga	10.00
1st Dist. Quarterly Meeting, B. Ham	10.00
S. S. and Church of Carbon Hill	10.54
S. S. of Poplar Head Church	1.00
Collinwood Church, Tenn.	7.00
State Unified Program	26.41
Mr. Minor Brown	5.00
Fair View Church, Trussville	30.00
Rev. J. O. Jones	1.00
Mrs. Harvey Welborn	2.50
Ga. State Association	3.00
Union Hill, by Louis Lacy	2.40
Dilworth Church	7.77
Union Hill, Mrs. O. S. Boln	3.00
Shady Grove, Mattie Welborn	4.50

Mt. Olive Church	5.00
Gladys Fields	1.00
Cordova Church	40.00
Mr. Joe Halcomb	1.00
Rev. John Baxley	5.00
Mrs. Kate Tanner	1.00
G. W. Owens	1.00
Solitude Church, G. T. Farre	2.50
Sale of Coupons	123.08
Brilliant Church	10.00
Mt. Willing Church	5.00
Mrs. Lydia Blake	5.00
Sardis Church, G. D. S.	5.00
1st Church, Columbus, Miss.	26.68
Friendship Church, Pell City	23.00
Leeds Church	5.00
Bethlehem Church, J. H. E.	5.50
S. S. of Mt. Joy Church	1.50
S. S. Unity Church, Sylacauga	33.00
Talladega Church	8.00
Relatives of Children	79.57
Rents	9.00

Total amount received during the month	\$1,658.48
Total amount paid out	950.28
Balance on hand	\$ 108.20
Brought forward	862.83
Balance in treasury	\$ 971.03

RECEIVED ON PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Musgrove Country Club of Jasper	\$15.00
Auxiliary of 1st Church of Sylacauga	5.00
Total	\$20.00

We are far short of the amount to purchase the playground equipment that we expect to get. Also the fund for the lobby furniture is slowing down. We are in need of \$500.00 to go on the lobby furniture and \$275.00 to go on the playground equipment.

We are grateful to Rev. J. C. Moye of Snow Hill, North Carolina, for the personal donation of \$250.00 to the Home. We feel that this is the largest personal donation that has ever been made during our operations. Very few of our churches sent in donations during January. We are happy for the little we have on hand but we want you to remember that we need some land, small truck, farming tractor, corn, hay, cotton seed, cow feed. We are trying to use every penny to the best advantage for the improvements of the Home.

We are in need of a copy of your Association minutes. Will you see that one is mailed to me? I want it for arranging the mailing list.

REPORT OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME OF ELDRIDGE, ALA., JAN., 1950 PAID OUT

Salaries	\$438.00
Feed and grocery bills	242.22
Tip-Top Bakery Co.	5.76
Final payment on typewriter	17.50

Payment on stove	18.21
Payment on lawn mower	10.50
Payment on vacuum cleaner	6.00
Hospital Insurance	23.00
Alabama Power Company	23.37
Gas fuel for stove	38.89
Coal, wood, Burleson Co.	48.80
Postage and office supplies	28.96
Fruit—Winters Co., Jasper	10.95
Hardware	17.00
Telephone bill	9.12
Drugs	12.00

Total amount paid out	\$950.28
Balance in Treasury Feb. 1, 1950	\$971.03

Be sure to keep the financial needs of the home on your heart. Many things we need such as land, truck, tractor, corn, hay, feeds, canned foods, syrup, many other things that would take too much space to tell you all. Tell your church of our plea. Post this report where they will all see it. Urge each person to contribute to this cause. Give your young people a chance to do something in raising money for the Home. God will surely bless you.

The Superintendent with some of the children are making some visits to some of the churches where it is possible to get back home the same night. If you are interested in having them for a service in your church, write Bro. Ryland or call him. Phone No. 3, Eldridge.

If you have not received a wall poster of the Home for your church, write for one.

If you are a young minister, married, without any children, High School education, both in good health, and interested in institutional work, write or call Bro. W. H. Ryland.

It certainly will be in order for some one to donate a pickup truck or farming tractor (small) if you are in position to do so. We feel that such would be a great blessing to the Home.

We want all kinds of coupons sent in to the Home. It would be fine if each church would appoint a coupon captain to collect and send them in each month.

Be sure to send in a donation from your church, Sunday School, League, Auxiliary circles, and organizations for this month.

NEW HOPE F. W. B. CHURCH REPORT

For the five weeks of January we had an average of 161 attendants in our Sunday School. In the Monday night League service, there were in attendance 75. The newly organized "Go Tell Band for Girls" had thirteen present for their last meeting. They meet each week.

The Reverend Walter Jernigan, Father of our pastor, Reverend Wade Jernigan, is the evangelist who will conduct our revival meeting which will begin on March 19. He is from Bladenboro, North Carolina.

Mrs. Ray Warren, Member and Reporter.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

The Power of the Book

SHAG growled and leaped from his place by the fire where he had been quietly dozing, nose between his paws. The crunch of feet on the snow outside the little cabin which reached the ears of Dan Malone a moment later was proof of the vigilance of the big collie dog.

"Down, Shag," cried the boy, and the rumble in the dog's throat died, but his bright, keen eyes were fixed on the door.

"Maybe Old Pierre and his partner from Five Mile," remarked Dan, going to the door.

The two men who entered were strangers. They were great, hulking figures. Their faces were reddened by the frost and encircled by fringes of bushy hair. They looked as if they had traveled a long distance.

"Strangers, sit down and rest," said Dan, in his slow, easy voice. Dan's way of speaking was like a smile in itself. "You look tired and hungry." His mild gaze roved their unkept, bearded faces. "I guess a good feed wouldn't be out of order," and he chuckled.

"Partner," said the biggest man, whose eyes were hard and cold, "you said it—we're about starved. Lost our dogs up in the big timber district—wolves."

They ate voraciously and gulped down cupfuls of boiling hot tea. After they had eaten they stretched themselves luxuriously.

"Not many visitors, I suppose," queried he of the hard, blue eyes.

"Well, yes and no," answered the lad. "Depends on the time of the year." Then suddenly he leaned forward and his quiet gaze rested on the smaller of the two men. Without his outer clothing the man was seen to be fatter than his companion, and his brown eyes did not have that peculiar, cold light in them.

"What's the matter with your arm?" Dan asked suddenly. "Accident?"

Although Dan Malone had a mild way of looking at persons and things, still his experiences in woodcraft gave him an unconscious sharpness of vision.

The man's arm had been rudely bandaged, and just the lower end of this makeshift dressing peeped out from the sleeve of his hunting jacket. He was startled at the boy's discovery.

"Yeh," he stammered: "I"—and his voice hesitated as though he were thinking what to say before he spoke.

"Jim got shot by a crazy Indian 'bout the time we lost our dogs," said the other man in his harsh, grating voice.

"Yeh, that's how it was," answered the wounded man. "A crazy Indian."

"Pull off that shirt," commanded Dan, rising. "I'll take a look at that arm."

Jim leaned across at his partner as if seeking permission, and the big man nodded.

"That wound's not bad," said the Lad, "but it surely needs attention."

He washed the wound carefully. Then going to a shelf in the rear cabin, he ran his eye over a collection of bottles.



"Iodine," he said to Jim. It will sting like mischief, but it prevents infection."

Deftly he wound an immaculately clean bandage about the arm and tied it neatly. Jim had lapsed into silence, but his gaze followed the boy's every movement.

"Regular doctor," observed the big man. There was a hint of a sneer in his voice.

"Better let me guide you over to Five Mile in the morning," said the boy, "you can dog-team down the river to Wainwright. There's a doctor there."

"We're going the other way," said Jim. "Thanks," he smiled faintly. And then, suddenly changing the subject. "That's a nice dog you have."

"You folks camp down here. I'm going to bed," said the boy, after they had talked a while. "By the way," he added, "I always read a chapter of the Bible every night."

"Bible," the big man sneered, and then he laughed harshly. "That's pretty good. A big husky like you reading the Bible." He slapped his hamlike fists on his knees. "Can you beat that, Jim? That's great. We ran into a Bible class. Go ahead, Sonny."

"I promised Mother before she died to read a chapter every day," answered the boy with quiet dignity.

In a gentle tone he read the chapter, which happened to be Matthew 25.

"For I was hungered, and ye gave Me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave Me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took Me in." As the boy's clear tones continued with the

beautiful and inspiring message the two men exchanged uneasy glances.

The fire crackled and the men listened in silence to the sacred words. Shag raised his head from his paws. He had grown accustomed to hear, his master's voice reading every night from the Bible on the table.

Jim looked down at his bandaged arm and then up at the eager face of the boy.

"Thanks, my boy," he drawled, "that reading makes me feel quietlike."

"Kind of preacher," said the big man, but his voice was not unkindly, and there was a trace of awe in it.

The men left at dawn. Dan filled their packs with food, and bade them farewell.

"I won't forget your kindness, my boy," said Jim, and his companion added, "Keep up the Bible reading." For the first time Dan noticed a genuine, wholesome smile spread over the hard features. The man's face seemed suddenly lighted up.

Several hours later, while Dan was chopping wood with his sturdy, powerful strokes, Shag barked loudly.

Dan laid aside his ax and followed the dog around to the front of the house. Far off in the distance the dazzling sunlight revealed a gleam of scarlet on the clear white expanse of snow.

"Northwest Mounted Police," ejaculated the boy. "Now I wonder if that isn't my friend, Sergeant Hourican."

Hourican had been his father's friend, and after his death had taken an almost paternal interest in the lonely boy. He was the man who had given Shag to the boy.

Sergeant Hourican slipped from the saddle. He ran forward and grasped the boy's hand. "Thank God, my boy, you are safe."

"What's the matter, Sergeant?" questioned Dan in mystification at the policeman's strange behavior.

"Matter!" he glanced at his comrade. "Didn't two men stop here last night?" he asked sharply.

"Surely," said the boy. "But don't stand out in the cold. Let me put up your horses, and we can all have a bite together."

"Extraordinary, I say," said the other policeman. He came up and shook hands with the boy. "Matthews from the Long Circle."

"Say, Sergeant, were those fellows who stayed here last night crooks?"

"Crooks?" Matthews laughed.

"The big fellow is wanted for murder and robbery, and Jim—they call him Sleepy Jim—is a notorious gunman. It's a wonder that you're alive this morning."

"Well, Dan, tell us all about your visit," said Sergeant Hourican, when they had entered the house.

The boy related his experiences, not forgetting to tell of the wounded arm.

"They didn't seem bad fellows—the big one even told me to keep up my Bible reading. You know I promised Mother to read a chapter of the Bible every day."

"And you read a chapter to those men?" asked Hourican.

"Yes, they seemed to like it."

"Most extraordinary thing I ever heard," murmured Matthews.

"My boy, the Book saved your life," said Hourican, placing his hand reverently on the Bible.—Kind Words.

INVITED GUESTS

Frances Elkin Allison

A crowd of troubles passed him by,

As he with courage waited:

He said: "Where do you troubles fly

When you are thus belated?"

"We go," they said, "to those who mope,

Who look on life dejected;

Who meekly say goodbye to hope.

We go where we're expected!"

—The Baby's Mother.

BOOK REVIEW

"VICTORY OVER SUFFERING"

By William Goulooze

Publisher: Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Michigan.

Date: 1949; Price, \$2.00.

The author has written this book for the consolation of the sick and suffering, the aged and infirm, and for the sorrowing and the bereaved. It contains a great many testimonials of sufferers, of dependent persons, and of troubled souls who found consolation, peace of heart and blessed assurance in trusting in God. It is a welcome gift for the home, the hospital, sanitoriums, reformatories, penal institutions, etc.

Place orders either with the Publisher, or with the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C.

"MY SERMON NOTES ON THE LORD'S PRAYER"

By Rev. William P. Van Wyk

Publisher: Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Mich.

Date: 1949; Price, \$1.50.

The author has given, in simple outline, useful sermon notes on the Lord's Prayer. The importance of prayer is the central theme, interestingly treated. For ministers, mothers, Sunday School teachers, the Young People's Leagues, and the Woman's Auxiliaries of the church, it will be useful and helpful in their Christian devotions and spiritual services.

Place orders either with the Publisher, or with the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

IN MEMORY OF MRS. STELLA GABRIEL

It is with a sad and broken heart that I write of the death of our kind and loving wife and mother, who went to sleep in Jesus one year ago the 25th of February, 1949. She lived to see her 70th birthday, February 24th, 1949, and left us the 25th.

She was a kind and devoted wife and mother. She was a true and faithful member of the Free Will Baptist Church at Beaufort, North Carolina.

Rev. W. E. Anderson, her pastor, conducted the funeral, assisted by the Rev. W. K. Jordan of Kinston, North Carolina. Her body was laid to rest under a beautiful mound of flowers.

She leaves to mourn a heart-broken husband, four daughters, Mrs. Joe Buttry, Mrs. Frank Buttry, Mrs. R. B. Scott, and Mrs. Millie Hodges, all of Beaufort, N. C., 13 grand children, and one great grand-child.

God took her away from earthly pain,
The family's loss is heaven's gain.

She is gone but not forgotten
Never will her memory fade;

Sweetest thoughts will ever linger
Around the grave where she is laid.

—Written by her daughter,
Mrs. Joe Buttry,
R. F. D. 1, Beaufort, N. C.

PROGRAM

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION SECOND DISTRICT OF WESTERN N. C. CONFERENCE

Place: Flood's Chapel; Time: March 8, 1950
Theme: "Advancing with Christ"

Morning Session

10:15—Registration; Song: "Onward Christian Soldiers."

10:30—Devotional—"Advancing with Christ through Enlistment," by Mrs. Hubert Sherron

—Welcome by Mrs. Bert Brantley
—Response by Mrs. Rudolph Strickland

11:00—Remarks by the president

—Roll call of auxiliaries
—Reports of vice-presidents
—Song

11:30—Convention message: "Advancing with Christ through Soul Winning"

(Speaker to be supplied)

12:00—Lunch hour

Afternoon Session

1:00—Congregational singing

—Devotional: "Advancing with Christ through Training of Youth," by Mrs. Charles Creech

—Song

—Orphanage report

—A local program

2:00—Business period

—Report of Finance and Appropriation Committee

—Awarding banners

Song

3:00—Adjournment

Mrs. D. O. Wilder, President

Mrs. Worth Davis, Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to announce that Reverend Wade Calvert of Belmont, North Carolina, will begin a revival meeting at Rose of Sharon F. W. B. Church in Martin County on March 6, 1950. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Yours very truly,
M. S. Cowan

BIBLE CONFERENCE

Free Will Baptist Bible College
April 23-27, 1950

April 23rd through the 27th are the dates for the annual Spring Bible Conference to be held at the Free Will Baptist Bible College. These Bible Conferences have been an inspiration and great help to the many who have attended them over the past years. We have brought to the Conference as speakers some of the best preachers of our denomination. This year we have a splendid Conference program arranged which will be a blessing and an inspiration to all who attend.

Some pastors have written in already and asked for the dates of the Bible Conference this year in order that they might not schedule revivals on these dates. We think this is a splendid idea and trust that all our pastors will clear their calendar for this week and attend the Conference. We also invite the young people of our church to visit the College and attend the Bible Conference. A little later on a theme for the Conference will be announced in our church papers. Watch for this announcement and let us know if you plan to attend.

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

Editor

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON

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New Bern, N. C.

A MESSAGE FOR AUXILIARY WOMEN OF N. C.

The time of our State Auxiliary Convention is fast approaching. The Cape Fear District Auxiliary Convention, with Mrs. Robie Strickland, of Goldsboro, President, will be hostess at the coming annual session, which will meet at Shady Grove Church, Sampson County, Thursday before the fourth Sunday in May, (the 25th).

The Program will appear in the Baptist paper about the first of May, so be on the look out for it.

We are looking forward with hope, and praying that we shall have a great Convention, and that each auxiliary in the State will be represented with delegates and that the contributions and reports will show a gratifying increase over that of last year.

In order to render first class reports, we must be very diligent in our local societies. Each Auxiliary should secure a Standard of Achievement Chart, which can be secured by writing Mrs. Jas. A. Evans, 1108 South Tarboro St., Wilson, N. C. Mrs. Evans is the Secretary of the State Auxiliary Convention, and will be glad to render any assistance possible. Please write her right away and get one of these Charts, with any information you may need regarding its use.

Study the Chart carefully, then put forth a special effort to bring your auxiliary up to the standard. It would be very interesting, and perhaps inspiring to have a goodly number of these charts filled out and on display at the convention. It would at least, be helpful to those who have never used them. Women, let us do our best to bring our auxiliaries up to the highest standard possible. If we are to do this, we must not delay, for the time is short in which to accomplish the many things we should do before May 25th. We are told, "*Woe unto them who are at ease in Zion*" (Amos 6:1). Again, in Isa. 32:9, "*Rise up, ye women that are at ease; hear my voice ye careless daughters; give ear unto my speech.*"

Report blanks can be secured by writing the Free Will Baptist Press, at Ayden, N. C. Please do not be careless in filling them out. Notice each item and report accordingly.

The most of our district conventions will have held their annual, or semi-annual meetings before the State meeting, so I am reminding each one to make necessary preparations to be represented, by sending delegates and a generous contribution.

One other thing that we would like to emphasize, which is the 20cts. per Capita dues, 10cts. is your State dues, the other 10cts. your National dues.

We have noted very sorrowfully, that in our National Auxiliary conventions, North Carolina contributes more during the year to the Convention than any other State, yet we do not even rate honorable mention during its sessions, or in the minutes. We understand that the reason for this, is that the members of North Carolina do not pay their 10cts. per capita for National dues. Members who do not pay, are neither recognized, nor acknowledged as in good standing.

We should all have honest pride in seeing that our State does not fall behind in its duties, when we are faced with such opportunities and obligations. It seems that if we are fully dedicated to God's service and earnestly desire to take our rightful place among other States that do the things required of us, we will diligently seek to comply with, and to put forth special effort to reach forward with Christ toward a higher standard than we have yet achieved. Let us not forget that the Apostle Paul said in Phil. 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Let us take on new courage, and "*Advance with Christ,*" who will help us to rise up in His might and march on to victory in His name.

Mrs. E. G. Holland,
Fourth Vice-President,
N. C. State Auxiliary Convention

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF LIBERTY CHURCH MAKES REPORT

The Woman's auxiliary of Liberty Church held its meeting on February 4, 1950, with nine members present and four visitors. Two of the visitors became members. We had a splendid meeting. Mrs. Brewer called the meeting to order with the singing of a song and prayer. The scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Hamilton. Sentence prayers were offered for the missionaries in the foreign fields. After the lesson or program was discussed, the business was taken up.

The roll was called, the dues were taken up, and reports of visits and trays were taken to the sick were given. We had made 42 visits, and 10 trays taken to the sick. We thank Mrs. Hamilton for what she had done for the auxiliary. Here are some things which we will mention concerning what we have done and are doing. First, our society has brought a Communion Set for the church. Next, we have bought

some scarfs for the furniture in the church. In addition to this, we have given \$25 for furniture in our new Sunday School rooms which we are about to complete. We have a quilt top made for our orphan at the orphanage, and now we want to quilt it soon.

The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer. Then refreshments were served by Mrs. Haley's daughter, who is a wonderful worker in our church. Pray for us that we may grow in grace and be of great service for our Lord.

Mrs. F. Ridgeway,
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EDGEMONT AUXILIARY MEETS

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Edgemont Free Will Baptist Church met at the church on Saturday, Feb. 11, at 7.30 P. M., for their monthly meeting.

Meeting was opened by singing "Make Me a Channel of Blessing," and was led in prayer by Mrs. Cherry.

Mrs. L. H. McDade was in charge of the Devotional, using for her topic: "Advancing with Christ through Literature."

After the business was expellee, we were dismissed by Mrs. Bullock.

Refreshments were served by the hostess and joint-hostess, Mrs. Carney and Mrs. Rex, to the following members: Mrs. H. M. Stegall, Mrs. O. H. Thompson, Mrs. J. G. Teasley, Mrs. Cornelia Poole, Mrs. L. H. McDade, Mrs. Glenn Bullock, Mrs. J. T. Peele, Mrs. C. A. Clements, Mrs. Ida Riggsbee, Mrs. J. W. Edwards, Mrs. Henry Melvin, Mrs. Coley Smith, Mrs. F. B. Cherry, Mrs. J. W. Scott, Mrs. J. E. Carney, and Mrs. Glenn Rex.

Mrs. Venie M. Carney,
Corresponding Secretary

ABOUT THE RESURRECTION

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Boys and girls, Jesus is coming to take all believers Home to be with Himself. That will be a happy day for all Christians; for they shall see Jesus, whether they have already died and are buried or whether they are living. The Bible tells us that we do not know when this happy day will be, but it does tell us that Jesus will descend from Heaven and that the dead Christians will arise from their graves and be caught up to meet Jesus in the air. The living, too, will be caught up to meet Jesus in the air. We shall live forever with Jesus in Heaven.

Think about Heaven. There will be no sadness there, only joy. Christians of all colors and from all lands will be there, and they shall all sing praises to Jesus.

Tonight when you pray, think about the Christian children in other lands who are praying, too. Then remember that some day you will see them. Won't you love them now?

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He Keeps the Key

Is there some problem in your life to solve,
Some passage seeming full of mystery?
God knows who brings the hidden things to light.
HE KEEPS THE KEY.

Is there some door closed by the Father's hand
Which widely opened you had hoped to see?
Trust God and wait—for when He shuts the door.
HE KEEPS THE KEY.

Is there some earnest prayer unanswered yet,
Or answered NOT as you had thought 'twould be?
God will make clear His purpose by and by.
HE KEEPS THE KEY.

Have patience with you God, your patient God,
All wise, all knowing, no long tarrier He,
And of the door of all thy future life.
HE KEEPS THE KEY.

Unfailing comfort, sweet and blessed rest,
To know of EVERY door He keeps the key.
That He at last when just He sees 'tis best,
Will give it THEE.

—Anon.

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Something to Fear More than Hell

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(Note—This message was delivered from the pulpit of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Rocky Mount, N. C., of which the writer is pastor.

In St. Matthew 10:28 you find these words: "Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Taking this Scripture as God's message to his people, we want to study it with an open mind and let the Holy Spirit do His office work in our heart.

Notice that there is not but one person or thing in this Scripture we are to fear; "Fear not them which kill the body." It was nearing the time when Christians would be "brought before governors and kings for . . . a testimony against them." Christ taught them not to fear. In the text he completely did away with the idea of Christians having fear of hell. Surely hell is a terrible place and eternal separation is more than anyone can bear, but, in reality, hell is not to be feared. Literal fire is not to be feared at the hand of the Devil and his forces when we are serving God: this truth is well taught in the case of the "three Hebrew Children." Hell fire is not to be feared; it was prepared for the Devil and his angels. Rev. 20:10, Christ said, "Fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." It is not the enemy to fear or even hell but it is the one to Whom power is given to destroy both soul and body in hell. Often our ways are far below the standard of fear set by God. Our way of thinking is to fear man first; that is, if man is well pleased it will please God. Man often makes the careless mistake of using Christ as a "fire escape" to shun the torment of a burning eternal hell. As long as luck and health prevail we, somehow, get the idea that we are free to do as we please. The teachings of the Word is that, we need godly fear; that is, fear what our sin and neglect will

bring us. "The wages of sin is death," death to the soul, but the fear of God is "eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

All through the Scriptures the high note of fear is God. Christians are not to fear the works of God, but are to fear Him. In the first book of the Bible, Adam, the first man, was instructed to fear God, in abstaining from the "forbidden fruit." He did not fear the fruit but he did fear God, in trying to hide himself amongst the trees of the garden, after it was too late. It was God who exercised power in punishing Cain for murdering his brother; "a fugitive and a vagabond" was his curse; a punishment which was greater than he could bear. The Scripture teaches us that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge" (Prov. 1:7). How many people of today are professing to be wise while they walk around in total ignorance and darkness? "The fear of the Lord is a foundation of life" (Prov. 14:29). Be careful that the foundation we profess, to be founded upon, is not "make belief" and no real foundation, on which to depend. "By faith Noah being warned of God . . . moved with fear, prepared an ark, to the saving of his house, by which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith." "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" (Phil. 2:12). As a person walks with God he is to fear enough to conduct his life in a way not to "grieve the Holy Spirit" and have to give an account of his disobedience and neglect after it is too late. "Let us have grace whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and fear." Each person must have grace in his heart to fear that the least sin withheld in his life will be dealt with according to God's judgments. In the Book of Jude, which was written to Christians of all ages, God spake of the false teachers . . . filthy dreamers . . . feeding themselves without fear . . . to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever to which "the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His

saints, to execute judgment upon all and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed, and of their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

It is not the works of God, the works of man, or the trouble and hardship that Satan may cause the Christian, but it is God whom we are to fear. It is not starvation the Christian is to fear; God will supply food and raiment just as long as we serve Him and do our best to provide things honest. It is not death the Christian is to fear; death holds no power over the Christian, only the "bringing in of a better hope" and the passing from troubles and trials and a long fight for the blessed eternity that awaits all who fear him and keep his commandments. Paul said, "to live is Christ, to die gain"; that is, to live is to succeed for Christ and to die is only to receive the crown that awaits "all who live godly in Christ Jesus." No, it is not hell we are to fear. We do not have to go there, thank the Lord! If one goes to hell he does not go there as an invited guest, but as an intruder on the Devil and his angels. Notice in the case of the "rich man" (Luke 16), he did not want his five brothers to follow him into the place of torment. All men everywhere are unwanted and uninvited, if they go to hell. Satan is on his way to hell and the "lake of fire" (Rev. 20:10), but not because it is his desire; he wanted to rule and received his doom by not fearing God and keeping his commandments, (Luke 10:18, I John 3:8, Rev. 12:7-9). Illustration: Going to hell resembles going to the U. S. Army in peace-times; you go to the Army because you choose the army career—you go to hell by choosing a sinful career and not accepting Christ. Ways to hell are: carelessness, neglect, stubbornness, unbelief, apostasy, etc., but the heart of the cause is, no fear of God while there is time and opportunity.

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NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

The Apostle Peter Not a Pope

Peter could not have been a pope, because: (1) He was a married man. "And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid sick of a fever. And he touched her hand and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered unto them" (Matthew 8:14, 15). So, Peter could not have been a pope, for they are not allowed to marry.

Before I get away from this healing I want to say, that there was no card signing in order to get into a line and it was not an open show with loud clamor and boasting; neither was it a make-believe healing. God's word says "The fever left her."

But back to Peter: (2) Paul withstood Peter to his face; "But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed." If Peter had been pope, no doubt he would have excommunicated Paul and doomed him to hell, for arguing (withstanding) with him over the matter of circumcision. (See Gal. 2:11, 12.) It is plain that when Peter was with the Gentiles he lived as a Gentile Christian, but when the Jews came around (Jewish Christians) he had another mind. He "separated" himself from the Gentiles. Yet in the face of these facts, the Roman Catholics claim that Peter was the first pope, and further that the church was built on Peter. Peter would have been a very poor "foundation" in the face of this Scripture. I rather think that Peter and Paul were both Free Will Baptists, because they could differ on an issue—Paul "withstood" Peter and yet be friends.

I know that Peter was not a pope, by having a wife, and having to yield to Paul's argument would disqualify Peter for a pope. And there is a 3rd reason that Peter disqualified himself in being a pope. "And as Peter

was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him. But Peter took him up, saying, stand up; I myself also am a man" (Acts 10:25, 26). If Peter had been a pope, he would not have stooped down to raise up Cornelius. Peter would have wanted his "toe kissed."

Peter never claimed to be more than an "Elder" in the service of Christ, although he was an apostle. Peter in writing to the "elders" said: "The elders which, are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed" (1 Peter 5:1).

Peter not the Foundation

Our Roman Catholic friends claim that Peter is the Foundation, but Christ did not say so, neither did Paul nor Peter. Let me see. From reading the King James' Version, Matt. 16:18, it sounds like Peter is the "foundation" but let us go further. Mr. Scofield says: "There is in the Greek a play upon the words, 'thou art Peter (Petros—literally "a little rock") and upon this rock (Petra) I will build my church." He does not promise to build His church upon Peter, but upon Himself, as Peter himself is careful to tell us (1 Peter 2:4-9).

Paul says that Jesus Christ is the Foundation. "For other foundation can no man lay that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 3:11). Here we recommend the reader get a copy of "The One Foundation" which is for sale by the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C. This booklet sells for 15 cents, postpaid. Why not order a copy from the writer or from the Press? I take them along with me on my trips up and down the country. This book can preach when I am gone and no man can dispute its soundness of truth.

Christ the Chief Corner

"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God. And are built upon the Foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself

being the chief corner stone" (Eph. 2:19, 20).

"Wherefore because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law, for they stumbled at that stumbling stone; As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumbling-block and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him" (Christ—not Peter) shall not be ashamed" (Rom. 9:32,33). Only Christ can save a sinner. The pope can save no one. For there is only one Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Peter said, "Be is known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand before you whole. This is the stone which was set at naught of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:10-12).

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is not just giving a tenth,
Of what we have, for the cause of Christ,
But using in His service an unselfish,
Humble and submissive life.

Sometimes after the tenth is given,
There really isn't much of worth,
To further the work of His Kingdom
Among the people who inhabit the earth.

Yes, it takes more than money,
And surely more than our little bit,
To spread the good news of our Saviour
And His gift—the Holy Spirit.

What if each person who is living
Would give for His cause one tenth,
Yet, not one to the Saviour surrendered
His life, to be used in His strength?

Yes, God has a use for our money,
The tenth which is called our tithes,
But God doesn't want just our money—
Remember! Not just money—Our lives!

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A Well-Balanced Stewardship Program

(A message delivered by Mrs. Queenie Clark to the Second Union meeting of North Carolina Central Conference.)

"Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."

No matter what element of stewardship considered, or to what phase of Christian activity it may be applied, there are some fundamental truths for which we must always account. These have to do with stewardship in its larger scope of application. The conditions which prevail all too generally in the churches, and the urgent need of the great world field with its myriads of open doors calling for an honest rendition on the part of every one who names Christ, make necessary emphasis on the larger stewardship. There are so many church members of the Laodicean type who are neither hot nor cold, having a name to live but are dead. One has described them as follows: "These Ladoiceans were neutrals, devoid of passion, destitute of enthusiasm, loafing in moral indifference. In times of great crisis they were any way, either way, altogether tepid regarding the issues. And in times of great laxity they maintained the same tepidity—utterly unconcerned with the degeneracy."

The larger stewardship calls for the utmost of one's self and service, hence it is not easy. It is all inclusive. There is nothing we can be or do to which this stewardship does not apply. Remember, it is harder to live than to give. Spiritual acts are more difficult than physical. It is easier to kneel than it is to pray. It is easier to send a check to the church treasury, and pay one's subscription, than it is to take oneself and family to God's house and there sincerely worship God in fellowship with His people. It takes energy for one to really worship God. It is much easier to unite with the church than it is to follow Christ as Lord. It is easier to give than to love. It is easier to profess than it is to possess and practice.

The world's needs can only be met

by life. Through the gift of Christ's life the world has been, and is being blessed. The Father sent Him on the giving mission, and, He says, "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you." What is needed as the approach to the solution of every financial problem in the church is the actual enlistment of every redeemed soul in the business of putting the kingdom of God first. The Lord is calling for souls that count rather than those who are merely counted. To realize a well balanced program of stewardship for the church its membership must be made up of well balanced lives.

TOPIC ONE

This Includes the Stewardship of Personality

The very first requisite to the realization in mind is a definite consciousness, and public acknowledgment, of God's ownership of all things associated with life. It is comparatively easy to say, "the cattle upon a thousand hills belong to God," and "all the silver and the gold are mine, saith the Lord," but how about the greater truth "I belong to God." "But now saith Jehovah that created thee, O Jacob, and He hath formed thee, O Israel: Fear not, for I have redeemed thee; I have called thee by thy name, thou art mine" (Isaiah 43:1).—"Ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price—" (First Corinthians 6:19, 20).—"Whether we live—, or die, we are the Lord's" (Romans 14:8).

The principle for which the Macedonians were commended of the apostle Paul was, "first they gave their own selves to the Lord." And, in fact, their liberality in giving money was the fruit of their experience in first giving themselves. The giving of substance becomes an outstanding delight when the personality is fully surrendered to the Lord.

TOPIC TWO

The Law of "Intakes and Outflows"

Charles A. Cook has very fittingly, and effectively contributed to pro-

per emphasis on the power of this law in his book, "The Larger Stewardship." I quote, "Our possibilities for doing good in the world, and the consequent opportunities created thereby, depend much upon the intakes of life. An empty vessel can not quench the thirst of the weary traveler. An empty mind cannot impart knowledge. And empty heart, void of the blessings of the indwelling Spirit of God cannot convey spiritual good to others. We must receive before we can give. There must be intake before there can be outflow. God intended that our lives should have both. We are not the Dead Sea Christians, all inlet and no outlet. We are rather to be Galilee Christians with both inlet and outlet. Some Christians fail to receive; there is no open channel from the eternal springs of spiritual blessings and power into their souls. They cannot give out anything because they have received nothing to give. Others fail quite as disastrously to themselves and others because they have no outlet through which they can be a blessing to others.

The happiest and most useful Christians are those whose outflow is spontaneous and commensurate with their intake, whose giving in substance and service is proportionate to their receiving. They are channels of blessings. Having received the Holy Spirit in fullness, out from within them there flow rivers of living water. Every blessing received makes a new opportunity to pass a blessing on. Increased ability calls for larger service. As riches increase the opportunity to help spread the gospel increases. As one's contacts with people multiply and become more intimate, the opportunity to influence them in right directions, to help them to better lives and above all to point them to the Lamb of God Who taketh away the sin of the world, multiply. He who socially, in the business world, or in any way, moves in a larger orbit of life, has the wider opportunity to let the light God has giv-

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THIRD EASTERN UNION REPORT

The Third Eastern Union meeting of the Eastern North Carolina Conference met with Pearsall's Chapel on January 28, 1950. The devotions were conducted by Rev. Alton Hill, Jr. Then the business session was opened by the moderator, Rev. J. R. Davenport. The temporary committees were appointed. A prayer was offered for the success of the union by Rev. S. A. Smith. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The list of ministers was called with eleven being present. The union voted unanimously to receive Rev. A. L. Reynolds as a member of the Union. Then the list of churches was called with 100 per cent representing, and offerings to the amount of \$258.-93. Rev. S. A. Smith was elected to represent the Union in the Printing Company at Ayden, North Carolina. After congregational singing and prayer, the union sermon was preached by Rev. Lloyd Vernon. He took for his text, John 14:12. Then we were dismissed, following the sermon, for dinner.

After having enjoyed a fine dinner, and the sweet Christian fellowship together, we re-assembled in the church for the afternoon session. The reports of the various boards were read and accepted. Then the petitions were taken up for the next union, and by majority the union will meet with Jacksonville Church on April 29, 1950. Rev. R. C. Kennedy was chosen to preach the union sermon, and Rev. S. A. Smith his alternate. It was moved that a committee of three be elected and empowered to secure a field worker for the promotion of the League work in this district. An offering was taken for Rev. H. Pipkin in the amount of \$47.88. It was moved that we give to Cragmont Assembly \$20.00 out of the Union treasury. Rev. S. A. Smith was elected to represent the Union in the Church Finance Association. The Union voted to receive Rev. W. R. Millard in this Union, subject to his letter. It was moved that we extend a rising vote of thanks to this church and community for their kind hospi-

tality shown this Union. It was then moved that the Union adjourn. The meeting was closed with song and prayer.

Rev. J. R. Davenport, Mod.
Lemmie Taylor, Clerk

To Arkansas Free Will Baptists

This is to remind the Free Will Baptists of the State of Arkansas concerning our Foreign Mission Quota. The mercury stands, on February the first, at \$282.95. May all of us work hard and reach the goal. I am sure that we want our director and messengers to be able to hold their heads up when our report is being read. Please do not let us down.

Your director,

Elder Wayne Tucker,
Peach Orchard, Ark.

Announcement

This notice is to let our pastors and other friends know that we have assumed the pastorate of Shady Grove Church in Durham County, and have moved into the parsonage, which is located between Raleigh and Durham.

I shall continue my evangelistic work, being free for services every Sunday night and through the week. My address is still Rev. Bob Woolley, P. O. Box 85, Raleigh, N. C.

We know that the barbiturates are habit forming and that there are more alcoholic addicts than barbiturate addicts.

It is generally acknowledged that alcohol consumption increases divorces, venereal disease, illegitimate births, sexual promiscuity, vice and crime in general, poverty, the mortality from many diseases, and other forms of human misery. It is tragic to advertise and encourage the use of a beverage that is the source of so much evil and misery.

I can not believe that the Congress and the majority of the American people knowingly desire to have more and more alcoholic beverages sold, and more and more drunkards produced and more human misery engendered, all of which are the natural consequences of the plethora of seductive advertising now being released by way of the radio, movie screen, magazines, newspapers, sign boards, and every imaginable advertising medium."

The National Directory

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Every day remember that you have a God to glorify; a Saviour to imitate; a soul to save; virtue to acquire; Heaven to seek; eternity to meditate upon; temptations to resist; the world to guard against; and perhaps death to meet.—Selected.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS

WE'RE PASSING IT ON

Recently a request came to the editor's desk, asking that the editor give a page in the Baptist paper for the church news and reports from the other states, as was shown recently from the State of Alabama.

Obviously enough, we are in accord with such a request, and will pass it on to the readers of the Baptist paper. In fact, we urge other states to select a reporter for their state messages and news items, reports and the like, and let that person send in once each month the messages for a page in the paper. Of course, programs and announcements will be published as often as needed for the benefit of all concerned.

If several of the states will begin such a plan as this and carry it forward month by month, greater interest will be shown by the church people of those states for the church news, and other religious items of importance, and also the circulation of the Baptist paper will be greatly increased, thus making it possible for more people to benefit from the denominational paper.

We see no reason why the State Associations, or the State Woman's Auxiliary Conventions could not set up such a plan for their state by electing someone to receive the manuscripts from the local churches or districts, then edit the compositions, and mail them on to the editor at the Press, Ayden, North Carolina. This would be offering a great service to the churches and church organizations within the bounds of the state, as well as it would be a blessing to the whole denomination. Try it, and see if it will not prove a great blessing to the Free Will Baptist cause in the United States.

SHORT PASTORATES AND POOR CHURCH PROGRESS

A great many churches and pastors are making the mistake, we believe, of the general practice of short-term pastorates. In a great many instances, some churches keep their pastors from one to three years, to say the least, while there is a small group that keep their pastors for a much longer term.

In the business world, business men have learned that leaders in business do their best work by being kept

in their positions for a goodly number of years. They know that it takes the first two to five years of a leader's time and efforts to get the best results from his organized plans and purposes. On the other hand, rapid changes in the personnel tend to disrupt good business procedure, hence the outcome is less gratifying.

Churches should learn that, for a minister to do his best work among their people and in the community, they should remain as pastors of those churches for a goodly number of years. Give them a chance to set up a good church program, and let them stay long enough to carry it to success. Great plans and purposes are not achieved in a day. No one wants a farm tenant who is moving every year to a new place. And a church should be careful about employing a preacher who is constantly shifting from one church to another. A wise minister, on the other hand, is most cautious about accepting the pastorate of a church that is constantly shifting pastors. Some churches will never move forward to any degree of success unless they set up a program of pastoral services, and then accept wholeheartedly a progressive program for the church, and then all work together with the pastor to bring about gratifying results for the glory of God.

GIVING TO THE MISSION CAUSE

March and April are the months designated in North Carolina, for Missions. In its State-Wide Program, the North Carolina State Association has set apart this year these two months in which all the North Carolina churches are to make free-will offerings for missions. This cause is so great that every Free Will Baptist church within the bounds of the State should see to it that a liberal offering will be made for this purpose. Giving to missions is an act of Biblical importance, and God has promised to bless those who respond cheerfully and liberally to this great cause.

Each pastor should emphasize the need of his church or churches to give splendid financial support for this great work of taking the gospel to the people in foreign lands. No church can afford to neglect this responsibility, and feel perfectly satisfied, and content with what it is doing for the cause of Christianity in the world.

NOTICE

Mrs. J. C. Griffin of New Bern, N. C., will be in Goldsboro at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Tuesday night, March 7th, at 7:30 o'clock to teach the Manual to the Woman's Auxiliary. Then on Friday night, March 10th, she will teach a study class on the book, "To Whom Much Is Given" in the home of Mrs. Jesse Hinson, 1206 East Walnut Street, Goldsboro, N. C.

We wish to extend an invitation to all who live in traveling distance of Goldsboro

to attend one, or both of these meetings. We are quite sure they will be both helpful and inspirational.

Yours for better trained women,
Mrs. Pearl Wiggs, President.

ATTENTION

Mrs. J. C. Griffin, our Field Worker, will conduct a Study Course on our Manual, Wednesday, March 8, 1950, 10:00 A. M., at

the Free Will Baptist Church in Kenly, N. C. All local vice-presidents and other officers are urged to be present; other members are cordially invited to attend.

There will also be an Executive Committee meeting in the afternoon. We would like to have all officers of the convention present.

Please bring your lunch with you,

Mrs. R. N. Hinnant, Secretary
Micro, North Carolina

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

Editor
MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON

801 Pollock Street
New Bern, N. C.

AUXILIARY CONVENTIONS

District Auxiliary Conventions are scheduled for March and April in various parts of the State, while the State Auxiliary Convention will meet in May at Shady Grove Church, Sampson County.

In view of this, we naturally suppose that the most of our women are interested in the high purpose of each session, with faith in Him who is able to "Make all grace to abound" among His labourers, in their efforts to exalt and glorify His name thru prayer and Christian service. We need to pray fervently and continually that God will give us guidance through His Holy Spirit, to strive for a higher goal in the work that we have been given to do. Preparation for any task that has been assigned to us, is one of the chief things we should consider, for unless we go through the school of training and experience, we are poorly equipped for any work. May we not look forward to these conventions in an aimless way, but may we be thinking, praying and trusting, that He will lead us to greater heights in His service. We need to plan in a way that will inspire and encourage others to join our ranks and go out to serve humanity, and to promote all phases of our church activities.

As a reminder, March and April are our Mission months, when, not only our churches are supposed to fall in line and work for the cause; but we, too, have a part in this great work. Through our local auxiliaries, our Sunday Schools and Young People's Leagues, a great avenue is open to us. We should engage in Mission Study Courses, and in every possible way, stir up our minds in behalf of the missionary program that is being launched in behalf of missions, both Home and Foreign.

Certainly, we may say, "We contribute to missions through our Fifty Thousand Dollar Band"—some of

us do, but there is a large number who do not. However, we have not yet reached our best in supporting missions either through this Fund, or otherwise. I would suggest that we make some real sacrifices during these two months ahead—such as perhaps we are not accustomed to doing, for many do not really understand what sacrifice for the Lord really means. We need to inform ourselves on what missions mean, and then apply the definition personally. We will learn that the Lord does not excuse any one who is enlightened and who really desires to see souls saved and our missionaries taken care of. He will hold us responsible if we fail to seek information relative to the need of the mission fields.

If any of our local auxiliaries have failed to read the book, "His Name Among All Nations," by Miss Laura Belle Barnard, I would like you to not only read it, but take it up as a Study Course. You have no idea of your loss until you have made a study of it. To those who have already used it, I am suggesting that you take up the study of "God and Man in Missions." This will be very helpful and inspiring, and will bring to our remembrance many things the Master bade us do in His name.

The Eastern Auxiliary Convention will meet with Friendship Church, Jones County, Thursday, March 23rd. Report blanks have been mailed to each auxiliary in the district, unless there are new ones not reported. We ask that presidents and secretaries study the requirements for reporting their work. This can be done easily if secretaries have kept accurate account of all work required, if not they should resign and their places filled by those who are interested enough in the service of the Lord, to take it seriously and hold it as a sacred trust that is their personal responsibility.

Let us not neglect our prayer life, for without it, we cannot hope to suc-

ceed, for in our own strength, we are powerless. Paul's courage should inspire us to say with him, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4:13).

SAVE THOSE COUPONS

It is a great joy and pleasure to save coupons for our Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Middlesex. Our Auxiliary has for the last few years had a very enjoyable time doing this.

We have been saving and sending in coupons for several years. To make us all more interested, we divided our auxiliary into two groups in 1943, and Mrs. Worth Davis was chosen as captain for one group and I was chosen as captain of the other group.

The losing side each year has to entertain the winners. We have had much fun at these entertainments and each year really look forward to the time when we can learn who the winner for the year is.

Below are the figures as to how many we have collected since we put on the contest.

MRS. DAVIS' GROUP

YEAR	COUPONS
1943	1185
1944	1714
1945	1717½
1946	1576
1947	1189
1948	4832
1949	1588
	13,801½

MRS. WILDER'S GROUP

YEAR	COUPONS
1943	1079
1944	1389
1945	3144
1946	1279
1947	2590
1948	2860
1949	2632
	14,973

TOTALS

YEAR	COUPONS
1943	2264
1944	3103
1945	4861½
1946	2855
1947	3779
1948	7692
1949	4220
	28,774½

Come on Free Will Baptist workers, we can do a lot collecting these little bits of paper that mean so little to us as individuals, but mean so much to our beloved institution when we have gathered them all together into one big HEAP.

MRS. D. O. WILDER

**CENTRAL TEXAS DISTRICT WOMAN'S
AUXILIARY CONVENTION**

CONVENING WITH

**HUNTSVILLE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
March 14, 1950**

THEME: "Advancing with Christ"
(Exodus 14:15)

MORNING SESSION

- 10:00—Devotions, Mrs. W. F. McDuffie
- 10:15—Welcome, Mrs. Ruby Parker
—Response, Mrs. R. P. Trant
- 10:20—President's message, Mrs. Alvin F. Halbrook
- 10:30—Reading of minutes, seating of delegates, appointment of committees
- 10:45—Hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers"
- 10:50—Advancing with Christ by Enlistment, Mrs. H. R. Berry, First Vice-President
- 11:05—Advancing with Christ in Christian Education, Mrs. Ruby Withers, Second Vice-President
- 11:20—Recess
- 11:25—Special message in song, Mrs. N. B. Barrow and Mrs. A. F. Halbrook
- 11:30—Morning message, Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook
- 12:00—Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Devotions, Mrs. Robert Welsh, Sr.
- 1:15—Advancing with Christ through Study Courses, Mrs. A. J. Hearne, Third Vice-President
- 1:30—Advancing with Christ through Programs and Publicity, Mrs. Opal Koehl, Fourth Vice-President
- 1:45—Hymn
- 1:50—Advancing with Christ in Personal Service, Mrs. N. C. Cole, Fifth Vice-President
- 2:05—Report of treasurer, Mrs. J. L. Vance
- 2:10—Report of field secretary, Rev. Mrs. H. M. McAdams
- 2:20—Committee reports and Miscellaneous business
—Adjournment

PROGRAM

**WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION
SECOND DISTRICT OF WESTERN
N. C. CONFERENCE**

Place: Flood's Chapel; Time: March 8, 1950
Theme: "Advancing with Christ"

Morning Session

- 10:15—Registration; Song: "Onward Christian Soldiers."
- 10:30—Devotional—"Advancing with Christ

- through Enlistment," by Mrs. Hubert Sherron
- Welcome by Mrs. Bert Brantley
- Response by Mrs. Rudolph Strickland
- 11:00—Remarks by the president
—Roll call of auxiliaries
—Reports of vice-presidents
—Song
- 11:30—Convention message: "Advancing with Christ through Soul Winning" (Speaker to be supplied)
- 12:00—Lunch hour

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Congregational singing
—Devotional: "Advancing with Christ through Training of Youth," by Mrs. Charles Creech
—Song
—Orphanage report
—A local program
- 2:00—Business period
—Report of Finance and Appropriation Committee
—Awarding banners
—Song
- 3:00—Adjournment

Mrs. D. O. Wilder, President
Mrs. Worth Davis, Secretary

**JAMES H. ALFORD MAKES NOBLE
GIFT TO KENLY CHURCH**

The membership of the Kenly Free Will Baptist Church acknowledges with sincere gratitude and a sense of pardonable pride the very generous gift of Mr. James H. Alford of Kenly. This gift to our church consists of a set of chimes, which may be played separately or may be attached to an organ whenever such an instrument is purchased.

The gift of Mr. Alford will be in memory of his wife, Mrs. Lou Raper Alford; and his parents, Mr. Bennet Alford and Mrs. Keziah Boyette Alford.

Chimes in the Free Will Baptist Church will not only benefit our own membership, but they will also be a blessing to all people within hearing of this church. In making this generous and much-needed addition to our church, Mr. Alford not only perpetuates the memory of those who are dear to him, but he is also making it possible for all our people to serve the Master better through the very lovely medium of music.

One beautiful element in our Christian practice is the sharing with oth-

ers those things with which we have been blessed, and in this gift to our church we recognize this Christ-like trait; for as James Russell Lowell once said, "It's not what we give but what we share." Of a truth, Mr. Alford is sharing with the people of Kenly a blessing which will remain with us for many years to come.

Rev. W. A. Hansley,
Pastor Kenly F. W. B. Church,
Kenly, North Carolina.

A BOY LOOKING FOR DADDY IN A SALOON

Stuart Nye Hutchinson of Pittsburgh tells in a recent article a story that is suggestive of the benefits to be found in young life by steadfastly adhering to its good things and rejecting the evil. He says:

"There was a thirteen-year-old boy many years ago whom someone saw one night standing in front of a saloon. A passer-by stopped and said: 'Harold, this is a queer place to find you. How does it happen that you are hanging around here?'

"The boy replied: 'I have to look in here, and it isn't the first time I have had to do it. I don't know whether it is the right place or not, but I am looking for my father. He is not in one of these saloons.

"The man who told the story said that he did not know what to say to the lad, so he said nothing. Then the boy went on: 'When my father was a little boy, he went up and down this street looking for his father in the saloon, and then took him home. Now my mother has sent me to find my father. I don't know where he is, and I don't care if I find him or not. But there is one thing I do know. There will never be any boy looking in a saloon for me. I'll die first.'

"Said the man who told me this story: I have followed that boy all these years since that night I saw him standing in the cold and snow outside that grog shop. I have seen him battle against heredity, against environment in a drunkard's home, against the social handicaps that follow; I have seen him trample them all under his feet. He is a man now, respected and loved in his city. There are little boys in his home, but they are not going out to seek their father among the saloons of the city."—*The Wesleyan Methodist*.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

This is to let the people know that I now live on Route 3, Washington, North Carolina. My old address was Greenville, North Carolina, Route 1. Those who may wish to correspond with me are requested to send their letters to the above address.

Rev. J. D. Vernelson

COMPLETE STEWARDSHIP THROUGH THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Mildred Howard

(This message was delivered at Carteret County Union Meeting, January 28, 1950.)

Complete Stewardship means giving our best for the Master in every phase of Christian work. Let us think together about Stewardship through our Ladies Auxiliary.

To each of us God has given a talent that we might use for Him. To some he gives more talents than to others, but to each of us he has given something to do.

Women have always occupied a unique position in the work of the kingdom. They have been and still are serving in the lowly positions. Ours has been a place of ministering to those who carry the Gospel. Let us think about some of the women who are mentioned in the New Testament.

Dorcas served her Master by helping the poor, the sick, the hungry, and the discouraged. What a beautiful life of unselfishness! All that we need to be like Dorcas is to have our hearts so full of the love of Christ that we forget ourselves in our desire to help others.

Mary the mother of John Mark gives us the lesson of hospitality. It was in her home that the Christian brethren met to pray for Peter who was a prisoner. Do we make our homes a place where the Christian people can meet and pray there? Are our homes, such that our pastors will feel that they are welcome at anytime? We must share our homes with those less fortunate than we, always remembering that in entertaining strangers we might be entertaining angels unawares.

Then we read of Lydia who was a business woman. She became dissatisfied with the teachings of the Jews and longed for something finer. The Bible teaches that if we hunger and thirst for righteousness we shall be filled. And so she found Christ through the teaching of the disciples, and when she had heard she believed and was baptized, she and all her

house. What a great influence she must have had on those who knew her best. They trusted her judgment completely.

What kind of influence do we have on those who are dearest to us? Can they follow us with the assurance that we are right? Or are our lives so full of hypocrisy that our influence for good is as naught?

We as women need to study that we might be able to know when we hear false teachings, and to be able to teach God's word correctly to those with whom we come in contact. Priscilla was a woman who was able to help her husband correct the false teaching of an able evangelist. She had doubtless studied the word of God very much. In this fast moving age I am afraid that we only study the Bible when we have nothing else to do.

In the lives of Eunice and Lois we have a fine example of Christian motherhood. It was through their teaching that Timothy grew up to be a great man of God and a minister of the Gospel. There has never been a time when we needed the teachings of Christian mothers more than we do to-day. Let us look at our own lives and really find out what kind of mothers we are. Do you want a picture of yourself as a mother? Then listen to your little girl as she plays with her dolls. The things that she tells her dolls are most of the time, the words you have spoken to her.

Whenever I look upon the face of a minister of the Gospel of Christ I always feel that behind that life was the prayers of a Christian mother.

We could not close without mentioning the woman who gave the most costly thing that she possessed to the Master. This was the woman who anointed the Master with the box of ointment that was very expensive. There are no sweeter words than those spoken by our Master when he said "She hath done what she could." Too often I fear we give only that for which we have little use. We must have every thing we want then if there is anything left we give that to God.

Oh, friends, Christ gave all that he had for us. Can we afford to give

back to Him anything but the best we have?

The birds praise God by singing; the flowers by the sweet perfume on the breeze; the tree by its fruit; the clouds give their blessings in gentle rain; yet all with equal faithfulness fulfill their mission.

So, among Christ's redeemed servants, one serves by toil in the home, caring for a large family; another by patience and cheerfulness as a sufferer; another by writing words that inspire; help, cheer, and bless; another whose eloquence of speech, moves men and start on a higher plane of living, another by sweet song; another by sitting in quiet place at Jesus' feet, drinking in his spirit, and then shining as a gentle and silent light; yet each and all of these may be serving Christ acceptably, hearing at the close of each day, the whispered words "well done."

REPORT OF CARTERET UNION MEETING

The Carteret Union meeting of the Eastern Conference of North Carolina convened with Holly Springs Church near New Port, on Saturday, January 28, 1950. The theme for the day was "Stewardship." The text for the theme is found in First Corinthians 4:2.

The moderator called the meeting to order and after a devotional period by the local church and the pastor, Rev. J. R. Bennett, the moderator appointed the various committees. The ministers and the delegates were seated, and the list of churches was called. Ten of the twelve churches responded. A talk on the subject, "A Well-Balanced Program of Stewardship for the Local Church," was given by Mrs. Mary Belle Lewis, of the Welcome Home Church.

After a few minutes' recess, we joined in congregational singing, after which Rev. J. R. Bennett brought a message. His subject was: "Complete Stewardship through the Sunday School." Rev. J. Albert Harris, pastor of the Morehead City Church, preached the Union sermon. He used the text from Mark 12:41-44.

A spread dinner was served on the church grounds, and everyone enjoy-

ed the delicious food, and the fine fellowship during the noon hour.

The afternoon session opened with the devotions being conducted by Rev. Willie Stilley, pastor of Russell's Creek Church. The subject, "Complete Stewardship through the Woman's Auxiliary," was discussed by Mrs. Mildred Howard of Holly Springs Church. The reports of the various committees were then heard. The Temperance report was very timely. It was as follows: "We, the Temperance Committee, would like to give our report by a motion. First, that this union meeting go on record as doing all that is in our power to discourage, and to destroy the practice of the use of strong drink. Second, That we seek to discourage the advertisement of the same in the news papers, on the bill boards, and in other places. Third, That we fully and whole-heartedly support the men handling our government affairs, who stand firmly against strong drink, and who are temperate in other things. Fourth, That we be temperate in all things, and that we seek to become better stewards for God."

Following the reading of this report, we were favored with a special number by Rev. J. Albert Harris. A rising vote of thanks was extended to the church and community for the kind hospitality shown this session of the union meeting.

The Financial Report

Balance from last union ----	\$17.35
Received from churches today	83.15
The worship offering -----	38.40
Total -----	\$138.90
Disbursements	
To the orphanage -----	\$30.00
Cragmont Assembly -----	25.00
Missions -----	20.00
Bible College -----	10.00
L. Styron (Bible College) ----	10.00
Raleigh Church -----	10.00
Rev. L. C. Garner -----	5.00
Mrs D. B. Garner -----	5.00
Clerk -----	5.00
For printed programs -----	4.00
Miscellaneous -----	1.50
Total -----	\$125.50
Balance left in the treasury --	\$13.40

The union adjourned with praise and prayer to meet next time at Edward's Chapel, Merrimon, N. C.

Rev. J. R. Davidson, Moderator
Mrs. W. Fulcher, Clerk-Treas.

SOMETHING TO FEAR MORE THAN HELL

(continued from page 3)

It is God we must fear. (Psalms 34:9) "O fear the Lord, ye his servants" (Prov. 23:14) "Happy is the man that feareth always." To fear the Lord always brings a complete happiness that continues to rejoice under all circumstances. King Solomon did some wicked things during his span of popularity with the world, but when he began to grow old and take life serious he acknowledged his mistake and left us one of the most complete proverbs of his entire writings. (Eccl. 12:13-14) "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter, fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man; for God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing whether it be good or whether it be evil." With this the entire last chapter of Ecclesiastes is devoted to instructions in this life: It begins, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth," and continue to give instructions for the entire span of life.

Where it is recorded that God appeared to the disobedient, they did not fear their punishment, but feared Him. Adam, the first man, did not run from death but from God, he "hid himself amongst the trees of the garden" when God came "in the cool of the day" (Gen. 3:8). It was not Belshazzar's punishment that he was afraid of, for he did not know what it was when "His countenance was changed and his thoughts troubled him so that the joints of his loins were loosed and his knees smote one against the other" (Dan. 5), but it was the appearance of the Lord that caused him to fear. It was not Paul's conviction that caused him to fall to the earth on the Damascus road, but the appearance of the Lord. In all cases it has not been the punishment that was so dreadful, but the appearance of the Lord, while the persons

were living without fear. If we accept the Scripture with an open mind and take our lot whatever it might be; does it seem possible that people of the present day will get by with any less fear than those of the past? "Know therefore that the Lord thy God, He is God, the faithful God which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love Him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations, and repayeth them that hate to their face, to destroy them; He will not be slack to him that hateth Him, He will repay them to his face. Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments and the statutes and the judgments which I command thee this day, to do them; wherefore, it shall come to pass if ye hearken to these judgments, and keep and do them that the Lord thy God shall keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which He swore unto thy fathers" (Deut. 7:9-12.) "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise. . . but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). Since He is not willing that any should perish each of us should accept his or her opportunity. "The Day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night" (2 Pet. 3:10a). Whether we meet Him at His return or meet Him in death it will be, most generally, at a time not expected. All who are not serving the Lord with godly fear shall be forced to stand before Him to receive condemnation, "Depart from me I never knew you." "Fear not, man, torment not hell fire, but rather fear Him to whom power has been given to destroy both soul and body in hell."

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to announce that Reverend Wade Calvert of Belmont, North Carolina, will begin a revival meeting at Rose of Sharon F. W. B. Church in Martin County on March 6, 1950. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Yours very truly,
M. S. Cowan

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CHURCH ORGANIZATION AND LEADERSHIP

(Lesson for March 12)

Lesson: Acts 6:1-6; 20:17, 18, 28; I Cor. 12:27, 28.

Golden Text: 2 Timothy 2:15.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

1. The Church of Christ is but one Body, and it should have only one heart and soul.

2. It is not difficult for the Church to witness of the Lord Jesus with power if it acts as one heart and soul.

3. The Church will not fail to look after the material needs of its members if it is filled with the love of Christ.

4. The enemy will seek to create internal dissension if he sees he cannot harm the Church by external opposition.

5. The man who has been called to the ministry should not let the ministry of good works divert him.

6. The church should see to it that the men chosen for its offices have the proper spiritual qualifications.

7. The conscientious minister of the Gospel will not neglect prayer nor the ministry of the Word.

8. If men are to be chosen for office in the church, the whole church should have a voice in the election.

9. The Lord will surely bless that church that has properly qualified men filling all of its offices.

10. The election or appointment of officers in the church is an indication of God's orderliness.

11. Just as there was order in the Temple worship and Jewish society, so the brethren were led into an orderly system in the upbuilding of the New Testament society. The Apostle expressed it: "Let everything be done decently and with organization" (I Cor. 14:40. Orig.).—Selected.

12. The church had grown into such proportions that it was hard to reach all of its members and function satisfactorily without organization.

The apostles had been entrusted with the responsibility of preaching the gospel, and they could not neglect that great work to distribute bread and material things to those who were in need.

There were many who could serve the church in other capacities, but only those who were chosen by the Lord were qualified to preach the gospel. With the deacons appointed and ordained for service, the apostles would be able to give their full time to prayer and to the preaching of the word of God.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

3. Gospel ministers, and lay-leaders of the church have today grave responsibilities and duties to perform in teaching, counseling, and guarding the membership of the church, because there are always the agents of the evil one at work, seeking to destroy the truth and righteousness dwelling in the hearts of church people. As Paul instructed the elders of the church at Ephesus to be ever watchful over the flock, so church leaders and officials today need to be on guard against any intrusion of Satan upon the work of the church. The forces of evil must be opposed at all times by God's ministers and church workers, for Christianity is a battle against all the forces of sin and Satan.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

II. The Lesson Illustrated

In his younger days Moody established a mission Sunday school in Chicago. One class of utterly frivolous girls was taught by a comparatively young man, who became ill. He had tuberculosis, with hemorrhages of the lungs. He told Moody that he was going back to New York State, probably to die. But the teacher was greatly distressed because he had led none of the young women to Christ. Moody suggested that they get a carriage and go around and call on them. They did, and one by one the girls broke down and prayed and gave their hearts to Christ. After ten days every girl in the class was a Christian.

The night before the teacher left, Moody called a farewell prayer meeting of the girls. Moody said that on that night God kindled a fire in his

soul that never went out. The dying teacher talked to the class and read about the heavenly mansions (John 14). Spontaneously every one of the girls prayed in turn, with tears, for the teacher. The next evening Moody went to the train to bid him good-bye. Before the train started the young women came one by one without any rearrangement. They tried to sing, but broke down because of their deep emotion. As the train pulled out the sick teacher was standing on the rear platform with his finger pointing upward, entreating them all to meet him in heaven.

D. L. Moody was accustomed to tell how this occurrence disqualified him for business. He said, "I had got a taste of another world, and cared no more for making money." In a short time he gave up his business and began to devote himself wholly to Christian work.—Arnold's Comentary.

The Cross A Cure for Dissension

A split occurred in a certain church. It left behind much bitterness and ugliness of spirit. One Sunday morning, a member of the family arose from the breakfast table and said she was going to church. "What?" exclaimed the others, "are you going back there, after the way our family has been treated! Where's your pride!" The one spoken to quietly answered: "This is Communion Sunday. I am going to sit at the Lord's Table, and remember His death for me. As for my pride, I haven't any when I survey the wondrous Cross, and any bitterness I had has all vanished when I remember He is coming again, and perhaps very soon!"—Selected.

ANNOUNCEMENT

We would like for those churches that are planning to use Chester A. Huckaby in revival meetings between now and October the first, 1950, to please notify him as soon as they decide on the evangelist, that he may complete his schedule of evangelistic meetings. His address is: Rev. Chester A. Huckaby, 1513 22nd Street, Phenix City, Alabama.—Editor

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A Well-Balanced Stewardship Program

(continued from page five)

en him shine out upon other lives to eternal good. Using life's opportunities enlarges life's orbits.

We learn to do by doing; we grow by exercise. This is true in the spiritual as well as the physical and mental realm. It was true in the dawn of Christianity; it is true today. The development of spiritual power comes through the use of those spiritual truths which have been acquired by Bible study, prayer, worship, and personal experience. If we do not use our muscles, they die; if the mind is not constantly called into play, it tends to wither. So it is with spiritual values and religious experiences. These have to be translated into service to our fellowmen or we lose them. The Christian steward must either witness to that which he has experienced or lose the experience. There is no other way. He who leaves the church, and its service of worship and its messages from God, out of his life, cuts himself off from the great helps to spiritual power and efficiency and cannot be a good steward of the opportunities God gives him. A life that is godless and Christless in its intakes must necessarily be godless and Christless in its outflows."

So, we readily see the necessity of providing for correction concerning the law of intakes in our churches before we can expect the outflows to be spontaneous and gratifying. What are our churches in a general sense doing about proper training to bring about such corrections as are necessary before we may expect the conversion of which we talk so much, and for which we have been praying—outflow materializing into adequacy in financing a biblical program for evangelizing the world?

TOPIC THREE

Systematizing for a Well Balanced Program

The Program Committee of this Union evidently expected a presentation which involves solution for some of our present problems in intakes and outflows of our church

treasuries. This is no less of revolutionary nature than the foregoing. We immediately face the necessity of a conversion of attitude toward giving. Too many of our church folk give money by a similar attitude as exercised toward tax-paying. The motive in giving must undergo drastic change. How much we need to learn to give as we love, and then begin in an elementary course in love for our blessed Saviour. The church is the biblical institution recognized as the one organization to which God looks as custodian of His affairs for carrying on the greatest business in the world—the ministry of the Word. So the church should have a godly, business-like man, duly elevated as treasurer by a democratic vote of the church, preparatory to a financial program, "upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God has prospered him." From the pulpit, in the Sunday School room, in the Leagues, in the Woman's Auxiliary and from house to house this principle in giving should be taught our people, including the children. Such emphasis should be placed on its importance as to check every soul about to leave his home for Sunday School and church on Sunday mornings without his envelope prepared with contents representing fair returns for God's blessings through the week of energy burning. It should come to be recognized as such an important part of preparation for the worship of God in His house as to cause every one to feel a part of himself to be left out of his devotions on the Lord's day when his offering is not in.

The intakes having been established for every individual's coming to the altar of the Lord every Lord's Day with nothing less than a tenth of the returns from his week's activities, it behooves the church, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, to convince its constituency of efficiency with which the Lord's money may be handled. This can be done by establishing an approximate goal which the year's income in worship offerings may expect to reach, then budgeting the fund on a percentage basis. Surely the pastor's allowance must come up for fair consideration,

along with incidental expenses arising from operation, literature and local education, benevolences, upkeep and a program of improvement in local facilities. An amount should be set aside for promotion enterprises in gifts to conferences, conventions, unions and so forth, orphanage, missions, Christian Education, together with each item recommended in the State's Promotional Program.

But, what of the intakes and outflows set up on a weekly basis for our churches when most of them are in the rural district where the major income is only in the fall of the year? The answer will be simplified just as soon as we are able to lay hold of the principles set forth earlier in this message. The proper stewardship of personality, (that is, what, and all one is) with the necessary adjustments of the intakes and outflows of that life. It matters not the time involved in the income of the Christian. When the intake is experienced at that very time the Lord's money should be set aside, whether it is turned in at that time or divided as to provide equal portions for each week represented between the periods of income along with those of the harvest period.

May we remember our responsibility in handling the Lord's money as taking us into the realm of consideration for its use to bless and to develop every phase of His cause at home and abroad. This takes our thinking again into the realm of stewardship education as an obligation on the church to see to it that every member is given an opportunity to know his relationship to God through his church in stewardship. "It is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to announce that the Reverend O. M. Hilbourn has changed his address from East Rockingham, North Carolina, to Darlington, South Carolina, Post Box 425, telephone 767-B. Those desiring to write to him are requested to use the new address.

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CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

TOMMY PRACTICES THE "GOLDEN RULE"

VELMA B. McCONNELL

Tommy Taylor was looking for Tumbler, his pet puppy. The little dog had broken his leash and run away. Tommy did not blame the little fellow for wanting to run and play, but unfortunately, all dogs in town had to be held on a leash or kept tied in the back yard.

"I think it would be hard to be a dog and be kept tied all the time," Tommy thought to himself. "I am glad that I can be free to run about and do what I please. To do what is right, of course," he corrected himself. Tommy was a Christian, and was trying hard to do what Jesus wanted him to do.

"Here, Tumbler, here, Tumbler!" he called. Then he caught sight of a friendly little tail wagging among some rose bushes in front of a large brick house. Tommy began to hurry. Perhaps the little dog was his Tumbler.

Suddenly the boy heard a cross voice. "You old dog, go home! Don't come around here again!" Tommy looked up in surprise as he saw a boy his own age running down the walk that led from the house. He was brandishing a stick and was chasing a dog. Tommy looked again. The dog was Tumbler.

"Here, you! Don't you dare hit my dog!" shouted Tommy. He began to run toward the boy and the dog.

The other boy dropped his stick and started back toward the house. "Then keep your dog home where he belongs," he called over his shoulder.

Tommy picked up his pet and started home. "It must be a very mean boy who would hit a nice little dog," he grumbled. "Tumbler, don't you ever run away again, and don't you ever again go near that house!"

For a few days Tommy and Tumbler played at home, in the Taylor yard. Tommy was very careful to keep Tumbler tied when he was not romping with him. One day Mrs. Taylor asked her son to do an errand for her. The boy and dog started down the street. As they drew near the brick house on the corner, Tommy held tight to Tumbler's leash. "You aren't going to get away from me this time and meet up with a boy and a stick," he warned the dog.

As they began to pass the house, Tommy spied a large red and green rubber ball half hidden in the grass. The ball was near the street.

"This ball must belong to the boy who chased Tumbler," Tommy said to himself. "Well, I won't give it to him. Let him

hunt his old ball if he wants it!" Tommy gave the ball a little kick and went on down the street.

Suddenly he did not feel as happy as he had when he started his errand. "Remember the Golden Rule" a little voice seemed to say to him. Tommy understood the Golden Rule very well. He knew that it meant that one should do to others what he wanted others to do to him. He had learned the Bible verse: "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them" (Matt. 7:12).

"Well," said Tommy to himself, "that other boy didn't practice the Golden Rule when he chased Tumbler!" He walked a little more slowly, kicking at the sidewalk and scuffing along, "but—maybe—if I do what is right, perhaps he will be sorry that he chased my dog. And anyway," his face brightened now, "a Christian is supposed to return good for evil!"

He turned back, a prancing Tumbler pulling on the leash. "Here, Tumbler," he said cheerfully, "we will find that ball and return it to the boy. Maybe we will be friends then. He looked as if he might be a nice boy—if he liked dogs a little more!"

When Tommy and Tumbler came to the ball, Tommy picked it up and started up the sidewalk to the brick house. He had nearly reached the front porch when he saw the other boy crossing the lawn. The boy looked surprised as he walked toward Tommy and Tumbler. Tommy held out the ball.

"Is this yours?" he asked. "I found it near the street."

"Yes, it is mine. I lost it while playing this morning. Thank you very much." The boy from the brick house looked uncomfortable.

A little silence followed, each boy eyeing the other. Finally Tommy spoke. "My name is Tommy Taylor," he offered, standing on one foot and holding tight to Tumbler.

"Mine is Jimmy Young. Won't you—won't you stay and play ball with me?"

Tommy looked pleased. "I have to do an errand for my mother. Then I will come back and play ball with you. But first, won't you tell me why you tried to hit my dog? Don't you like dogs?"

Jimmy hesitated a moment, then said, "Sure I like dogs. I like them very much. I used to live in the country, and always had a dog of my own. Sometimes I had two or three of them. But Mother and I are living here with Grandmother now, and she does not like dogs. I had to give mine away before we came. Grandmother said she would not have a dog around the house. I—I am sorry I chased your dog the other day. I was feeling so badly

about not having my Towzer that I didn't want to see your dog, either."

Tommy nodded. "I understand now. If your grandmother doesn't mind, you and Tumbler and I will have a ball game. Tumbler likes to play ball, too. Perhaps when she sees how nice a dog can be, if he is well-trained, she may change her mind."

The other boy grinned. "I sure do hope so," he said fervently. "But you tell me something now, Tommy. How does it happen that you brought back my ball when I was so mean to your dog?"

It was Tommy's turn to look a little uncomfortable. Then he looked straight at Jimmy and said, "Well, at first I wasn't going to bring it to you. In fact, I kicked it toward the street. Then I remembered that God told us to do good to those that weren't kind to us, and I knew it was not the right way for a Christian to act to return an unkind deed by being unkind ourselves, so—well, so I just brought back your ball."

There was a little pause while the other boy took in Tommy's words. Then Tommy continued, "Say, Jimmy, how about going to Sunday School with me tomorrow, if you haven't found one of your own yet?"

"Sure I will!" exclaimed the other boy, "Grandmother doesn't go anywhere. I'll be glad to go with a boy who acts the way you do! Hurry up with your errand. Tommy, let's have that game of ball!"

The Georgia Summer Encampment

Do you want to be drawn closer to the Lord? Well, if you do, then come this summer to Mount Bethel Camp which is located at Asburn, Georgia. I have attended four encampments and I can truthfully say that I was drawn closer to the Lord while at each of these encampments. It may be that you think all we do at camp is to study. If so, you have the wrong impression.

We have classes on Sunday School work, the League, Church Leadership, Evangelism, and Music. Most of these classes are held in the morning, and we have all the afternoon for recreation. If you have never attended one of these camps, please do not hesitate to come to this one this summer. If you do not know any of us who attended the encampments, don't hold back, but come and get acquainted with us. In a few hours after you have arrived you will know everyone at camp. You will meet some of the finest Christian young people who are to be found anywhere.

Please note that our group of young people meets there each summer. Why don't you join us? We will be more than glad to have you as one of us in this summer encampment.

Fay Knighton

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

Mrs. Nannie Little

It is with a sad heart that I write the account of the death of my beloved Mother, Nannie Little, who passed away on October 18. She would have been 84 years old had she lived to the 28th of October. She was a subscriber to the Baptist paper, and had been a faithful member of Reedy Branch Church. Her life was good and beautiful. All was done for her that could be done by her children, doctors, nurses, and friends. God knew best and took her to be with him.

She said that she was ready to go to be with the Lord. We do miss her very much. Her funeral was conducted by Rev. J. C. Moyer of Snow Hill, North Carolina. Her body was laid to rest beneath a beautiful mound of flowers by the side of Papa, who died 47 years ago.

I am trusting that all of us will so live that we will be able to meet her in heaven when we are called to that great region beyond.

—Written by her daughter,
Mrs. Dave Taylor,
Greenville, N. C., Route 3

MRS. BESSIE T. BYRD

On Tuesday, December 27, 1949, God saw fit to call the soul of our dear mother, Mrs. Bessie T. Byrd, out of this world of suffering into a home of rest. She was the daughter of Mollie and John Humbles and was 61 years old December 14, 1949. She had been in declining health for the past three years, and was critically ill for the last four days she was with us.

For many years she had been a true and loyal member of the Sts. Delight F. W. B. Church, Greene county. She enjoyed being in the service of the master. She attended church and Sunday school and auxiliary. Her greatest pleasure was in rendering service unto others. She was indeed a true and devoted wife, a patient and loving mother, and a kind friend to everyone. We do miss her very much, but we know that God's will is best and we feel that she has gone to her heavenly rest which she tried faithfully to attain.

The funeral services were conducted at the church on Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 P. M., by her pastor, Rev. R. N. Hinant, assisted by Rev. D. W. Alexander, her former pastor. She was laid to rest in the family cemetery near Maury, N. C. The large crowd of relatives and friends pres-

ent and the numerous beautiful flowers that she had, attested the high esteem in which the deceased was held.

The survivors are three daughters, Mrs. Ray Hart, Mrs. Larry Worthington, Mrs. H. L. Gibson; two sons, Jesse L. Tripp and Lawrence Tripp. There are eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, one brother, Mr. Allen Humbles, one sister, Mrs. A. T. Grimsley, Sr.

How patient in her suffering,
When no hand could give her ease;
God the helper of the helpless
Saw the pain and gave the ease.

Not dead but passed beyond,
The mist that binds us here;
Into a newer, larger life
Of that unclouded sphere.

A happy union was once enjoyed
How dear that memory still;
But now we only see a vacant chair
That no one else can fill

—Written by a daughter,
Mrs. Larry Worthington

IN HUMBLE SUBMISSION

We, the members of the Ladies Aid of Beulah Free Will Baptist Church, write the following on October 18, 1949.

God called from this earth sister Florence Bazen to be at home with him.

She had been in declining health for some time. Her sufferings were great, but she bore them well. She was a faithful member of her church, Sunday School, and Aid as long as her health would permit. She was loved by all who knew her.

We don't understand why you had to go, but surely God knew best. He knew you had suffered enough, so he called you home to rest.

First, We bow in humble submission to the will of him who doeth all things well;

Second, We extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family that their loss is her gain and reward.

Third; That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family that they may find comfort in the Lord whom she served so faithfully; that a copy be sent to the Baptist paper, also a copy be printed in our minutes in her honor.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. G. DEWEY JONES,
MRS. GEORGIA HARDEE

IN MEMORY OF SISTER LAURA E. COOK

Aunt Laura was born March 22, 1869, died January 10, 1950. She was a member of the Free Will Baptist church for 60 years. She filled her place as a member, and was loved by all who knew her. Her stay on earth was 80 years, 10 months, and 10 days. There is now a vacant chair at the table, a vacant place in the community, as well as in the home. She was always found loyal and faithful to her loved ones and friends. She is not dead but sleeping. Aunt Laura, to you we will say, "Good

night here but good morning up there."
She is just away.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

She is gone but not forgotten,
Never will her memory fade,
Sweetest thoughts will ever linger
Around the grave where she is laid.

In a land that is free from sorrow
Where the weary rest from care,
There will be no sad tomorrow,
When we gather over there.

Endless praise to her be given
While the countless ages roll;
In a mansion up in heaven
That fair homeland of the soul.

She has gone to her reward
That's prepared for her on high;
Where loved ones can be reunited
And so loved you and I.

So, brace up now, dear loved ones,
Let's say, "O Lord thy will be done";
The fight is yet before us
Our crown is yet to be won.

—Written by a Niece,
Miss Ruby Hearn

BOOK REVIEW

"VICTORY OVER SUFFERING"

By William Goulooz

Publisher: Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Michigan.
Date: 1949; Price, \$2.00.

The author has written this book for the consolation of the sick and suffering, the aged and infirm, and for the sorrowing and the bereaved. It contains a great many testimonials of sufferers, of dependent persons, and of troubled souls who found consolation, peace of heart and blessed assurance in trusting in God. It is a welcome gift for the home, the hospital, sanitoriums, reformatories, penal institutions, etc.

Place orders either with the Publisher, or with the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C.

"MY SERMON NOTES ON THE LORD'S PRAYER"

By Rev. William P. Van Wyk

Publisher: Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Mich.
Date: 1949; Price, \$1.50.

The author has given, in simple outline, useful sermon notes on the Lord's Prayer. The importance of prayer is the central theme, interestingly treated. For ministers, mothers, Sunday School teachers, the Young People's Leagues, and the Woman's Auxiliaries of the church, it will be useful and helpful in their Christian devotions and spiritual services.

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"AS A MAN THINKETH"

ELDER T. M. CARTER

The above title is from a familiar passage of scripture, and although it is broad in its scope and easy to understand, if rightly construed, is often misused to satisfy the actions of individuals.

In talking with various individuals, I find that they somehow have arrived at the idea that if they believe a thing, in their heart to be true, that as far as that particular individual is concerned it is right. Our actions of right and wrong cannot be measured in this manner. The Bible is our yard stick, and if our conduct measures up to the dimensions set forth in it, then our thinking and actions are sound and will stand approved.

It is a pathetic situation, when we allow ourselves to drift into a type of thinking which is based upon selfishness and condolence. You may say that if I think in my heart I am a Christian, I am. My friend, if you have formed the right habits of thinking, you will not believe yourself to be a Christian unless your life measures up to the standards of a Christian, as set forth by our God.

Christ says, "You may know that you have passed from death unto life if you love the brethren." Then if you think yourself to be a Christian and still have hatred and malice in your heart for your fellow man, you are deceiving yourself and not a follower of Christ in the sense of being a Christian. You are guilty of lip service only. Then, on the other hand, when people say I know I am lost because my conscience tells me so, I say to you "No." You may be on the road to be lost; but, as long as your conscience speaks to you, be assured you are still on pleading terms with Christ. Christ died for your atonement and he tells us he takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked but rather all would turn and live. He is faithful and just and if we confess our sins He will forgive us and remember them against us no more. What a blessed promise.

Don't give up. Don't get discouraged because you have spent your life thus far for the forces of evil. Remember, Christ died for all. Just when we come to the place that we see just how helpless we are in our own strength and begin to call on Him, he reaches down with His strong arm of love, and takes us out of the valley of despondency and places our feet on the mountain of glory and happiness. Whosoever will may take of the water of life freely.

Literally, then this passage means that when we have applied reason to our thinking, and have based our judgment on the teachings of the Word, we are able to see ourselves as God sees us and then to live our lives accordingly, knowing that our

thinking is backed up by God's word and has His approval.

The five Foolish Virgins thought they were as prepared as the five wise, but they were lost. Those people who will come before the Righteous Judge on that day of reckoning will think, because they had done great works in the name of Christ, should be saved, but He will say to them, "Depart from me, I never knew you."

Paul thought he was right in the persecution of God's people, but he was made to see his mistake, when he yielded to the Lord. After his conversion he said on several occasions that he knew certain things to be true, and proved the logic of his thinking by the word of God. As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he, is true only when his thinking is based upon, and measured in terms of the Bible and its truths.

THE MOVIES

They move our youth away from God,
From Christian paths our fathers trod;
From honor, honesty and right
To deeds that curse, corrupt and blight;
From beautiful, uplifting truth;
To falsehood hurtful to our youth;
From morals fine and grand and clean
To passions low and base and mean.

They move our youth to sin and crime,
From sacred things and things sublime.
They move to nudity in dress
And take much virtue girls possess;
They move from modesty in style,
And lead to evil all the while;
From traits that we delight to trust
To lewdness and destructive lust.

They move our youth to rob and steal,
To lie and cheat and falsely deal;
To think it matters little how
They stoop to wrong and yield and bow
To get a living out of life;
Or whom they court and choose for wife;
That if they want to separate
They'll find some other for a mate.

The movies move,—hear this, oh, please!
They move the church from off her knees,
And rob her of her grace to win
Lost souls from wreck and ruin and sin;
They move the money from the poor
And send the beggar to your door;
They move and move and surely get
The cash that ought to pay some debt!

They move the youth to pleasures wild,
And start to ruin many a child;
They move from children clothe sand bread
And send them hungry off to bed;
They move and sway a mighty throng,
And always lead from right to wrong;
Who named the movies named them well,
For fast they move our youth to hell.

Selected by Nathaniel Cox

JUDGMENT DAY

Judgment day is surely coming,
And the end is drawing near;
For the world is steeped in sin
And our God, no one seems to fear.

But we know He'll punish us,
If His will we don't obey;
It seems as tho He's been forgetting
While we go on in our sinful way.

Yet, He keeps His every promise
That was made so very long ago;
He wanted so much to help us
While we're here on earth below.

The commands that He gave us
Are not so very hard to keep;
For it was His wish to save us,
That in Hell we'd not weep.

Why don't we listen to his pleading,
As He begs us to come in;
Give up this foolish way of living,
And be free from every sin?

We could be so very happy,
If we'd let Him have His way;
Then we'd be prepared to meet him
On that great and final day.

—Written by Mrs. Sallie Carraway,
Robersonville, N. C.

JESUS LOVES THE CHILDREN

Jesus loves the little children,
Once He took them on His knee,
Gently put His arms around them,
Saying, "Let them come to Me!"

Oh! He loves to see them kneeling,
And, with hands together, pray;
Loves to hear them call Him Jesus,
If they mean the words they say.

Once He gave His life to buy them
Back from Satan's evil ways,
And at last to Heaven take them,
There to sing His worth and praise.

If they trust Him as their Saviour,
He will wash their sins away;
He will take their hand and lead them
All along the narrow way.

—Selected.

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Serve God and Be Cheerful

Serve God and Be Cheerful. Make brighter
The brightness that falls to thy lot;
The rare, or the daily sent, blessing
Profane not with gloom or with doubt.

Serve God and Be Cheerful. Each sorrow
Is—with thy will in God's—for the best.
O'er the cloud hangs the rainbow. Tomorrow
Will see the blue sky in the west.

Serve God and Be Cheerful. Look upward!
God's countenance scatters the gloom;
And the soft summer light of his heaven
Shines over the cross and the tomb.

Serve God and Be Cheerful. The wrinkles
Of age we may take with a smile;
But the wrinkles of faithless foreboding
Are the crow's-feet of Beelzebub's guile.

Serve God and Be Cheerful. The winter
Rolls round to the beautiful spring.
And o'er the green grave of the snowdrift
The nest building robins will sing.

Serve God and Be Cheerful. Live nobly
Do right, and do good. Make the best
Of the gifts and the work put before you
And to God without fear leave the rest.

—William Newell

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Talebearers in the Churches

By Mrs. J. C. Adams

Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people" (Lev. 19:16). This sin among church members is raging today as never before and little do they realize that it is a sin worthy of death. "Thou shalt not," is as clear, as definite, and as positive as, thou shalt not kill, or, thou shalt not steal. Whether the tale borne is true or false seems to make no difference. David, in referring to certain persons who were careless with their tongue, said, "the poison of asps is under their tongue." The asp is a form of serpent whose poison is so deadly and rapid in its operation that it kills almost instantly, and without possibility of remedy. Again David said, "My soul is among lions, their tongue is a sharp sword, they are set on fire." Like a waiting lion the backbiter attacks the unsuspecting victim, and tears to shreds all that is sacred and most valued in his life. Like an insane person he unsheathes a deadly tongue and plunges it into the very heart of victim after victim, until his way for years back is strewn with murdered reputation and character. Like a furnace he seems to burn with the accusedness of talebearing and backbiting, and with his tongue he kindles fire after fire till only misery, and distress, and blight are left where were success and laughter.

The Old Testament tells us that the Lord hates a proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, or a heart that deviseth evil things, feet that be swift to running in mischief, a false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren. The talebearer from the full measure of scandal, sows down whole communities with the accursed seed of infamy and suspicion, until every foot of moral soil has been covered; and when his seed takes root, what a harvest begins to mature! Reputations and ruined; the work of God is destroyed; those who were once chief friends are hopelessly estranged, and hearts are left to ache all through the weary years. The talebearer generally attacks one who is zealous of good works, yielded to God, separated from the world. Satan never attacks the talebearer because he knows he already has him in his clutches. He attacks the child of God who has built up a reputation through years of sacrifice and tears, and leaves a whole life program twisted, and broken, and dead.

Paul classifies the talebearer with haters of God, murderers, and fornicators, and closes the passage with "They that do such things are worthy of death." Paul is here trying to show us that the sin of talebearing is a more serious thing than we are in the habit of believing. He would have us understand that it is more than a triv-

ial weakness, or a harmless habit; in God's sight it is so serious that it is not only classed with murderers, fornicators, and adultery, but is worthy of the same punishment. All in one class and all worthy of the same death. The hell that opens to receive one class opens to receive the other. So you see that you do not rate very highly in God's sight when your ears itch to hear gossip and then pass it on. I always think that it pays us to look after self and leave the other person alone. Believe nothing you hear and only half of what you see is a good policy for all of us. Just think what our pastors have to deal with where he has a church full of scandal-mongers. Let no one deceive himself here; All our prating about being blessed of God is not a final test. "Clean hands and a pure heart," are the final test. Hands from which the blood of murdered reputation does not drip, and a heart in which the fires of scandal do not burn. "If any man seem to be religious and brideth not his tongue, that man's religion is vain." While on the other hand the person who is slandered, has the promise of God to sustain and give abounding grace, through every trial. Our Saviour was gossiped about, and he promised that when we live godly in Christ, we will suffer persecution. We can look up to our Heavenly Father in perfect serenity and say, "Some day I'll lay my heavy burden down to wear a robe and shining crown."

There is a disastrous effect in the life and character of the backbiter himself. The Bible says, "Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall into it." The conscience is seared, and the inner man suffers a moral breakdown. He becomes hard and cruel and without any conviction whatever, he can utterly ruin his victim whatever, he can utterly ruin his best friend. There is a tendency to become untruthful and insincere. Facts are collected until the impression the talebearer desires is left on the hearer. An insinuation is dropped, a half truth is told, and the scandal is on its way.

There is a tendency to moral cowardice. The backbiter would not dare face the person slandered and say to his face what has been said to his back or to others. When he is brought face to face with the person slandered, he will usually smile and court favor, and his words will be as smooth as butter, while war will be in his heart. How cowardly and hypocritical is such a spirit. I wonder how such a person dare profess manhood or womanhood, say nothing of religion.

Nobody ever did spread scandal in the interest of God, or for the work or protection of the work of God. Finally the backbiter will come to the Day of Judgment to take his or her place with other murderers, who stand, silent and ghostly in the blood

of murdered victims. And why stand him with murders? Because he is a murderer. He did not do his dastardly work with a gun. He did it with a deadly tongue.

Is there any hope for the talebearer? Yes, repent, and this involves confession and restitution. It is a hard thing to do, but it must be done here in this world before we meet the righteous Judge.

Talebearing is raging in our churches. To make spiritual progress we must face facts and repent of it. I hope this message may help someone see just how you stand in the sight of God. Some day I must give an account of these words. When I have warned you of these things, your blood will no longer be on my hands.

2 Cor. 5:10-11. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

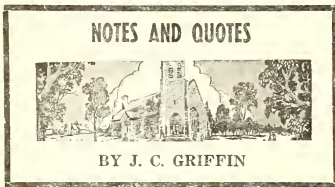
Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences."

TWO WAYS

There are two ways to advance the dry cause: make sentiment, and make votes. We have to convince the people that we are right and we have to induce them to give expression to that conviction. We have to convince the politicians, both good and bad, that we consider remedial action so important that we are going to insist upon it at the polls.

The politician is a canny fellow. More than once he has taken action in advance of public sentiment and has found himself out on a limb. At this moment policies can find a majority in Congress which all congressmen know run counter to popular opinion. The explanation is simple; the majority does not feel strongly enough about them to vote against the congressman who supports them, while the militant minority will vote against him unless he goes.

Have you written a "Letter to the Editor" this year? Have you tried to win one supporter—an active supporter—to the dry cause? When good men like you can answer those two questions in the right way, we will go places.—Selected.



Not Democratic

The legislature that made it possible for a town—a "one horse town" to stick a liquor store right in the midst of a county surrounded by people who have voted down an election to make the county "wet" is not in keeping with Democratic principles at all; it is a law of the minority of a county ruling over the majority. What does a little town care for the wishes of the people of the county, when a town of three or four hundred voters can vote liquor stores in their town limits and sell to the drunks of the whole county? Then, after selling to the drunks, the town officers can arrest and try the poor dupes and collect another source of revenue, to help run the impoverished little city. In that way it helps to pay the police and other expenses. It seems that liquor and money are two of the things that this modern age wants.

Recently I saw where one of our aged ministers wrote to the Forum of the News and Observer. He styled those fellows who made it possible for a small town to place liquor stores right under the noses of those who live in the rural districts, as "Smart Boys." In reality, I do not think it "smart," but pure ignorance of law makers who rather satisfy the desires of the liquor interest than the wishes of the "sober thinking Christians" who detest the sale and use of that stuff that ruins lives and damns souls. The last legislature worked for the few—not for the masses.

I want to thank Elder H. Pipkin of Mount Olive, N. C., for his timely writings in the News and Observer. Come on, brother, to the church papers, and let us make it hot for the liquor crowd.

And now is a good time to write. Candidates are coming out for the legislature. The "wet" crowd will do everything possible to get men who

will bow to the liquor interest. But no "wet" law maker will go to Raleigh by my vote. Now is a good time for the ministers of all denominations to preach some for a "moral issue." The "wets" will say, "you are in politics," but the thing that will destroy homes, make divorce courts thrive, and fill graves with drunken bodies and help to populate hell, can never get my endorsement for the sake of a little revenue to help run the government.

Could I Look My Vote in the Face?

As, I often think, how would I feel, if I should vote for the stuff in any form and have to look on the corpse of my neighbor's son or daughter, and know that I voted for him to have liquor which robbed him of his mind and soul and caused him to commit crime and fill a premature grave? Yes, what could I say? Then, to bring it a little closer home, suppose it was my own son or daughter or grandchild? How could I live without condemnation in knowing that I voted for that child to have liquor? Christians, come out and let us fight this demon that is destroying the lives of innocent people on the highways of our country. Your wife or daughter or even yourself may get in your car and start to some place on business or pleasure, and at the unexpected moment a drunk under the wheel causes a wreck, and perhaps your nearest of kin is bleeding and groaning in death? Then ask, "Is it my vote? Did I vote for that drunk to have liquor placed before him? Did I help to make it legal, that which has caused the death of my wife, or daughter?" May Almighty God help us to wake up and fight Demon Alcohol which has been pushed upon the nation by the liquor interest and the "wet" politicians. I have no compromise to make for fighting the Devils.

Our Work for the Orphanage

Recently I have been at work for the Orphanage at Middlesex. The work among the churches in the Cape Fear Conference has been very pleasant, in that the people largely are well pleased with the pictures of the Orphanage. We have sixteen hundred lineal feet of good pictures, showing

a partial history of the orphanage over a period of ten years and coming up to the present official staff and the orphanage as it is today. Three hundred feet of this picture is right new. One person said, "It is the best medium to advertise the work of the orphanage." Another said, "It is taking the orphanage to those who cannot get there to see the institution." Another said, "I had no idea that we had so much, and I shall not be satisfied until I go and see the orphanage now, I've seen the picture." We could go on with many good remarks. We are having invitations to go to other places, but at present we are scheduled as far as we can reach. Later on, the Lord's will we will go where we are wanted, and invited.

We are planning to make more pictures as the Institution progresses, in order to keep a good history of the work, year by year, for the benefit of the Institution and the enjoyment of those who love and support the work.

The reception and the interest in general have been good. "By their fruits we shall know them," said the Lord Jesus. God is blessing. And again He said, "Inasmuch as ye did it to one of the least of these, ye did unto me."

"What Do You Think?"

A lady said to me, recently, "What do you think of this divine healing, preacher?" My reply was, "I believe in it." Then she began to tell me about certain so-called "Divine Healers" who have great crowds, even thousands of people, and that some have to go several times, sign cards, stand in line, and then go back home without getting to the altar for healing. Then I said, "This is the modern so-called healing."

One of these fellows came through eastern North Carolina a few years ago and he "knocked his patients down right and left." They fell as soon as they got to him, in some instances. When I was asked about his method, "I said, Christ and the apostles picked them up when they were down in affliction and even

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News from Texas

CLEANLINESS

Gaston Clary

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John 15:3-12

Cleanliness is a virtue coveted by most particular people. It has been said that cleanliness is next to godliness. Cleanliness in the physical realm has many advantages. For anyone seeking social popularity, business success or healthy, strong bodies, personal cleanliness is essential.

The heart of the housewife is made glad when someone pays her a compliment on the cleanliness and attractiveness of her home. The father or husband desires compliments on the neatness and cleanliness of his office.

Cleanliness in all phases of physical life is something of which all should be proud but inner cleanliness is far more important than this. On one occasion Christ reprimanded the Scribes and Pharisees because they were so careful concerning clean hands, cups, and pots and were equally careless of their inner cleanliness (Mark 7).

Christ is our only hope of ever having inward cleanliness. He shed his blood on the cross of Calvary that we might become the sons of God. "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12). This inner cleansing may be experienced by believing in Christ to the extent that we are willing to give up the old way of life and repent, trust and obey Christ. This presupposes a godly sorrow for sin and a willingness to forsake sin. On the day of Pentecost, Peter exhorted the people to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). In John 15:3, Jesus tells his disciples that they are

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Alumni of the Free Will Baptist Bible College of Nashville, Tennessee, who met at the Free Will Baptist Church in Bryan, January 29, to make plans for organizing a Texas chapter. Left to right seated are the Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvary and the Rev. and Mrs. Alvin F. Halbrosk. Standing are the Rev. and Mrs. Gaston Clary.

Texas Alumni Association Being Planned

By James E. Vance

Plans are being formulated to organize the first Texas chapter of the Alumni Association of the Free Will Baptist Bible College of Nashville, Tennessee.

A group of ex-students of the college now serving in the Central District Association of Free Will Baptists met in Bryan, January 29.

At this initial meeting the alumni planned to organize the permanent Free Will Baptist Bible College Alumni Association while attending the annual encampment to be held at Piney Woods Camp near Groveton, August 13-19.

Free Will Baptists from all over Texas are expected to attend this encampment, which is the second annual encampment, since the beginning of World War II.

Attending the initial meeting included the Rev. and Mrs. Alvin F. Halbrosk, the Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvary and the Rev. and Mrs. Gaston Clary. Mrs. Clary, who was employed by the college while her husband was preparing for the ministry, will become an associate member.

The Rev. and Mrs. Calvary plan to become missionaries in Japan upon completion of their education, and during the summer of 1950 they will do itinerant work in Texas and Arkansas under direction of the Free Will Baptist foreign mission board.

At present they are associated with the Rev. N. B. Barrow at the Bryan Church.

The Rev. Halbrosk is pastoring the rural churches: Brightlight, Blue Lake and Evergreen, and the Rev. Clary is pastoring at Pine Prairie, Buncomb and Center Point.

Note: All Texas alumni are requested to write to Rev. A. F. Halbrosk, Bryan, Texas, R.F.D. 3.

ATTENTION

To all local treasurers of the Western District Aux. Convention of North Carolina. When you send your dues and contributions to me, will you please state the amount for dues and the amount for contributions.

Yours to serve,
Mrs. Leon Foster,
Western District Aux.
Convention Treasurer

Everette's Chapel, Clayton, N. C., Holds Revival

The revival began February 13 and lasted until the 24. The Rev. W. H. Calvert of North Belmont was the evangelist.

Rev. Calvert brought some soul-stirring messages. The church had only 38 members at the beginning of the revival. During the meeting there were 82 professions with 67 new members added to the church.

We thank God for a man like Rev. Calvert. We feel that he would be a blessing to any church.

Betty Edwards

Mrs. T. F. Davenport of Creswell in Hospital

The wife of Rev. T. F. Davenport, Creswell, North Carolina, is a patient in Taylor's Hospital, Washington, N. C. She is undergoing treatment there, and would appreciate the good prayers of the Christian people, and cards of sympathy. Simply address all communications to her at the hospital.

Mrs. H. I. Fowler

Announcement

This notice is to let our pastors and other friends know that we have assumed the pastorate of Shady Grove Church in Durham County, and have moved into the parsonage, which is located between Raleigh and Durham.

I shall continue my evangelistic work, being free for services every Sunday night and through the week. My address is still Rev. Bob Woolley, P. O. Box 85, Raleigh, N. C.

Abraham Lincoln in 1847 wrote: 'Whereas the use of intoxicating liquor as a beverage is productive of pauperism, degradation and crime, and believing it is our duty to discourage that which produces more evil than good, we therefore pledge ourselves to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.'

Christ's blood cleanses the—

Conscience

John W. Lee

For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation (conduct) in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward (II Cor. 1: 12).

Note that the ground of Paul's rejoicing - glorying is in the testimony of his conscience. The words expressing the thoughts of his conscience declared the kind of life he was living—"in simplicity." There is no place for a stilted character in the Church militant; we are on a battle field, not a playground. Paul's was a "godly sincerity"; human sincerity is not sufficient. That poor heathen mother in the jungle who offers her child as a sacrifice to an unknown god is very sincere, but radically wrong! Sincerity, in its original meaning, implies that there was no admixture of any foreign element. Paul was not guided by "fleshly wisdom." The natural man exists in spiritual darkness, and, apart from revelation, he knows very little, if anything, of the true God. Then he adds, "but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation (conduct) in this world, and more abundantly to you-ward." This testimony is in keeping with Paul's teaching, extolling the mercies of God.

The Nature of Conscience

This word conscience comes from the Latin and means "joint knowledge," knowing with another. It implies the knowledge of two or more things at the same time. I know my thoughts and I know the quality of my thought, whether good or bad. It has been called vicegerent, another name for a deputy sheriff; it makes the sinner a prisoner to his guilt.

"It is a kind of a silent reasoning of the mind, whereby those things that are approved to be right are sanctioned with pleasure, but those things which are judged to be evil are disapproved with a sense of un-

easiness." Conscience is self-knowledge; it is much more tender in some than in others. Much depends upon the early training, education, and Christian influence.

It has a threefold office work: it is a witness, testifying to what you have done, in thought, word and action; it is a judge, passing sentence upon what we have done—whether it is good or evil; it is an executioner, fulfilling the sentence by occasioning a degree of pleasure in him that does well, and a sense of uneasiness in him that doeth evil.

Cowardice asks, "Is it safe?" Experience asks, "Is it prudent?" Vanity asks, "Is it popular?" But conscience asks, "Is it right?" Its office work is not legislative, but judicial. "Conscience never acquits — never sets free from condemnation—it either accuses or excuses." Conscience, originally tender, becomes hardened by sin; it has a high price, but may be bribed; it has a voice—this faculty is yours forever—whether good or bad! It may be perverted, misinformed and defiled, or purged by faith in the blood of Christ.

Characters of Conscience

There are nine characteristics of conscience:

First, a **good conscience**. "Now the end of the commandment is charity cut of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned" (I Tim. 1:5). Conscience is good when it conforms to the Word of God, as a clock is good only when it keeps time with the sun.

A **pure conscience**: "Likewise must the deacons be grave, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience" (I Tim. 3:8-9). Here a pure conscience is a safe depository in which may be stored that God-given, sin-resisting, devil-defeating, world-overcoming substance—the mystery of faith!

Next, a **working conscience**: Paul said before Felix, "Herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offense toward God, and toward men" (Acts 24:16). Some souls are too lazy to live a spiritual life. They will forgive, but

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

**NEEDED! NEEDED! \$210.20 FOR THE MISSION
CAR FUND**

The treasurer of this Fund for North Carolina reports \$2,789.80 raised for the mission car, thus leaving a balance of \$210.20 to be raised very soon. He is urging that this balance be raised by the churches in the next few days.

We are making this appeal in this editorial note, hoping that no further attention will have to be given to the church people concerning this matter through the columns of the Baptist paper. We urge, therefore, that the Sunday Schools, the Woman's Auxiliaries, the churches and the Leagues take offerings, and complete this drive for the mission car. Take your offerings during March, and mail them direct to Rev. J. W. Alford, Columbia, N. C. He is the treasurer of this fund.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Since some have been mailing in various reports and announcements, for publication in the Baptist paper, without distinct understanding of the state from which they come, we are therefore asking the reporters to be specific in their reports, programs, and announcements by showing from whence they come, and for whom they are intended. For example, give the state, the church organization, or conference, convention, association, etc. for which they are intended so that no one will be misled. By doing this, many misunderstandings will be avoided, and time saved on the part of those who have to write or make inquiry concerning the information desired. Moreover, signatures and addresses should accompany all communications.

they decide "to wait until . . ." Because Paul loved the Lord Jesus, he had a pardon for all of his enemies. To keep a conscience void of offense, he exercised himself, he went out of his way, and traveled the extra mile that all might know and love his Master.

A purged conscience: "For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh; how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" (Heb. 9:13-14) To have offered a dead animal to God would have been an insult, much more for a man not justified by Christ's blood to offer "dead works."

A weak conscience: "If any of them that believe not bid you to a feast, and ye be disposed to go; whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no question for conscience sake. But if any man say unto you, This is offered in sacrifice unto idols, eat not for his sake that showed it, and for conscience sake; for the earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof: conscience, I say, not thine own, but of the other: for why is my liberty judged of another man's conscience? For if I by grace be a partaker, why am I evil spoken of for that for

which I give thanks? Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. Give none offense, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God: even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved" (I Cor. 10:27-33).

An ignorant conscience: "They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service" (John 16:2). This prophecy was literally fulfilled in the Apostle Paul's life. "I verily thought . . . that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. Which thing I also did . . . (Acts 26:9-10). But he declared that he did them ignorantly. Who knows! The tongue that curses you today may bless you tomorrow!

A defiled conscience: "Unto the pure all things are pure; but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled" (Tit. 1:15). It is very common for a man with a filthy mind to impute what he has to others.

A seared conscience: "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having

their conscience seared with a hot iron" (I Tim. 4:1-2). Seared unto insensibility. "Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness" (Eph. 4:19).

An awakened conscience: "Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that" (Matt. 27:3-4).

Every soul needs a refuge from the accusing cry of his own conscience. What a burden of fears an uneasy conscience piles on its possessor; In St. Louis a policeman used nothing more than a hard stare to stop an automobile thief. While directing traffic at a street intersection, Officer Eldred Hinch, for no particular reason, he said, glared hard at the driver of an approaching car. To his surprise the motorist puled up alongside him and said, "Yep, I stole the car." At the station he said that he came from Terre Haute. Seeing the keys in the ignition of the parked automobile there, he had suddenly decided "to take a ride," but he had a passenger with him on his ride

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

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POWER FOR ADVANCE

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For the calendar year of 1950, the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention has chosen for her watchword "Advancing with Christ."

Advance, then, is the supreme word in Woman's Auxiliary life. Likewise, it should be the supreme word in Free Will Baptist life for we must advance in spiritual faith, in the measure of our consecration, in evangelistic effort, in world missions, in giving our money for Kingdom causes, and in making Christ the ruling factor in all our activities.

But advance calls for power. Power belongs to God, and that power has been offered to Christians. He is able to give them more than we can ask or think. He wants to give abundantly.

We need a new conviction that abundant power is available. Christ assured his children that the Holy Ghost would be given to everyone who would witness for him. The Spirit is here today. He is all we need. In this same holy Spirit Free Will Baptists of 1950 can experience a baptism of power that will make us mighty in deed, wise in speech, and convincing in influence.

We need a new conviction as to the great need today for power. A look around in most any direction will supply convincing evidence of this need. Look at the level of average Christian living, the failure to overcome besetting temptations, the compromise about moral issues, the lack of joy and zeal, the lack of ability to convince a lost world of the reality of judgment.

The opposition Christians face today makes greater power most necessary. Mighty combines of evil forces block Christian advance today possibly more than ever in the history of the world. The organized liquor traffic with all its attendant evils, the many pagan philosophies, such as communism, etc., and organized vice and crimes are just a few examples of the forces against which Christians must fight to advance with Christ. We do need the Lord and the strength of His mighty daily.

We need possibly as never before a new conviction as to what we must do to obtain this power, for it is certainly not a matter of magic. There are certain definite laws that operate in the spiritual realm as in the natural realm. The Holy Spirit is offered to all Christians, but every follower must be willing to meet the conditions required for an endowment of zeal

and wisdom for such an hour as this in which we live.

A few of these conditions which you and I and all other sincere Free Will Baptist must meet are as follows: First, there must be unconditional surrender to the will of the Holy Spirit. He cannot give power to any follower whose purpose is not in harmony with that of the Heavenly Father. This means that we all—preacher, teacher, leader, laity alike must break with sin of every sort and give ourselves without any reservation to the will of God. He is the power. Through Christians today just as through the apostles, he will go forth to save the whole world. Followers of Christ never could and never can do God's work without God's power. Their business has ever been to advance the things Jesus began to do and teach.

Second, we must seek power through earnest and persistent prayer. Prayer has always been and is yet the mightiest force in the world. Jesus said, "Ask and it shall be given you." This is the way to get the power we need for advance in the service of Christ. All who are responsible for 1950 Auxiliary programs, aimed to help Free Will Baptist women to advance thru their monthly activities with Christ, should remember that "Prayer is a force surer than a cannon; swifter than an airplane; stronger than a tank" and "The secret of all failure is our failure in secret prayer." But this fact should be noted. There is no account of power granted without a purpose to witness. A powerful Christian or a powerful church not witnessing is an anomaly. It just does not happen. Power is granted only for a task. The work of advancing with Christ is God's, and the power is His. Never were the disciples able to win by any plan or strategism of their own. In coming into the world Jesus undertook a work which his followers were (and are) to carry on. Through men Christ continued (and continues) to do and teach.

Third, we must have daring faith to Advance with Christ. This is the inseparable counterpart of surrender and prayer. Faith like a mustard seed can lay hold upon supernatural power to overcome mountains of opposition and to advance to the remotest point where a soul is still held captive in sin and death.

Much of the advance of the Christian faith came through the endeavors of ordinary laymen such as Stephen and Phillip and those Christians who were scattered abroad by persecutions. Advancing with Christ belongs to all who are called to be saints. No one who is a Christian can escape his or her own personal responsibility.

Today is no different from yesterday, for in our time the advancement of the Kingdom is the task of all believers—men, women and children. Our geographical and human world is, to be sure, a far greater than were those of the earliest disciples, but our task is no greater. It is to make actual the purpose of the Great Commission. From a study of the book of Acts we of the F. W. B. Woman's Auxiliary may glean some insight into the means by which our group can make a comparable advance with theirs. We will find they did not continue to wait in quiet once the Spirit had come with power, nor did they keep on enjoying the exalted experience of His presence; but they arose to achieve great deeds, and as they did, the power to accomplish His will came. Likewise, if today we, who have chosen Advancing with Christ as our rally cry for this new year of opportunities and responsible, are to make an advancement that will compare to theirs; then we, as all Christians, must possess their mind and spirit.

To the work, then! Advance with Christ! With a sense of the Spirit's leading let the deeds of the Kingdom become actual, real in power! Wherever you are—city, town, hamlet, or country the Kingdom of God can burst into others' lives. There is no place to stand still in God's vineyard. We are laborers together with God in this world of 1950 where men have unmeasured power but lack moral control for its use. God give us power to reach them and all the unnumbered millions throughout the earth, without hope of salvation. God grant that 1950 shall be a year of advance for the people of our denomination and for all the people of Christ around the world!

Free Will Baptists Must Advance!

Greenwood F. W. B. Church Holds Study Course

Mrs. C. J. Harvey
Camilla, Georgia

The Woman's Auxiliary of Greenwood F. W. B. Church, Mitchell County, Georgia, assembled on the first day of February to study the manual of Methods with Mrs. K. V. Shutes in charge. The meeting was opened with the singing of hymns: "More about Jesus" and "We'll Work 'Till Jesus Comes." Prayer was offered by Mrs. C. J. Harvey, following which the study of the motto and the definition was made. For the Scriptural background each member read one or more Scriptures, and Mrs. Shutes discussed them as each member read. Following this, the meeting was dismissed in a word of prayer by Mrs. G. C. Johnson for the lunch hour. The lunch was spread in the Sunday School rooms, and each one enjoyed a bountiful dinner.

After the lunch period was over, all of the members re-assembled in the church auditorium and Mrs. Shutes gave a short devotional, reading for her scripture lesson

from Acts 9:36-43, following which we sang hymn, "Footsteps of Jesus." After Mrs. Shutes gave the introduction and summary of the Manual, we went into a business period. This was for the purpose of electing the officers. Mrs. Arthur Poitvient led in a word of prayer, asking that the heavenly Father lead us in the election. The officers elected are as follows:

President, Mrs. K. V. Shutes; First Vice-President, Mrs. G. C. Johnson; Second Vice-President, Mrs. J. F. Harmon; Third Vice-President, Mrs. G. W. Worshum; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. C. J. Harvey; Fifth Vice-President, Mrs. G. T. Harvey; Secretary, Mrs. Arthur Poitvient; Treasurer, Mrs. Bobby Poitvient.

We ask the prayers of all the Christian people that we may advance with Christ in all the work. We want to thank the Lord for sending to us Mrs. Shutes, for we certainly did need a good leader, and we are praising the Lord for Rev. and Mrs. Shutes, as pastor and wife who are a great help to us.

Stewardship Study Course Held at East Nashville

A Stewardship Study course was held on Thursday night, February 23, at the East Nashville F. W. B. Church. The lesson was taught by Rev. L. C. Johnson, President of the F. W. B. Bible College. Brother Johnson brought a wonderful message which was greatly appreciated by all present. His message filled us with an inspiration to want to do more for missions.

He read Brother Dodd's manuscript, and commented on it. He then called for comments from the audience. We had the Young Men's quartet present from the Bible College, who rendered two songs. They were greatly enjoyed. Brother Henry Melvin accompanied them at the piano.

The Woman's Auxiliary served a wonderful supper under the direction of Mrs. Ed Marshall. Mrs. C. A. Bowen called a short meeting of the auxiliary. There were seventy-two present for the study class.

This report is submitted by Mrs. O. C. Briley, Cor.-Secy.

REPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA AUXILIARY CONVENTION TREASURER

For Quarter November 20, 1949—
February 20, 1950

Brought forward -----\$ 196.32
Received from local auxiliaries
and districts for departmen-
tal and special funds:

Co-Laborer Band --\$136.79
Cragmont Assembly—
General fund ----- 7.00
Screen wire ----- 37.00

Roof repair ----- 10.00
Special drive ----- 10.00
Christian Education—
Bible School ----- 7.00
Orphanage—
General fund ----- 50.37
Sewing machines -- 5.00
Foreign Missions—
General fund ----- 212.96
India mission car --- 67.90
Gift to Zalene Lloyd 19.95
Transportation to U. S. A.—
For Laura Belle Bar-
nard ----- 84.80
Home Missions—
General fund ----- 74.47
For Raleigh Church 5.00
Superannuation—
General fund ----- 77.08
Special gift from Wo-
man's Aux. of New
Bern to four re-
tired ministers of
Eastern District - 20.00
General department 4.45

Total ----- 829.77

Grand Total -----\$1,026.09

Disbursements by Depart- ments during quarter:

Co-Laborer Band --\$136.79
Cragmont Assembly 64.00
Christian Edu. ---- 7.00
Orphanage ----- 55.37
Foreign Missions -- 385.61
Home Missions:
For report blanks - 12.00
Traveling expense of
Mrs. Evans and
Mrs. Godwin to
committee meet. - 12.05
To Raleigh Church - 5.00

Total disbursed ----- 774.90

Bal. in treas. Feb. 21, 1950 -\$ 251.19
Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Treasurer,
Winterville, N. C.

I stand with Abraham Lincoln the Great Emancipator from the slavery of man to man and of man to narcotic drugs. Furthermore, we know that alcohol is a narcotic drug which makes drunkards out of one in every 15 or 20 social drinkers.

Attend the National Association of Free Will Baptists to be held in Richmond, California, July 11-14, 1950.

The X-ray and God

He was just a little fellow, and the X-ray machine looked big and scary to a little boy. Further, he was not sure just what that strange-looking machine would do to him. The woman who was taking him to the technician tried to put him at ease by saying that the machine would take a picture of his heart, and that perhaps he could see the picture afterward.

The lad waited patiently for the picture to be completed. Finally the nurse brought it to him. He looked at it with great interest. There were his ribs, and sure enough, back of them was his heart. What a strange picture! For some moments his eyes were glued to it. But the conversation which followed was as strange to the woman looking on as the picture itself was to the boy. "I'd like to see God, please," said the boy.

The nurse was puzzled. "God?" she asked.

"Yes," said the boy, "my Sunday School teacher said God is in my heart, and I'd like to see Him, please."

There is no record of the nurse's answer to this Sunday School boy. Perhaps he thought he had been gyped! If the X-ray machine could take a picture of a boy's heart inside his body, why could not it take a picture of what was inside the heart as well?

It was a reasonable question. Yet the boy had to learn, as all of us must, that there are some things that even a wonderful X-ray machine cannot see or do, and that there is more than one meaning to the word "heart."

There is no doubt that God was in the little boy's heart. Gradually he will learn that, for a time at least, the way one sees God is by the Godlike way in which persons who believe in Him, act. He will learn the meaning of faith, and that it is by faith that we realize the presence of God in our hearts. He will learn about Christ who said, "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father."

It was a good question. We hope that both the nurse who showed the picture to the boy and the woman who took him to have it made could give him the right answer.

And we hope the boy will keep looking to see God.—The Friend.

It is difficult to acknowledge the rationality of a society which would allow advertisements to increase the use of a beverage which makes physically and mentally deteriorated slaves out of one in 20 of the users of the beverage.

We know that there are now about one million alcohol addicts and three million excessive users of alcoholic beverages in our country.

Essentials to Salvation

Eld. A. J. Jenkins, D.D.,
McArthur, Ohio

Introduction

In opposition to a great number who have already backslidden from their former belief and convictions in the essentials of salvation, I say the essentials Jesus left are still the only ones to salvation, and the Christian life. The whines and whims of the worldly church members for compromises, (so they can have Bridge parties, and other worldly amusements which they love better than the essentials, and the church, and Jesus Christ Himself) do not lower the essentials of salvation, but cause the church members to sink deeper into the slimy, dirty mire of sin.

I feel sorry for all worldly church members, those who wallow in the filthy mire of sin, and all mixed up by the Devil himself. He intends to pollute their best love, faith, courage, and real Christian experience to disqualify them as worthies for Heaven and therefore makes their souls subject for hell. I do wish I could convert them to Gospel truth, and to Jesus Christ as Saviour. If they were converted to Gospel truth, all would believe God's word to the extent that they would know that if they wanted to be saved, they could have Salvation, for God provided the blessing for all believers. If they were converted to Jesus Christ as Saviour, they would know He is the Being to seek, consequently all who desire to escape hell, and gain heaven, would seek His forgiveness. They then would enjoy His salvation, while living, and heaven when through with physical life.

Remember, Christians, James 5:20 says: "Let him know that he which converteth a soul from the error of his way, shall save a soul from death"—hell. Try converting a soul. I am sure, all such as could be converted to the Gospel truth, and to Jesus Christ as Saviour, would appreciate this service, when they get to heaven, if never before. Brother preacher, I am thoroughly convinced that a revival, long or short, which convert-

ed one soul to Gospel truth and to Jesus Christ is worth more to the church than a revival which converts worldly sinners to church membership. Try this once!

After this brief introduction, let's study together a few essentials to salvation, and a few to a successful Christian life. Christianity is not a progressive science, (but many argue it is). It is a system of divine truth, to be converted, to which has been handed down from heaven, the perfect gift of its giver, Jesus Christ the Saviour.

1. Divine Revelation: The essential to be believed about Divine revelation is a supernatural communication of truth coming from God to mankind. Supernatural means, in part, "Beyond the light and nature of man's best reason." One can believe in a God of Infinite wisdom without believing in His revealed Word, His power and Goodness; and that this revelation is to convince the intelligent, and to assure the true believer, and to enlighten the illiterate.

2. Two Opinions on the Revelation:

1. That the Holy Spirit inspired the thoughts of writers, and that those writers were left to express themselves in their own language.

2. That every word was suggested to writers by the Holy Spirit, and writers did nothing but write.

In either plan, we see God the Holy Ghost was the author of all Scriptures, and the essential thing for mankind is to believe God's Word without question, and to obey all Scripture for benefits promised in the word of God. This is all God will do for mankind, without they obey his commands and demands.

3. Man's Duty to God:

1. To Repent.

In the third chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, we learn how God inspired His servant John the Baptist at hand, repent." So it is plain that dom of heaven is at hand." When Jesus took over, after John the Baptist had been killed, He began to preach: "The Kingdom of heaven is at hand, Repent." So it is plain that for mankind the first need of today

is to repent. A man said not long ago, "I had rather die and go to hell than to repent as some do. And I said, "You are a loud-mouth now, but you won't be in hell ten seconds before (if you had a half chance) you would repent to get out." In Ephesians, 4:19, it says, "Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness."

Certainly, it is true that there are millions of people like the man just spoken off, who would rather go to hell than repent. Paul tells us why, "who being past feeling." This is the reason, "past feeling," having sinned their day of grace away. They are without any feeling leading to repentance. Let me leave this word to all who read this article: if you have a flash of conviction leading you to want to be saved, or if there is a flash of fear that you don't want to go to hell, don't wait to go to church, or don't wait to send for the preacher, but for your soul's sake while you have the flash, get on your knees and repent quick and fast.

2. Man's Duty to Confess:

Like the man mentioned above, there are women "who are past feeling." A woman past forty-two years of age, with tears dropping off her cheeks, said to me, while I was trying to persuade her to confess: "My God, preacher, I had rather die in my sins, than confess what I have done!" It is certain that, when women let the Devil lead them astray, it won't be long before they will be "past feeling." Paul says in Romans, 6:16, "Know ye not that to whom ye yield your selves to obey, his slave ye are to obey." Folks, you who are past feeling of wanting to be a Christian have no other alternative than to live in sin, die in your sins, and then go where all sinners go.

3. Man's Duties to Believe:

You would not marry a person without your believe in his or her sincerity to love and care for her. Would you? Well, you shouldn't expect God to forgive you, without you believing in Him. When the Philippian jailor asked, "What must I do to be saved," Paul said to him, and

this is for you too: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Do you want to be saved? Do you feel God's Spirit striving with you? Do you really and truly want to escape going to hell? Do you really want to go to heaven? Then, answer these questions by repenting, confessing and believing on Jesus Christ as Saviour, and He will save you now. Just now throw open the door of your heart and let Jesus come in. I will be praying for all who need salvation, and for you individually, if you let me know, I will pray that you act in good faith, and seek God's forgiveness now, Amen.

"TEN DOLLAR BILLS AT A QUARTER APIECE"

One day last year a man stood on a busy street corner in downtown St. Louis, Missouri, and offered for sale, to any of the passers-by a ten dollar bill for only twenty-five cents, or five for a dollar. There was a limit of five to a customer. All morning the man remained at his post. People came and went. Some of them turned and listened curiously, laughed outwardly at such nonsense, and hurried on. Others stopped and fingered the bills, smiled knowingly, and turned away. Others blatantly demanded an explanation for such an un-orthodox farce. No one bought any of the bills. When the morning had passed and the noon hour had come, the man went his way. That night the city newspapers ran a feature article about the incident, declaring that the bills were perfectly legal tender, and that the man was an honest citizen, and that his theory that men wouldn't buy a "pig in a poke" in this modern age had been proved beyond the shadow of a doubt. Many of those who had spurned the offer read the article with remorse. They had passed up the one and only opportunity of this kind that they would, in all probability, ever have. But it was too late now to take advantage of it.

Now, you need not be guilty of making a decision that you'll regret later. I'm not talking about ten dollar bills, at five for a dollar. I'm re-

ferring to the National Association of Free Will Baptists which convenes in Richmond, California, July 11-14, 1950.

You'd better decide now to go, for if you don't, when your friends and neighbors come back with their glowing and graphic reports of the good associational meeting, you're going to be like some of those people in the story. Too late! You'll regret.

Maybe you're thinking in terms of the cost of the trip. And that is well. But remember that you will be the recipient of blessings which will more than repay you for every cent that the trip costs. Who can place dollar valuation on such things as Christian fellowship, planning for the promotion and ongoing of the Kingdom of God, listening to the Gospel as it is preached, rehearsing the marvelous power of God with the missionaries from Cuba and India? You'll be in on all of this if you attend the National Association. And more than that, you'll have the thrill of knowing that you have sacrificed some time and money for the cause, and that you have been made to appreciate your church and her program more than ever before.

PLAN NOW TO BE PRESENT FOR THE OPENING SESSION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION IN RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, ON TUESDAY NIGHT, JULY 11, 1950.

Damon C. Dodd

An Appeal for Church Leaders to Take a Stand Against Nudists

I wonder if all ministers and Presidents of the Woman's Auxiliaries, who reads this article, would be interested in calling on their Church members to write letters to their State Senators, asking them if a law could be passed forbidding the making and selling of pictures of nude women? Also forbidding men and women going out in public with shorts on?

I think the ladies could demand our government to put a stop to such. It is a disgrace to any lady to have to pass a theatre in going to and from work, and see the bill boards that are placed around it with pictures of indecently dressed women and men.

Any body who wants respect for them-

selves and respect for other people are always dressed modest. Amen! Here, brother Minister, and Free Will Baptist Church members, would you like to have something to say on this? Well, do something about it!

I can't pass by a news stand without seeing disgraceful pictures. I think the majority of the people of this world are naked crazy.

A lady once told me that when summer came she could hardly wear cloths, it was so hot. I said to her, I wonder what people are going to do when they get to hell.

We read in the third chapter of Genesis after Eve had disobeyed God and had eaten of the fruit which God had forbidden, she gave fruit unto her husband, Adam, and he did eat. Verse seven: "And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons."

What are we going to do about it? That is proof enough that God didn't intend for people to dress immodest.

Parents of today let their children run out in the streets with barely anything on.

What are you going to do about it? Why not see if something can be done? Send petitions from your church to your State Senator.

Miss Faye Peacock,
208 South E. Ave.
Bay Harbor Sub Station
Panama City, Fla.

Conscience

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that he had not reckoned on—his own uneasy conscience!

Death gives no relief to a guilty conscience. They will not bury your sins with your body. How can grief die out of the soul which shall forever be conscious of self-imposed damnation?

What the blood of bulls, and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer could not do for a Jew in a lifetime, the blood of Jesus Christ will do for us in a moment of time! He has eternal wealth who has a good conscience.

Here is God's way out of death into eternal life: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9).—Christian Digest.

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The Faith That Sustained the Church

(Lesson for March 19)

Lesson: Acts 26:19-23; Romans 5:1-8; Hebrews 12:1-2.

Golden Text: 2 Timothy 1:12.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

The sinner must be washed from his sins, and receive Christ as his New Life before he can stand justified in the sight of God. That is why Paul in I Corinthians 6:11 uses the words: "Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified." Since God has appointed Jesus Christ to be our sanctifier, as slated in I Corinthians 1:30, it follows that cleansing from sin, and receiving Christ must precede justification. Mr. John Wesley was the first man to claim that sanctification followed justification as a second, definite work of grace. This doctrine has caused much confusion and harm to the church.

1. It is possible to choose the way of disobedience even after receiving a Heavenly vision (Acts 26:19).

2. Faith in God and repentance from sin are required of all men, Jews and Gentiles alike (vs. 20).

3. It cannot be denied that Christ's work of death and resurrection are clearly foretold in the Old Testament (vs. 22).

4. The results of Christ's death and resurrection were for the Jews, but just as much for the Gentiles (vs. 23).

5. Justification is a judicial act of God by which He declares those who believe in Christ to be free from all guilt of sin (Rom. 5:1).

6. The removal of guilt from our souls also removes the voice of an accusing conscience and gives us peace with God (vs. 1).

7. Instead of saying, "Once in grace always in grace," let us say, "Once in grace wholly in grace" (vs. 2).

8. It is possible to glory in tribula-

tion only when we know the blessed experiences into which they will lead us (vss. 3-10).

9. It is impossible to run a race successfully when encumbered by any unnecessary weights (Heb. 12:1).

10. The same Jesus who started us in the life of faith will be there at the finish of that life (vs. 2).—Selected.

11. Just as a stranger could come into the presence of a monarch only through one close to the king who would introduce him, so it is through Christ that we have access into God's presence and favor. **this grace**—This new spiritual condition which God has bestowed as a free gift. **rejoice in hope**, etc.—"We rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God" RSV, that is, in sharing the glory of God's heavenly kingdom.—Arnold's Commentary.

12. Hope which grows out of faith in Christ moves believers to speak and act with courage for their Lord and Saviour. They are not ashamed of Him and His cause, and can say with Paul, **I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ** (Romans 1:16). It is the love of God in the hearts of God's people, placed there by the Holy Spirit and sustained by Him, that moves them to toil and suffer for Him. (vs. 5).—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

13. Each person has his own race to run, his own life to live, for no one else can do that for him, therefore, he is held responsible before God for the way he runs this race before the world. For a person to run this race successfully, he must have Christ in his heart and the guidance of the Holy Spirit with him; he can not be victorious over sin and the Devil by trying to live the clean life without God because he will fail if he leaves Christ out of his life. Now note what the apostle says in the very next verse (Heb. 12:1).—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

II. The Lesson Illustrated

The Christian's Ruby Ring

One of our kings once gave a ring to his favorite, and said to him, "I know that at the council tomorrow a charge of heresy will be brought against you; but, when you come in, answer them if you will, but you need

be in no fear; if you find yourself brought to a strait, simply show them the ring, and they will go no further."

It is even so with us; the Lord has given us the precious blood of Christ to be like a ruby ring upon our finger, and now we know how far conscience may go, and how far accusations from Satan may go; we have only to produce that token and bar all further proceedings. "He that believeth on him is not condemned," neither can he be.

The other day, when I was inquiring about the welfare of a certain congregation, my informant told me that there had been few additions to the church, although the minister was a man of ability and industry. Furthermore, he let me see the reason for the failure, for he added, "I have attended them for several years, and during all that time I do not remember having heard a sermon on the sacrifice of Christ. The atonement is not denied, but it is left out." If this be so, what is to become of our churches? If the light of the atonement is put under a bushel, the darkness will be dense.—Spurgeon's Illustrative Anecdotes.

To Arkansas Free Will Baptists

This is to remind the Free Will Baptists of the State of Arkansas concerning our Foreign Mission Quota. The mercury stands, on February the first, at \$282.95. May all of us work hard and reach the goal. I am sure that we want our director and messengers to be able to hold their heads up when our report is being read. Please do not let us down.

Your director,
Elder Wayne Tucker,
Peach Orchard, Ark.

ANNOUNCEMENT

We would like for those churches that are planning to use Chester A. Huckaby in revival meetings between now and October the first, 1950, to please notify him as soon as they decide on the evangelist, that he may complete his schedule of evangelistic meetings. His address is: Rev. Chester A. Huckaby, 1513 22nd Street, Phenix City, Alabama.—Editor

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NEWS FROM TEXAS

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now clean through the Word which He has spoken to them. Their sins have been removed and will be remembered against them no more. Old things have passed away. Behold, all things are become new. But the battle has just begun. Christ is aware of the fact that Satan will not leave them alone, so he gives instructions relative to the task of keeping clean. Those who have experienced the new birth, tasted of the heavenly gift, been made partakers of the Holy Ghost and tasted the good Word of God, and the powers of the world to come, will do well to heed these instructions.

In verse four, Christ tells his disciples to abide in Him. How necessary this is. Abiding in Christ, we are given power to overcome the temptations thrown in our path by Satan. A born again Christian should have a desire to see souls born into the Kingdom of God. Abiding in Christ is a prerequisite to fruit bearing. The branch that is broken off the vine can bear no fruit. The branches who are Christians abiding in the Vine which is Christ bringeth forth much fruit, but without Him we can do nothing. Only by abiding in Christ, can we discharge our responsibility to God, to our church, and to our fellowman.

If we abide in Christ, we may ask what we will and it will be done unto us. Of course this promise was primarily to the disciples who were present but this also applies to Christians of today. Is not that a wonderful promise? Who on earth beside Christians have this Promise? Could the Mohammedans, Confucianists, Taoists, or any other sect boast of such promise from their gods?

And then Christ said in John 15:8 that in fruit bearing, we glorified God and so we should be His disciples. Bearing fruit for Christ gives one assurance of discipleship. It also gives one confidence in the authority and power of the Word of God. It makes one say boldly, "Thus saith the Lord." A Christian has the assurance and the confidence when he becomes a Christian but he de-

sires confirmation of this over and over. I know of no better way to receive this confirmation than by winning precious souls for Jesus Christ, our Saviour. When we are working for the Master in this capacity, we can feel His cleansing power day by day.

Again in verse nine, we are exhorted to, "continue ye in my love." How are we to do this? The answer is found in verse ten. "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love." If we love Jesus, we will keep His commandments. Jesus kept the commandments of His Father and abides in His love. In keeping the commandments of Christ, we feel the daily inward cleansing. Christ wants to keep our lives and hearts clean but the matter is in the hand of the individual. If we let Christ keep our heart clean, we may reach the peak of Christian joy. Our joy is full as spoken by Christ in verse eleven.

"... love one another as I have loved you." This is the command given by Christ in verse twelve. Let's love each other, pray with and for each other and all serve in one great united effort that His Kingdom may come.

TEXAS YOUTH ENCAMPMENT

The State League Board of Directors, Rev. Noah Tuttle, Rev. Troy Lee McDonald, and Mrs. H. Ray Berry, met at Henderson, Texas, January 21, 1950, to lay plans for the Texas State Free Will Baptist Encampment to be held at Pineywoods Baptist Encampment, Woodlake, Texas, August 13th-19th.

The following organizations are to participate in the encampment: Ministers Institute; League; Women's Auxiliary; and Sunday School Convention. The Sunday School Convention is tentatively scheduled for Thursday of the week, and League Conference for Friday. Daily classes are to be conducted in all phases of the work, including Soul Winning (by our National Secretary, Rev. D. Dodd) Bible Doctrine, and Bible Story Telling.

The League Board is requesting that each Quarterly Meeting strive to make a Love Offering of at least

fifty dollars (\$50.00) to the encampment to enable more children to attend. A longer week is scheduled this year than last, but it is hoped the Camper's fee will not have to exceed the \$9.00 each paid last year. (It might be added here that two Q. M. have already pledged theirs.)

Each local League in Texas is asked to conduct a poster contest advertising the encampment in the home church. The judges are to be the General Director, Assistant Director, and General Secretary. With first prize being a "free week" at the camp, paid for by the local league.

The various State Boards of Directors, as elected at the State Association in Fort Worth in November are to be responsible for their own phases of work in the encampment. For further information and planning contact Rev. N. G. Tuttle, 1710 Fifth Avenue, Ft. Worth, Chairman of the League Board; or Rev. N. Bruce Barrow, 109 S. Baylor St., Bryan, Camp Director; or Mrs. H. Ray Berry, 1031 E. 114th St., Houston, Camp Registrar.

Texas Itinerary, June-July

Dear Texas Free Will Baptists:

Our plans are to have itinerary work done in the state of Texas during June and the first part of July. We plan to have one of our own Texas boys and his wife do this work. They are very much interested in Foreign Missions and plan to become missionaries to Japan.

The itinerary will be scheduled as nearly as possible as follows:

Texas Association—June 4-17

West Fork Association—June 18-July 2

North West Brazos Ass'n—July 3-7

South East Texas Ass'n—July 8-10

Central Texas Ass'n—July 12-19

If any church has a preference of date, please advise us of your first, second and third choice of such date. Unless we hear from you to the contrary, our worker will arrange his itinerary as given above.

An offering will be taken at the close of each service and will be duly receipted and turned in to the Treasurer of the Texas Foreign Mission Board who will in turn transmit it to the National Office.

Yours in His Service,

J. M. Goode,
Gaston Clary.

We know that about 70 per cent of drunkards started to drink during their teen age.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

The Threshing Machine

George H. Clement

"Father, what's that noise over at that barn," asked Ross, as they drove slowly along a country road.

"Oh, they are threshing!" replied his father. "Would you like to see them?"

"Yes!" chorused Ross and his sister Jean, "we surely would!"

So Mr. Mackie drove up the lane and they all got out at the barn. The several farmers who were busily at work hardly glanced their way as they continued to feed the huge threshing machine. They were used to city folk stopping to watch them harvest the grain.

"See over in that field of oats," directed Mr. Mackie, "those large wagons are gathering up the sheaves. They'll be lining up behind these other two wagons waiting their turn to toss the sheaves into that conveyor which takes it into the threshing machine."

"What are those men doing down below with those sacks?" asked Jean.

"That is where the grain is coming down," explained her father, "it has been beaten from the sheaves; and the straw is being blown out over there;" he pointed to a long funnel out of which the straw was flying unto a huge mound.

They stood there for the longest while and watched with the greatest interest the farmers at work harvesting the precious grain. After awhile the grain conveyor was placed inside the barn and they could see men up there shoveling the oats into large bins, while the chaff was blown into the barnyard.

Mrs. Mackie spoke up: "That threshing machine reminds me of the Judgment Day," she exclaimed.

"How is that?" asked the other three, almost together.

"Well, on the last day God is going to send His reapers, the angels, into the world, and they shall sort out the chaff from the wheat. The wheat shall be stored in God's Heavenly barn, and the chaff shall be cast out to be burned," she explained.

"I guess you have been studying the parables," said Mr. Mackie, "but it strikes me that this harvest scene brings to mind many verses of Scripture. That farmer I was just chatting with said that last year he had a whole field of grain rot in the field because he couldn't get any help to harvest it. But this year he says that help is more plentiful; and it certainly looks like it too, when I count all these fellows helping here today. But when I think of so many fields across the sea where the harvest is white and ready to be gathered, I

can hear the words of Jesus again saying: "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few: Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest." My! if there were only willing workers in God's great fields there would be so many less heathen, who, like that farmer's last-year-crop of grain, would perish."

"When I get home, Mother," exclaimed Jean, "I'm going to look up in my concordance the verses of Scripture that speak of the harvest."

She did, and here are a few of the verses that she found. Would you like to look them up too?

Genesis 8:22; Proverbs 6:8; 10:5; Jeremiah 8:20; Joel 1:11; 3:13; Matthew 9:37, 38; 13:30, 39; John 4:35; Revelation 14:15; Galatians 6:7-9.

BOOK REVIEW

"VICTORY OVER SUFFERING"

By William Gouloze

Publisher: Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Michigan.

Date: 1949; Price, \$2.00.

The author has written this book for the consolation of the sick and suffering, the aged and infirm, and for the sorrowing and the bereaved. It contains a great many testimonials of sufferers, of despondent persons, and of troubled souls who found consolation, peace of heart and blessed assurance in trusting in God. It is a welcome gift for the home, the hospital, sanitoriums, reformatories, penal institutions, etc.

Place orders either with the Publisher, or with the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C.

"MY SERMON NOTES ON

THE LORD'S PRAYER"

By Rev. William P. Van Wyk

Publisher: Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Mich.

Date: 1949; Price, \$1.50.

The author has given, in simple outline, useful sermon notes on the Lord's Prayer. The importance of prayer is the central theme, interestingly treated. For ministers, mothers, Sunday School teachers, the Young People's Leagues, and the Woman's Auxiliaries of the church, it will be useful and helpful in their Christian devotions and spiritual services.

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Second Union of Central Conference Report

The second Union Meeting District of the Central Conference of N. C. met with Sweet Gum Grove, Pitt County, Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in January, 1950. The meeting was opened by the new moderator, Rev. C. J. Harris. Miss Emogene Nobles led in devotions. Rev. M. A. Woodard led in prayer.

The uniform theme for the day was Stewardship. Rev. Allen Bryan spoke on the Meaning and Motive of Stewardship. Business discussion followed this message concerning the serving of two dinners—one at the Union and one at the Convention. However, it was declared the Union had no authority whatsoever over the Convention, and the matter was tabled indefinitely.

Other topics of great interest on the program were, "Stewardship of Personal Influence" which was very well explained by Rev. D. W. Alexander, and "The Stewardship of Time and Talent," given by Mrs. Marvin Moore.

Rev. R. B. Crawford led the congregation in song. An offering was taken for the Orphanage amounting to \$47.70. Prayer of thanks was offered by Rev. D. W. Hansley.

Our Union Sermon topic was God's "Stewardship Plan for Our Progress." Rev. Hansley preached the sermon.

Rev. J. E. Wooten dismissed us for lunch which was served very nicely in the adjoining building. At 1:00 we reassembled with Brother Johnny Humbles leading in devotions. After this Mrs. N. A. Clark delivered a message on "A Balanced Stewardship Program for the Local Church." The Union voted to submit her talk to the F. W. B. Paper for publication.

The Pleasant Hill Choir was present and entertained us by singing both quartet and choir numbers.

The following business was transacted.

Brother Clarence Little was accepted in our Union as a Licensed Minister. The Treasurer's report was accepted as follows:

Total received -----\$234.94

Disbursements

To Clerk -----	10.00
To Needy Ministers -----	71.50
To Orphanage (Col.) -----	47.60
To Orphanage (appor.) -----	38.68
To Cragmont Assembly -----	9.67
To Christian Education -----	9.67
To Missions (F. and H.) -----	9.67
To Superannuation -----	9.67
To Church Finance Assn. Inc. -----	9.67
To State Promotional work -----	9.67
To D. W. Alexander (Trip to meeting of Church Finance Assn. -----	5.80
Total paid out -----	\$231.60
Bal. on hand -----	3.34

Bro. R. B. Crawford led in a round table discussion, "Experience through Steward-

ship Endeavors." Several others joined him in this discussion.

Ministers attending the Union were C. J. Harris, D. W. Alexander, Allen Bryan, M. A. Woodard, R. B. Crawford, J. E. Wooten, Clarence Little, and D. W. Hansley from the Third Union, Eastern Conference.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to Sweet Gum Grove church for their kindness shown the Union. We adjourned to meet with Piney Grove, Pitt County, next time.

Rev. C. J. Harris, Mod.
Mrs. Guy Corbett, Clerk

Treasurer's Report

Semi-Annual report of Treasurer to National Superannuation Board of Free Will Baptists, June 30, 1949, through December 31, 1949 Balance brought forward June 30, 1949 ----- \$6089.41

Receipts

Alabama -----	\$ 39.15
Georgia -----	47.14
Michigan -----	38.35
North Carolina -----	809.47
Missouri -----	5.50
Woman's National Conv. --	38.30
Prem. on Applications --	264.47
Refund from Ministers' Life and Casualty Union -----	1.10

Total Receipts ----- 1,243.48

Total receipts plus balance ----- \$7,332.89

Disbursements

Ministers' Life and Casualty Union for Premiums and Applications --	\$443.66
Secretarial service -----	60.00
Promotional work -----	80.50
Refund to Daniel Cronk on Application turned back by Ins. Company --	16.00

Total ----- 600.16

Bal. in Treasury Dec. 31, 1949 -- \$6,732.73

Signed:

J. O. Fort, Secy.-Treas.,
National Superannuation of
Free Will Baptists

Superannuation Report

The following is the report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the N. C. State Convention of Free Will Baptists for January, 1950.

Receipts

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1950 ----	\$1,929.24
Regular receipts for Jan. -----	112.30
Receipts for N. C. only, in Jan. --	13.20

Total to account for ----- \$2,054.74

Disbursements

Paid to Superannuated ministers -----	\$292.50
Operating expense ----	28.67
National Board -----	20.97

Total Disbursements -- \$342.08 \$ 342.08

Balance Feb. 1, 1950 ----- \$1,712.66

(Note: The allocations already approved for balance of year \$3,127.50 need to meet the demands for balance of this year \$1,414.84.

Receipts Itemized

First Western S. S. Conv. -----	\$ 5.90
Gum Swamp S. S. -----	3.00

Union Grove (Wayne Co.) -----	25.00
Piedmont Association -----	9.30
Spring Hill -----	10.00
Rock Fish Association -----	9.30
Friendship (Johnston Co.) -----	1.00
Free Union Leagues -----	3.00
Roberts Grove S. S. -----	1.00
Davis -----	5.00
Core Creek S. S. -----	9.30
Rose Hill (for N. C. only) -----	13.20
Reedy Branch S. S. -----	5.00
Goldsboro -----	8.50
Smith's New Home Aux. -----	5.00
Pine Level -----	7.00
Rose of Sharon S. S. -----	3.00
Sts. Delight S. S. -----	2.00

M. L. Johnson,
Chairman-Treasurer

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Second Union Report of Western N. C. Conference

The Second Union of the Western North Carolina Conference convened with Mount Zion Church on January 28, 1950. The union opened at ten o'clock with congregational singing. The devotional service was conducted by Luther Manning, and the welcome address was by Mrs. Alvin Matthews. Response was delivered by Rev. D. Bisette. The usual temperance committees were appointed, and the minutes of the last union were read and approved. The list of ministers was then called, and three ministers were present. The union voted to cancel Rev. James A. Evans' name from this union as he is now in the first union of the Western Conference.

The union sermon was delivered by Rev. D. Bisette. An offering was taken for the orphanage to the amount of \$21.49. The union was then dismissed for lunch.

After having enjoyed a fine dinner on the church grounds, the people re-assembled in the church for the afternoon business. The devotions were conducted by Rev. H. L. Howard, and the list of churches was called with 16 responding. The various committees made their reports which were adopted. The total money raised from the various churches was \$53.50. The disbursements were as follows:

Incidental expenses -----	\$ 6.00
To Mrs. Richardson -----	3.00
To Mrs. G. W. Ferrell -----	3.00
Missions -----	5.00
Superannuation -----	5.00
Education -----	5.00
Orphanage -----	25.00
Drawn from the treasury (for Mrs. J. F. Parrish) --	5.00

The total money received from the various churches for this union was -----\$53.50
 The total in the treasury ---- 25.60

Total -----\$79.10
 Total paid out -----\$58.50

Balance in the treasury -----\$20.60
The committees for the next union:

Sunday School, Z. C. Bisette
 Temperance, Rev. D. Bisette
 Education, Charlie Harrell
 Missions, W. T. Obrine
 Auxiliary, Mrs. Alvin Matthews

A standing vote of thanks was extended to Mount Zion Church for the kind hospitality shown this union. The next union will meet with Rock Springs Church, Nash County, on April 29, 1950. The meeting closed with song and prayer.

Bro. Luther Bisette, Moderator,
 T. W. Stencil, Secy.-Treas.

THE HOME LIFE OF A FISH

I had twelve bottles of whiskey in my cellar, and my wife told me to empty the contents of each and every bottle down the sink "or else." So I said I would and proceeded with the unpleasant task. I withdrew the cork from the first bottle and poured the contents down the sink, with the exception of one glass, which I drank. I extracted the cork from the second bottle and did likewise, with the exception of one glass, which I drank. I then drew the cork from the third bottle and emptied the good old booze down the sink, except a glass which I drank. I pulled the cork from the fourth sink and poured the bottle down the glass, which I drank. I pulled the bottle from the cork of the next and drank one sink out of it and poured the rest down the glass. I pulled the sink out of the next glass and poured the cork down the bottle. I pulled the next cork out of my throat and poured the sink down the bottle and drank the glass. Then I corked the sink with glass, bottled the drink and drank the pour. When I had everything emptied, I steadied the house with one hand and counted the bottles and corks and glasses with the other, which were twenty-nine. To make sure, I counted again when they came by and I had seventy-four, and as the house came by I counted them again, and finally I had all the houses and bottles and corks and glasses counted except one bottle and one house, which I drank.—Unknown.

NOTES AND QUOTES

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death, but this impostor knocks them down." What I said about this one is true of all of that class that I have investigated. I have actually known patients, who believe in and follow such false prophets, to say, "My child was healed," when the child's feet and legs were just as deformed as ever. I have known them to leave their crutches at the feet of the performer, later had to get them back or get more.

Christ never piled up crutches and canes and advertised "healing meetings," nor bragged on himself for his heading power. I went to see one man that the false prophet said was healed, and he advertised such as true, but when I found the fellow he was dragging his paralyzed fool and limb.

I Believe

Yes, I believe in "Divine Healing" because the Bible teaches it; and I have been healed in answer to prayer, by the servants of the Lord, and as I met the Lord's plan. I did not have to sign a card to get a chance to get through the line. There was no one ahead of me in the line but Christ who said, "If you ask any thing in my name, I will do it" (John 14:14).

Southwood League Grows

Herbert Richards
 1306 Clark Street
 Brownwood, Texas

A Free Will Baptist League was organized in the Southside F. W. B. Church, Comanche, Texas, in November, 1949, with a membership of five children and seven adults. Since the organization, the league has grown in interest and membership. We now have ten members in the Intermediate department, and twelve members in the Adult class. There were about as many visitors in both departments as there are members. The Flannelgraph is being used effectively in the intermediate class.

The league is under the direction of Mrs. Herbert Richards, as General President, and the intermediate teacher. A. B. Benson is the president of the adult class. June Bachman is the general treasurer.

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The Hindered Christ

Alice J. Nichols

The Lord Christ wanted a tongue one day
To speak a message of cheer
To a heart that was weary, worn and sad,
And weighed with doubt and fear.
He asked me for mine, but 'twas busy quite
With my own affairs from morn till night.

The Lord Christ wanted a hand one day
To do a loving deed;
He wanted two feet, on an errand for Him
To run with gladsome speed.
But I had need of my own that day;
To His gentle beseeching I answered "Nay!"

So all that day I used my tongue,
My hands, and my feet as I chose.
I said some hasty, bitter words
That hurt one heart, God knows.
I busied my hands with worthless play,
And my wilful feet went a crooked way.

And the dear Lord Christ—was His work undone
For lack of a willing heart?
It is through men that He speaks to men.
His men must do their part.
He may have used another that day—
But I wish I had let Him have His way.

—Missionary Tidings.

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This means that alcoholic intoxication resulted in the injury of more people during the years of the war than were injured in all of our Armed Forces during the years of the war.

We know that the only difference between morphine on the one hand and alcohol on the other is that alcohol is less habit forming than morphine.

Happiness is a passing virtue. Joy is a Divinely-instilled characteristic.—R.

DOCTRINE

Thomas H. Dixon
Checotah, Oklahoma

When we begin to discuss doctrine, some think we mean some man made theory, but I don't mean that at all. Jesus taught doctrine. "When Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine" (Matt. 7:28). There is a way to know his doctrine. "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself" (John 7:17). Note please, if any one that will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine. You may have heard men say, well, I don't know which church has the truth, they all claim to have it. The local church will not save any one. Jesus meant what he said, and the way for us to know his doctrine is to do his will. Yes, and the way to do his will is to accept him, form acquaintance with him, and have fellowship with him. A man must know his Master to do his will. If men want to join some organic body, I think it would be well, but don't depend on the organization to save you. "And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes" (Mark 1:22). Yes, he had the authority from his Father. He taught them, but not as scribes.

The scribes, and Pharisees had a doctrine, but the question is what kind of a doctrine did they have? Hear what the Master said to them: "Woe unto you, scribes, and Pharisees, hypocrites, for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves" (Matt. 23:15). Sure, the Pharisees had a doctrine to proselyte men and make them twofold more children of hell than were they themselves. Those are the men that Jesus warned the disciples against.

The doctrine that Jesus taught would bring peace to the homes of the people. He said, "My peace I give unto you, my peace I leave with you. And they were all amazed, inasmuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? What new doctrine is this?

for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him" (Mark 1:27). The doctrine that Jesus taught was somewhat astonishing, for he went right into the synagogue without being asked. No man had ever come with such power as Jesus did. Yes, he proved his doctrine by his works. He raised the dead, opened the blinded eyes, cleansed the lepers, spake to the wind, and it obeyed him. His doctrine was so different, for of all others, even in his trial, the high priest asked of his doctrine. Not only did the high priest want to know just about Jesus himself, but also his disciples. Christ did not only do these things, but he gave power to his disciples to do them. The high priest then asked Jesus of his disciples, and of his doctrine. Jesus answered him, "I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing" (John 18:19-20). "Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass: Because I will publish the name of the Lord: ascribe ye greatness unto our God" (Deuteronomy 32:1-3).

Somebody will preach the doctrine. The prophet said it would drop as the rain. Tender herbs need rain to make them grow. Note, the comparison of the doctrine to the rain fall. Yes, when the grass looks as though it was almost dead, but let a few showers of rain come and in a few hours you see the grass straighten up, and begin to grow. So it is with Christians, when they get cold and in a lukewarm condition and happen to go to church, and hear a real sermon, they wake up then, for they can feel that they can do better, yes, grow in grace, and do works for the Master.

"Whom shall he teach knowledge?

and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts" (Isa. 28:9).

The apostle Peter informs us that those who need the milk are young, newborn babes. Well, I think we should not always be on milk. Hear the Apostle:

"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious" (First Peter 2:2-3).

"Now I beseech you brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them." (First Cor. 16:17).

The church of God had a rule, and they who knew the true doctrine was admonished by the apostle to avoid them that caused divisions contrary to the doctrine. The 18th verse of the above mentioned chapter says: "For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple."

Note, that they could speak good words, and make fair speeches. Not every one that says Lord, Lord, shall enter into the city of God. They had false prophets among them, and we have them in our midst today, and may we preach the doctrine of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee" (First Tim. 4:16).

To know the doctrine men must study the Bible, and what Paul said to Timothy is good for us ministers in this age. First, he said, "take heed unto thyself." He wanted Timothy to be sure he was right himself, and then he could preach the doctrine. What it took then to

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NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

What Next?

As we read of the dastardly crimes and cases of high adultery, and fornication, rape, murder, gambling and so-called religious bodies sponsoring dances and moving toward ever baser living, we are made to ask the question **WHAT NEXT?**

The base and adulterous act of Ingrid Bergman and Roberto Rosselini is another outburst of sin and shame brought on humanity by the acts of sinful and degraded minds of Movie Stars. The whole story is so full of degeneracy and lustful immorality that a Christian should be ashamed to stick his head in a theater where pictures are shown by such sin-loving, filth producing, servants of Satan. Hollywood is known for its adulterous life of shame, but this case has climaxed everything that has ever been brought to light, according to my mind. Of course, there is no doubt that there are a great many other cases just as base and sinful that are still under the cover. We are not surprised at anything that comes out of Hollywood. I consider it to be fully equal to Sodom and Gomorrah in sin and shame.

Daring Adultery

According to the Bible, and I believe every word of it, the case of these movie stars is the most daring and the most public ever given, in which both seem to be happy over their illegal love affair. Paul says: "For the woman which hath a husband is bound by the law to her husband so 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 the law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man" (Romans 7:2, 3).

According to confessions and according to the birth of the child born to this couple, adultery has been openly set forth. Webster says adultery is "Sexual commerce by a married person with one who is not his or her wife or husband." So, according to language and according to the Bible, Ingrid Bergman is an adulteress and Roberto Rosselini is an adulterer. But with all this sin and shame there are people who will patronize and run wild to the theater to see the pictures produced by these agents of Satan.

Their Plans

According to the news reports, Ingrid and Rosselini had planned to cover up, as far as possible, the identity of the illegal child by the method of name, the plan being to list her boy Robert Ingman, son of Ingrid Bergman, father unknown. Notice "father unknown." Perhaps that could have been true in some cases around Hollywood. The news says that "this course decided upon to safeguard Bergman's custody of the baby, because at the time she was still Lindstrom's wife.

Rosselini's Hopes and Pride

Rosselini hopes eventually to marry Ingrid in a church ceremony—in addition to the civil ceremony. They have agreed that the boy "shall be baptized and brought up in the Catholic church." It is a question as to whether the Roman Catholic church will turn from its custom of marriage of the divorced couples to making this outstanding case legal in the church. Already one official report has come out from Rome, saying, "He that is without sin let him cast the first stone," quoting the Bible. But facts are facts and you do not have to judge in this case, for you can quote more Bible, which says, "the tree is known by the fruit it bears," and the birth of an illegal child is open adultery. Now, may we notice another quotation: "Rosselini proudly announced that he was the father of the child and that he and Miss Bergman would marry as soon as the divorce came through." Now notice and I quote: "They fell in love while working together as star and

director in the picture, 'Stromboli.'"

Rosselini was a guest in the home of Dr. Lindstrom while the picture was in the making, which shows the undermining and the stealing of the love of another man's wife, and while living as the guest of the man, by whom he was sheltered.

CHRISTIANS, can you endorse Hollywood and the rotten adulterous life of the movie stars? There may be some virtuous lives, but there are so many who are steeped in sin, adultery and fornication. To stay away from evil, I stopped the patronizing of the Hollywood crowd thirty-five years ago, when the Holy Ghost whipped me to my knees for going to see a picture that was classed as "religious," but it portrayed adultery. I never saw an apology made, nor anything that would show repentance for the act of adultery. So, I stopped going because the Holy Ghost taught me that it was wrong.

Good Pictures

Yes there are good pictures. I saw a picture, on testing, by a salesman, picturing a great deal of the Bible. This man wanted to rent the picture to me for my work, so he showed it in his place of business. But when I read that it was produced by Hollywood stars, I turned it down, and my reason was that the Devil cannot produce a picture for the glory of God.

There are good religious pictures, let me repeat, but you seldom ever see one in a theater. I am not against good religious or educational (the right kind of education) pictures.

What Can We Do About It?

Some time ago I was showing the pictures of our Orphanage at Middlesex which portrays the activities of the Institution and I was informed,, of its being Saturday night and that the people had gone to a show in the local community. Here was my answer: "We have a service in which pictures are shown for the glory of God." The devil has a show where the ideals of Satan and his "imps" are shown. The church can out show the Devil if men will take ad-

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A Good Sunday School Worker



Bobby E. Carraway

Bobby Eugene Carraway, of Tabernacle F. W. B. Church, Coward, South Carolina, has been present in Sunday School for

fourteen months. He is a member of the Junior Class. He is an active Leaguer and a Sunbeam. Bobby is seven years old, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Carraway. Mr. Carraway is the secretary of the Sunday School, and Mrs. Carraway is teacher of the Primary Class.

Bobby has an older sister, Ella Mae, who has been present for Sunday School for fourteen months. She is secretary and treasurer of the Girls' Auxiliary, and also the program leader for the Sunday night Young Folks League.

We are indeed thankful for this Christian family who are so devoted to this church. Please join us in prayer that God will continue to bless them and that our church will grow in His grace, and be a blessing to those who attend its services.

Ella McAllister
Cowder, South Carolina,
Route 1, Box 184-A

San Bernardino Stirred for Christ

The nineteenth day "Life Begins" revival campaign of San Bernardino, California, which closed on November 27, 1949, was acclaimed the greatest the city has witnessed in over forty years. More than thirty churches united with the Christian Business Men's Committee to bring Dr. Hyman J. Appelman and Homer Britton, his singer, to the great Swing Auditorium at the National Orange Show Grounds.

The meeting was pronounced a success in every respect. The crowds were excellent, the smallest going beyond 2500. The budget was swiftly raised. Local newspapers gave wide-spread publicity to the campaign both before and during the meeting. Rev. Homer Britton's messages in music thrilled the great audiences and the combined chorus choir of over two hundred voices, under his capable direction, was a blessing and inspiration to all who attended.

The results were truly God honoring, with more than 800 professions of faith, besides scores of rededications. Christians and churches as a whole were stirred to greater evangelistic endeavors and are asking, "When can we have another campaign?" One Jew and two Jewesses (mother and daughter) were won to Christ. A prominent Greek merchant was saved. The Number One staff photographer of one of the local newspapers was gloriously converted and gave this witness to his salvation over and over again: "I'll never cease to praise God every chance I get and to wit-

ness for my Jesus whose blood made me whole."

All the churches of the city cancelled their own Thanksgiving Day programs in order to unite in one gigantic Thanksgiving Day Rally in the auditorium.

Much of the success of the campaign, county-wide in scope, which was initiated by the Christian Business Men's Committee of San Bernardino more than a year and a half in advance, can be credited to the aggressive, earnest, pre-campaign preparation which included city-wide mid-week prayer meetings in the co-operating churches, men's prayer sessions help from 7:00 to 7:30 each morning in the First Presbyterian Church, and scores of cottage prayer meetings throughout the city. Pastors and laymen alike co-operated whole-heartedly and tirelessly with the evangelist's advance representative, W. A. Green, and with the capable Chairmen, Rev. Clyde A. Rhone, pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene of San Bernardino. They all had one purpose and goal to win the lost of their city and county to the Lord Jesus Christ.—Sel.

A Correction

The next meeting of the Carteret County Union Meeting, April 29, will convene with Sound View Church, Newport, N. C., instead of Edward's Chapel."

Mrs. Weldon Fulcher, Clerk.

Attend the National Association of Free Will Baptists to be held in Richmond, California, July 11-14, 1950.

HE IS MY STAY

"The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower."
—Psalm 18:2.

I have a stay to lean upon
That never wavers to and fro;
One I can always lean upon
That will not fail I know.

No matter how the storms may rage
Nor how the winds may blow,
It's just as firm and steady now
As a thousand years ago.

It does not even tremble
When the highest billows rol,
But gives support-unsurpassed
To my burdened, weary soul.

It's none other but Christ Jesus
The man of Galilee,
Who took my sins upon Himself
And bore them on Calvary.

I know I can trust Him
Oh, what a friend is He!
A refuge, guide and hiding place
And a stay in time of need.

He never is too busy
To hear my burdened plea,
"Lord, help me o'er this weary way"
Though so unworthy I be.

And sometimes, when it seems to me
I'm in the 'midst of darkest night,
I know not where nor when to turn
For I see no ray of light.

'Tis then again I'm made to know
There is no other stay—
Except, the Master, for no matter the night
He knows and leads the way.

Yes, He knows when I am weary,
And every heartbreak, tear and care;
But Praise His Matchless Name!
He will every burden bear.

Mrs. Delsie I. Waters,
Pine Town, N. C.

A Great Revival

There'd be a great revival
If Christians all would pray;
Each in his heart believing
And put all doubt away.

There'd be a great revival
Like the day of Pentecost;
If Christians' hearts were burdened
As they should be for the lost.

There'd be a great revival
Such as none have known before;
If Christians really wanted
A revival I am quite sure.

—Julia S. Hyers

The Parable . . . OF THE TOBACCO SEED

Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened to a grain of tobacco seed, which though exceedingly small, being cast into the ground grew and became a great plant, and spread its leaves rank and broad, so the huge vile worms formed a habitation thereon. And it came to pass in the course of time that the sons of men looked upon it and thought it beautiful and much desired to make lads big and manly. So they put forth their hands and took it and did chew thereof. And some it made sick and others to vomit most filthily.

And it further came to pass that those that chewed it became weak and unmanly and said: "We are enslaved and cannot cease from chewing it!" And the mouths of all those who were enslaved became foul, and they were seized with violent spitting, and they did spit, even in the ladies' parlors, and in the house of the Lord. And the saints of the Most High were greatly plagued thereby. And in the course of time it came to pass that others snuffed it and they were taken suddenly with fits, and they did sneeze with great sneezes inasmuch as their eyes were red and filled with tears, and they did look exceedingly silly. And others cunningly wrought the leaves into rolls and did set fire to the one end thereof and did look very grave and cafflike as they vehemently sucked at the other end thereof. And the smoke of their torment ascended up like a fog.

And the cultivation thereof became a great and mighty business in the earth; and the merchants waxed rich by the commerce thereof, and it came to pass that the professed saints of the Most High defiled themselves therewith. Even the poor who could not buy bread, nor books, nor shoes for their little ones, spent money for it. And the Lord was greatly displeased therewith, for the Word says: "Wherefore do you spend money for that which is not bread? I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit 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" (Rom. 12:1; I Corinthians 6:19-20). But with one accord they exclaimed: "We cannot cease from chewing, spitting, snuffing, and puffing!"

Oh! ye professed followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, will ye be slaves of a nasty, poisonous weed? One is your Master, even Christ! Amen!

—Author Unknown.

When you see some one tried or burdened, do not add to their weight by coolly slighting them, but give them a tender word, a hearty handshake, a winsome smile.—R.

WHAT ONE CENT CAN DO

Son of one of the chiefs of Burdwan was converted by a single tract. He could not read, but he went to Rangoon, a distance of 250 miles; a missionary's wife taught him to read, and in forty-eight hours he could read the tract through. He took a basket full of tracts, and with much difficulty preached the Gospel at his own home, and was the means of converting hundreds to God. He was a man of influence; the people flocked to hear him, and in one year 1,500 natives were baptized in Arracan as members of the church. And all this through one little tract! That tract cost one cent. Oh, whose cent was it? God only knows. Perhaps it was the mite of some little girl—perhaps the well-earned offering of some little boy. Yet, what a blessing it has been!—Publisher Unknown.

WHEN WE PRAY

W. J. CARSWELL

When we pray, there is strength
For each definite task;
There is power, at length,
To each one who will ask.

When we pray, we have peace
In the hearts that were torn
By troubles and trials
That long had been borne.

When we pray, we have comfort
That none can bestow
But Him who has power
To scatter our woe.

When we pray, there's release
From the care and the fret
That our energies waste
And our ives so beset.

When we pray, the temptation
With which we were pressed
Is a foe from whose power
Our souls we can wrest.

When we pray, there is wisdom,
Discretion, and grace;
There is love for one's neighbor;
There's a light on the face.

When we pray, God's own Word
Appears in new beauty,
To tell of His truth,
Of salvation, and duty.

These blessings, so gracious,
May be ours day by day,
If indeed and in truth
We believe, when we pray.

—The Christian Index.

The National Directory

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: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

REV. D. W. ALEXANDER TO VISIT AUXILIARIES IN INTEREST OF BAPTIST PAPER

Brother D. W. Alexander, president of the Board of Directors of the Press, was chosen in a recent Board meeting of the Press to make visits to the District Auxiliary Conventions, and also the State Auxiliary Convention of North Carolina in the interest of the Baptist paper.

He is to present before these meetings the need for a greater circulation of the Baptist in the homes of the church people, and to urge the women of the auxiliaries to start plans by which new subscribers can be enlisted in taking the paper. He is hoping to wage a campaign movement with the Woman's Auxiliary which will result in greatly increasing the circulation to the paper.

Splendid prizes will be offered to individuals, auxiliaries, churches, and other church organizations for outstanding accomplishments in securing new subscriptions to the paper. Expensive and worthwhile Bibles will be the prizes given for noteworthy results of those securing subscriptions. These prizes will go to the church, individual, auxiliary, or convention that makes an outstanding record in securing new subscriptions. This offer will apply to Free Will Baptists everywhere in the United States.

Specific plans for the winning of the prizes will be stated in the Baptist paper as soon as Brother Alexander can work them out and let us have them.

REV. P. C. WIGGS' FAMILY SUFFERS GREAT LOSS

Brother P. C. Wiggs, of Macclesfield, North Carolina, has suffered a great loss in the accidental burning of his home. By accident, his rented home was completely burned on March 5, with all of the household furnishings destroyed. One member of the family perished in the flames. Since that time, another child of the family has died. The wife is in Tarboro Hospital, suffering from serious burns.

It was one of the most serious tragedies by fire destroying a home in this section of the State that has occurred in a long time. It was caused by an explosion of kerosene while being poured on live coals in a stove. Brother Wiggs was away at his church when it happened.

The members of the family are asking the Christian people to pray for them in their hours of great sorrow and suffering. Material assistance is being offered by the Red Cross, churches, and individuals. Any one who is led by the Spirit of God, may offer financial aid, as

well as prayers, since the expense will be great. Cards and letters of sympathy, and tokens of helpfulness may be sent to Rev. P. C. Wiggs, Macclesfield, N. C. The family will appreciate every expression of sympathy and thoughtfulness any one may offer.

LITERATURE READY FOR SHIPMENT

The Sunday School and League literature is ready for shipment. The secretaries are urged to mail in their orders at once for the amount they shall need for their schools and leagues. As the orders have been increasing in size for sometime now, we are anticipating still larger orders from some schools and leagues for the incoming quarter. However, we have printed larger quantities this time with the hope that we will not have to do any re-printing of any of the quarterlies to supply the needs of our patrons.

It will be advisable for the secretaries, in making out their orders, to be sure to order ample supplies, or as many copies as they feel certain that their schools will need, and thus avoid having to make out a new order a little later. This so often happens with some schools.

EASTER MATERIALS

Now is the time to order your Easter materials for your Easter program. We have a splendid supply of these materials on hand for our patrons. We suggest that you place your orders at once for the amount and kind of materials you shall need for your programs. Those living near Ayden may drop by and select for themselves the materials they shall need.

SPRING CONVENTIONS

The Woman's Auxiliary will begin holding the Spring Conventions very soon in the various states. In North Carolina these district conventions begin in March, and some of them in some districts of the State will be held in April and May. The women constituting these church bodies are willing-workers, very zealous of the doing worthwhile things for the cause of the church and the spreading of the gospel of Christ. They are making splendid progress in all phases of the denominational work. Without them and the progress that they are making, the ministry would be greatly handicapped in carrying forward the cause of Christ in the denomination. They are to be commended for every forward movement which they have made in advancing the cause of righteousness in our church.

You cannot find a Christian on the face of the earth who will not tell you that what he gave up for Christ was nothing in comparison with what he got.—*Terry.*

"Who was it, Grandma?" asked the twins.

"It was the Lord. He sends us all our blessings."—*Our Jewels.*

The heart has reasons that reason does not understand.

You have not converted a man because you have silenced him.

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

Editor
MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON

801 Pollock Street
New Bern, N. C.

Auxiliary Report from Newport News, Va.

With our WATCHWORD for the Year (Advancing with Christ) in mind, we are glad to report that our ladies, though few in number, are doing a good work. We have 10 active members who meet twice each month. Each member pays 25c dues at each meeting. We also have some 'Honorary' men members, who assist us in carrying on our work.

At our first meeting each month, we study the lesson as outlined in our Year Book. At the other meeting, we take up the study of our Stewardship or Mission book. We find these lessons very interesting. We are striving to achieve the standard of an A-1 Auxiliary.

We realize that we have a duty to perform, while here on earth, so, we pray daily that the Lord will give unto us a watchful, humble, and a diligent spirit, that we may seek in all things to know His will, and that after we know it, that we may perform it perfectly and gladly.

Since the first of June, our auxiliary has turned over to our church building fund some over \$500.00. It takes much work for such a few ladies to do this. We have given our donation for missions, donation on mission car, donation to orphanage in money and clothing. Though we are few in number, and do not even have us a church, we feel that the Lord will greatly bless us if we contribute to these worthy causes.

We are denying ourselves many pleasures. During our social hour at each auxiliary meeting, instead of serving refreshments, the one who is to serve, places \$2.00 in a fund which is used for purchasing necessities for our church. We will not be so well dressed at Easter, but will be happy indeed, because we have given our all toward the building of our First Free Will Baptist Church in New-

port News, Va. We feel it a privilege to be able to work and give for the cause of Christ.

Many thanks to all who have sent us donations, or rummage for our rummage sales, during our first year. May the Lord bless you, and may you continue to help us until we are strong enough to carry on without help. Any amount sent to us for our building fund, by any auxiliary or individual, will be greatly appreciated.

Yours in His service,
Mrs. D. W. Cherry,
308 Webster Ave.,
Portsmouth, Va.

ATTENTION, WOMEN OF THE WESTERN CONFERENCE DISTRICT

The date of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Western Conference has been changed, for this year only, from Wednesday, April 5 to Thursday, April 13. It convenes with Sherron Acres Church, East Durham, N. C.

New report blanks have been issued, so please order yours from the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C., fill out and return to the Secretary, at least one week before the Convention.

Send your District contribution and per capita dues to the Treasurer, Mrs. Leon Foster, Selma N. C., Route 3.

You are asked to make a special offering to Cragmont for promotion of Woman's Conference week.

Mrs. R. N. Hinnant, Secy.
Micro, N. C.

ATTENTION

To all local treasurers of the Western District Aux. Convention of North Carolina. When you send your dues and contributions to me, will you please state the amount for dues and the amount for contributions.

Yours to serve,
Mrs. Leon Foster,
Western District Aux.
Convention Treasurer

California State Auxiliary Organized

We are herewith reporting the progress of the women's work in our churches in the State of California. On February 10, 1950, a group of young women from the auxiliaries over the state met with the women at the State Auxiliary Convention.

Cleo Doss of Kerman was elected as president. Goldie Priest of Richmond was elected as first vice-president; Lucile Hampton of Porterville as second vice-president; Illa Hudleston of Turlock as third vice-president; Pattie McLain of Kerman as fourth vice-president; Winnie McLain of Richmond was elected as secretary, and Zella Ramsey was elected as the field worker.

Since the state organization was set up, one more local auxiliary has been organized. This was at Arvin F. W. B. Church in Arvin, California.

Please pray for us that we might advance with Christ here on the west coast.

Respectfully yours,
Pattie McLain,
Kerman, California

WHAT THEY THINK OF THE BAPTIST PAPER

We need more people to take more time to write to the Baptist paper. I have been reading it for many years, and having it come to my house. I would not be without it for anything.—Rev. J. O. Cook

This is to let you know, editor, that I like the Baptist paper. We have it in our home as a welcome visitor. More people should take the paper and read it.—I. J. W.

Why don't more people take the Baptist paper? It is a good church paper, and every Free Will Baptist home should have it. How can the church people keep up with what the denomination is doing unless they take the paper?—Rev. G. C. C.

NOTICE TO SECOND VICE- PRESIDENTS

As the time draws near for the Auxiliary Convention of the Central Conference District to convene, I want to remind the second vice-presidents of the local auxiliaries of the work outlined at our last Auxiliary Convention. Each auxiliary was asked to contribute the price of one roll of screen wire for Cragmont, 2 single white cotton

crinkle bed spreads—single bed size sheets are badly needed also.

If you haven't already done your part, won't you please send a donation as large as possible at once to our State Treas., Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Winterville, N. C.

Has your Auxiliary filled an Anna Phillips Loan Fund chart or part of one? And have you sent a donation to the college?

Let's have a good deport!

Mrs. Carl Barrow,
Second Vice-President

PROGRAM

of the

Eastern Auxiliary Convention

of the

Eastern N. C. Conference

convening with

Friendship Church,
Jones County

March 23, 1950

Theme: "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward."—Exodus 14:15.

MORNING SESSION

—Registration

9:30—Opening hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers," led by the president, Mrs. S. A. Smith

—Morning prayer: The Lord's Prayer (all standing)

—Scripture by Mrs. Clara Jones

—Hymn: "Saviour, Lead Me Lest I Stray"

9:45—Greetings by Mrs. Lena Banks

—Response by Mrs. Arthur Kennedy

—Business period: Reading minutes for information, appointing committees, resolutions, petitions, finance, etc.

President's message: "The Great Need of Advancing with Christ"

—Report of the first vice-president

—Talk: "How We May Advance with Christ by More Persistent Efforts to Enlist All Our Women in Auxiliary Work," by Mrs. J. C. Griffin

—Report of second vice-president

Talk: "Advancing with Christ through Working with Our Youth," Mrs. Clara Jones

10:15—Greetings to ministers and delegates by the president

—Response

—Report of third vice-president

—Talk: "How We May Advance with Christ through Missionary Efforts," by Mrs. Mae Springle

—Report of fourth vice-president

—Talk: "Advancing with Christ by Consecrating Ourselves Wholly to Him"

—Report of fifth vice-president

—Talk: "Advancing with Christ

through Our Orphanage Work," by Mrs. J. J. Bizzard

11:15—"News from the Field" by State Field secretary, Mrs. J. C. Griffin

—Congregational singing and prayer

11:30—Convention sermon: "Advancing with Christ in True Evangelism," by Mrs. Ethel Whaley, (alternate, Rev. J. C. Griffin)

12:00—Recess for lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:15—Devotional of Mrs. Alice Lupton

—Business period

—Report of Woman's Conference at Cragmont in 1949. Plans for 1950. Mrs. L. E. Ballard

—Report of sixth vice-president

—Talk: "Advancing with Christ in Our Sympathy and Support of our Aged Ministers," by Mrs. Walter Rhodes

2:00—Report of committees:

Resolution, Petition, Finance, etc.

—Treasurer's report

—Reading and approving minutes

—Miscellaneous business

—Closing

—Adjournment

Sent in by fourth vice-president,

Mrs. Fannie Swindell

(Note: Let us pray that our convention will be the greatest one, for the glory of God, and the advancement of His kingdom, that we have ever had.—F. S.

PROGRAM

for the

CENTRAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION

to meet at

HULL ROAD CHURCH

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 1950

Theme: "Advancing with Christ through Woman's Auxiliaries

10:00—Registration

—Devotion, Mrs. C. L. Patrick

—Welcome, Mrs. Robert Beaman

—Response, Mrs. Zelber Clark

Visiting ministers and delegates recognized

—President's remarks

10:30—First vice-president's report

—Special music

—Fifth vice-president's report

—Orphanage, Mr. Walter Croom

11:15—Congregational singing

11:30—Convention message, Rev. C. L. Patrick

—Appointment of Committees

12:00—Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00—Devotions, Mrs. N. A. Clark

1:15—Cragmont, Mrs. N. E. Harris

—Report of second vice-president

—Report of third vice-president

1:30—Report of delegates to other conventions

—Special music

—Report of fourth vice-president

—Report of sixth vice-president

—Report of Field Worker

2:00—Business Period

—Reading of minutes

—Report of Committees

—Report of Treasurer

—Appointment of Delegates to other Conventions

3:00—Installation of officers, Mrs. R. B. Crawford

—Music for the day, Mrs Carl Barrow

Mrs. J. C. Edmundson, Pres.

Mrs. Marvin Moore, Secy.

Cragmont Assembly Drive

Office of Campaign Manager
225 Nashville Road
Rocky Mount, N. C.

To All:

Pastors
Union Meetings
Sunday Schools
Auxiliaries
Leagues

Greetings and Special Attention:

You have previously been informed by a special letter and through the Baptist paper about the **Special February Drive** for Cragmont Assembly, Inc. All funds received for the special drive will be used for the retirement of debt and necessary repair to our property.

Your church and all of its auxiliaries, no doubt, have been properly informed about the drive, but have you received that special offering, or shared your offerings with this worthy cause? We are indeed thankful for your offerings that have arrived so far. We are still urging our people to help meet the goal which is \$3,000.00. As early as all funds are in and the drive is completed, the money will be used for Cragmont.

Your Campaign manager is earnestly appealing to you to get your offerings in the mail as early as possible; our treasurer, Mr. Fountain Taylor, Route 2, Richlands, N. C., is anxious to receive your offerings that he may close out the drive and make necessary repairs.

Yours for the cause of Cragmont,

Mrs. N. E. Harris,
Campaign Manager

You can only enjoy the peace of God after you have peace with God.—R.

The Inside and Outside

Mrs. A. L. Reynolds, Kinston, N. C.
Those on the outside, looking in,
Get quite a different view
From what those who are inside,
Looking out, can do.

What those on the outside, looking in
Can see is very dim,
While those on the inside view
What the spirit shows to them.

Those on the inside know
That a Christian life is better than sin.
How do they know? you ask.
They have that witness within.

They know their sins are forgiven,
And that they have access to heaven;
They know the price for their sins has been
paid;
They, their all on the altar have laid.

They have put off the old man,
And taken on the new.
They have a new outlook
And a new leader, too.

I've often wondered why those
On the outside, looking in,
Seem so reluctant to come in—
But then I remember they don't know
Him.

Until those on the outside looking in,
Open their hearts and let Jesus in,
They cannot see as a Christian sees,
And they cannot know the Christian's
peace.

It's nice to be within the fold,
And sweet communion with Him to hold;
But Jesus gave His followers a work to do—
We must bring the lost to Him, too.

But how can we do it, you say,
We can use our talents for Christ.
We can pray and talk and give,
And show others it's for His cause we
live.

Ask Jesus to show you how,
And let Him guide you now.
If a soul you gain for Jesus above,
Remember that person you must love.

Yes, those on the inside looking out,
Often wonder why those on the outside
looking in,

Think the price they have to pay
Too much, and go on in their sins.

Maybe it's because we on the inside
Don't always live apart from sin,
And so become a stumbling-block
To those who would let Jesus in.

We on the inside are responsible today
For much of the sin and strife;
Most persons who accept the Christ

See Him first in some Christian's life.

So, Christian, look to your life, I pray;
Please don't stand in some sinner's way.
Be sure, if the sinner looks your way,
Your life the Saviour will portray.

Don't be content with your salvation alone;
Jesus died that all might atone.
If He has saved you, You've work to do—
He wants those who are outside on the
inside, too.

"MORE PEOPLE TO WRITE TO THE BAPTIST"

As I see it today, we need more people
who will take more time to write messages
to the Baptist paper. I have been having
the good paper to come to my home for several
years, and I enjoy reading it. I would
not be without it for anything.

I should like for the good people of Florida
to write more. Brother B. E. Coxwell
of Talahassee, Florida, has written some
very good articles for the paper, and I enjoyed
every one that he wrote.

I know that the Lord is blessing Brother
J. C. Griffin in his work. We hear so very
many people speaking of his NOTES AND
QUOTES. I thank God for such a man as
Brother Griffin. Wish we had more men
like him.

The Lord wants more laborers in His
vineyard, so you church people come on and
be strong workers in the vineyard of the
Lord. We need also more people who will
take the Baptist paper and read it. Also
there is need of more church people to go
to their own church and to take more interest
in our own F. W. B. churches. How can
we expect the denomination to grow strong
if we do not do our part?

I want my life to count for something
for the Lord. I am arranging my revival
meetings now for the summer, and any
one wanting me to hold their meeting can
reach me at the address below.

Rev. J. O. Cook
Altha, Florida,
R. R. D. 2

PROFESSING AND POSSESSING

Mrs. Venie M. Carney
3217 Rowena Avenue
Durham, N. C.

A child of God some claim to be,
They talk of love and charity;
But I have watched them day by day,
There's nothing yet to what they say.

I've heard them sing and testify,
I've heard them pray and shout and cry,
But time their feet get on the ground
It's an altogether different sound,

I've heard them brag of what they do,

To learn that none of it is true,
I've seen them throw away a sin
Only to grab it up again.

In church, a saint of God they sit,
At home, a plain old hypocrite.
I've watched their lives and I can see
They're just not what they claim to be.

God knows your every deed and thought,
He knows the good that you have wrought.
You can't fool Him by what you say,
How loud you shout, or long you pray.

If round your home you don't live right,
At church, you're then a sick'n'ng sight.
'Tis better that you stay at home,
There shut the door and keep alone.

It makes no difference where you are,
At church, at home, though near or far;
A Christian's name if you PROFESS,
Then let that be what you POSSESS.

REVIVAL SERVICES TO BEGIN AT SMITHFIELD F. W. B. CHURCH

Revival services will begin at the Smith-
field Free Will Baptist Church, Sunday
evening, March 26th, at 7:00 p. m., and will
continue through Saturday evening, April
1st.

Evangelist Douglass Winn from Martins-
ville, Virginia, will conduct the series of
services.

Evangelist Winn began his preaching
ministry at the age of eight years. He has
held more evangelistic meetings than any
man his age in the United States of America.
He conducted a campaign in Canada's
largest church, Oswald Smith, pastor. Recently
he led a 53 year old murderer to Christ in
a sensational Virginia murder trial, and
was with the man when he died in the electric
chair. He had 100 conversions in an Oregon
meeting. He has participated in the largest
"Youth for Christ Rallyes" in America. He
held a "city wide" meeting in December in
Indianapolis, Indiana, and has just closed a
series of revival services at the Haw River
North Baptist Church in Haw River, North
Carolina.

You can hear this man of God every
evening at the Smithfield Free Will Baptist
Church from March 26th through April 1st.
Attend the services if you can! If you
can't attend, then pray for them!

Earl H. Glenn
3009 Angier Avenue
Durham, N. C.

We speak about "kingly kindness." This
kindness is manifested by those only who
are kingly in heart. In other words, only
those who are possessed and ruled by the
Holy Spirit are able to produce kingly ways
and actions.—R.

The real purpose of our existence is not
to make a living, but to make a life—a
worthy, well-rounded, useful life.

CHRIST CRUCIFIED

Dear Friends: I am going to preach to you again upon the cornerstone of the Gospel. As the Roman sentinel in Pompeii stood to his post even when the city was destroyed, so do I stand to the truth of the atonement though the church is being buried beneath the boiling mud-showers of modern heresy. Others may preach as they will, but as for this pulpit, it shall always resound with the substitution of Christ. Some may continually preach Christ as an example, and others may perpetually discourse upon His coming to glory: we also preach both these, but mainly we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling-block, and the Greeks foolishness; but to them that are saved Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.—Spurgeon.

JOHN WESLEY VERSUS
JOHN BARLEYCORN

John Wesley saw the curse of the liquor traffic in his day. If it was a blight upon humanity then, it certainly is a great plague upon the social life of our people now.

Wesley said:

"Neither may we gain by hurting our neighbor in his body. Therefore we may not sell anything which tends to impair health; such is evidently all that liquid fire.

"The curse of God is in their gardens and their gloves; a fire that burns to the nethermost hell. Their foundations, their walls, their roof is stained with blood. Like those whom thou hast destroyed, body and soul, thy memorial shall perish with thee."

"They murder His Majesty's subjects wholesale; neither do they ever pity or spare. Those who prepare and sell them for pleasure may keep their conscience clear.

"But all who sell in the common way, to any who will buy, are poisoners in general. They murder his majesty's subjects wholesale; neither do they ever pity or spare. They drive them to hell like sheep; and what is their gain? Is it not the blood of these men? Who then would envy their large estates, and sumptuous palaces? A curse is in the midst of them. The curse of God cleaves to the stones, the timber, the furniture of them.

In 1773, not in 1950, John Wesley wrote: "Why is food so dear? The grand cause is because such immense quantities of corn are continually consumed in distilling. Nearly half of the wheat produced in the kingdom each year, is consumed, not in so harmless a way as throwing it into the sea, but by converting it into deadly poison. Poison that not only destroys the strength and life, but also the morals of our countrymen."

Thus spoke John Wesley of liquor and liquor dealers.

Such are the charges made against the liquor traffic by the man who wrote 223 books, traveled 226,000 miles, most of it

on horseback or in a carriage, and preached 46,000 sermons. He made \$150,000 profits out of his publications, but, according to figures before me, Wesley died at 88, leaving an estate of less than fifty dollars! But, as David Lloyd George of England said, "He bequeathed to the whole English-speaking world, a heritage incomparably sublime."

Wesley was so busy preaching the gospel to a dying people that Lord Baldwin, at one-time, when Prime Minister of England, said, "I am supposed to be a busy man, but, by the side of John Wesley, I join the ranks of the unemployed!"—Herald of Holiness.

A Note of Thanks

I wish to use this means to express my thanks and appreciation to all you good people for your prayers, cards, and gifts. I do thank God for those who take time to show kindness, and thoughtfulness, to the ones who are less fortunate than they.

I have been a bed patient here in the Sanitorium for more than six months. I realize as never before, that any one who has good health is rich indeed, and should be willing to spend much time in the service of the Lord.

Have not seen my infant son since I left home, and the longing has grown very intense at times, but your courtesies of remembrance, has been uplifting to me, spiritually, and made my stay here more tolerable.

Please pray that the Lord will heal me, and that I will soon be able to return to my home. My greatest desire is to be well again, home with my family and church; and in the service of the Lord.

Your Brother in Christ,

George Johnson,
Blue Ridge Sanitorium
Charlottesville, Va.

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to take this opportunity of sending to each and everyone my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the many cards, letters, flowers and words of cheer that have been given me during my recent illness. I have been a member of Hull Road Free Will Baptist church for 55 years. I would greatly appreciate the prayers of all my Christian friends.

Mrs. Agnes Letchworth

DOCTRINE

(Continued from page 3)

preach the doctrine it takes in this age. They were to give themselves wholly to the work of the ministry, and that is the very thing ministers ought to do now. Studying the Bible to know what it teaches, is a great help to any one, much less a minister who must study to know how to divide the word of truth.

"And when they brought them, they set them before the council, and the high priest asked them.

Saying did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine.

Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, we ought to obey God rather than men" (Rom. 5:28-29).

Every town and city should be filled with the doctrine of the Lord Jesus Christ. When the end comes and the sun turns to darkness, and the moon to blood all that have obeyed the Gospel will be able to stand before the judgment with clean hands, and pure hearts. Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.

Announcement

This is to inform the public that I have been licensed to the Gospel ministry by Aspin Grove F. W. B. Church of the Central Conference of North Carolina.

Anyone desiring my services as a licensed minister may contact me at the following address: A. G. Baker, Greenville, N. C., Route 1, Box 107. If anyone desires a recommendation, write or see Rev. L. B. Manning, Fountain, N. C., Rev. R. H. Jackson, Saratoga, N. C., or any one of the ministers of the Fourth Union meeting of the Central Conference.

A. G. Baker,
Greenville, N. C.,
Route 1, Box 107

I am convinced that nothing in Christianity is so rarely attained as a praying heart.—Charles G. Finney.



The Church in Rome

(Lesson for March 26)

Lesson: Romans 1:1-12; Acts 28:14, 15, 30, 31.

Golden Text: Romans 1:16.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

1. Although we are the children of God whom He has called "saints," let us remember that we are also His servants (Rom. 1:1).

2. Even those who have been called saints still are in need of grace and peace from God (vs. 7).

3. Do we ever thank God for the testimony of Christians whom we do not know personally? (vs. 8).

4. Do we ever pray for those Christians whom we do not know in the flesh? (vs. 9).

5. It is one of the greatest blessings of the present age to be able to have fellowship with other Christians (vs. 10).

6. It is more blessed to give than to receive even through the medium of Christian fellowship (vs. 11).

7. There is a peculiar comfort and assurance to be derived from the meeting together of Christian believers (vs. 12).

8. No doubt Paul received a blessing through the brethren from Rome, but it is altogether likely that they derived a greater blessing themselves (Acts 28:15).

9. God sometimes provides pleasant experiences in the midst of great trials and afflictions (vs. 30).

10. The Book of Acts begins with the Gospel in the midst of the Jews in Jerusalem; it ends with the Gospel in Rome with no man forbidding its preaching (vs. 31).

11. The church at Rome was founded before any of the Apostles ever visited the great city. Its existence was known, however, and Paul wrote his Epistle to its members setting

forth the great truths of Christianity without ever having seen the people.

—Selected

12. Unfortunately the origin of the church in Rome is unknown. We are told in Acts 2:10 that sojourners from Rome were in Jerusalem when the Spirit was outpoured on the day of Pentecost. Did some of these people become Christians and return to Rome when the church was scattered and lay the foundations of the church in that city? This is as good a theory as any. The great city of Rome was the place where we might naturally expect the gospel to enter Europe first. That there were Christians in Rome before Paul carried the Gospel into Europe is practically certain, because he wrote his Epistle to the Romans from Corinth only six or seven years after he first entered Macedonia; and when that letter was written the church in the imperial city was widely known. See verse 8 of our printed lesson. Also in Romans 15:23 Paul says he had had a longing to come to them "these many years," indicating that the church already had years of history behind it.—Arnold's Commentary.

13. Paul had a longing desire to visit the church at Rome and preach the gospel there, and to that end he prayed and asked God to lead him safely.

By demanding trial before Caesar, Paul had arranged a trip for himself to Rome. It was not, however, a trip with freedom of action and the privilege of going at will. He was carried to that great city as a prisoner, but God could and did use him even under the circumstances in a great way in the spreading of the gospel message.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

14. Note, some of the Christians at Rome, upon learning probably through some of the brethren at Puteoli, set out to meet Paul on the way, and some went as far as Appii Forum, which was "fifty-one miles from Rome." There were other Christians who went as far as the Three Taverns, which was twenty-eight miles from Rome.

When Paul saw the brethren, and they had exchanged greetings, he rejoiced, thanked God, and took new

courage. He was glad to see the brethren have so much interest in him and the gospel of Christ as to leave their work and travel many miles to meet him. Christians are to be commended for their loyalty, brotherly love, and sacrificial services which they render for the cause of Christ.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

II. The Lesson Illustrated

A man once rose in one of Mr. Moody's meetings and gave his experience. "I have been for five years on the Mount of Transfiguration." "How many souls did you lead to Christ last year?" was the sharp question that came from Mr. Moody, in an instant. "Well, I don't know," was the astonished reply. "Have you led any?" persisted Mr. Moody. "I don't know that I have," answered the man. "Well," said Mr. Moody, "we don't want that kind of mountain-top experience. When a man gets so high that he can't reach down and save poor sinners, there is something wrong."

In prison, or out of prison, Paul's greatest passion was to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to the unsaved.

—The S. S. Chronicle

Sentinels

When Pompeii was destroyed there were many persons buried in the ruins who were afterwards found in very different positions. They found some in deep vaults, as if they had gone there for security. There were some found in lofty chambers. But where did they find the Roman sentinel? They found him standing at the city gate, where he had been placed by the captain, with his hands still grasping the weapon. There, while the earth shook beneath him; there, while the floods of ashes and cinders overwhelmed him, he had stood at his post; and there, after a thousand years, he was found. So let Christians stand by their duty, in the post at which their Captain places them.—1000 Evangelistic Illustrations.

Attend the National Association of Free Will Baptists to be held in Richmond, California, July 11-14, 1950.

ROOTS

When you look at a plant in your garden you naturally think about that part of it which you can see above ground—the stem and branches and leaves and flowers. But there is another part, even more vital, which lies below ground, out of sight. The root, roughly speaking, means that part of a plant which descends beneath the soil. It is not always quite easy to distinguish between the stem—that is, the plant's axis which grows upward, and the root—that is, the plant's axis which grows downward. But the root is really the prolongation of the stem into the earth below.

Now we seldom realize how great a portion of every plant lies buried. Indeed, Dr. Wendell Holmes used to say that we ought to think of a tree as a creature that lives in a burrow under the earth, and puts a long green tail out of a hole and waves this tail in the sunshine. What you see is only the green tail: you take no account of the great spreading body of the tree all hidden away in its dark burrow. Yet the really important and vital thing is always the root. You know that if you cut a plant off close to the ground, it will generally sprout up again. Many plants die down regularly each winter, until you can only see a few withered stalks. But the plant is not dead; if the root be left alive in the earth, the real plant is safe and sound. It lives on in its grave under the snow, and then breaks out and grows up again in the spring, by a resurrection.

In more places than one the Bible points to these things as an allegory. We see, to begin with, how absolutely necessary it is to have a root. Our Lord spoke of the man who has no root in himself, and so endures only for a little while, for the hot sun scorches him, and he withers away.

Very little children are fond of "making a garden," as they call it. They pick sprigs of flowers and stick these into the soil, and water them, and then next day the children come and wonder why their poor flowers look all wilted and withered. In the

same way, our polite words, our "company" manners, our "put on" behavior, our good deeds done for show, our shallow feelings which do not rise out of the bottom of the heart—all these things look pretty while they last. But they never last long, because they are merely stuck on outside. They have no real root in character.

Again, you must have a root in yourself, and not in other people. Many persons are no better than parasites in religion. Like mistletoe on a tree, or like orchids in a hot-house, they live by hanging on to something else. They attach themselves to a church, or a preacher; they depend on Christian friends; they even cling to pious phrases and emotions: and if they are once cut off from these, their religion droops and fades away. We dare not rest content with any second-hand experience of spiritual things. I must have personal contact with the Holy Ghost; I must meet with God alone, and face to face—before my faith has a genuine root and ground in which to rest and to grow.

Surely that is a very poor kind of religion which lives mostly in sight, above the surface. Some characters remind us of the cheap shops which display all their best goods in the window. The most profound and most precious side of religion is never that side which others can inspect and take stock of. The root of the matter must lie concealed deep down where no human creature can ever penetrate or criticise. We are told that the root of a plant always grows most freely in winter. It is at home in the dark. There it can feed and flourish, and pierce down to hidden springs when everything above the soil looks bleak and frost-bound. And so in the bitter blasts of trouble, under the snowdrifts of sorrow, the real roots of faith and hope, and love can be spreading and growing silently underground, as the soul finds its way to the secret fountains of the love of God.

Rooted and built up in Christ, says the Apostle. For the spiritual life can never support itself or nourish itself. It is derived from, and dependent on, the life of Another. Just

as a root is wrapped round and embraced and nurtured and kept safe by the sustaining soil that clings about it, so our inward experience must have its root, its deepest part, wrapped round and embraced and nurtured and kept safe by Jesus Christ. To be planted in Him is to be a true disciple, a real Christian. To be uprooted and apart from Him is to become a withered, worthless thing, fit for the fire.

Finally, the root renders two chief services to the plant—fixing and feeding. The root is the plant's base which gives it stability. Mosses and lichens which have hardly any roots can grow wherever the winds carry them. But a tree only grows where it is planted and settled. There ought to be a growing sense of stability in your experience as you take deeper and deeper root in Christ. Year by year the fibres of your nature cling closer round Him Who is the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever. The mountain pines that wrap their roots about the crags rise serene against tempests. And so a spiritual permanence, as of the Rock of Ages, belongs to those who being rooted in love are strong.

The root is the plant's organ which finds its food. Those delicate branchlets which radiate underground sift out and drink in all elements from the soil which nourishes the tree. Sever its roots, and your tree will die of sheer starvation. And so the inward man must be absorbing spiritual nourishment, to feed and restore the soul. A Christian rooted in his Redeemer, Who lives in secret communion with Christ, is never cut off from fellowship with the Divine Love, but drinks in new health and strength and life continually. Our Lord says to each of His disciples, "Abide in Me"—because there is no other way to be a Christian.—T. H. D., in Gleanings.

Divine tenderness is never boisterous. All manifestations of loudness, in word or deed, are signs of self-conceit and self-importance.—R.

The more self-centered people are, the more rude and inconsiderate they are in their ways and actions.—R.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

"Your Mother Still Prays for You"

Aline Sommerfield

"Your mother still prays for you, Jack; Your mother still prays for you."

These words came to Kenneth Duane from a radio through an open door. The sun was slowly setting, and across his once handsome, fine-featured face, which was now darkened and tanned by the weather and knocks he had received from the ill treatments of life, a warm summer breeze blew gently. He was tired and hungry; he must get something to eat soon. He slowly slackened his pace; this town seemed to be quieter, more friendly and peaceful than any he had visited for some time.

As the sun was looking at the little village for the last time that day, it saw Kenneth sitting on a back doorstep with two egg sandwiches, a cup of coffee, and a piece of apple pie for his supper. When this was eaten, he brushed the crumbs off his shirt front, took up his worn coat, and moved on.

About two blocks away, as Kenneth was passing a small, white house, he noticed a little girl sitting in a large rocker busily engaged in needlework. From her lips came the words, "Your mother still prays for you, Jack; your mother still prays for you." "Why must I hear that everywhere I go?" thought he. "Things are getting worse and worse; this life is nothing but trouble. Shall I—yes, I'll end it all to-night. No one will care." At these last words there arose in his throat a lump which he couldn't quite swallow, and he moved slowly toward the outskirts of the town.

In front of the last house to which he came, he saw a beautiful picture and couldn't help stopping and gazing at it. A house whose porch was covered with pink and red rambler roses nestled on a deep green carpet of grass. To the left of the path leading to the front door were red, white and yellow rose bushes. In the midst of these bushes stood a little white-haired lady clipping a bouquet of the fragrant flowers. An expression of peace and happiness rested on her face, and from her lips came softly and clearly the words which had pained Kenneth twice before. "Your mother still prays for you, Jack; your mother still prays for you." He stood motionless, stared, and thought. Why was he compelled to listen to that? Truly his name wasn't Jack, but the song meant the same to him as though his name had taken the others place. Was his mother still praying for him? He knew she used to, but had she grown tired of it and decided it did no

good? Or was she even alive so she could pray for her boy? These thoughts struck him like a two-edged sword. But he must move on.

A mile west of town lay a large hill covered with green grass. Kenneth lay down, but sleep was far away. This was the night he was to end it all; but since he saw the old lady, he couldn't do it. He tried to think a way out of his deplorable situation, but the thought wouldn't come. The stars came out one by one and looked down upon him. They couldn't even smile to-night. The breeze played with his dark-brown wavy hair. His grey eyes looked unseeingly into space, and his tall form lay motionless upon the grass. Only the heaving of his chest could have told one that he was alive. For an hour he lay there; then he arose, paced backwards and forwards, and stopped suddenly. Then with his hands crossed over his breast, he lifted his boyish face to the stars, uttered with a painful moan, "My God, help me!" "His head fell forward, and he was lost in thought. "Yes, I will go to the old lady who was clipping roses," said he; "somehow I believe she would understand."

He walked slowly back to the village, found the old lady's house, rang the doorbell, and waited. Presently the door was opened, and he looked into a kind, loving, motherly face. Her understanding eyes seemed to look into his very soul. She didn't know what to say; Kenneth didn't either, but finally he managed to stammer out, "D-don't be afraid. I'm all alone and far from anyone I know, and I thought you'd understand." He hung his head, and a combination of shame, sadness, and longing stole over his face.

"Yes, my boy; come in; take a chair, and tell your story. I'll listen."

When they were comfortably seated in the living room, Kenneth began by saying, "I passed here this evening and saw you with your flowers. You were singing, "Your Mother Still Prays for You." That was the third time I'd heard that song in two hours, and it—somehow it hurt. You looked as though you would understand, so I came back. It might be foolish; you may think it absurd, but I can't endure this any longer." He covered his face with his hands, and his frame shook. The kind woman gently placed her hand on his arm and asked him to continue his story. Pitying glances were already coming from her motherly eyes. Kenneth began again.

"It was two years ago. I had a good father and mother, two brothers and one sister. They were all good to me. I had friends at home. But somehow I was different. You know; I-I-I wasn't as good as they. They pleaded and prayed with

me often. My mother—oh, she was an angel—" and here his voice broke again—"I loved her more than any other living being. I wanted to do right, but somehow I—I couldn't. There was a—a—a gi—"

"Yes, I understand," were the comforting words of the other.

"I know my mother often prayed for me. Then I became dissatisfied. I thought if I could go away, I could soon forget, and make myself go against the teaching of my mother; so I left home. I had quite good clothes then, a little money and a car. I told my mother good-by, and with tears in her eyes the last words I heard her say were, "Remember, Kenny, I'll be praying for you!"

"Those words meant nothing to me then. I didn't care whether she prayed or not. In fact, such talk almost made me angry, but now—oh, I do care. I hope my mother is still praying for me. I've been away two years and never written to mother. She doesn't know anything about me, and I don't know anything about her. I've had work most of the time, but times have been hard. I soon had to sell my car; I had no more money. I did whatever I could get to do. The company I kept wasn't the best. I knew I was going at a terrific speed on the downward road, but I didn't care. I didn't think until this evening that anything could be any better for me. I smoked, gambled, drank, danced, and stole. Many nights I've gone supperless to a haystack for a bed, and my clothes have been almost rags."

He grew paler and paler as he spoke; his gray eyes grew larger and darker, and there was a far-away expression on his face. The little old lady was very sympathetic, and two teardrops fell on her hand unheeded.

"I don't know; maybe I'm too far gone to ever be good again. I wish I'd stayed home. I thought I could forget if I'd leave, but I couldn't. I learned that you can't run away from your thoughts—nor your convictions."

"Oh, I want to go home, and yet, I'm ashamed to meet them here. I wonder—is my mother still praying for me? If she's alive, I know she is; but—" and she shook again; "—what if she's dead? Then I can never see her again—my—my mother! If only I had yielded to her pleadings and prayers, I wouldn't be here now."

"Son," gently spoke the old lady, laying her hand on his arm; "it isn't too late; you aren't too bad. Go home to your mother; tell her all; she'll understand."

Both sat in silence for a while. Kenneth slowly arose, asked the lady for a drink of water, thanked her many times for listening to his story, and departed for his home a thousand miles away. He traveled all the time, stopping only for necessary food and rest.

After hitch-hiking for ten days, Kenneth Duane knocked at his mother's kitchen door on a bright, sunny afternoon. The door opened, and a startled cry came from the

trembling lips of his mother, "My boy," she gasped in a whisper; "my prayer is answered."

Not knowing of Kenneth's presence, his sister was engaged in a task outside. Through the open window the sweet strains fell on his ear from her throat: "Your mother still prays for you, Jack; Your mother still prays for you."

—Youth's Christian Companion.

How I Enjoy Reading the Baptist

This is to let you readers of the Baptist paper know how I do enjoy reading it. I read it from cover to cover, and it is food to my soul.

If more of the church members would take it and read it, there would be better church attendance among our churches on Sunday. After I get through reading my papers, I then send them to my son in Liberia, Africa. He says that he always enjoys reading them: After he reads them, he then gives them to the Baptist missionary. So, let all of us who take the Baptist paper, not lay them down, but give them to someone else to read. If we will do this, God will reward us for sending out his work to others.

Your Sister in Christ Jesus,

Mrs. R. C. Bell,
Blounts Creek, North Carolina

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

Mrs. Mary Jones

The death angel came and took away Mary Jones to her heavenly reward, July 2, 1949, making her stay on this earth 83 years, one month, and 10 days. She was one of the oldest members of Smyrna F. W. B. Church. She was always working for the upbuilding of God's kingdom.

She was afflicted with heart dropsy, and all was done for her that loving hands could do. Her funeral was conducted by Rev. E. E. Edwards of Chocowinity, North Carolina, assisted by Rev. Duff Toler. Her remains were laid to rest in the family cemetery at her home. She leaves her husband who is 84 years old, 8 children, 19 grandchildren, and several great grandchildren, many loved ones and friends.

Sleep on Mary, and take your rest,
Lean your head on Jesus' breast,
We loved you dearly
But God loved you the best.

Written by a friend, Mrs. R. C. Bell.

Mr. Esker Lee Lamb

Our dear husband, Esker Lee Lamb, died on March 10, 1949. We think how sad those days are when we see his face no more.

He was true to his family, church and friends. And Oh we do miss him more than anyone can tell. Some day we will meet him where there will be no more parting.

He was a member and deacon of Greenwood F. W. B. Church. Dear daddy, how we do miss you. We can't understand why you had to go but surely God knows best, but our grief is hard to bear. We know that our Saviour helps all our burdens to bear.

Written by his wife, Leathie Lamb, Camilla, Ga.

THE POINT OF VIEW

A little girl, walking in New York with her father, saw some workmen on top of a building twenty stories, and she asked, "Papa, what are those boys doing up there?" He replied that they were not boys, but men, who looked like boys because they were so high. The little girl meditated for a moment, then said solemnly, "They won't amount to much when they get to heaven, will they?" The question gave the father food for thought. As we rise toward heaven, self becomes smaller, until, by and by, when we reach the height of the heavenly character, self will not amount to much.—Selected

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Texas Itinerary, June-July

Dear Texas Free Will Baptists:

Our plans are to have itinerary work done in the state of Texas during June and the first part of July. We plan to have one of our own Texas boys and his wife do this work. They are very much interested in Foreign Missions and plan to become missionaries to Japan.

The itinerary will be scheduled as near as possible as follows:

Texas Association—June 4-17

West Fork Association—June 18-July 2

North West Brazos Ass'n—July 3-7

South East Texas Ass'n—July 8-10

Central Texas Ass'n—July 12-19

If any church has a preference of date, please advise us of your first, second and third choice of such date. Unless we hear from you to the contrary, our worker will arrange his itinerary as given above.

An offering will be taken at the close of each service and will be duly receipted and turned in to the Treasurer of the Texas Foreign Mission Board who will in turn transmit it to the National Office.

Yours in His Service,

J. M. Goode,
Gaston Clary.

MY CHURCH

Dedicated to the Fairmount Park F. W. B. Church, Norfolk, Va.

It's just a modest building,

As plain as a church can be;

But the little red brick structure

Is beautiful to see.

Through the eyes of love I see it,

No spot more picturesque;

When the sunbeams bathe the windows

Of the church I love the best.

And when the twilight gathers

How sweet once more to see;

When troubles are forgotten,

Lost in tranquility.

There's a solace in the worship,

In every song and prayer;

The smiling faces welcome

Both friend and stranger there.

There the light of Christ is shining

To lead the lost to Him;

May Christians keep it burning

And never let it dim.

In harmony together

We'll stand when doubt assails;

With Jesus as our Captain

And our shepherd, Reverend Hales.

By a member of the church

Retaliation is never of God, but always of the devil. Under abuse Jesus answered never a word, but put them to shame by His meek silence.—R.

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

The following is the report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the N. C. State Convention of Free Will Baptists for February, 1950.

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1950\$1,712.66
Receipts for February 290.69
Total to account for\$2,003.35

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid to Superannuated Ministers \$ 292.50
Operating expense 29.20
National Board 65.37
Total disbursements\$ 387.07
Balance March 1, 1950\$1,616.28
Allocations approved for balance of year\$2,810.00
Needed to meet the demands for balance of this year\$1,193.72

RECEIPTS ITEMIZED

Marlboro S. S.\$ 4.14
2nd Central S. S. Conv. 10.00
Black Jack S. S. 2.00
2nd Central Union 9.67
Albemarle Union Meeting 23.25
Fridenship (Jones Co.) 10.00
5th Eastern Union Meeting 25.00
5th Eastern S. S. Conv. 15.00
Deep Run 10.00
4th Central Auxiliary Convention 5.00
Friendship (Johnston Co.) 1.00
1st Western Union 25.00
Piedmont Association 4.00
Rock Fish Association 4.00
Davis 5.00
Prospect S. S. 1.00
3rd Eastern Union 20.00
3rd Western Union 15.30
Pleasant Grove L. A. S. 10.00
2nd Western Union 5.00
N. C. State Aux. Conv. 77.08
Core Creek S. S. 9.25

M. L. Johnson,
Chairman-Treasurer

Southwood to Hold Revival

The Southside F. W. B. Church of Comanche, Texas, will hold a spring revival, beginning April 9, and continuing through April 16. The Rev. C. J. Herron will be the evangelist. On Easter Sunday night, April 9, the members of the church will present a pageant entitled, "The Answer to the Cross."

Pray with us that we may have a great revival for the glory of the Lord, and that souls may be saved.

Yours in His service,
Herbert Richards

Victory is perched on the banner of those who continue to look unto Jesus. He illuminates and radiates all who steadfastly behold Him.—R.

NOTES AND QUOTES

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vantage of what is made possible through the medium of the "GOSPEL VISUALIZED." Many of the churches are purchasing projectors and renting real Gospel messages in sound film that have been produced by Christian institutions and are rented at a normal cost.

It is not simply the picture, but it is the kind of picture. If a sinful picture produced by the satanic regime make criminals and causes adultery and other crimes, and certainly it does, then, pictures showing Bible characters and scriptural quotations, shown before the eyes of boys and girls, will produce good results. Let me give you one concrete case. This is not a "hear-say." It came direct to me. I showed a picture entitled, "The Man Who Forgot God," and after the service, as I was packing up a man—young man—said, "Preacher, I want you to come aside, I want to make a confession." He did as I went into a classroom. He said, "I was about ready to join up with a baseball club that would have taken me away from my church and Sunday School. I would have had to be in the Sunday ball game, but the picture that you have shown tonight has changed my mind." His confession was real. This young man is testifying for Jesus today. He is conducting prayer meetings and actually preaching as a layman; and recently he told me that he was going to ask for license to preach. Don't condemn the good in order to condemn the bad. Let us "rightly divide the word of truth."

GREAT MEN

Are humble men,
Are pure men,
Are noble men,
Are loving men,
Are honest men,
Are faithful men,
Are active men,
Are courageous men,
Are willing men,
Are sacrificing men,
Are despising men.
What kind of a man are you?
—R. W. Potter.

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PROPHECY

For I dipt into the future,
Far as human eye could see,
Saw the vision of the world,
And all the wonder that would be;

Saw the heavens fill with commerce,
Argosies of magic sails,
Pilots of the purple twilight,
Dropping down with costly bales;

Heard the heavens fill with shouting,
And there rain'd a ghastly dew
From the nations' airy navies
Grappling in the central blue;

Far along the world-wide whisper
Of the south-wind rushing warm,
With the standards of the peoples
Plunging thro' the thunder storm;

Till the war-drum throbb'd no longer,
And the battle-flags were furl'd
In Parliament of man,
The Federation of the world.

There the common sense of most
Shall hold a fretful realm in awe,
And the kindly earth shall slumber,
Lapt in universal law.

—From "Locksley Hall,"

By Alfred Tennyson, 1842

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MRS. ROACH AGAIN IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Roach is again in the hospital, has had a very serious operation, and her condition is such that I cannot leave her now to visit the churches in the interest of MISSIONS as planned and as announced in the paper. I hope that I will be able to contact the churches the last two weeks of this month. If Mrs. Roach is so that I can I will notify them personally that I

will be there. But right now I can't leave her.

Please, may I ask she be remembered in prayer. This is her second visit to the hospital this year. We will both be leaning on the prayers of our friends during these trying days and weeks to follow.

Ever your brother in His name and service,

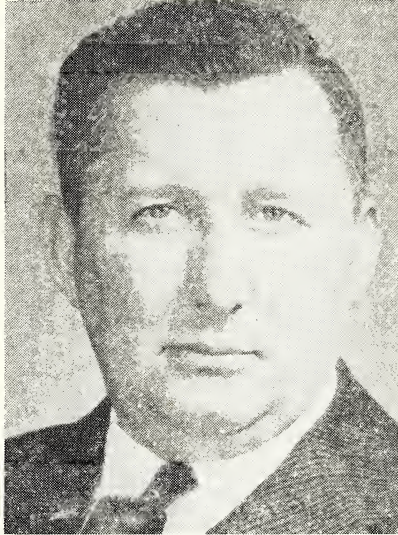
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The Danger of Backsliding or Falling

Ralph Staten
Red Bay, Ala.

21, 27b, 32).

This condensed reading of the second chapter of Jeremiah should enable us to understand the spiritual relationship, first and last, of this people with the Lord God of hosts. The history of God's people has been one of revivals and apostasy throughout



Ralph Staten

The prophet Jeremiah uses a word that is not used in the New Testament. Backsliding of the Old Testament is 'falling' or 'falling away' of the New Testament. A further investigation will disclose this fact. There is not enough emphasis given to the discussion of this subject. Let us think of the 'Woe to them that are at ease in Zion' (Amos 6:1), and the tragedy that awaits the lukewarm Laodiceans (Rev. 3:13-16). Let us make full proof of our ministry by reproof, rebuking, and exhorting with all longsuffering and doctrine (2 Tim. 4:2). It is necessary that we do this that we shall both save ourselves, and them that hear us (1 Tim. 4:16). Let us now read the following scriptures:

"Israel was holiness unto the Lord, and the firstfruits of his increase . . . but my people have changed their glory for that which doth not profit . . . For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water . . . Hast thou not procured this unto thyself, in that thou hast forsaken the Lord thy God, when he led thee by the way? . . . Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee: know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the Lord thy God, and that my fear is not in thee, saith the Lord God of hosts . . . Yet I planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed; how then art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me . . . but in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise, and save us . . . Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number" (Jer. 2:3, 11, 12, 13, 17, 19,

the ages. One should not be alarmed at the spiritual decadence that is so prevalent now. We shall be able to learn anew from this investigation that a child of God can backslide, fall, stumble, err, sin, or apostatize.

Reader, may I ask you the question: Do you not know danger and tragedy are in the path of the backslider? Let us search the scriptures relative to this all important matter. One should know what is meant by being a backslider. "The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways: and a good man shall be satisfied from himself" (Prov. 14:14). "Backslider" in this verse comes from the Hebrew word 'cuwg' (soog) which means to flinch, to go back, retreat, apostatize, or turn away. We shall now study the verbal meaning of the word.

Backslider Defined

In the study of the Hebrew of this word one will find that there are different shades of meaning in rendering the definition of the term. Let us now note the different Hebrew root words for the word 'backsliding.'

1. Meshumbah (mesh-oo-baw): apostasy, backsliding, or turning away. This usage is found in the following passages:

" . . . and thy backsliding shall reprove thee . . ." (Jer. 2:19).

" . . . when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce . . ." (Jer. 3:8).

" . . . The backsliding Israel hath justified herself more than treacherous Judah" (Jer. 3:11).

" . . . Return, thou backsliding Israel . . . and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you . . ." (Jer. 3:12).

" . . . because their transgressions are many, and their backslidings are increased" (Jer. 5:6).

"Why then is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? they hold fast deceit, they refuse to return" (Jer. 8:5).

" . . . for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against thee" (Jer. 14:7).

"And my people are bent to backsliding from me . . ." (Hosea 11:7).

"I will heal their backsliding . . ." (Hosea 14:4).

2. Carar (sawrar): to turn away (morally), be refractory, backsliding, rebellious, stubborn, withdraw. This usage is found in Hosea 4:16:

"For Israel slideth back as a backsliding heifer . . ."

3. Showbah (sho-bawb): apostate, i. e., idolatrous, backsliding, turn away, etc. Let us now examine the usage where this is found.

"Turn, O backsliding children, saith the Lord; for I am married unto you . . ." (Jer. 3:14).

"Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings . . ." (Jer. 3:22).

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NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

"GOING BACKWARD"

A lady said to me recently: "Brother Griffin, our church is going backward. It has been a strong church, as you know, but our pastor lives too far away, and only comes in and preaches, and then goes home."

As she talked on, she told me about the pastors in the other denominations in the community. These ministers were living near and they were rendering pastoral service, thus the Free Will Baptist church, was "GOING BACKWARD." No church can do much without a pastor and it is an evident fact that no man can be a pastor, who only sees his congregation once or twice per month, except when some member dies, or perhaps he is sent for to pray for some very sick loved one. Due to such, many churches are losing to other denominations. There is a difference between a pastor and a preacher.

There are many churches that are suffering as the above described church. The reason is a lack of pastoral service—I mean real PASTORAL SERVICE. This includes a resident pastor, who is on the alert for every service possible to get people saved, visit the sick and shut-ins, comfort the dying and the bereft, and to encourage the weak and disturbed minds.

WORDS OF A METHODIST MINISTER

While I was talking to a Methodist minister recently, he said: "Your church" (calling the name at a certain place) "needs a whole time pastor." He went on to say, "You are losing ground there by not having a resident pastor." I know about the "losing" of this congregation before the minister made the statement. This minister said, "I was called to see a sick man belonging to that church, who had been grieved over the conditions, going on to say what these conditions were, and now that family is attending my church and Sunday School." Many such cases are taking place in the denomination. I am out on the field and many things are coming to me daily.

A lady was advised to get her pastor to teach a book on "Stewardship." The reply was: "We do not have a pastor, we only have a preacher. He lives about a hundred miles away, and he comes once a month and leaves as soon as he gets through; then he goes back home."

THE DOCTRINE

Dr. Howard William Carter of Goldsboro, in addressing or delivering the in-

spirational message at the Cape Fear Ministerial Association held at the Goldsboro F. W. B. Church, Monday, February 27th, said by way of introductory: "You have the Doctrine and you need not to be ashamed to present it," and then he went on to say, "But you have been lacking in evangelistic zeal."

Certainly we agree with Doctor Carter. The doctrine of our church is sound and based upon INSPIRED TRUTH AS GIVEN TO US IN THE BIBLE. But we have been content with making the ministry a "side line," that is, many of us have taken it for granted that the doctrine would go over on its virtue.

The Cape Fear Ministerial Association is planning to make every church a whole time church, as far as possible. Another plan discussed in their February meeting was to group when practicable. One of the aims is to get the preacher to be a pastor, living in the community where his church or churches are located.

SOME THINGS MUST BE DONE

As I see it, there are some things that must be done before we have pastors:

1. We must have an old-fashion Holy Ghost revival in our churches. I mean a real honest awakening in the hearts and lives of Christians who will make the laity willing and ready to make the church of Jesus Christ first in all things. It must come before lodges, clubs, business life, and material blessings.

2. Then, the members of the church must be willing to SACRIFICE in order to give an honest living to the pastor, and then expect real pastoral service.

3. Preachers must be filled with the Spirit of Christ that they will be ready to sacrifice to the limit in order to put the work of the ministry first and foremost in all things.

These MUSTS are now looming up in the minds of both ministers and consecrated Christians. Many good men and women are wanting real pastoral service and they are willing to pay for what they want. Thus, parsonages are being erected in many places, and the preacher who serves such a church will have to give up his secular job and move to those parsonages and do the work of a PASTOR. May God speed the day. If we preachers would do more, we would get more, and our churches would grow faster. If a farmer was no more alert to the needs of his farming, than many of us are alert to the needs of the church that we are called to serve, then that farmer would go down and his farm would change hands in quick order. That is what will happen in a few years to some of our churches, if we preachers fail to put the SACRIFICIAL service into the LORD'S WORK that is demanded by the great GO YE COMMAND.

I have been plain, but these are facts that we ought to be ashamed to confess. I know that some one perhaps will take issue with me on these notes, but I will

Feelings Hurt

So many of my members have been at outs with one another," said a pastor. "They have had their feelings hurt."

"Wouldn't it be fortunate," remarked I, "if they could be treated as are those who have appendicitis, and cut off their sore feelings?"

"Indeed it would," assented he. "And I'd be willing to pay the cost of operating on some of my members."

"He hurt my feelings." Tut! the idea of a full-grown man saying such a thing. It's like a child. And he ought to be treated like a child, a naughty boy, spanked and put to bed supperless. What's the sense of one's carrying his feelings around with him, when they are so easily hurt? Better leave them at home. A kid with a sore toe has sense enough to keep it out of the way.

Church-members getting their feelings hurt! Rediculous! A maiden losing her temper because the wind flips a rose petal in her face! Think of it, a professed follower of the meek Jesus getting angry with a fellow disciple! And usually over a mere trifle.

Pray, what does Christianity mean if not a little forbearance? Nine times in ten the offender meant no offense at all. You fancied ill when none was intended. You are just supersensitive. You have lots more feelings than religion.

Even if offense is intended, you ought to have enough of the Christ spirit to take no notice of it. Now, don't get your feelings hurt any more. Be ashamed of yourself and make yourself behave.—Cumberland Presbyterian.

Thought Himself Obedient

"Why, Willie Wilson!" said the Sunday School teacher, severely, "Fighting again? Didn't last Sunday's lesson teach you that when you are struck on one cheek, you ought to turn the other to the striker?" "Yep," answered Willie, "but he hit me on the nose, and I've only got one o' them."

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stand for WHOLE TIME PASTORAL SERVICE.

National Association of Evangelicals

(Note: The following information is furnished for the "Free Will Baptist" by Rev. Robert B. Crawford, Greenville, North Carolina.)

WHAT IS THE NAE?

It is a voluntary association of evangelical churches, denominations, schools, mission organizations, ministerial fellowships, evangelistic organizations and individuals.

Its purpose is: 1) to provide a vehicle through which all believers in the Lord Jesus Christ may become united and articulate in matters of common interest and concern; 2) to foster fellowship and good will among all those of "like precious faith"; 3) to establish a common front and a representation of evangelical interests, and the promotion of evangelical truth against the inroads of modernism in Christian institutions and in public life; 4) to guard and promote religious freedom guaranteed us under our Constitution; 5) to provide our constituents with services which will enable them to accomplish more quickly and efficiently the speedy evangelization of the world, and fulfillment of the commission of our Lord Jesus Christ to, "go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

The NAE is not another denomination or church; it is not an organic union of denominations or churches; nor is it a means of exercising control or authority of any kind over the denominations, churches and other constituents.

The NAE acts as a servant to all evangelical organizations, enabling them to present a united front.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative word of God.

2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.

4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.

5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.

6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

WHAT HAS NAE DONE?

Some accomplishments of NAE:

1. Evangelical leaders from over fifty denominations have been brought together in fellowship and practical cooperation.

2. The fundamentals of the evangelical faith have been given new emphasis and greater clarification.

3. The United States Government, in the State and War Departments, has given recognition to the Evangelicals as a distinct body within the framework of Protestant Christendom, (of which 32 denominations as a whole are members of N.A.E.)

4. The Governments of other nations have recognized the evangelical forces worthy of consideration in dealing with minority groups within their own countries. Example—alleviating conditions of the persecuted Evangelicals of Italy.

5. Over thirty million dollars worth of clothing and food, in the value of those receiving them, has been sent to the suffering evangelical people of Europe.

6. An office facilitating the passage of missionaries from this country to all the known mission fields of the world has been opened and maintained in Washington. Not only passport and visa applications were expedited, but also problems in transportation and relations with government have been worked out to the satisfaction of all concerned. The cause of missions is thereby greatly strengthened.

7. A Purchasing Office has been opened in New York through which missionaries can purchase needed supplies at far greater convenience and greatly reduced prices, through the advantage of wholesale buying. Some of the services of this office are also available to full time Christian workers in this country.

8. The Sunday School movement has been greatly strengthened by the organization of the National Sunday School Association. A new series of Bible Lesson Outlines has been published and made available to the use of already over one million subscribers.

9. The radio industry is recognizing the Evangelicals and much sustaining time has been secured for evangelical preachers, and relations between the gospel broadcasters, who purchase time on the radio with the radio owners and operators, have been greatly improved through the good work of the National Religious Broadcasters' Association.

10. A truly evangelical interdenominational journal, "United Evangelical Action," has been established and has won recognition as the leading journal of its kind in the world.

11. Through the organization of the National Association of Christian Schools (Day Schools), facilities are offered local groups of parents who wish to organize

Christian Day Schools at the grade or high school level.

12. Evangelical colleges and seminaries have been brought into greater effectiveness because of new cooperation in exchange of ideas among evangelical educators.

13. NAE sponsored a meeting of evangelical leaders of various nations in Switzerland, in August 1948, to encourage and facilitate the cooperation of all the Evangelicals of the world.

14. Evangelical churches and organizations in local communities have formed Evangelical Minister's Associations and Evangelical Regional Associations which have accomplished much by way of community fellowship. Evangelicals, who have never known each other before, have been able to carry out many projects and practical cooperation at the local level.

15. Regional organizations, including several states in each, are functioning with full time regional directors.

16. Evangelical Youth provides a cooperative association of Christian youth agencies to coordinate the work, to make available youth materials to all affiliated youth groups, emphasizes youth evangelism and youth counseling, and is of invaluable aid to the leadership of national and local, denominational and interdenominational youth agencies.

17. The establishment of the Women's Fellowship to enlist the support of Christian women in the promotion of united evangelical action.

18. The Laymen's Advisory Council has been organized with three principal objectives in mind:

- a. To make available to the National Association of Evangelicals the experience and counsel of the Laymen of America, who are devoted to Christ and the Church.
- b. To provide N.A.E. a contact with a multitude of other earnest Christian men, who may be sparked into active Christian service across America.
- c. To furnish a backlog financially for carrying out the major objectives of the N.A.E.

19. An entirely evangelical Program for World Day of Prayer observance has been issued for two years, and in 1950 a program for the Universal Week of Prayer will be issued in cooperation with the World Evangelical Alliance.

20. A program for the use of the local churches in encouraging Christian Family Life, especially appropriate for use from Mother's Day to Father's Day each year has been prepared.

N.A.E. CONVENTION CALL

Almost never in the centuries of the

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Middlesex Orphanage

Send Us Your Coupons

We received recently a letter from the Celgate-Palmolive-Peet Company relative to the large shipments of 17,900 coupons we made during January and February of this year, expressing their appreciation for our good work in collecting these coupons. Although we are pleased with these shipments this year, we regret that we did not collect the set quota of 35,000 coupons during the last 13 months to qualify for a Bonus.

Since we have made such a good start this year collecting coupons we would like to continue this work. If your auxiliary has or has not made it a practice to collect coupons for the orphanage, why not divide your membership in two or more groups and make a contest out of collecting coupons for the Orphanage. We believe that your children would even enjoy participating in such a contest.

This year we will be paid for the first time for coupons from La Rosa Macaroni Products and Mrs. Filbert's coupons from mayonnaise, salad dressing and sandwich spreads and from margarine at \$8.00 per thousand. Why not send us these coupons that are worth so little to you but so much to us. Coupons from Octagon toilet and granulated soaps and Ballard's Obelisk flour and prepared mixes also carry a Double Value of \$8.00 per thousand.

If each of the more than three hundred churches in the state could send us 500 coupons the orphanage would realize between \$800.00 and \$1,000.00 this year from this source.

Why Not Invite Us to Visit Your Church

If there are any churches within a reasonable distance of the Home that desire it, we would be glad to arrange for a group of the children to visit your church on Sunday mornings or evenings for a short program. We feel quite sure that the children would be happy to go, and that any church would enjoy having them.

In writing us about an appointment, be sure to specify a first and second choice as to the time you would like to have them visit you.

February Receipts 1950

(Note: Receipts have been mailed to each individual auxiliary or person contributing but totals here are shown for all amounts from each church, regardless of organization through which it came for the period

covered. Our books and files are open at all times for inspection or checking for any particular receipt. Receipts reaching our office later than Wednesday, March 1, will appear in the March report.

GENERAL FUND

Eastern

5th Sunday School Convention	---\$ 67.35
Mt. Zion, Onslow County	2.30
Warden's Grove	9.75
Friendship	17.08
5th Union	167.24
Core Creek	26.57
St. Mary's	20.90
Dublin Grove	7.76
Wintergreen	1.00
Antioch	20.00
Pilgrim's Rest	6.00
Davis	12.50
Ruth's Chapel	8.75
Kinston	31.00
Beulaville	14.26
Sound View	10.00
Union Chapel	32.77
St. John's Chapel	10.00
Sneads Ferry	3.15
Folkstone	4.00
Total	---\$472.38

French Broad

Cedar Hill	---\$ 9.04
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Western

Orphanage Memorial Chapel	---\$ 7.89
1st Union	100.00
Shady Grove	5.00
3rd Union	134.58
Rains Cross Roads	5.00
Stancil's Chapel	6.97
2nd Union	46.49
Friendship	6.56
Total	---\$312.49

Central

2nd Union S. S. Convention	---\$ 10.00
Black Jack	5.00
St. Delight	8.00
Hull Road	16.50
4th Union Auxiliary	35.00
Bethany	9.27
Greenville	27.83
Marlboro	2.50
Winterville	11.50
Gum Swamp	6.05
Antioch	60.00
Walnut Grove	6.52
Aspin Grove	8.00
Rose Hill	14.00
Saratoga	5.50
Total	---\$225.67

Pee Dee

Oak Grove	---\$ 25.11
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Jacks Creek

Glen Alpine	---\$ 11.00
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Albemarle

Churches of Tyrell County	---\$ 41.13
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Rockfish

Union Meeting	---\$ 11.00
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Cape Fear

Prospect	---\$ 1.00
Powhatan	5.00
Lee's Chapel	4.80
Robert's Grove	5.00
Union Meeting	50.00
Total	---\$ 65.80

Miscellaneous

Young People's Friend Sub.	---\$ 2.00
Refunds	35.79
John S. Weskett	25.00
N. C. Woman's Auxiliary Con.	50.37
Parents and Relatives	132.40
Taft Barrow	1.00
Total	---\$246.56

MUSIC FUND

Greenville Aux. of Central	---\$ 5.00
Smithfield of Cape Fear	5.00
Grimsley Auxiliary of Central	1.00
Total Music Fund	---\$ 11.00

SEWING MACHINE FUND

Ayden Auxiliary of Central	---\$ 5.00
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J. C. GRIFFIN ITINERARY

Cape Fear

Corinth	---\$ 60.02
Robert's Grove	25.00
Shady Grove	50.00
Oak Grove	14.01
St. Paul	16.37
St. Mary's	40.00
Stevens Chapel	35.00
W. Clinton	15.57
Bethel	24.50
Smithfield	21.00
Johnson Union	35.75
Powhatan	25.00
Raleigh	27.65
Wooten's Chapel	8.72
Total	---\$398.59

FUND TO REFURNISH GIRL'S BLDG.

Wilson Auxiliary of Western	---\$ 35.00
White Oak Hill Aux. of Western	2.00
Total	---\$ 37.00

MATTRESS FUND

Core Creek of Eastern	---\$ 87.50
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CLOTHING FUND

Dublin Grove	---\$ 30.00
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ALBEMARLE COTTAGE

Union Meeting	---\$ 87.81
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TOTALS

Total General Fund	---\$1,420.18
Total Music Fund	11.00
Total Albemarle Cottage Fund	87.71
Total Girl's Building Fund	37.00
Total Mattress Fund	87.50
Total Sewing Machine Fund	5.00
Total Clothing Fund	30.00
Total J. C. Griffin's Itinerary	398.59
Grand Total Receipts	---\$2,076.98

R. McLeod, Treasurer

BUDGET RECEIPTS

Eastern Conference	---\$6,425.50
Central Conference	5,476.85
Western Conference	4,937.41
Cape Fear Conference	2,707.00
Albemarle Conference	587.55
Jack's Creek Association	604.77
French Broad Association	612.17
Piedmont Association	592.77
Pee Dee Association	384.22
Rockfish Association	79.87
Western Yearly	5.00
Total	---\$22,413.11

DONATED COMMODITIES FOR FEB.

Little Rock Auxiliary, clothing	---\$ 65.00
Through Zebulon Dry Cleaners, clothing	10.00
Mrs. J. R. Cayton, clothing	5.00
N. C. Dept. of Agriculture, food	111.00
Total Value	---\$191.00

Walter McD. Croom, Supt.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS

CATALOGUES

Requests keep coming for copies of the Press catalogues. This is to state that we do not have catalogs of the merchandise now of the Press. We have book lists, folders with prices of Communion sets, Collection plates, etc. The Business Manager is planning to get out a catalog in the near future, when he can get the time to have the materials prepared and some printed. For the present, we request that no one send requests for them. A great many people have been sending cards, asking for them, and much time is used answering the calls. When they are ready, we will let it be known through the columns of the Baptist paper.

MISSIONS

From the treasurer's report in this issue of the Baptist of the National Missions Board, it is shown that less than five hundred dollars was in the treasury at the end of February. This is certainly a too small balance, and must be discouraging to Brother Winford Davis, the treasurer. We are wondering how the missionaries on the foreign fields will feel about it when they see these figures.

It is no time for withholding money from the support of this most worthy cause. This is no time for interest to lag; the work must go on. God is expecting Free Will Baptists everywhere to rally to the support of our missionaries in Cuba and in India. They are looking to us here in America to not only furnish funds for their present needs, but also to be able to give funds for the expansion of their fields of work.

Many of the states have designated certain months of the year for the raising of substantial funds for this specific purpose. North Carolina, for example, has designated the months of March and April for this purpose, and it is expected that by the end of April the majority of the churches in the state will have raised and mailed to the treasurer of state missions large offerings for missions. No state can afford to neglect the responsibility of supporting missions when God's Word speaks out plainly in favor of the support of the gospel in foreign lands. No church should hide its face to seek excuses for not giving according to its ability to this noble cause. No pastor can, on the basis of the Scriptures, deny the duty and responsibility of the church to the support of Christian missions, home and abroad. Pastors, put this matter

GREAT REVIVAL IN PROGRESS
FAIRMOUNT F. W. B. CHURCH
NORFOLK, VA.

Reverend Bruce Barrow of Bryan F. W. B. Church, Texas, is now in the midst of a great revival in Fairmount Park F. W. B.

Church, Norfolk. He is bringing wonderful messages in each service. Great crowds of people are attending the meeting.

Brother Barrow is a good evangelist and the people are liking him fine. The public is cordially invited to come and hear Brother Barrow. The meeting began on March

15, and will continue through March 26. Come and enjoy the sweet fellowship in these most spiritual services.

W. H. Dail

Think and act today as if tomorrow might begin eternity with you—for indeed it may.

before your churches, and see that your congregations will give cheerfully and liberally to this most needy cause.

SPECIAL EASTER MESSAGES

The Easter issue of the Baptist paper will contain specially prepared Easter Messages by a number of writers. The Woman's Auxiliary has arranged ahead for these articles, and they are now being received. Writers among the women of the Auxiliaries of the church in the different states will add interest to those who will read their original messages on the general theme, the Resurrection.

Those wanting extra copies of the Easter issue for distributing among their church people may be able to receive them if they will write the editor in advance, stating the number of copies that they shall want. We will be glad to receive requests for additional copies, and thereby arrange to print enough extra papers for our patrons.

AN OUTPOURING OF THE SPIRIT

News has come to us that there has been an outpouring of the Holy Spirit of the Lord in a special way among the students of the F. W. B. Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee. The Spirit was so manifested in the hearts of the students that they ceased class work for a season, gave testimonies to the working of the Holy Spirit in their hearts; they sang praises, and rejoiced because of the wonderful things that the Lord is doing for them and the college.

Similar rejoicings, testimonies, and praises of students in other Bible colleges have been happening of recent date over the country. Classes have been suspended, teachers have witnessed for the Lord, and great rejoicings have come to such institutions of learning, and all because of the power and the Spirit of God getting hold of the hearts and lives of those teachers and students.

This is a good sign of the presence of the Holy Spirit at work in the hearts of students and teachers while they are pursuing their daily tasks of teaching and learning the great truths of God's Holy Word. May the Lord continue to manifest his presence and power among the faculty members and students until a great revival shall be witnessed in all the seminaries and Bible colleges of the land.



Alabama News

Edward B. Ledlow,
Editor
Talladega, Alabama

Glad Tidings Singing Convention

First Free Will Baptist Church,
Talladega, Alabama

We had a grand singing last first Sunday night. The attendance was good with all the seats filled and some standing in the church. This was the first Sunday night singing to be held at the church and it proved very successful. We were happy to have the famous Gospel Four quartet (heard over radio station WVOK each Sunday morning at 9:30) of Birmingham, Ala., to sing for us in this singing. The Spirit of God was there, too. We heard old-time Amens and shouting. We are expecting a greater singing next first Sunday night, so everyone, plan to be with us. The Dixie River Boys' Quartet of Anniston, Ala., will be with us that night along with many other special singers and directors.

Edward B. Ledlow, Chairman

Ladies Aid

Friendship F. W. B. Church, Pell City, Ala.
Report for February

Our president, Mrs. Ben Howard, called for song and prayer, and our secretary, Mrs. Johnny Burnham, called the roll, and read minutes, and took up the dues. Mrs. Pardue gave the treasurer's reports. We have quilted 19 quilts for people. We've made different things such as pot-holders, aprons, etc., to build up our treasury. We have been busy this month, going about visiting some needy families. We have started a Birthday club, and had four this month to fix presents for. We all enjoy this. We are having lots of sickness around us, but attendance have been good so far. One Tuesday night we had nine visitors.

We desire the prayers of all the Christians to pray that we might be soul winners for Jesus.

Mrs. Paul Davis, Cor.-Secy.

"Do You"

By Mrs. Eunice Limbaugh

Do you sit at ease as the years roll on
With the blessings of God piled high?
With plenty to eat and plenty to wear?

Do you consider the source from which
blessings come?

Do you know there are many who're cold
outside?

It might be the person next door.

Do you ever lend him a helping hand?

Do you tell him about his soul?

Do you seek for the sheep on the moun-
tain side,

That's wandering around in the cold?

Do you show him kindness and brotherly
love?

Do you help him carry his load?

Do you share your wealth and service, too,
To help him along life's road?

Do you worry about him having no coat,
And his feet so poorly shod?

Do you wonder if he hasn't enough to eat?
Do you plead his case to God?

Do you wonder why our world's so blind
So wrecked in sin and shame?

Do we do our best that our light may Shine
To magnify his name.

Mrs. Eunice Limbaugh
Talladega, Alabama

Brotherhood

First F. W. B. Church, Talladega, Ala.

The brotherhood had their regular first Friday night meeting in the home of Bro. A. L. Jones, Munford, Alabama, March 3. The president, Rev. J. B. Ledlow, read the scripture lesson and gave a wonderful talk on "Spiritual Gifts." Bro. A. L. Jones led prayer after which the business was taken up in order. Several things were accomplished. The body agreed to give \$25.00 on the new benches that are to go in the church. Other donations will be given in the future.

After the business session, refreshments were served. The next meeting will be in the home of Rev. J. B. Ledlow, Westend, Talladega, Ala. We desire the prayers of every Christian for a better success in our Brotherhood.

A Note from the State Editor

To the Free Will Baptist of Alabama
The news has been coming in to me very

slowly. You have elected me as State Editor for a page in the Free Will Baptist paper and my hands are tied if I don't receive News from you. Please send your News, announcements, poems, sermons, etc. to me each month. Each church in the State should elect a News Correspondent to gather the News and he should mail it to me the first week and not later than the second week in the month. "COME ON ALABAMA, LET'S GET THE NEWS ROLLING IN." My address is Mr. Edward B. Ledlow, 607 Booker St., Talladega, Alabama.

First District Quarterly Meeting

Liberty Association

The First District Quarterly Meeting of the Liberty Association No. 2 will hold their 45th session on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in April at Pleasant Grove Church, Ashville, Alabama, Route 1. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting.

Rev. J. B. Ledlow, Moderator,
Bro. D. J. O'Donnell, Clerk

Sunday School Convention

To Be Held at First Free Will Baptist Church, Talladega, Alabama

The Liberty Association No. 2 Sunday School Convention will convene at the Talladega Church, Talladega, Ala., the 5th Sunday in April. Sunday Schools from 10 different churches will take part in the convention. Each church will send delegates to represent its Sunday School. The business session will begin at 9:30 A. M., and Sunday School programs will be given in the afternoon. The Leagues will also take part in the convention. Visitors are invited to attend this convention.

Ladies Aid

First Free Will Baptist Church,
Talladega, Alabama

Our February 25th meeting was called off due to the illness of so many of our members, but we did meet at the church March 1st with 10 members present. The meeting was called to order by Pres., Mrs. Eunice Limbaugh. Minutes of previous meeting were read by Secy.-Treas. and

approved by group. After the meeting was called to order, dues and the money for projects was collected. The aprons we are making have been selling splendidly, and we still have orders for many more. The crocheting is slower, but the ladies have done some beautiful work and it is selling well. Some beautiful baskets, vanity sets and dollies have been made. The quilting is still going fine. On the average, we quilt 2 quilts each Wednesday. These are the only projects we have undertaken as yet, but we are planning to sell dinners just as soon as the weather permits. We feel that we are doing a good work and desire your prayers that we may continue to do so.

Miss Faye George, Corr. Secy.

Homecoming Scheduled

There will be a Home Coming at Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Ashville, Alabama, Route 1, the fourth Sunday in March. All former pastors are invited. Also all singers are invited to attend.

Funeral Services Held at Talladega Church

Mrs. Jennie Gunter, age 68, died February 16, 1950 in Citizens Hospital after a long illness. Funeral services were held at the First F. W. B. Church, Talladega, Ala., with the Rev. J. B. Ledlow officiating. Burial was at Bethlehem, near Munford, Ala.

Surviving are the husband, Mr. J. M. Gunter, one son, Lawson Gunter, one daughter, Mrs. Cleo Elder, Sr., seven grandchildren, five great grandchildren, six sisters and two brothers. We wish to thank everyone for their kind sympathy shown us in our sorrow. Also for the beautiful flowers. We want to especially thank Rev. J. B. Ledlow and the Glad Tiding Quartet for their help.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Elder, Sr., and Jerry. Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Elder, Jr., Mr. J. M. and Lawson Gunter, and Mrs. Roy L. Caldwell.

IF

If you can hear the whispering about you
And never yield to deal in whispers, too;
If you can bravely smile when loved ones doubt you,

And never doubt, in turn, what loved ones do;

If you can keep a sweet and gentle spirit
In spite of fame or fortune, rank or place,
And though you win your goal or only near it,

Can win with poise or lose with equal grace;

If you can meet with unbelief, believing,
And hallow in your heart a simple creed,
If you can meet deceptoin, undeceiving,

And learn to look to God for all you need;

If you can be what girls should be to mothers—

Chums in joy and comrades in distress;
And be unto others as you'd have the others;
Be unto you—no more, and yet no less;

If you can keep within your heart the power
To say that firm, unconquerable "No";

If you can brave a present shadowed hour
Rather than yield to build a future woe:

If you can love, yet not let loving master,
But keep yourself within your own self's clasp,

And not let dreaming lead you to disaster
Nor pity's fascination loose your grasp;

If you can lock your heart on confidences
Nor ever needlessly in turn confide;

If you can put behind you all pretenses
Of mock humility or foolish pride;

If you can keep the simple homely virtue
Of walking right with God—then have no fear

That anything in all the world can hurt you—

And—which is more—you'll be a woman,
dear.

—Anonymous.

Give! Give! Give!

Attention, All Ye Alabama Free Will Baptists

Please gather up all your coupons and send them to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Eldridge, Alabama. Help some child that is without a Father and Mother. Your coupons will not amount to very much to you but when they are gathered together in one lump sum, they can be a great help to our Children's Home. This is one way everyone can be a help to our orphan children. Give your coupons to your church clerk, your pastor, or mail them to Bro. W. H. Ryland, Supt. of the Home, Eldridge, Alabama.

Dedication of Unity F. W. B. Church, Sylacauga, Ala.

Sunday, February 26, 1950, will be a long remembered day for the members of Unity Free Will Baptist Church. We can say that the Lord has done great things for us. Our humble servant and pastor, Rev. L. V. Pinson, preached the dedication sermon, and gave the history of our church. It seemed that everyone could feel the very presence of God in the meeting. After the message, we went to the altar, and re-dedicated our hearts to God.

After the altar service, with only four members absent, we had an old-fashioned handshaking. We did feel

the very presence of the Lord with us.

This church was organized on November 7, 1948, after much praying and working hard from time to time, and within sixteen months we were able to pay off the debt of \$3,600, and burn the mortgage. God has surely proven himself to us in these sixteen months of laboring for his cause.

We have met with many difficulties, and have had a hard time getting along, but through the strong faith of our good shepherd and pastor we labored on to the end. We organized this church with twenty-one charter members, and we now have fifty-nine members. We have three ministers, a wonderful Sunday School, two mid-week prayer meetings, and a woman's auxiliary which is doing a great work. The men have a Brotherhood class. We have also a thirty-minute radio program over WMLS.

The following are our officers: Pastor, Rev. L. V. Pinson; deacons, Claude Deason, J. W. Williams, W. F. Johnson; choir director, Arthur Johnson; trustees; Arcie Brown, Stanley Mull, Alton Breedlove; ushers, Kermit Collins, Alton Breedlove.

Mrs. Pauline Gow, Recording Secy.

Announcement

This is to announce that I expect to be in a position to render some pastoral service next year. I am not discontinuing my connection with the Free Will Baptist Press, but, owing to some changes which we contemplate, I plan to have some time to devote to pastoral activities. I shall be open and happy to arrange with any church which might desire my service within reasonable driving distance of Ayden. Address Box 244, Ayden, N. C.

J. Ernest Wooten

Hard Times

"Yes, there are hard times. We throw away ashes and buy soap. We raise dogs and buy hogs. We grow weeds and buy vegetables and brooms. We catch fish with a \$4 rod. We build school-houses and send our children to be educated away from home. And at last we send our boys out with a \$40 gun, and a \$19 dog, to hunt 10-cent game."—Nevada Picayune, Arkansas.

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

Editor

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON

801 Pollock Street
New Bern, N. C.

Woman's Auxiliary, Olivet Church, Kentucky

The Woman's Auxiliary of Olivet Church met Monday, Feb. 13, for an all day meeting. The morning was devoted to the regular monthly meeting program, while a Mission Study Course was held at the afternoon session.

Mrs. Richard Parham opened the program with thoughts for meditation, after which Mrs. Joe Reding led the devotional. Sentence prayers were offered for all our missionaries, at home and abroad.

The subject of the program was "Advancing with Christ through Literature."

Mrs. Ed Siler discussed the topic, "What Do You Read?" after which she gave a list of the most desirable books we could have in a church or home library.

Mrs. George Head discussed "The Leader's Reading," telling how much better leaders all vice-presidents would be, if they would only acquire the reading habit.

Mrs. Hyman Welch's topic was "Dreams or Realities." Mrs. Welch told how 22 years ago the Free Will Baptist Auxiliaries did not have a single piece of literature, but last year Free Will Baptist literature approached a circulation of 5,000.

During the business meeting conducted by the president, Mrs. Richard Parham, the group voted to start a church library. Here they expect to keep, for the Young People of Olivet Church, good books that will fulfill the youths desire for romance, thrills and adventure. Mrs. Jess Hays, who is Literature Chairman for Olivet Auxiliary, was made chairman of the committee, composed of Mrs. Ed Siler and Mrs. George Head to work out plans to get the library started.

Mrs. Parham reported on a visit she had had with the Young People's Auxiliary. She told that they were

well organized, but she encouraged each adult vice-president to lend their assistance to the youth vice-presidents in carrying out their duties.

Appreciation was expressed to the Kirkwood Community Club for the tithe money that the Community Club had given to Olivet Church from the money awarded in the Community Improvement contest. Olivet Church from the money awarded in the Community Improvement contest. Every one was asked to start thinking of a church improvement project to use this money toward.

Mrs. Parham presented the club with the new combined report form sheets to be used each month to eliminate the time wasted in getting reports each month.

Each lady present brought a covered dish and lunch was served country style. Several trays were sent to the sick.

After the lunch hour the mission study course was conducted by Mrs. George Allan, second vice-chairman, who is in charge of all study courses. The book, "Thus It Is Written", by Henry Cornell Goerner was studied.

Mrs. Allan gave the first chapter "The Universal Purpose of God." She explained that God from eternity had purposed the salvation of all mankind.

Mrs. George Head's subject was "The Role of the Chosen People." She told that the Chosen People were instruments of God for the purpose of bringing justice, law, and truth to the Gentiles.

Mrs. Smith Crockarell's topic was, "The World Mission of the Messiah." She told how Jesus repudiated the exclusiveness of the Jews and how He taught that His Kingdom was to be world wide.

Mrs. Hyman Welch discussed "The Holy Spirit and the Nation," explaining that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ, unhampered by a physical body, continuing the work

begun by the incarnate Christ, carrying out his plans for a universal kingdom of righteousness and salvation.

Mrs. Parham discussed "The Christian, and the Consummation." She stated that the church was the responsible agency for carrying out God's plan and that it was every Christian's duty to be a witness and to preach the good news of the kingdom.

After a prayer of consecration the meeting was dismissed.

ATTENTION, WOMEN OF THE WESTERN CONFERENCE DISTRICT

The date of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Western Conference has been changed, for this year only, from Wednesday, April 5, to Thursday, April 13. It convenes with Sherron Acres Church, East Durham, N. C.

New report blanks have been issued, so please order yours from the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C., fill out and return to the Secretary, at least one week before the Convention.

Send your District contribution and per capita dues to the Treasurer, Mrs. Leon Foster, Selma N. C., Route 3.

You are asked to make a special offering to Cragmont for promotion of Women's Conference week.

Mrs. R. N. Hinnant, Secy.
Micro, N. C.

LITTLE BETHEL AUXILIARY JOHNSONVILLE, S. C.

The Woman's Auxiliary of Little Bethel Church held its regular monthly meeting on February 23, at the home of Mrs. Dot Altman, with 21 members present, and five of whom were new members. Due to illness five of our old members were absent. Mrs. Hermon Tanner presided over the meeting. A very interesting program was given by Mrs. Murdock Stone, and Mrs. Franklyn Eaddy. After the business session was over, the meeting closed.

Freshments were served in the living room of our hostess. Our next meeting will be held on the afternoon of March 23 at three o'clock in the afternoon in the home of Mrs. Vernie Stone.

We desire the prayers of all you

readers that we may be a blessing to our community, and for the upbuilding of God's kingdom.

Mrs. J. C. Lyerly, Cor. Secy.

LEE'S CHAPEL AUXILIARY SAMPSON COUNTY, N. C.

The ladies of Lee's Chapel met in their auxiliary meeting on Thursday night, February 17, in the home of Mrs. Nathan T. Godwin, with twelve members present and four visitors. The devotional was given by Mrs. Eugene Jernigan. She brought the point in her talk, by asking, "How Can Parents Rear Their Children without the Help of God?"

Others on the program were Mrs. B. C. Godwin, Mrs. M. B. Hawley, Mrs. John Henry Elmore, and Mrs. James West. The topic studied was the theme: "Advancing with Christ through Literature." Our president stressed the importance of teaching our children the use of the right kind of literature. She also stressed the need of our being missionary-minded in our own homes, and then to others. We should be more thoughtful of others and less thoughtful of ourselves. At the close of her talk sentence prayers were given by each member, and the request that we draw closer to the Lord was the plea of all members present. The Spirit of the Lord was with us and we had a wonderful meeting together.

Our next meeting will be held with Mrs. Eugene Jernigan on Thursday night before the third Sunday and all members are urged to be present. We are glad to report that Mrs. Pauline Sills, who is in the sanatorium, is doing fine, and we are hoping that she will be able to be back and meet with us soon.

—By Reporter

Prospect Aid Report

Mrs. Nealey Matthews was hostess to the Prospect Ladies Aid auxiliary which was held at the home of Mrs. Nealey on Friday evening. There were thirty members present and two visitors for this meeting. The president, Mrs. R. K. Cannady, called the meeting to order and the group

sang the opening hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers." The scripture reading was by the president. Prayer was offered by the pastor, Rev. C. H. Coates.

The program committee conducted the program, which was directed by Mrs. Ashley Stewart. Those taking part in the program were Mesdames Johnnie Ennis, Tommie Matthews, and G. C. Kennedy. Mrs. Hubert Dormon sang a special song. The benediction was given by Mrs. Johnnie Ennis.

The hostess served delicious refreshments consisting of fudge cake, mints and punch.

Mrs. G. R. Stephens,
Recording Secretary

PROGRAM

of the

Pee Dee Auxiliary Convention

to be held at

Cypress Creek Church Saturday, April 1, 1950

Theme: "Advancing with Christ"

Morning Session

- 10:00—Registration
10:10—Devotion, Rev. H. C. Adcox
—Welcome, Mrs. J. R. Batten
—Response, Mrs. Katy McPherson
—Recognition of ministers and visitors
—President's message
—Roll call of auxiliaries
—Special music
—"Advancing with Christ through Enlistment," Rev. Carol Hansley
—"Advancing with Christ through Training Our Youth," Mrs. W. L. Jernigan
—Appointing committee
—Song
—Convention message, Rev. J. C. Griffin
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:15—Devotion, Rev. A. L. Duncan
1:25—Orphanage news, R. McLeod
—Reports of vice-presidents
—"Advancing with Christ through Soul Winning," Mrs. J. C. Griffin
—Special music
—"Advancing with Christ through Missions," Mrs. Carol Hansley
—Report of field workers, Mrs. A. L. Duncan
—Business
Reports of committees
3:30—Adjournment
Mrs. H. C. Adcox, President
Mrs. George Suggs, Secretary

Woman's Auxiliary Convention

of the

Albemarle Conference

Place: Belhaven Church

Time: April 6, 1950

Theme: "Advancing Christ through our Youth"

Morning Session

- 10:15—Devotions, Mrs. Harry Jarvis
—Welcome, Mrs. Geo. Marriner
—Response, Mrs. Alton Reynolds
—President's message, Mrs. Delsie Waters
—Recognition of Ministers and Visitors
—Reading of minutes and roll call
—Appointment of committees and Orphanage news

11:00—Sermon, Rev. Ralph Osborn

11:30—10 minute talks:

- (1) Why Advance? Mrs. Katie Roper
(2) How Advance? Mrs. J. A. Alexander
(3) Two-fold Results, Mrs. Wm. Reynolds

12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:15—Devotions, Mrs. Laura Smith
—Reports of vice-presidents and committees
—Special music
—Business period
3:00—Adjournment

By the Committee

Announcement

This is to inform the public that I have been licensed to the Gospel ministry by Aspin Grove F. W. B. Church of the Central Conference of North Carolina.

Anyone desiring my services as a licensed minister may contact me at the following address: A. G. Baker, Greenville, N. C., Route 1, Box 107. If anyone desires a recommendation, write or see Rev. L. B. Manning, Fountain, N. C., Rev. R. H. Jackson, Saratoga, N. C., or any one of the ministers of the Fourth Union meeting of the Central Conference.

A. G. Baker,
Greenville, N. C.,
Route 1, Box 107

"Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His Name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" (Ps. 29:2).



THE CHURCH SUFFERING AND TRIUMPHANT

(Lesson for April 2)

LESSON: I Peter 4:12-19; Revelation 7:9-17.

GOLDEN TEXT: 2 Timothy 2:12.

I. Heart of the Lesson

1. The trials which seem so strange to the flesh should seem natural to the spirit (I Peter 4:12).

2. If we suffer for Christ's sake, it is a proof of our union with Him (vs. 13).

3. Suffering here has the promise of glory hereafter (vs. 13).

4. Suffering for Christ is a proof of the presence of the Spirit of God in our lives (vs. 14).

5. Suffering for sins committed should never be necessary for a child of God (vs. 15).

6. Suffering as a Christian in this life will fit us for rewards at the judgment set of Christ (vs. 17).

8. It is far better to have an abundant entrance than to be scarcely saved (vs. 18).

9. Then He is the adored Christ. On earth He was "despised and rejected of men" (Is. 53:3). He was hated, condemned, beaten, mocked, and crucified. In Heaven we see Him adored, praised, and worshiped by a countless host of redeemed souls and of angels. In the first vision John heard the voices of countless angelic beings proclaiming the power and glory of the Almighty Saviour, the Lamb of God. It was fitting that the Lamb that was slain should "receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing." The whole creation raised its song of adoration "unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever" (Rev. 5:11-14). In the second vision (7:9-17), those who surround the throne are the saints who down through the ages have been washed in the Blood of the Lamb, and who remained loyal

to their Saviour in spite of great tribulation. They sing the song which angels cannot sing, the song of salvation (vs. 10). As the angels gaze upon the countless host of the redeemed and hear their song they are filled with awe, with the spirit of worship, and with profound adoration they "fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen" (vss. 11, 12).

10. Trials, yea, "fiery trials," are sure to come to each one of God's children. There is no escape: "In the world ye shall have tribulation" (John 16:33); "Yea, and all that will live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (II Tim. 3:12). How crushing would be these inescapable trials, but for the fact that our God comforts His children in all their tribulation! How reassuring are His words: "As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you" (Is. 66:13a). Our God is "the God of all comfort" (II Cor. 1:3).

11. How comforting it is to know that in temptation God's children may "bank" upon God's faithfulness: "God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (I Cor. 10:13)! God's promises to the tempted are sufficient: "For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succour them that are tempted" (Heb. 2:18; comp. II Peter 2:9; Rev. 3:10). We may even be joyous in the midst of trial and temptation (Jas. 1:2, 3). How comforting is God's promise of overcoming power: "More than conquerors through Him that loved us"!—Selected.

12. The closing portion of the lesson is a beautiful picture of the heavenly reward of martyrs and confessors and of all who are faithful in the midst of great tribulation. These verses are a sort of commentary upon Christ's words to the persecuted, "Great is your reward in heaven." They are in the immediate presence of God and render homage to him continually. All of their privations

which they experienced in their earthly condition are forever a thing of the past. Hunger and thirst they know no more, nor the oppressive heat of the sun. Tears and all things which produce them are forever o'er. When the book of Revelation was written, persecuted saints were in need of special encouragement and were much in the author's mind, yet it is plain from Scripture elsewhere that the glories of heaven are for all who are faithful to God.—Arnold's Commentary.

Christ's Blood, the Only Answer

In 1922, during the World's Fair in Chicago, a Parliament of Religions was held, a great public gathering in which men of reputation representing the great world religions were invited to participate. There they sat in a great circle on the platform; in their various attires; from different countries; all speaking English. Each man had his chance to stand up and, as ably as he could, set forth the peculiar glories of his religion. To represent Christianity they selected Joseph Cook of Boston, a man of great intellect, and equally great loyalty to the Gospel. In the course of a masterly oration he pictured Lady MacBeth anguishing over the ineradicable stains of blood on her guilty hands. When the audience was at the highest pitch of intense interest, he turned and faced these representatives of these various world religions, and asked: "Has your religion anything that can cleanse the stains from the hands of her troubled conscience?" One by one they shook their heads! They had nothing to offer! When they had all admitted their impotence, he turned and announced, "The Blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth from all sin."—Prophetic News.

No Glass Between

The story is told of a little boy whose family was very poor. He received no gifts at Christmas time, but he spent what time he could looking in the windows at the pretty things other little boys were to have. One day he was run over by a car and taken to a hospital. One of the nurses brought him a gift—a troop of soldiers. As he touched them,

what do you think he said? "There isn't any glass between!" So some day the glass will be removed between us and the pleasures and beauties of Heaven.—The Christian Herald.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
EVANGELICALS

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Christian era has the historic Christian faith been subject to such vehement, persistent, and organized opposition, and on so many fronts, as is true today. We instinctively think of the martyrs of the early Christian church, but today's Church also has its martyrs in certain countries on the earth, and even in countries whose traditions are evangelical and Biblical, these foundations are being powerfully assailed.

Yet on every hand we see in Bible-believing Christians a degree of ignorance of these factors and consequently a lack of alertness and diligence which plays directly into the enemy's hands. We ought to be awake, and to realize what we face, that we may take prudent action by God's help.

"GOD'S WORD FOR GOD'S WORLD"

The coming Convention of the N. A. E. at the Roberts Park Methodist Church in Indianapolis, Indiana, beginning Tuesday evening, April 18 and running through Friday evening, will be dedicated to the stirring up of evangelicals to the nature of the present-day opposition to the gospel's unhampered spread, and to a highlighting of our great spiritual offensive weapon, the Word of God. The Convention's theme—"God's Word for God's World."

On Tuesday evening Dr. Harold John Ockenga, pastor of old Park Street Church and outstanding intellectual leader in evangelical circles deals with "Romanism in the Light of God's Word."

Wednesday evening Dr. Paul S. Rees of Minneapolis takes up "Communism in the Light of God's Word."

Thursday evening the focus will be on "Statism in the Light of God's Word" as Bishop Leslie Marston, brilliant scientist, educator, and churchman of the Free Methodist Church turns the light on the dangers from this direction.

At this same session Dr. Frank E. Gaeblein of the Stony Brook School will lift the veil on the newly published study of his committee on "A Christian Philosophy of Education," the reply of evangelical Christianity to the "Harvard Report."

Friday night's rally, in charge of the Radio Commission, brings us the closing address by Congressman Graham A. Barden, whose courageous fight for maintaining the American policy of separation of church and state with special reference to federal aid for education is known over our nation.

In addition to these evening rallies there will be the meetings of the various com-

missions in the mornings, and the reports of N.A.E.'s projects during the regular convention sessions each afternoon. You will want to get some inside light on such things as the work of our Committee on Christian Liberty leading up to Mr. Myron Taylor's resignation as special envoy to the Vatican.

EACH CONGREGATION ENTITLED TO
BE REPRESENTED

This year a more careful effort will be made to restrict the voting in convention to bona fide representatives of members churches and denominations.

Each local congregation of an affiliated N.A.E. denomination is entitled to send to the convention at its own expense one official representative who will be seated within the convention bar and will be entitled to all privileges of the floor and of the vote. (The Constitution says a local church is entitled to send "one representative for each 500 members or fraction thereof.")

We believe that it would be a splendid thing for all our congregations who are able, to encourage their pastor to attend or to name some other representative to this convention. Such plans should of course be made at once. Perhaps in some cases co-operative transportation arrangements can be made with pastors or representatives from nearby congregations. God's people should be as well informed on these matters as are the people of the world.

With this announcement will be found a representative's credential blank which is self-explanatory. It may be clipped, filled out and properly signed, and sent to the N.A.E. Committee on Credentials, 542 South Dearborn Street, Chicago 5, Illinois, and will be received as official.

Printed credential blanks will be sent on request from the same address and also mimeographed information sheets concerning hotel accommodations and costs in Indianapolis.

INFORMATION CONCERNING HOTELS
IN INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

No hotel in Indianapolis will reserve sufficient rooms to accommodate all our delegates. Therefore, we are giving you information concerning those which are recommended by the Indianapolis Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Please MAKE your reservations directly with the hotel of your choice. They are listed in the order recommended.

Claypool Hotel, Washington and Illinois Sts.: 600 Rooms. Rates—Single \$4.00 to \$6.00; Double \$5.00 to \$7.00; Twin Bed Rooms \$6.00 to \$10.00.

Lincoln Hotel, 117 W. Washington St.: 400 Rooms. Rates—Single \$3.50 to \$8.00; Double \$5.00 to \$11.00; Twin Beds \$7.50 to \$11.00.

Severin Hotel, 201 S. Illinois St.: 400 Rooms. Rates—Single \$3.50 to \$5.00; Double \$4.50 to \$6.50.

Linden Hotel, 311 N. Illinois St.: 300

Rooms. Rates—Single \$2.00 to \$5.00; Double \$3.50 to \$6.00.

Barton Hotel, 505 N. Delaware St.: 150 Rooms. Rates—Single \$2.25 up; Double \$2.75 up; Twin Bed Rooms from \$5.00.

Lorraine Hotel, 12 S. Capitol Ave.: 100 Rooms. Rates—Single \$1.50 to \$3.00; Double \$2.50 to \$5.00.

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Indianapolis, Indiana
April 18-21, 1950
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(Location)

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(Name of Officer) (Title)

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Each local church affiliated with a denomination or corporate group of churches holding association in this National Association of Evangelicals and each local church holding such association upon an individual basis will be entitled to send to the annual meeting of the Association one representative for each 500 members or fraction thereof. In addition each associate denomination shall have the privilege of designating any or all of its general officials and general departmental heads as its representatives at the annual meeting. Associated organizations other than churches shall be entitled respectively to send one duly appointed representative. (See Constitution, Art. 1V)

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This is to certify that I have read the Articles of Faith of the National Association of Evangelicals and subscribe to them without mental reservation. (For Articles of Faith, see enclosed folder.)

(Signature of Delegate)

Notice

No delegate will be seated until the above form has been signed by the authorized officer of the constituent organization sending the delegate and by the delegate also.

Delegates are granted the privileges of the floor and of voting in all general sessions.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

The Bear and the Missionary

"Why don't you carry a gun?" visitors sometimes asked.

"Well," the missionary would answer, "it's such a nuisance."

"But don't you sometimes meet wild animals?"

"Once in a while, but they have their affairs and I have mine, so we don't trouble each other."

On this particular morning the missionary went to visit a little girl who was ill with the measles, for he was a doctor, as well as a preacher, a house-builder, a captain of a boat, and several other things.

It was one of the first days of the summer that lasts for so short a time up in the cold northland where the missionary lived, but which is so very pleasant while it does last, and on that day in particular he would not have dreamed of taking a gun. What was a gun for anyhow, but to kill things with? and his business was to make things more alive—the plants in his patch of garden, the dogs which in winter drew his sledge and the people whom he visited. Wherever he went people felt more alive in their bodies, in their minds, and in their souls.

The bear carried all his weapons, and he wanted to kill something but he had an excuse—he was hungry. Who wouldn't be after sleeping for four months, without a bite between naps? Then, he had been hunting for his long-delayed breakfast ever since he woke up the morning before and not finding it had made him cross.

The bear had looked in all the best places along the shore where the seals came; along the edge of the ice, where he could sometimes scoop out a fish; in the sunniest spots where grew juicy mosses and lichens; but it all was no use. There was neither seal, nor fish and, as for salads, it was too early for them.

Then he spied the missionary.

The long, snake-like head shot out and a hungry quiver ran all down his back. Not that the missionary looked specially good to eat, but anything looks good when one is hungry enough, and then he did look so easy to catch, not nearly so difficult as a seal, to say nothing of a walrus.

Slowly and cautiously the bear neared the path along which the missionary was coming, keeping himself hidden behind rocks and blocks of ice, for his nose told him that, harmless as this new food looked, it has a most dangerous smell. At length he reached an overhanging icy ledge, stretched out upon it and suddenly—the whole thing gave way and dropped him almost at the missionary's feet. Howling

with rage he wriggled out and limped off as fast as he could go.

"I saw a bear to-day," said the missionary, at home that evening, telling of the day's experiences.

"Don't you think you ought to carry a gun?" asked his wife.

"Oh, no," answered the missionary. "If I had had a gun I might have shot him. As it was neither of us hurt the other."

Then he told how the ledge of ice had fallen.—The Morning Star.

The Danger of Backsliding or Falling

(Continued from page 3)

4. Showbeb (show-babe): apostate, backsliding. This usage is found in the following reference:

"How long wilt thou go about, O thou backsliding daughter?" (Jer. 31:32).

"... O backsliding daughter? that trusted in her treasures, saying, Who shall come unto me?" (Jer. 49:4).

The above investigation will give one an appreciative understanding of the meaning of the word 'backsliding,' and who is the one who performs married unto as the head of a nation. The Lord had declared Israel as His daughter. What could picture a closer relationship? Let us now turn to the New Testament for a word parallel in meaning.

II. A New Testament Synonym

Because the word 'backslide' does not appear in the New Testament, it does not mean that the Greek New Testament fails to have a word that conveys the meaning of the idea in the Hebrew Old Testament. The writer contends that the Greek for the word 'fall' or expression 'falling away' has a definition synonymous in meaning. Let us now note the Greek root words in their different shades of meaning and the references where each may be found.

1. Ekpipto (ek-pip-to): drop away, to lose, become inefficient, fail, fall away. Note the passages which use this root word:

"Ye therefore, beloved . . . beware lest ye also, being led away with the

error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness" (2 Peter 3:17).

"Remember (Ephesian Church) therefore from when thou art fallen and repent, and do the first works . . ." (Rev. 2:5).

"... whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace" (Gal. 5:4).

2. Apostasia (ap-os-tas-ee-ah): falling away, forsaken, divorce. This usage is found in 2 Thess. 2:3.

"Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition."

3. Aphistemi (af-is-tay-mee): to remove, instigate, to revolt, desert, depart, draw (fall) away, withdraw, refrain. Let us turn to Luke 8:13 for this employment of our word:

"They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away."

4. Parapipto (par-ap-ip'-to): to fall aside, i. e. (fig.) to apostalize: fall away. The reference for this is found in Heb. 6:4:

"For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, if they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance: seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame."

5. Pipto (pip'-to): to fall, fail, fall (down), light on. The quotation for this one is found in 1 Cor. 10:12:

"Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

A general summary of these different shades of meaning of the word which we have under consideration unquestionably indicates that persons to whom these apply are those who have repented, believed, and were spiritual partakers of Christ. Just as 'backslide' referred to children of God so does the word 'fall' or the phrase 'fall away' apply to children of God.

(To be continued)

**Historical Material
Wanted**

As I am the chairman of a subcommittee of the National Board of Publications and Literature to gather material for the publication of a Church History for our denomination, I am taking this opportunity to solicit the cooperation of all our State Moderators in the compiling of this much needed manuscript. If any one should have any historical material relative to the history of our brotherhood, I should like to have this preparatory to the Bible Conference in April at Nashville, Tennessee. Papers, pamphlets, minutes, Treatises, or books can be of help. Any such like material received will be held in security until you request its return, or turned over to the Library of the Free Will Baptist Bible College at Nashville.

Ralph Staten,
Red Bay, Alabama

**PROGRAM
of the**

**Sunday School Convention
of the
Eastern Conference of
South Carolina
convening with
Williams Hill Free Will
Baptist Church
Hemingway, South Carolina
on
Saturday before Second
Sunday in April, 1950**

Bro. J. G. Williams, Superintendent
Eld. J. L. Smith, Host Pastor
Mrs. H. C. Simmons, Secretary
(Sunday School Registration)

Procedure

- 10:00—Opening Song by congregation
- Scripture Lesson, Supt. Bro. J. G. Williams
- Prayer
- Welcome Address, Eld. J. L. Smith
- Response, Bro. Buster Poston
- 11:15—Introductory business session
- Reorganization
- Appointment of temporary committees and judges
- Minutes of last session read by secretary
- Field workers report
- 11:00—Program by local Sunday School
- 11:30—Sermon
- 12:30—Lunch and social recreation
- 1:30—Re-assembly

- Song, Choir
- Short program from each Sunday School represented
- 2:30—Reports of various Sunday School Superintendents, budget funds turned in, etc.
- 3:00—Talk by
- 3:15—Final business session
- Reports of temporary committees
- Unfinished business
- New business
- Petition for next convention
- Return of thanks to host church
- Song and adjournment

MRS. H. C. SIMMONS,
ELD. T. A. WILLIAMS,
Program Committee.

**Scott Street F. W. B.
Church Holds Quarterly
Conference**

I wish to report that we had victory through Christ in our last quarterly conference. It was held on January 27 and 28, 1950, with the Scott Street Free Will Baptist Church in Cookesville, Tennessee.

The Lord poured out great blessings on every service. On Saturday afternoon, the young people, representing several churches, and also the F. W. B. home for children, had charge of the program. They gave some fine league programs which were enjoyed very much by everyone present. There was also a representative from the F. W. B. Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee.

We closed the conference on Sunday with Communion Service and the washing of the saints' feet. We are happy to report that a great victory was won through Christ. We know that he is the only one through whom we can have the peace that passes all understanding.

Rev. Carlos Webb,
Baxter, Tennessee
Route 2

**Rose Hill F. W. B. League
Progressing**

This month our League has really made a great advance. Rev. Graham Baker came and talked to us the first of the month on the subject, "How We Can Make a Better League." He mentioned some of the outstanding things it would take for us to be a member of the League Convention.

On February 15, 1950, we met at the home of Bobby Ann Smith where Mrs. Spivey met with us. She pointed out some books that we could use for various occasions. She told us how our points for attendance and other things will be helpful to us.

For this month our lesson have been very interesting. We have taken up a new thing, letting our leaguers have turn to talk five minutes at the league meeting. We have one person every Sunday night, and that person makes a talk on any subject he likes.

We should like to encourage the old and young people to come to our league meetings. It meets every Sunday evening at 6:00 P. M. We do enjoy having visitors with us in our League.

Bibbie Ann Smith, Reporter

BOOK REVIEW

"THE CITIES OF ST. PAUL"

By

Sir W. M. Ramsay, Kt., Hon. D. C. L.
Publisher: Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Mich.
Price: \$4.00.

This excellent volume has received by Bible schools, seminaries, students of the Bible, and others wide approval. Pastors, missionaries, Sunday School officials, and Woman's Auxiliary leaders of the churches will profit greatly by a study of this book.

Copies may be secured either direct from the publishers, or from the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina.

"HOMILETIC THESAURUS"

By

Harold F. J. Ellingsen

Publisher: Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Mich.
Date: 1949
Price: \$4.50.

This new book, the first of three volume set, on the Gospels is significant for the selected texts and spot passages, and the pithy comments on different verses of scripture of the Gospel of Matthew. It is quite comprehensive, with expository excerpts, suitable illustrations, brief outlines, sermon notes, etc. The book is valuable for homiletic study of Matthew by Bible students.

Those interested, may purchase copies either from the publishers, or from the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina.

-:- Department of Foreign Missions -:-

REPORT OF NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONS TREASURER

Winford Davis, Treasurer

Itemized Receipts during February, 1950
Brought forward from January ..\$1,228.47

Received during February:

Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Barrow, Nashville, Tennessee	10.00
State of Oklahoma	42.75
Pleasant View Church, Illinois	23.05
Rock Springs Church, Thebes, Ill.	6.00
Dry Creek S. S., Dry Creek, W. Va.	8.40
Shady Grove League, Hickory Point, Tennessee	5.00
Betsy Lane S. S., Betsy Lane, Ky.	53.00
Faye Tuttle, Cushing, Oklahoma	5.00
Lillie Herring, Nashville, Tenn.	5.00
Alabama State Auxiliary, Barnard furlough	41.72
Woman's National Auxiliary Conv.	1.60
Georgia State Association, Barnard furlough	29.32
Georgia State Association	50.92
Nason Church, Nason, Illinois	15.00
Friendship Church, Clayton, Texas	4.40
Dailey's Chapel League, Seven Springs, North Carolina	2.00
West Fork Quarterly Meeting of Texas	9.50
Spring Hill S. S., Lexington, Okla.	7.46
Horse Branch Leagues, Turbeville, South Carolina	9.67
Good Hope Church, Henderson, Texas	6.58
Hopewell No. 2 League, Healdton, Oklahoma	2.00
Bethlehem Church, Ashland City, Tennessee	16.60
Union Meeting of South Carolina Conference	50.00
Junior League, First F. W. B. Church, Sulphur, Oklahoma	3.29
Central Conference of S. C.	43.27
New Prospect Church, Knoxville, Tennessee	12.35
New Hope Church, Joelton, Tenn.	7.66
Lansing Gospel Temple, Lansing, Michigan	120.00
Fairview Church, Alabama	10.00
Laodicea Church, Alabama	10.00
Pocahontas League, Pocahontas, Arkansas	10.00
Missionary Prayer Band, Nashville, Tennessee, Barnard furlough	25.00
Union Assn. of Tennessee	100.00
Shady Grove Church, Woodlawn, Tennessee	10.00
Mt. Pleasant Church, Joelton, Tennessee	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hicks, Manning, S. C.	10.00
Mt. Olive League, Wise, Virginia	5.00
Compton Church, Henderson, Tex.	10.16

White Pond League, Blakely, Ga.	4.08
Saline Association of Arkansas	29.50
Duck Creek Church, Mounds, Okla.	5.00
Donnie's Bank, Huntsville, Tex.	10.00
Mrs. James W. Pierce, Harrison, Arkansas, Barnard furlough	2.00
Highland Park Church, Highland Park, Michigan	150.00
Highland Park League, Highland Park, Michigan	15.00
Highland Park Auxiliary, Highland Park, Michigan	15.00
Highland Park Prayer Band, Highland Park, Michigan	15.00
West Wayne Church, Michigan	4.96
Student Foreign Missions Fellowship, South Carolina	15.00
Spring Hill S. S., Lexington, Okla.	5.13
State of Virginia	62.93
Una Church, Arcadia, S. C.	4.50
England Hill' Church, Catlettsburg, Kentucky	10.02
Auxier Church, Auxier, Kentucky	4.18
Union Meeting of Eastern Conference of South Carolina	50.00
Mrs. Doyle H. Frisbee, Candler, North Carolina	5.00
Bear Point Auxiliary, Sesser, Ill.	15.00
Madison Church, Vinton County, Ohio	2.00
Central Texas Quarterly Meeting	55.98
Mrs. John Moody, Anderson, Texas, Barnard furlough	5.00
Ladies Auxiliary, First Church, Ft. Worth, Texas	25.00
Core Creek Woman's Auxiliary, Cove City, N. C.	5.00
Trinity Church, Erwin, Tenn.	24.38
Black River Church, Andrews, South Carolina	53.85
State of North Carolina, Barnard furlough	84.80
State of North Carolina, car fund.	114.26
State of North Carolina, Mrs. Stevens	103.26
State of North Carolina, Zalene Lloyd	27.71
State of North Carolina	514.46
State of Missouri, Barnard furlough	40.00
State of Missouri	168.39

Total for month	\$2,433.09
Grand Total	\$3,661.56
Total Disbursements	3,375.57
Balance in Treasury	\$ 285.99

RECEIPTS BY STATES DURING FEBRUARY, 1950

Brought forward from January ..\$1,228.47
Received by states during February:
North Carolina ..\$856.49
Michigan .. 319.96

South Carolina	236.29
Tennessee	220.99
Missouri	208.39
Texas	126.62
Georgia	84.32
Oklahoma	70.63
Virginia	67.93
Kentucky	67.20
Alabama	61.72
Illinois	59.05
Arkansas	41.50
West Virginia	8.40
Ohio	2.00
Woman's National Auxiliary Convention	1.60

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A NEW STRATEGY?

Everybody knows that the tactics of the liquor crowd have been smart. But facts are on our side—it is "smarter not to drink." Anybody with clear eyes can look beyond the artificial ads of so-called "Men of Distinction" to the actual picture of the "mess of destruction" caused by alcohol. On paper the characters are colorful, but in practice, they are pitiful.

So, while the wets seemingly win with their present sales propaganda, let us remember that their "tactics" cannot stand the sustained attack of a spiritual strategy. Time is too short for Christians to remain on the defense, or to content ourselves merely with castigating the evils of traffic in alcohol. Wets must now challenge "our side."

First, to accept abstinence as our project;

Second, to promote an intelligent, positive, program of preaching and Christian practice, as good stewards of the abundant life;

Third, to employ prayer and other spiritual techniques which can far surpass the effectiveness of statutory enactments, or even of educational procedures.—Selected.

The Bible is your guidebook for the journey of life. Read it faithfully. Pay no attention to that preacher, teacher or leader who will not accept it as the Word of God.

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Then Came Easter Morning

The night was dark and full of dread,
 No stars the sky adorning,
 For Christ was numbered with the dead—
 And then came Easter morning!
 Easter with its joy so bright,
 Easter with its glorious light,
 Ending power of death for aye,
 Came the glorious Easter Day!

He died a sinful world to save,
 A death of shame and scorning,
 His wounded form was in the grave—
 But then came easter morning!
 Easter with its vict'ry song,
 Conquest over sin and wrong,
 Ending ever the fearsome sway—
 Came the glorious Easter day!

—Grace Gordon

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JAPANESE CHRISTIAN LEADER TO VISIT AMERICA

Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, the noted Christian leader of Japan, will be in America from July 15th to the end of December. He has been booked for speaking engagements at National meetings, both in the United States and Canada, and will devote two months of his visit, October and November, to the United Evangelistic Advance, under the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council.

Dr. Kagawa will speak at the World Convention on Christian Education in Toronto, Canada, August 15th, and on September 15th he will be at the Missionary Meeting of the General Council of the United Church of Canada. On November 15th he will be at Cincinnati at the annual conference of the United Conference of Church Women.

Those wishing to inquire about speaking dates for Dr. Kagawa during September and December should correspond directly with the itinerary secretary Dr. J. Henry Carpenter, 252 Fulton Street, Brooklyn 1, New York.

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Sunday, April 23 (morning), Horner's Chapel

Sunday, April 23 (evening), Swannanoa, Buncombe County
Monday, April 24, New Bridge, Ashville
Tuesday, April 25, Marshall
Wednesday, April 26, Walnut
Thursday, April 27, Red Hill
Friday, April 28, Horney Heights

We sinners need the blood and the oil, but Jesus only the oil, the blessed Holy Spirit. May we receive both in their fullness of cleansing and filling.—Rev. D. M. L. Lacjner.

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Mrs. C. F. Bowen
Nashville, Tennessee

The risen Christ is anxiously waiting to enter our lives and dwell there with us. As sinners you need to receive him. As Christians we need to fully appropriate him by opening the door wide and inviting him to dwell with us to the fullest extent. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in unto him, and will sup with him, and he with me." There is no better time of the year to surrender our all to Christ than at the beautiful Easter season when our Lord arose from the tomb.

There are some definite proofs that we might mention concerning Christ's resurrection. Some people living then actually doubted that he arose from the dead, and there are some today that still doubt the story of the resurrection.

Did not all the writers of the Gospels see Christ after he arose? The disciples faced even possible death to tell the story of Christ's wonderful resurrection. Someone has said that if the story were false it would sound much different than it does in the Bible. Most writers have a tendency to play up the dramatic side of such a story, but the account of the resurrection does not necessarily lean to spectacular dramatics. It states that our Lord arose and first appeared to Mary Magdalene and then gives the simple events that followed.

Some people say that Christ was not dead, but we know he was because the spear was thrust into his side, and more important than this, the Bible tells us he was dead. The fact that the disciples adhered to their belief in the resurrection through the bitter years that followed—even to their martyrdom—speaks for the truth of it. Men do not give their lives for a falsehood or a doubt.

The courage manifested by the disciples on the day of Pentecost, the consecration of the martyrs of the early church, and the existence of the Christian church today all prove the reality of the resurrection.

One of the last proofs and one of

the most important that we might mention is that all who have the touch of Christ upon their lives know he was resurrected. Those of us who have reached out and touched him remember his arm of sustaining power in times of temptation and we do not need to be told that long ago he was released from the tomb, for in being released he was become the living power in our lives.



Mrs. C. F. Bowen

Let us look briefly at something of the importance of the resurrection. "The fact of Christ's resurrection is at the base of Christianity. Our whole Christian religion must stand or fall with the coming to life again of the Man Jesus." Paul recognized the fact that the words and works of Jesus would be comparatively without value unless the same body that went into the tomb came forth again in a true resurrection. "If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, your faith also is vain." If Christ had not risen his claims to divinity would have been proved false. It took the resurrection to make the plan of salvation complete. (1 Cor. 15:17.)

If Christ had not risen, Satan and evil would have been stronger than God and good. Christ's resurrection means that he has power to fulfill all the promises he made. He can lead

us to victory; as Master of our souls he can say, "Peace, be still."

Easter and the risen Christ should give all of us who bear the name of Christian a renewed courage to look upward and claim the many blessings he has in store for us. It should make us remember to thank the Lord for saving our souls because we know that because of his resurrection we will some day be resurrected to live a glorious life with him. It should make us remember other lands that need the Gospel. We should be so thrilled over the fact that he arose that we would rededicate our lives to the extent that we would say, "Here am I, Lord, send me or use me in any way possible in telling the wonderful story of the resurrected Christ to others."

"He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.

He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know he lives?
He lives within my heart."

KERMAN, CALIFORNIA F. W. B. CHURCH ELECTS OFFICIAL STAFF

The Free Will Baptist church at Kerman, California, met in Conference on Wednesday night, March 8, 1950, for the purpose of electing new church officers. The new church year will begin on May the first.

Rev. O. E. Doss was re-elected to serve as pastor for another year. The other officers elected were as follows: Mrs. Pattie McLain, clerk; Mrs. Florence Sharp, assistant clerk; Delmar Sharp, treasurer; Connel York, assistant treasurer; W. J. Rush, choir director; Lomie McAlister, assistant choir director; Mary Sue Doss, pianist; Mrs. Eva Grogg, assistant pianist; Mae Ramsey and Doice McAlister, ushers; Alvin Kisner and Connelle York, assistant ushers; standing program committee, Mrs. Callie Freeman, chairman; Mrs. Loree Hall and Mrs. Wanda Kelton, assistants; Mrs. Zella Ramsey, reporter; Mrs. Bessie Rush, assistant reporter; Bud Cregg, president of Board of Trustees, and Delmar Sharp, secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. Lucy Dickens, Church Reporter,
Kerman, California, Box 182

NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

Why Not Others?

I have just received a letter from Mrs. Archie Mae West, of Morehead City, with compliments for the book "Personal Soul Winning," by Mrs. Eunice Edwards. This book belongs to the National Association of Free Will Baptists and should be read by every one who wants to win souls for the Lord Jesus. Quote: "We are studying the little book, 'Personal Soul Winning' in our circles (Circles of the Woman's Auxiliary) and every one is enjoying it, I believe."

I am well acquainted with the auxiliary at Morehead City, having worked with them as their pastor and I know that the group as a whole is deeply interested in winning the lost to Christ. Some of them make special efforts—sacrificial efforts—to better acquaint themselves with the Word of God, in order to win others to Christ. They study various books on Stewardship and Missions, and find it profitable. Some time ago they purchased several copies of "Personal Soul Winning," on my recommendation, and thus Mrs. West writes, "and every one is enjoying it." WHY NOT OTHER auxiliaries do the same thing?

This book sells for 40 cents prepaid from the F. W. B. Gem, Monett, Mo., or from the writer.

Pictures Going Over

A ten year history of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Middlesex, N. C., is being shown by the management of the Institution. At this time we are making an itinerary of the Cape Fear Conference, and the churches where we have shown the pictures have expressed themselves as being "pleased." Individual compliments are continually reaching our ears. A very well informed lady said last week, after seeing the pictures: "It is the next thing to a visit to the Orphanage," and then she said, "I had no idea that we had so much at the Orphanage." Another said, "It is better than taking the little children all over the country, tiring out their little bodies." Well, God is blessing. Words and Deeds tell the story.

April the Ninth—What?

If the Lord tarries, on April the 9th another Easter Day will roll around reminding us of the fact that THE LORD JESUS CHRIST arose from the grave and showed Himself to his disciples, and therefore established the fact that the CHRISTIAN RELIGION has a LIVING FOUNDATION AND HEAD. Not a visible earthly head.

Christ the resurrected, ascended Christ, who sits at the "right hand of God the Father," is the HEAD of the Church. And his only VICAR on earth is the HOLY SPIRIT. By the inspiration given to the writers of the New Testament, by the presence and wisdom of the Holy Spirit, we have the written word witnessing to the RESURRECTION of the LORD JESUS. Paul wrote: "MOREOVER, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; by which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I have preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: after that he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once: of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. After that he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. And last of all he was seen of me also, as one born out of due time" (1 Cor. 15:1-8). "As one born out of due time." Dr. Scofield has this to say about this "birth out of due time." "Paul thinks of himself here as an Israelite whose time to be born again had not come, nationally." He refers to Matt. 23:39 and goes on to say, "so that his conversion by the appearing of the Lord in glory (Acts 9:3-6) was an illustration, or instance before the time, of the future national conversion of Israel."

Our Comments on this Scripture

Paul gives the fact of the resurrection. He declares it to be "GOSPEL." These Christians had "received" it. In it, they did "stand." By it he said, "Ye are saved." No use to believe that Christ was "born and died, unless we believe that "HE ROSE AGAIN." But we are "saved," "IF WE KEEP IN MEMORY WHAT I PREACHED UNTO YOU." Let us emphasize that word, "If we keep in memory" we are "saved." But if we forget, or lose the "memory" what will happen? Well Paul says, "unless ye have believed in vain." Paul says I "delivered" . . . "which I had received." We can only deliver that which we receive. Receiving comes before delivering. Without receiving we are ignorant. God never put a premium on ignorance . . . Paul was wise unto salvation. He knew from whence it came, and as to how it came, therefore, he said to an inquiring lost jailer, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." So to believe on the Lord Jesus is to believe in his literal resurrection. A religion that does not include the RESURRECTION OF THE LORD JESUS, is of Satan and perpetrated from the day that his henchmen said "that his disciples came and stole him away, while we slept." There are many "cult" religions that deny the LITERAL RESUR-

RECTION OF THE LORD JESUS. Every one of these religions belong to Satan.

It Is Very Important

Paul said: "If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain." . . . "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept" (1 Cor. 15:12-20). Here we have it that Christ arose from the dead. Did not "swoon away," neither did he "turn to gasses," as some of the "cult" leaders proclaim. He actually, literally stepped out of the grave to live for evermore.

Listen to these words of Christ Himself: "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of death and hell" (Rev. 1:18).

The 19th verse says (1 Cor. 15:19), "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable." Now that does not mean that there is a chance for salvation beyond this life. That doctrine of Salvation after natural death comes is not Biblical. It belongs to some of the "cults" who have perverted the scriptures and are preaching the doctrine of Satan. It means that there is a life beyond the grave. We are to rise out of the earth and be transformed into a Heavenly citizen; "for we shall see him and be like him when he appears" (See 1 John 3:2).

"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming" (1 Cor. 15:22, 23).

THE PATHWAY OF WISDOM

Jo Ann Linley
Brilliant, Alabama
Route 1

There's a pathway of wisdom waiting for you,

A step down friendship's lane—beyond the blue;

Where you'll stop to encourage a disheartened friend,

A small reward now, but it'll come in the end.

This pathway of wisdom is narrow, but straight,

It's the key which unlocks Heaven's Gate;

On the sides grow untold knowledge and courage,

And love and friendship so bold.

A pathway of wisdom—one of delight,

Which we can tell by our sight;

This pathway leads not to destruction,

But to a land where there's no corruption.

"In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths" (Prov. 36).

≡≡≡ EASTER ≡≡≡

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To multitudes of Americans the word Easter spells only a new spring outfit—many have been heard to say, “Unless I get a new outfit you won’t need to look for me Easter Sunday.” To many youngsters this sacred celebration means gay, flop-eared bunnies and brightly colored eggs. They have not been taught thoroughly enough that this very beautiful and impressive season is an annual Church celebration commemorating Christ’s Resurrection. **HAD THERE BEEN NO RESURRECTION THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO CHRISTIAN CHURCH!** The following acrostic outline has been prepared with a prayer that each individual who reads it might see the deeper and more significant meaning of the term Easter. We hope to show what the Resurrected One can be to every individual who will come unto Him.

E-xample—John 13:15, “. . . I have given you an example . . .” The Resurrected Saviour should be our example in Christian living. During His short ministry He trudged along the long, dusty roads, carrying the glorious Gospel message to those who were sitting in darkness, waiting for someone to bring the wonderful news of Salvation. We His followers should follow His example of soul-winning not only during the Easter season but the year around. There is no joy that can come to anyone like the joy of leading a soul to Christ.

Then, too, He is our example in prayer. Many times He tarried all night in prayer and if He the Divine Son of God realized His need of communion with His Father how much more should we. He left a wonderful promise to His followers in John 14:14—“If ye shall ask anything in my name, I WILL DO IT.” May we all during this wonderful season resolve to be better prayer warriors for Him.

A-ll Sufficient One—2 Cor. 12:9, “And He said unto me, my grace is sufficient for thee . . .” Only the Resurrected one is sufficient to comfort the troubled heart. Matthew 17:7-8, “. . . He touched them, and said, Be not afraid. . . . They lifted up their eyes and saw Jesus only.” When the living word of God touches the sorrowful or terrified soul it is enough. Although all else should fail, and every comfortable feeling flee from us, if we have Jesus only, then our sky will have a gem. The touch and word of the all-sufficient one are enough to bind up every wound.

S-helter—Psalm 61:3—“For thou hast been a shelter for me . . .” Yes, He is our shelter—man needs a refuge or hiding-place from the storm of life and a resting-place from the busy, bustling, bothering cares and sorrows of this present life. Let’s all take our Resurrected Savior as our Shelter from the storms that are sure to be ours.

T-ransformer. The grace of God, which bringeth salvation, works a complete transformation in the character and relationship of all who believe. It changes our relationship—

1—To God the Father. We are no longer enemies, but Sons, instead of being under the wrath of God, now we are under His special care.

2—To Christ the Son. We were without Him, and without hope, but now grace has made us near—united to Him, cleansed by His blood and kept by His power.

3—To the Holy Spirit. Before He had no place in our darkened sin-cursed hearts. Now He abides within as our Comforter and Guide.

4—To this present world. When we were in sin we walked according to the course of this world. But now we have been chosen out of it, and sent to be witnesses for God against it. John 17—We used to love the world, but now we love not the world neither the things that are in it. Yes, the Resurrected One is our Transformer.

E-mmanuel — Matthew 1 : 23 —

“They shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.”

1—God with us in the flesh. 1 Timothy 3:16; John 1:14.

2—God with us as a Companion. 2 Corinthians 6:16. “. . . I will dwell in them and walk in them. . . .”

3—God with us always. Matthew 28:20. “. . . I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.” If we really know the Risen One as our Savior, He is always with us as a Companion and Guide.

R-edeemer, because He rescued and delivered us from the bondage of sin and the penalties of God’s violated law. Titus 2:14—“Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity . . .” Hebrews 9:12 “. . . By His own blood He . . . obtained eternal redemption for us.”

The One whose Resurrection we celebrate at this glorious Eastertime did give Himself for us and by His own precious blood obtained eternal redemption for us!

“What Does Easter Mean to You”

What does Easter mean to you?
Stately church with cushioned pew,
Where, Lenten season gone at last
And days of self-denial past,
Richly-clad, devoted throngs
Of worshipers unite in songs
Of praise in lily-scented air?
Is this what makes your Easter fair?
Does it mean the end of winter’s
reign,
Bright skies and welcome warmth
again,
Singing of birds, budding of trees,
Sweet spring odors on the breeze
From daffodil and crocus bed
And balsam branches overhead?
Sad is the world and cold and gray,
If this is all of Easter day.

But if this blessed season brings
A firmer faith in holy things;
Assurance of a living Lord;
A strengthening of the tender chord
Of love that binds us to the life to
come
Where loved ones ‘wait us in the
heavenly home,
No pain or loss can e’er efface the
bliss,
Dear friend, of Easter when it means
all this.

TENNESSEE PERSONALITIES AND EVENTS

C. F. Bowen

A Bible play, entitled "The Cloth of Senedony," directed by Mrs. Charles Thigpen, speech instructor at the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, was well received by a large audience March 17 in the college chapel. Students from a number of states had roles in the drama. A specialty of the college is its splendid dramas.

The visitation evangelism promoted by East Nashville Church brought gratifying results. More than 125 persons were contacted, 16 of whom were won to Christ and nearly a score were led to transfer their membership to a local church in the city. East Nashville Church reaped its share of the harvest with a possible 25 new members, many of whom came for baptism. This project was a city-wide campaign embracing 15 denominations. The total results showed more than 1,500 persons making commitments.

Revival fires burn brightly at the college here in Nashville. For several weeks students have had spontaneous meetings of praise and prayer and at least one old-time conversion. Confessions are made, sins forsaken, and old faults and ills forgiven. None of this, however, has disrupted the regular procedure of college work.

Rev. Damon C. Dodd, national promotional secretary, has closed a successful revival in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where a number of souls were won to the Lord. Pastor Reford Wilson attests also that many of his congregation have become "good steward" conscious. Mr. Dodd and Rev. J. L. Welch, pastor of Cofer's Chapel, Nashville, will be on the faculty of a Christian Workers' Institute in West Virginia the week of March 19.

ATTENTION: NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION PRESIDENTS

Please write me at once giving me your name and address and name of your convention, as we are planning our next State Sunday School Convention program for our annual convention, which is to meet with the Hugo Church, Thursday and Friday before the 4th Sunday in April. We are most interested in hearing from you, as we want your convention to be represented in this session of the convention. There is one part of our program that will be very beneficial to your work.

Raymond T. Sasser
207 West Broad Street
Wilson, North Carolina

Many graduates of our Bible college plan to return to the scene of their greatest joys for the annual Bible Conference at the college April 23-26. This return should be a wonderful opportunity for class reunions, alumni gatherings, and the making of new friends. Further information on the Bible conference should be released soon by the college.

An approximate \$3,500 building addition to Cofer's Chapel, Nashville, is in the final stages of completion. This addition includes an enlarged nursery, more classroom space, and a more spacious dining room. The spirit of progress manifested by this church's building program is typical of that found in hundreds of our churches over the country.

Incidentally, Tennessee Personalities and Events is happy to be back in the columns of the Baptist. This editor still earnestly wishes to publish Tennessee news of importance, and will be happy to do so just as long as Tennesseans will lend just a tithe of their cooperation.

Signs of Our Time

By A. P. Hill, Jr.
Kinston, N. C.

It is certain we are living in a perplexed world. There are many and various beliefs or interpretations of the teachings of our Lord. This seems to be a weakness, especially in the Protestant bodies or denominations. This weakness is revealed when a person or body of people refuse to try to understand the other person or body of people. We must at all times remember that all people are not made up alike. Christ taught different parables to different people not because He wanted to use new words or to exploit His vocabulary, but Christ realized that there was a difference in people's background, both in heredity and environment. Therefore, He resorted to the method which He knew would meet the needs of His hearers. If Christ saw it necessary to reveal the truth in various ways, we should be very careful how we criticize those who differ from us in their thinking.

There have been many born again Christians, good men, criticised, ostracized, ridiculed and talked about by those who are narrow minded, self righteous, and in many cases think, if it were not for them, God's program would be defeated. Christ said "know the truth and the truth shall make you free." I am firmly convinced there are thousands of so-called religious people who are stumbling under a load which they have called religion until they have become stale, and refuse to believe the truth when it is revealed. If a person's religion seems to be a burden to him, it is because he is not seeking a new truth in the divine son of God, who reveals the truth to all people

who will accept it. Revelation is not fixed nor rigid, but progressive. This should motivate one in pursuance of the new truths that can only be obtained with open minds to the teachings of Jesus and the scriptures.

It is of greatest importance that we understand ourselves, and be sure our houses are in order before we seek to clean some other's, and class them as modernists. It is widely understood and accepted that the people in general look on the Federal Council of Churches as being unorthodox. If one understood the purpose of this organization, and is in sympathy with trying to work out better relations between different denominations, perhaps it would not look so black, after all. We can see the good that can be accomplished through an organization that is yet impure.

It should not be our purpose in life to tell the other fellow his destination, should we not see every thing in the same light. If we will remove the mote that we could see each other as brothers, or at least love each other as Jesus taught, then we would have but little time for condemning those who are trying to bring unity and friendliness and to teach the way of Jesus Christ.

But what is this strength of Christ that comes to us? It is His character, His strength, His purity, His truth, His mercifulness, in one word, His holiness that is the inner strength.—Phillips Brooks.

The human mind should be like a good hotel—open the year 'round.—William Lyell Phelps.

BIBLE CONFERENCE Free Will Baptist Bible College April 23-27, 1950

April 23rd through the 27th are the dates for the annual Spring Bible Conference to be held at the Free Will Baptist Bible College. These Bible Conferences have been an inspiration and great help to the many who have attended them over the past years. We have brought to the Conference as speakers some of the best preachers of our denomination. This year we have a splendid Conference program arranged which will be a blessing and an inspiration to all who attend.

Some pastors have written in already and asked for the dates of the Bible Conference this year in order that they might not schedule revivals on these dates. We think this is a splendid idea and trust that all our pastors will clear their calendar for this week and attend the Conference. We also invite the young people of our church to visit the College and attend the Bible Conference. A little later on a theme for the Conference will be announced in our church papers. Watch for this announcement and let us know if you plan to attend.

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

Truths about the Resurrection

The Scriptures are positive and indisputable on the subject of the Resurrection. Nonbelievers in the Doctrine of the Resurrection have no substantiating proof to rightly defend their argument.

Christ, the Resurrection

When Christ went to see Mary and Martha who had lost their Brother Lazarus by death, He said unto Martha, before He went to Lazarus' grave, "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live" (Jon. 11:25). He further said to Martha, "And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" (Jon. 11:26). Christ went to the grave of Lazarus with Mary, Martha, and others, and offered a prayer to God, and cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth" (Jon. 11:43b). Jesus brought Lazarus back to physical life again as a proof of his divine power of the resurrection over death. Lazarus had been dead four days; no one doubted that fact; but Christ brought the dead body back to life in the presence of those witnesses who could not doubt but that Lazarus was raised from the dead, for he was real in flesh and body as before.

Christ, the First Fruits

In writing on the subject of the Resurrection, the Apostle Paul, emphatically assured the Corinthian brethren the truth of the resurrection in these words: "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept" (1 Cor. 15:20). Paul purposed to teach this important truth because those Corinthians needed to be assured, without any shadow of doubt, that the resurrection is true and that Christ is the first fruits of the resurrection. Moreover, he wanted each one of them to be definitely assured of this fact, for he reasoned: "Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?" (1 Cor. 15:12). Be it remembered, those Corinthian brethren were living in the midst of paganism, and some of their own members were doubters concerning the resurrection. Those who doubt today need to know the Scriptures concerning this eternal truth.

Christ Taught the Truth of the Resurrection

Christ taught the truth concerning the two resurrections. He said, "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation" (Jon. 5: 28, 29). He assured those who heard him that both the

righteous and the wicked in the grave would be raised, and that each would be rewarded according to the way each had lived. The certainty is: Christ is the resurrection, the first fruits of the resurrection, and the Master teacher of the resurrection.

The Nature of the Resurrection

The Apostle Paul told the Philippian brethren, in his letter to them, that Christ would change the vile bodies on that great day of the Lord. He said, "Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself" (Phil. 3:21). He desired to assure those believers in Christ that the resurrection is a reality, and that Christ will bring forth everyone on that day. He wrote these words to the Corinthian Church, concerning the nature of the resurrection: "It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body" (1 Cor. 15:43, 44). It is the spiritual body that will enter the heavenly realm.

The Dead in Christ Shall Rise First

Paul wrote to the Thessalonian brethren concerning the return of Christ and the resurrection. He said, "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven, with the voice of the arch-angel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first" (1 Thess. 4:16). He assured those Christian brethren that all of the righteous dead would be brought forth from the grave first to receive their reward. They receive first consideration, while the unrighteous dead shall come forth after them to receive their punishment for their wickedness. In verse seventeen, Paul told those brethren that the living believers in Christ would be, on that great day, caught up together with the resurrected righteous souls to meet the Lord in the air, and that they will ever be with the Lord.

The Apostle John expressed the blessedness of the believers in Christ in these most profound words: "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years" (Rev. 20:6). He knew by divine revelation that the resurrection of the righteous and the unrighteous is an assured fact substantiated by God's holy word. His sacred writings again and again assert this truth. Happy is the person who believes this with all his heart, but cursed is the man who denies this truth, and says that there is no resurrection, no life after death, and no eternal punishment. He is of all men most miserable.

(See Editorials on page 10)

:- Department of Foreign Missions :-

Faithful Believers in the Foothills of Vinales, Cuba

Back in the foothills of Vinales in a place called the eyebrow of the moon, "Seja de Luna," we have a fine faithful group of believers. These people have built a chapel that will seat about seventy people. A large part of the year they are isolated, without communication to the outside world, due to impassable roads. Saddle horses must labor thru mud and swollen streams to reach them during the rainy season.

Two days ago I went into visit with them. What a joy to hear them sing and pray! While I was preaching there was deep conviction among the unsaved. After the service a fine young man, the son of our principal layman, sought the Lord and also a small girl.

We have a remarkable convert in this place—an old man who is 118 years old. When he was a young man he was held as a slave under the Spaniards. Some of his boys escaped to the rebel forces and fought the Spaniards—one died on the field of battle.

I went to visit with this old man, now completely doubled with age, but still mentally alert with a keen eye. He was deeply interested in the things of the Lord. He has a large family of four generations about him. One son with snow-white hair and beard claims to be in his seventies and there is another son still older than he. While his family are very faithful Catholics, the old man has his trust in the Gospel.

In every field we have faithful laymen who are seeking the salvation of those about them. It was through the personal work of our brother, Angel Betancourt, that this old man at the age of 118 heard the Gospel for the first time. It is almost unbelievable that one would live over a century, and in this modern age, without ever hearing a Gospel message. Until our Free Will Baptist layman,

himself saved from darkness and superstition, conveyed to him the message of salvation by faith he had never heard.

How our hearts glow with the desire to reach the many other fields, hills, and valleys in Cuba! These places are filled with isolated groups of people still waiting for some one to tell them of the greatest message in the world.

It is to many of our faithful laymen that we must give credit for breaking the soil. Men like the Betancourt brothers—there are three now—Angel, Pedro and Isaac. Each of them have a Free Will Baptist temple on their farms. We have about fifty of these faithful farmers who go into the villages and valleys making the first contacts. These are later followed up by our students and graduates. Others are saved and temples are built—thus our work has grown and continues to grow.

Thomas H. Willey
Apartado 27
Pinar del Rio, Cuba

HOW WE ARE PROGRESSING

Sonapurhat, Purnea Dist.
Bihar, N. India 3-5 '50

Dear Friends:

After some time here we are again. It is beginning to get hot again although we have had unusually cold weather this past season, particularly for tent life. But as we found a nice oil heater and then made friendship with the magister who issues the permits for kerosene we have fared fine indeed. We have our land of a little more than 3 acres fenced by split bamboos and have planted 23 fruit trees: arms, lichies and nimbus (we will plant bananas and other trees later). We have purchased and have had cut and hauled 1000 bamboos for our kitchen and dwelling house. Here the kitchen is always separate from the main house. We are now having our well dug—tomorrow—today is Sunday. They should reach water. We have finally obtained 10,000 bricks for the foundation, and so after many disappointments and delays we are—at long last—actually ready to begin our actual building program.

For the most part the only modes of traveling except on the one main road are

by foot, ox-cart or bicycle. We have purchased a yoke of oxen and have made a few trips by ox-cart—one 18 miles long, fording three rivers twice—two of which came up on the oxen's bodies. Last Tuesday I cycled 35 miles to the nearest town. Not long ago Bro. Cronk (Trula's husband) and I made a 64 mile trip over a faint trail taking 3 days. It is certain that white missionaries have never been in this territory before and it is doubtful if even Indian Evangelists had ever visited this area. (The area covered by trip.)

At this time we have six serious "seekers"—only one of whom is from this village. One is from a village some 14 miles away. We have services each Sunday with the small group of local Christians. The real part of our work in India has just begun.

As we have said before, this is a remote area—not only in the corner of this district and also—province but of India as well. (This district borders on two foreign countries) there are few adequate provisions for the medical care of the people—I might have well said none. For this reason we have been forced more and more to attempt medical work of the more simple kinds. This we have been reluctant to do, both because of our lack of training in this field, and necessary supplies and equipment, but also because our interest lies in the field of evangelism. However, in spite of ourselves we have been forced into it and again it affords most excellent opportunities for personal work. Yesterday we had a man, who having heard of our feeble attempts in the Name of the Master to administer to the physical needs of the people, came a distance of 18 miles to inquire concerning a sick son whom he said he was bringing this coming week. Two days ago we attempted to treat 21 patients, one of whom had come 8 miles. "To whom little is given of him little is required," therefore God has blessed our simple efforts in a wonderful way. As soon as our house is completed we will turn our tent into a "Dispensary" where we hope to have trained and qualified workers and that we ourselves can be more entirely engaged in the work whereunto we are called. So far, we have tried to carry on this work with few of the simplest medical tools and instruments. These are needed very much indeed.

We often think of you and our many other friends in the home land and are continually remembering you in our prayers. May God ever bless and keep each of you.

Your Bro. and Sister in Christ,
Paul and Mrs. Woolsey

Strength

Trials and temptations do not weaken us, but they do show us where we are weak, that we may become strong.—Rev. H. W. Westwood.

THE RESURRECTION

By Mrs. Melvin Bingham
1922 North Lewis Street
Tulsa, Oklahoma

"Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, He is risen."—Luke 24:5-6.

"In the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And, behold, there was a great earthquake; for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye; for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here; for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him; lo, I have told you."

It was the beginning of a new day, a new dawn. Bitter hate had struck down its victim. Pharisee, Sadducee, and the enemies had felt satisfied that they had done away with this man called Jesus.

But, the Easter sunrise proclaimed their defeat. God's Angel had rolled away the stone from the door of the sepulchre and had sat upon it. Never again to be closed. As the Easter Lilies that come forth to beautify the earth in their season, so the bodies of His Saints that sleep in the dust shall come forth on the resurrection morning clothed in the beauty of immortality. "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable." We look not at the grave, but beyond it. When we have laid away our Christian dead, we sorrow not as those who have no hope but we look on to the resurrection morning soon we believe with this promise. "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them

also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

Christ arose from the dead, and in his resurrection gave us assurance of our resurrection also. "I am the resurrection and the life," said Jesus, as he walked with Martha and Mary in Bethany to spoil the grave that held captive the mortal body of Lazarus, their brother; "and he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

PATMOS CHURCH MAKING PROGRESS

As we look back to the history of our church here at Patmos, it is with pride and happiness we view the progress that has been made. It goes to show that Christian determination will do things when put to the test. To show what I mean, I should like to give some truly substantial facts concerning Patmos Church, which have been furnished me by one of the older members, Mr. W. B. Griffin, or Uncle Wallace, as he is more familiarly known.

Before 1870—how long, I'm not sure—the people went from house to house, holding services. They then held services in the school house which was a typical rural building of that day. It was in 1870 that a sixteen by twenty-four foot structure was built with a stick and dirt chimney, with slabs from a nearby sawmill to furnish the seats. In this building services were held until 1905. That year a 30 foot by 40 foot church was built, which was burned in 1932. The present church building here at Patmos was built in 1933.

When viewed through the eyes of the world it is not much compared with other more worldly structures, but to us it is much better than that building of 1870, and no comparison at all can be made be-

tween that first, stick and dirt chimney, and the gas heaters we now have.

To many in this Atomic age of superfortresses and hydrogen bombs, the progress of Patmos Church, over these many years, seems slow, but you see here at Patmos, we boast of not one moneyed member. All are of very moderate means financially speaking. Practically all are small farmers. But where there is a lack of finances, it is made up in Christian faith and foresight. That can readily be seen in the noteworthy fact that in the whole history of Patmos Church, it has not been allowed to die. Why?

A few years ago, I was not able to answer that question, for how well I remember when as a child I wondered what was meant when I heard an older person, or my parents speak of a church as being dead. I did not know what was meant at that time. But today I know the answer. It is the lack of Christian leadership in a church that causes it to die. It is because the older workers in the church have failed to train the youth.

Fellow Christians, are you doing your duty toward the youth in your church? Are you training them in service for Christ, before the Devil has a chance to train them in his work? Are you passing by the opportunity to send them to the Bible conference at Mount Bethel, Georgia? Are you training them by having a Young People's League in your church? Do you have a Sunday School? Think seriously on these things for a while. Ask yourselves this question: Am I truly doing my share to assure the future progress of my church? If you are not, then send your youth to Mt. Bethel, Ashburn, Georgia, this summer to the Bible School encampment. We have in the making there one of the greatest Free Will Baptist Youth Training centers to be found anywhere.

Do not let this golden opportunity slip by, and then in later years view with sorrow the lost opportunity. We have here at Patmos set up goals to be reached in 1950, goals that will take finances to meet, whether we reach them or not is yet a question. But there is one thing sure, we'll daily be striving to set our spiritual house in order, so that when Christ shall come again unto the earth, He will be able to say of us here at Patmos, "Well done, good and faithful servants. Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord" (Matt. 25:23).

Mrs. C. C. Sheffield

The Blood

Beloved, we need the cleansing of the blood to bring us into perfect harmony with God; and I am glad that it has lost none of its efficacy.—Dr. Guilmay.

The strength of God's people is absolutely dependent upon their being cabled to God.—Rev. Seth C. Rees.

EDITORIALS

(continued from page 7)

The American poet, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, wrote a beautiful poem in which he expressed hope in the resurrection in these striking words:

Tell me not, in mournful numbers,
Life is but an empty dream!
For the soul is dead that slumbers,
And things are not what they seem.

Life is real! Life is earnest!
And the grave is not its goal;
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
Was not spoken of the soul.

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time—

A Complaint Against Movies and Dances in Gaston County Schools

We wish to send in this petition concerning moving pictures, shows and dances in our public schools here in Gaston County.

We do not believe that our children should be trained in such way, because the Bible teaches in Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

We do believe that it is wrong to train our children to be attendants to the shows, dances, or to lie, steal, and to go half-dressed in public, as some do. Some of the Gaston County schools punish the children because they do not want to attend such things.

We are supposed to be living in a free country, and we do not like for our children to be taught things that are against the faith that our Christian mothers and fathers have set before them. We wish to request that the Bible be put in all of our public schools, and taught to all of our children, instead of all the sinful amuse-

ments that are being taught them by the dances, shows and the like.

Please note what Psalm 119:11 teaches: "Thy word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against thee." Read Mark 13:31, and note these words: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall not pass away." First John 2:15, 16, 17, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life is not of the Father, but is of the world, and the world passeth away, and the lust thereof but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever."

May God's will be done about this matter.

Rev. Mitchell W. Davis,
Lowell, N. C., Box 2

LIBERTY CHURCH NEWS

Rev. J. T. Quick filled his regular appointment at Liberty Saturday night and Sunday with a message from our dear Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Saturday night the message was on the Kingdom of Heaven and Sunday the Kingdom of God. It was a soul stirring message. We were glad to have our neighboring churches and invite them to come again.

On Saturday before the fifth Sunday in April, the Free Will Baptist Quarterly Conference will meet with Liberty Church near Lawley, Alabama. We are extending a cordial invitation to everyone to meet with us and to enjoy God's blessings and sweet fellowship together.

Delphia Langford, Church Clerk
Lawley, Alabama

Rev. Wade H. Calvert Will Hold Revival at Dilda's Grove

The spring revival meeting will begin at Dilda's Grove Church on Wednesday night, April 12. The meeting will continue for ten days. The public is cordially invited to attend these services. The Reverend Wade H. Calvert of Belmont, North Carolina, will be the evangelist.

R. L. Goff,
Fountain, N. C.

HUGO CHURCH TO HAVE EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Hugo F. W. B. Church, west of Grifton, North Carolina, will have a Sunrise Service at the church on Easter morning. The pastor, Rev. Clifton Rice, will deliver the sermon. This Sunrise Service will close the Pre-Easter Services conducted by the Woman's Auxiliary of the church through the week. The public is invited to attend this Sunrise Service, and also the Pre-Easter Services each night that week. The services will begin at 7:30 P. M.

Mrs. Sam McCoy, Jr.,
Hookerton, N. C.

Subscription Campaign

We will give a good Bible to the individual, or church organization who sends in the most yearly subscriptions to the Baptist paper by June the first, 1950. This prize will be a real nice gift, and those entering the campaign must enter in the name of the individual, or the name of the organization expecting to receive the Bible.

Free Will Baptist Press
By D. W. Alexander, President

ATTENTION, WOMEN OF THE WESTERN CONFERENCE DISTRICT

The date of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Western Conference has been changed, for this year only, from Wednesday, April 5 to Thursday, April 13. It convenes with Sherron Acres Church, East Durham, N. C.

New report blanks have been issued, so please order yours from the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C., fill out and return to the Secretary, at least one week before the Convention.

Send your District contribution and per capita dues to the Treasurer, Mrs. Leon Foster, Selma N. C., Route 3.

You are asked to make a special offering to Cragmont for promotion of Woman's Conference week.

Mrs. R. N. Hinnant, Secy.
Micro, N. C.

NOTICE

to

Our Auxiliary women of the Cape Fear Conference, residing in Sampson County, near Shady Grove Church. Mrs. J. C. Griffin, our State Field Worker, will be at the Shady Grove Church on Thursday, April the 6th., to teach the Manual of Methods to our women. The meeting will open at 10 A. M. There will be an intermission for lunch, after which there will be an afternoon session. All auxiliaries in the surrounding area, living near enough to attend, are requested to be present. There is also a cordial invitation to any others who may be interested in the promotion of the auxiliary work, to join us on this occasion.

Yours to serve,

Mrs. Robie Strickland,
President of Cape Fear Auxiliary Convention

:- The Resurrection of Jesus :-

Mrs. Luther Gibson
East Tupelo, Mississippi

"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live" (John 11:25). "And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust" (1 Cor. 15:22). "Knowing that He which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus and shall present us with you" (2 Cor. 4:14). "For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first" (1 Thess. 4:16). The truth of the resurrection of our Blessed Lord is a glorious truth to the children of God. These Scripture verses thrill our hearts.

Although Jesus had told the Jews: "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:19), the disciples were made to sorrow in their hearts because Jesus had been crucified. The Christ of the Scriptures must die, be buried, and rise again (1 Cor. 15:3-4). After the crucifixion and before the resurrection—or while Jesus was in the grave—His followers were surrounded by an impenetrable darkness. They had lost a beloved Master, One to whom they had become greatly attached during His ministry on the earth. Buried with Him in the grave were their hopes for deliverance and for the establishment of the Kingdom. Although they did not always grasp the Spiritual significance of His words of promise, they were filled with great expectations.

There is no description of the resurrection because the reunion of the body and soul cannot be described. The truth of it is abundantly attested in the Scriptures. The King of Life on the third day broke the shackles of death. As given in Matthew 28:1-10, the circumstances attending the resurrection are described in detail. There was the earth-

quake and the angel descending and opening the door of the sepulchre. Next we have the women proceeding to His grave, and the angel assuring them that Christ has arisen. "And for fear of Him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men" (Matt. 28:4). At least ten appearances were made by Christ after He arose from the grave. His disciples needed this full assurance of His victory over death, for it would be their task to witness to His resurrection.

Upon the resurrection of Christ, the Spirit-taught Apostle Paul builds the whole structure of the Christian faith. Our hope is in our resurrected Lord. "If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins" (1 Cor. 15:17). If He is not risen and accepted of God in our behalf, the death of Christ will avail us nothing. If Christ be not raised, there is no hope for man (Rom. 5:10). We find the Apostle Paul reasoning from two viewpoints on this great resurrection truth.

On the negative side or "If Christ be not risen," we find several points to discuss. First of all Christ's own testimony would be untrue. "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:19). His promise is, "I will rise again." If Jesus had failed to come forth from the grave victorious, He would no longer be our "Resurrection and Life." The disciples would have been deceived, for the resurrection was the keynote of their messages. "They taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead" (Acts 4:2). Because of the fact that they had seen our risen Lord, the disciples were most courageous in their witnessing for Him. "If Christ be not risen," then our Christian experience is a delusion. Our assurance of salvation, the peace and joy that only Jesus gives, the sweet fellowship we have with God through the Holy Spirit, our blessed hope of living with Jesus in the New Jerusalem—these all are acts of the imagination "If

Christ be not risen." We would of all men be most miserable.

Our hearts are thrilled beyond words for "Christ is Risen." The positive side has many facts which prove untold blessings to His redeemed ones. The foundations of hell have been shaken for "Now is Christ Risen." Our preaching is not in vain. The great commission, as Jesus gave it, is still to all borned-again ones. All power is still under His control. We have the message from the Risen One to "Go Ye," and His promise is that He will never leave us nor forsake us. Our faith is not in vain because we are trusting in a living Savior—not a dead Christ. Because He died for our sins and rose again for our justification, we are no longer in our sins if we have accepted Him as our Savior. Jesus has bought us with a price, the price being His precious blood. God the Father accepted the price for the remission of our sins. But if Jesus had not risen from the grave, we would all still be in our sins. Christians should be the happiest people on earth. If we stop to count the blessings our Risen Lord gives us, we have no need to be miserable. We have the best Friend of all—"A Friend that sticketh closer than a brother." The most precious and glorious promises are to the redeemed ones. Because Jesus lives, we shall live also. As the hymn writer has written, "You ask me how I know He lives; He lives within my heart." The greatest testimony that we have of His resurrection is the fact that He does live within our hearts. May we at this Easter season really know Him and make Him known because He is our Resurrection.

Rev. T. P. Ellis to Hold Revival at Harrell's Chapel

The spring revival will begin at Harrell's Chapel, Greene County, North Carolina, on Sunday night, April 2, at 7:30 P. M. The Reverend T. P. Ellis of Fountain, N. C., will do the preaching. Special music will be rendered each evening. The public is cordially invited to attend these services. We are praying that many souls will be saved during the meeting.

Sincerely,
Mrs. John Slater,
Snow Hill, N. C.



The Power of the Resurrection

(Lesson for April 9)

LESSON: I Corinthians 15:1-8, 20, 21, 57, 58. Read I Corinthians 15 and Luke 24.

GOLDEN TEXT: I Corinthians 15: 57.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

1. First the Gospel is preached; then it must be received by faith; and then we need to stand in it immovably (I Cor. 15:1).

2. It is believing in vain when our faith is based on human creeds and traditions and not on the Gospel (vs. 2).

3. The message of the Gospel would be unknown except for the fact that God has given it by revelation (vs. 3).

4. No man has a right to call his message the Gospel unless he received it from the Lord (vs. 3).

5. Any message that is not "according to the Scriptures" is a spurious Gospel (vs. 3).

6. The work of salvation required not only Christ's death, but also His burial and resurrection (vss. 3, 4).

7. The proof of Christ's resurrection is established by the testimony of unimpeachable witnesses (vss. 5-8).

8. Christ's resurrection is a pledge and guarantee that all believers shall also rise from the dead (vss. 20, 21).

9. The resurrection will be the great victory of the believer over death and the grave (vs. 57).

10. There is no stronger inspiration to Christian service than the knowledge that we serve a risen, living Lord (vs. 58).

11. The death of Christ was designed by God, but made necessary and accomplished by the wickedness of men.

12. Death divides between soul and

body, but God reunites them in the resurrection.

13. The carnal nature (inbred sin) is not eradicated from the believer's body until the resurrection. (Philippians 3:20-21).

14. The believer's body even after conversion still awaits redemption from sickness, physical death and inbred sin (Romans 8:23).

14. Lazarus, for an example, was raised from the dead, but he did not have a resurrection body and so had to die again (John 11:44).

16. It is not without interest to observe that the first prophecy made by the Lord, at the very beginning of His ministry (John 2:19-21) was used as "evidence" against Him at His trial (Matt. 26:61) and in mockery of Him when He was hanging on the Cross (Matt. 27:40). But when the event justified the prediction His enemies conveniently forgot in a few days (between the Cross and the Resurrection) the words they had remembered for years. The reason is not far to seek—the statement attributed to Him had a totally different application (John 2:21) and as its fulfillment seems to have strengthened the faith of His disciples (Acts 2:22) it may be taken for granted that it would be equally effective in closing the mouth of His foes.

17. After the resurrection of the Lord Jesus from the dead, "He shewed Himself alive * * * by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God" (Acts 1:3). More than a score of individuals and groups saw Him in His resurrection body. They talked to Him; they touched and handled Him; they ate with Him. Even doubting Thomas, who had said, "Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe," finally exclaimed, when the glorious fact of Christ's triumph over death and the grave became read to him, "My Lord and my God" (John 20:25-28).

18. Only the fact of Christ's bodily resurrection can explain the great transformation of the Apostle Peter. Before Christ's resurrection, he

quaked with fear at the accusations of a Jewish maiden, and disowned and denied the Lord. After Christ's victory over the tomb, he was as "bold as a lion," facing even those who had plotted and accomplished Christ's death with the fearless words as given in Acts 4:10.

19. How rayless and starless would be the night of death if Christ had not risen from the dead! It is only because He lives that we have been "begotten * * again unto a lively hope." Had He not risen from the dead, our faith would be in vain; and our loved ones who have fallen in death would have perished forever. Had not He risen, we could only say, as the earth envelops their forms, "Farewell forever!" But since He lives, we can confidently sing of those who "die in the Lord";

"Sleep on, beloved, sleep and take thy rest,
Lay down thy head upon thy Saviour's breast;
We loved thee well, but Jesus loves the best—

Good night!

"Only 'good night,' beloved, not 'farewell,'
A little while and His saints shall dwell
A hallowed union indivisible,
Good night!"—Selected

20. Please go over the lesson material in our quarterlies carefully and prayerfully and select at least five more truths that deserve the students' attention.

LAYMEN'S MISSION MOVEMENT

(N. B.—Printed this early by special request.—Ed.)

The 20th annual observance of Men and Missions Sunday will occur on Sunday, November 12, this year. The theme recommended by cooperating Missionary Boards, and chosen by the Laymen's Missionary Movement for this day, is "Men for the Master's Mission." The text proposed for the day is Romans 10:14, 15. It is hoped that every church will recognize this day, since it may be combined profitably with any other emphasis. Most pastors will ask a layman to speak briefly on the theme preceding the morning sermon, in which the pastors may follow up the same thought.

The Danger of Backsliding or Falling

(continued from last week)

Ralph Staten
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IV. The Results of Backsliding or Falling

We cannot understand the full danger of backsliding or falling until we can see the results of such unwarranted actions. However, some people will not keep a good thing if they had it.

One can backslide to the extent that he will lose his honor and become ungodly in conduct. It is then he becomes a stumblingblock to some in his community. The Cause of Christ has lost and the devil has his possibilities for wrong made greater. How can one do so wickedly so as to betray the best friend the world has ever or will ever have!

The backslider invites the chastening of God. It is not only true of an individual, but it is also true of a nation. When one turns to the 78th chapter of Psalms, he sees the hand of God reaching out his chastening rod over his people. The prophet Amos in the fourth chapter declares what chastening God did to get his people to return and they would not. To backsliding Israel, He said, "Prepare to meet thy God." God has used droughts, famines, pestilences, and wars to get his people to return to him. The Lord may have to let a few atomic or hydrogen bombs fall on the U. S. to get many of the cold and lukewarm church people aroused to their sense of duty. Yes, some one could release her bacteriological horrors upon our native land. Whatever may happen, it may be for our good as a nation.

It unfits one for service for the Master. In Ps. 51:12-13, we learn that David recognized that he stood in the way of sinners while he was in his backsliden condition. He had lost the joy of salvation and realized that he was unfit to teach. He had lost his influence for good. Our teachers should be people who are loyal to the Lord and the church. Don't be an eagle with broken wings or a harp with broken strings.

It endangers the cause of the church. What if all members followed the same course? For such fallen condition the Lord would surely remove the candlestick. The church may become so worldly as to become a Babylon (Rev. 17:5). Babylon the great will fall (Rev. 18:2).

V. The Perpetual Backslider's Calamity

"Why then is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? they hold fast deceit, they refuse to return" (Jer. 8:5). "And shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Even so will I break this people and this city, as one breaketh a potter's vessel, that cannot be made whole again; and they shall bury them in Tophet, till there be no place to bury" (Jer. 19:11). "I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing; they commit adultery, and walk in lies; they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness; they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah. . . Therefore, behold, I, even I, will utterly forget you, and I will forsake you, and the city that I gave you and your fathers, and cast you out of my presence; and I will be an everlasting reproach upon you, and a perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten" (Jer. 23:14, 39-40).

As this is that which concerns a nation, let us now note what Moses predicts concerning them: "And it (covenant) shall be, if thou do at all forget the Lord thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish. As the nations which the Lord destroyed before your face, so shall ye perish; because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the Lord your God" (Deut. 8:19-20). They forgot God as a nation, Jer. 2:32. It was days without number. What about that nation that forgot God? Let David answer this question. "The wicked shall be turned into hell (not

a millennial reign with Christ), and all the nations that forget God" (Ps. 9:17). Moses is heard again in Deut. 30:15-18: "See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; In that I command thee this day to love the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply; and the Lord thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it. But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shall be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them; I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it."

For their transgression of the covenant of the Lord, Joshua issues the warning, after the Lord had fulfilled all good things He had promised them and not one thing had failed thereof: "Therefore it shall come to pass, that as all good things have come upon you, which the Lord God promised you; so shall the Lord bring upon you all evil things, until he has destroyed you from off this good land which the Lord your God hath given you . . . then shall the anger of the Lord be kindled against you, and ye shall perish quickly from off the good land which He hath given you" (Josh. 23:15, 16).

Isaiah says of the houses of Israel and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, "And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken" (Isa. 8:14-15). Jesus speaks of the fulfillment of this prophecy in Matt. 21:42-45 when the kingdom would be taken from them as a nation and how the Jewish state would be ground to powder.

What a calamity can come to a people for their persistent backsliding! As the wall of partition has been broken down between the Jew and the Gentile (Eph. 2:14), there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek, that we henceforth now know no man after the flesh (2 Cor. 5:16),

and that we perceive now that God is no respecter of persons (Acts 10:34), let us study this phase of the subject from an individual standpoint.

Do you mean by calamity to the individual backslider, that there will be some who, though after chastening, will not return? Let the scriptures answer for us. The scriptures amply so teach.

The scriptures teach that some will be gathered out of the kingdom at the last day to be cast into the fire. Will this not be a terrible tragedy for the persistent or perpetual backslider? Let us now see who is in the kingdom. Are there those in the kingdom who never have been saved, born again, or converted? Jesus taught that one must be converted to enter (Matt. 18:3), born of water and of the Spirit to enter (John 3:5), one's righteousness must exceed that of the scribes and pharisees (nominal believers) to enter into the kingdom (Matt. 5:20), that the good seed are the children of the kingdom (Matt. 13:38), one must do the will of the Father to enter (Matt. 7:21; Jno. 6:40; I Thess. 4:3), one must repent and believe to enter (Matt. 21:31-32), or one must be chosen out of the world to be in the kingdom (John 15:19; 18:36). Paul taught one must be delivered from the powers of darkness and translated to be a citizen of the kingdom (Col. 1:13). Now we can see what the Bible teaches relative to whom that it is in the kingdom. The foolish virgins (ones who let their lights go out) will be cast out at the last day (Matt. 25:1-13). Christ here was speaking of the kingdom and not of the field or the world. He was speaking of virgins and not harlots. The unprofitable servant (one who discounts obedience, Heb. 5:9) of the kingdom will be cast out at the last day (Matt. 25:14, 30). Again, Christ was not speaking of the field or world. He is speaking of those who were made citizens of the kingdom. This is further corroborated when the Lord spoke, no doubt, of some who presumed on the grace of God as it is recorded in Luke 13:24-29. These are here spoken of as ones who were thrust out of the kingdom as the

foolish virgins who are spoken of as the "know not ones" and not the "never knew you ones." Observe the description of the calamity awaiting for the perpetual backslider. "The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matt. 13:42-43). "But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned: in his trespass sin that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die" (Ezek. 18:24). The Lord has no pleasure in backsliders who fail to return that they might live (Ezek. 18:31-32).

We see the picture of such calamity in John the 15 chapter. "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned" (John 15:6-7). Let us also take the warning

of Paul in this matter. "For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end" (Heb. 3:14). Christ, in John 15:6-7, was not talking about water sprouts. He is speaking of those who were in Him and not close by or near too. They failed to return to fruitfulness before it was too late. Jude, in verse 12, speaks of such as being ones, though living people on earth, as being twice dead and plucked up by the roots. They have walked after the flesh. They have become withered or spiritually dead (Rom. 8:1, 13) while here, but later they will be, physically or naturally, soul or body, cast into hell (Matt. 10:28). Do you mean to say that a child of God can be plucked out of Christ's hand (John 10:28)? The perpetual backslider is going to get out. When one gets to the place that he is neither cold nor hot, lukewarm, fails to repent (Rev. 3:19; 2 Cor. 12:21), the Lord has already declared that He will spue them out (Rev. 3:16). How could He spue out that which was not already within? He is speaking of those in Him that walk after the flesh. If they should have been walking after the Spirit there would have been no suggestion of condemnation (Rom. 8:1; Gal. 5:19-21; Eph. 5:1-5). One can walk so long after the flesh that the latter end of them is worse than the beginning (2 Pet. 2:20-22; Gal. 5:1-4). This can mean that one can backslide so far as to completely fall away and it will be impossible to renew them to repentance. "For it is impossible . . . (description of a born again person) . . . If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of man afresh, and put Him to an open shame" (Heb. 6:4-6). One might remark, "Did not these just taste and not eat?" We read in I Cor. 10:3-8 where there were some of those who did eat and drink of Christ, (23,000), fell for fornication in one day. Christ is said to have tasted of death (Heb. 2:9). Did he have just a little experience of death? Peter speaks of those who have tasted of the Lord as being new born babes (I Pet. 2:2-3; Ps. 34:8). "Taste" here is from the Greek word

Historical Material Wanted

As I am the chairman of a subcommittee of the National Board of Publications and Literature to gather material for the publication of a Church History for our denomination, I am taking this opportunity to solicit the cooperation of all our State Moderators in the compiling of this much needed manuscript. If any one should have any historical material relative to the history of our brotherhood, I should like to have this preparatory to the Bible Conference in April at Nashville, Tennessee. Papers, pamphlets, minutes, Treatises, or books can be of help. Any such like material received will be held in security until you request its return, or turned over to the Library of the Free Will Baptist Bible College at Nashville.

Ralph Staten,
Red Bay, Alabama

"geoumai" (ghyoo'-om-ah-ee) which also is translated to mean to eat or experience. Just substituting the word 'eat' or 'experience' in the place of taste in these verses and see what you have. As there are different Greek words to describe the degree of one's backslidden state, let us draw this conclusion that it may mean one thing to just merely fall and another thing to completely fall away. Let me suggest to you, too, that in the original or revised version that it is not 'If they shall fall away.' It is 'and then fell away' or 'and having fallen away.' Then those who have com-

pletely fallen away, it is impossible to renew them to repentance. Repentance is unto life (Acts 11:18). Is there one of our readers who is ready to die (Rev. 3:2)—become separated from spiritual life? Why will ye die (Ezek. 33:10-11)?

It is unmistakably clear that danger may be in the path of the backslider. If he so persists to travel the backward way; ultimately, it will mean unquestionable a great calamity. Watchmen, let us not fail to warn the backsliden of the awful tragedy that awaits the perpetual or completely fallen away backslider.

of the high esteem in which our brother, loved one, neighbor and friend was held.

By J. R. Davidson

IN MEMORY OF MRS. LOU JOHNSON

It is with sadness we write the death of Mrs. Lou Johnson who departed from this life on January 8th. It was on second Sunday. She went to Sunday School Sunday morning and was preparing to go to church that night when death came so sudden. She left so sudden it was a shock to everyone. Mrs. Lou as we all called her, was 76 years of age. She was the widow of the late Rev. W. T. Johnson who preceded her to the grave several years ago. She leaves to mourn her two sons and one daughter. But we feel their loss is her heavenly gain. Weep no more children, but prepare to meet mother on that bright and shining shore where parting will be no more.

She was a devoted wife and mother. She was a true and faithful member of Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church. We all miss her so much, in our class and in the church her seat was never vacant when she was able to get there.

Her funeral was conducted by Rev. J. Walter Stanley, her pastor, and Rev. G. C. Joyner, a former pastor.

Mrs. Lou is gone but her memory will ever linger with us. She was laid to rest under a beautiful mound of flowers.

We don't understand about such things,
But we will miss you just the same;
We are sure God said come up higher,
And you were waiting to hear your name.

You were loved by all who knew you
Your friends called you Mrs. Lou
At home, at church and at Sunday School,
No one else can take your place.

—Written by
Mrs. J. A. Allen,
Member of Spring Hill F. W. B. Church

Mrs. Mary Faulkner

Mrs. Mary Faulkner, or "Mammy Mary," as everyone called her, passed on to her eternal reward on May 24, 1949, at 5:00 P. M. She had been in ill health for the past two years, and was critically ill for the last two weeks she was with us. She was 85 years, 4 months, and 9 days old at the time of her death.

For many years she had been a true and loyal member of the Saint's Delight F. W. B. Church in Greene County. The church has lost one of its most worthy members. We do not understand why she had to go but surely God knew best. He knew that she had suffered enough, so he called her home to rest.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. N. Hinnant and the D. W. Alexander, her former pastor. Her body was laid to rest in the Ayden Cemetery under a most beautiful mound of flowers, expressive of the esteem in which she was held by her loved ones and friends. The survivors include five children, a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren. Her delight was in keeping God's law, and her profession expressed her deep concern for the love of God.

Her face was plain, her words were, too,
But in her heart her love was true.
God took her away from earthly pain,
The loved ones loss is heaven's gain.

God bless memories she left behind,
The patience shown and deeds so kind.
Her loved ones, we humbly pray,
Will meet Mammy Mary on Judgment Day.

—Written by her grand-daughter,
Mrs. Jesse L. Tripp

ROBERT'S GROVE MAKES REPORT

The Woman's Auxiliary of Robert's Grove Church convened at the home of Mrs. J. M. Spell on March 8, 1950, with 21 members present for the meeting. It was called to order by the president and Mrs. Alton Jackson was in charge of the program, which was opened with the members singing hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers." The members all said together our watchword of the year. The lesson was read and discussed. Added comments were given by Mrs. Minot Godwin. Then sentence prayers were offered on the behalf of our missionaries in Cuba. Special music was rendered by Mrs. Mary Barefoot and Mrs. Sula Spell.

We entered into the business period, and plans were made for our week of prayer which is to be held the week before Easter. Please pray with us that we may have a great week in the worship of the Lord.

Mrs. Clatis Jackson, Reporter
Dunn, N. C.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

George Herbert Davis

Through the appointment known as death, our heavenly Father gave the release from sufferings to Herbert Davis, of Davis, N. C., on the nineteenth day of January, 1950. Had he lived until February 7 he would have been 67 years of age. His past two months of sufferings brought to an end a life which had been successfully lived in the community of his birth.

As a citizen he made his contribution successfully, and, no doubt, as a husband, father and grandfather no one has more completely endeared himself to his loved ones than he. Early in life he publicly confessed Christ as his personal Savior and united with the Davis Free Will Baptist Church. In the normal course of life he, as a young man, was united in marriage to Ella Willis, to which union a number of children were born. Surviving are his loving wife, Grady and Elihu Davis, Vivian Davis and Mrs. Marvin Murphy, together with several grandchildren. All of these reside in Davis.

His funeral was conducted from the Davis Church on January 21 in the presence of a host of friends, along with his relatives. The Reverend L. R. Ennis, a former pastor, directed the service, and the Reverends J. C. Griffin and D. W. Alexander, former pastors, the Rev. L. C. Chandler, pastor of the local Missionary Baptist Church and the present pastor associated in the rites. The music was ably rendered by the local choir and the church quartet.

The host of friends in attendance and the elaborate floral offering were indicative

CENTRAL TEXAS DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

of
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April 30, 1950

Houston Free Will Baptist Church

4406 Brady Street

Houston, Texas

Theme: Consecrated Challenge
II Timothy 2:2

PROGRAM

- Presiding: Rev. H. Ray Berry, President
- Morning Session**
- 9:30—Assembly Music: Jane Berry, Houston; Miriam Barrow, Bryan
- 9:45—Sunday School
- 10:45—Union Choir, Wesley Calvery, Choir Director, Bryan, Texas
- 11:00—Whose Here, Rev. H. Ray Berry, Houston, Texas
—Announcements
- 11:15—Teaching Teachers, Rev. Damon Dodd, Promotional Secretary, National Free Will Baptist Association, Nashville, Tennessee
- 12:00—Lunch
- Afternoon Session**
- 1:15—Assembly Music, Jane Berry, Miriam Barrow
- 1:30—Union Choir, Wesley Calvery, Director
- 1:45—Devotional, Martha Sue Burney, of Bryan
- 1:55—Solo, Jess E. Hensarling, Choir Director, Free Will Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas
- 2:05—Business Session
—Committee Reports
- 2:30—What Happened at Camp Last Year; What We Expect This Year, Mrs. H. Ray Berry, Houston
- 2:45—Piano Duet, Jane Berry, Miriam Barrow
- 3:00—The Superintendent's Responsibility, Rev. N. Bruce Barrow, Bryan, Texas
- 3:15—Reading, Carolyn Wood, Huntsville
- 3:25—A More Definite Purpose on the Part of the Whole Sunday School, Mrs. Effie Hibbetts, North Zulch, Texas
- 3:35—Business Session
—Election of Officers
- 4:00—Adjournment

Educational Exhibit

An Educational Exhibit of Sunday School helps from the Nursery through the Adult School is on display. Courtesy Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina.

PROGRAM

of the
Woman's Auxiliary Convention
of the

Cape Fear Free Will Baptist Conference

convening with

West Clinton Church

Clinton, North Carolina

April 12, 1950

Theme:
Stewardship in the Life of Women
John 12th Chapter

- 9:30—Registration
- 10:00—Hymn led by Mrs. Elijah Woodall
—Devotional, Mrs. J. L. Martin
—Welcome, Mrs. Thomas McLamb
—Response, Mrs. Norman Daley
—Minutes of last session
- 10:25—Roll call of churches
—Appointment of committees
—Recognition of visiting ministers and delegates
—Reports:
First Vice-President, Mrs. N. R. Lewis
Second Vice-President, Mrs. Almond Warrick
Third Vice-President, Mrs. Rufus Allen
Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. Walter Anderson
Fifth Vice-President, Mrs. Albert Braswell
- 10:50—Orphanage news, Mr. Walter Croom
—Love offering
—Sixth Vice-President, Mrs. Warren Jackson
—Special music, Miss Sara Adams
- 11:15—Model Auxiliary, Mrs. Herman Johnson
—Message, Mrs. Henry Crumpler
—Benediction and remarks, Mrs. M. E. Godwin
- 12:15—Lunch
- 1:30—Hymn led by Daley's Chapel Choir
—Devotional, Miss Mildred Lane
- 1:45—Messages by local presidents
—Memorials, Mrs. Raymond Stephenson
- 2:30—Cragmont news, Mrs. W. E. Branch
—Special music, Tee's Chapel
- 2:40—Business period:
Resolutions
Petitions
Nominating Committee
Treasurer's report
Miscellaneous
- 3:00—Remarks
—Hymn

—Benediction—special prayer by ministers

Mrs. Robie Strickland, President
Mrs. H. T. Hinson, Secretary
Mrs. Herman Johnson, Treasurer

PROGRAM

of the
Woman's Auxiliary Convention
of the
Western Conference

to convene with

Sherron Acres Church, East Durham, N. C.

Thursday, April 13, 1950

Theme: Advancing with Christ
Scripture: Exodus 14:15

Morning Session

- 9:30—Registration
- 9:45—Opening devotions, Mrs. Ralph Cleggs
- 10:00—Welcome address, Mrs. Chester Phillips
—Response, Mrs. J. C. Sasser
- 10:05—President's remarks
- 10:10—Recognition of ministers and delegates
- 10:15—Reading of minutes
- 10:30—Appointment of committees
- 10:35—Congregational singing
- 10:40—Reports of Vice-Presidents and Field Worker
- 11:15—Prayer for Missions
- 11:20—Special music
- 11:25—Convention Message, to be announced
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Congregational singing
- 1:05—Devotions, Edgemont Auxiliary
- 1:30—Orphanage News, R. McLeod
- 1:45—Cragmont News, Mrs. N. E. Harris
- 2:00—Business Session
- 2:30—Adjournment
Mrs. Bagley Morris, President,
Mrs. R. N. Hinnant, Secretary

Announcement

This is to announce that I expect to be in a position to render some pastoral service next year. I am not discontinuing my connection with the Free Will Baptist Press, but, owing to some changes which we contemplate, I plan to have some time to devote to pastoral activities. I shall be open and happy to arrange with any church which might desire my service within reasonable driving distance of Ayden. Address Pox 244, Ayden, N. C.

J. Ernest Wooten

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Faith in God

Have faith in God! for he who reigns on high
Hath borne thy grief and hears the suppliant's
sigh,
Still to his arms, thine only refuge, fly.
Have faith in God!

Fear not to call on him, O soul distressed!
Thy sorrows whisper woos thee to his breast;
He who is oftener there is oftener blest.
Have faith in God!

Lean not on Egypt's reeds; slack not thy thirst
At earthly cisterns. Seek the kingdom first.
Though man and Satan fight thee with their
worst,
Have faith in God!

Go tell him all! the sigh thy bosom heaves
Is heard in heaven. Strength and grace he gives
Who gave himself for thee. Our Jesus lives;
Have faith in God!

—Anon.

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Notice

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

Not Your Work, But You

It is not so much your work as you that God wants. At least, He wants you first, and then your work. Service from hearts that are not really consecrated to God is not pleasing to Him. We are in danger of forgetting this in our busy, bustling days. It is easier to offer God a few activities than to give Him a heart.

The tendency of the religious life at present is to work, to service, rather than to loving God. So we need to remind ourselves continually that loving must come before doing and serving. The largest and most conspicuous work will find no acceptance with God if our hearts are not His.

"Tis not thy work the Master needs, but thee:

The obedient spirit, the believing heart,
The child obedient, trustful, glad to be,
Where'er He will, to stay or to depart."

"Were there no night we should not see the stars,

The heavens would turn into a blinding glare.

Freedom is clearest seen through prison bars,

And rough seas make the haven passing fair.

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"We cannot measure joys but by their loss,
When blessings fade we see them then;
Our richest clusters glow around the cross,
And in the night-time angels sing to men."

—The British Evangelist

Coleridge said: "The Book of Proverbs is the best statesman's Manual ever written." Dr. Johnson said that the Book of Ruth is the most beautiful book ever written.

The newest thing in some churches would be a sermon on the old Gospel.

The Power of Choice

Rush K. Franklin
Gardendale, Alabama

What is the first promise of the plan of salvation? What does it include?

"I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shall bruise his heel." Genesis 3:15.

This promise made to Satan (the old serpent) in the presence of Adam and Eve, includes at least the following:

1—God's implanting in the heart of man a divine discontent with the slavery to Satan and the bondage of sin.

2—A conflict between the forces of good and those of evil, with the eventual triumph of the good and the complete destruction of the evil.

After he had yielded to Satan, how hopeless would have been man's condition without God's intervention to rescue him?

"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness" (Romans 6:16).

The word here translated "servant" really means "slave." Man became the bondslave of Satan, and was without hope of rescue. God had to awaken man to his need of rescue.

On what condition only will God give a man righteousness and deliverance from sin?

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled" (Matthew 5:6).

Who implants this desire and conviction in man's heart?

"Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away, the comforter will not come unto you. But if I depart I will send him unto you. And when he is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment" (John 7:8).

The Holy Spirit speaks with pleading tones, saying, "This is the way,

walk ye in it" (Isaiah 30:21). He urgently invites the sinner to the marriage supper of the Lamb. "The Spirit and the Bride say, come" (Revelation 22:17).

In this, what does God set before us?

"I call Heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live" (Deuteronomy 30:19).

How many are thus privileged to receive the benefits of the living gift of God in the death of His Son?

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

"God takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but He presses the invitation to choose the right way" (Ezekiel 18:31, 32). He urges whosoever will to come (Revelation 22:17). God wills that all should be saved, about 35 times in the New Testament. Salvation is offered to "whosoever" is open to receive it.

What faculty has God implanted in man for the purpose of helping him in his recognition and choice of righteousness?

"When the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the thing contained in the law, these, having not the law, or a law unto themselves; which show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the meanwhile accusing or else excusing one another" (Romans 2:14, 15).

We need to guard the conscience carefully so that it can always be void of offense toward God and Man (Acts 24:16). Continually violated, it eventually becomes calloused and seared as with a hot iron (I Timothy 4:2).

As illustrated in Jesus' warning to Peter, what effort does Satan constantly make to get us to resist God and our conscience?

"The Lord said Simon, Simon, behold Satan hath desired to have you

that he may sift you as wheat" (Luke 22:31).

The ancient method of winnowing was to toss the mixture of grain and chaff into the air by means of a scoop or fan. Thus, Satan tosses up the tempted and tried soul. He will do all in his power to prevent the soul from yielding to God or remaining true to him. Study the story of Joshua (Zechariah 3:1,6).

What indicates that a man's freedom of choice will not be continued indefinitely, but will come to an end if that man persistently chooses sin?

"The Lord said, my Spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh" (Genesis 6:3).

The warning of God to the people just before the flood resounds thru the ages. When the spirit of God leaves man, to strive with him no more, man's choice of sin becomes permanent. He loses his perception of sin and his desire for righteousness. He is a complacent slave of Satan. God has to say of him, as he did of Ephraim of old, he is joined to idols, let him alone (Hosea 4:17). To many individuals will come the heartbreaking realization at the last day. The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved (Jeremiah 8:20). Like Esau of old, they could find no way to choose to serve God, for even the path itself had vanished (Hebrew 12:16, 17).

In view of the opportunities thus to break the power of sin, what does the Lord counsel us to do?

"Choose you this way whom ye will serve," (Joshua 24:15). The Hebrews at this time wisely chose to serve the Lord. Will you? Not only can man choose, but if he is ever to be delivered from the bondage, and the guilt of sin, he must choose. Then and only then will God back up his decision with the power of Heaven. God will not save a man against his will.

Because of man's inclination to dally with the invitation and try to serve both God and the Devil, what is Elijah's challenge?

"Elijah came unto all the people,

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NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

HEADLINES IN DAILY PAPERS

"GI Confesses Slaying WAF," "Officers Uncover no Clues in Virginia Girls Murder." Girl's Nude Body Found in River." These headlines appeared in one issue of a well-known daily. In the same issue two suicides and one theft were reported. It is a day of crime. It seems that "sex crimes" are leading in the roll with murders, thefts, hit and run drivers, and violent deaths of many continually reported in the papers. Truly we are living in the last days in which Paul wrote when he said; "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God. Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof . . ." (2 Tim. 3:1-5).

Lust of the flesh causes rape and then murder to cover up the crime. But God says, "Be sure your sins will find you out." So, these dastardly sexual crimes along with murder will be found out. The hardness of man's and woman's hearts seem, to me, to be at an all time high.

LIQUOR RESPONSIBLE
FOR CRIME

In these days of sin and crime many, in fact, almost all criminal acts are the results of liquor. A man can get drunk, or claim to be drunk, anyway, and shoot an innocent man down in cold blood. Then when arrested and brought to the courts, he will swear that he "remembered nothing about the act." He was drunk. The truth of the matter is the devil is in the man and he gets a few drinks of this fine ABC liquor; that stuff that

the "wet politicians" said was "good liquor," when they were rooting for the distillers and brewers, in order to destroy the eighteenth amendment. They described the non-taxed liquor as being "poison." They wanted liquor that would not be poison, but the tax-paid stuff will poison a man's mind and make him commit rape, and murder his victim, waylay and shoot men to death. Then when in courts he often gets clear, or a light penalty, because he was temporarily insane with liquor. A capital offense with the death penalty demanded by law, very often, the criminal gets off with twenty-five or thirty years, but he served about half or two thirds and is turned out to go home and get more liquor and kill some one else, or rape some woman or child. But it is "legal liquor" that is feeding the avenues of crime and sin. The liquor crowd promised that bootlegging and gangdom would be put out of business, but the officers of the law have fallen far short of doing what they promised. Blind tigers are selling "tax paid liquor" and getting by. But the more these blindtigers sell, if its "tax paid" the more "revenue" will go into the treasury of our country. And with many the revenue is more precious than souls.

Cities and towns, and countries sell liquor to make drunks and then arrest them for drunken, disorderly conduct, and some recorder or trial judge fines the drunk with a road sentence suspended on payment of \$50.00 or \$100.00. It is sickening to honest thinking men to see how the law handles these violaters.

Since I started these lines another news report has come out about the "GI" mentioned in the beginning, according to the news, that it was liquor that made him kill the WAF.

Yes, sell them liquor to make them drunkards and help them to kill, rape, steal, and do everything sinful, then say, "It pays to have legal liquor." Yes, it pays off with crime and damned souls in hell.

WHY NOT VOTE DRY?

If we want to get a referendum in North Carolina, why not arrange for it at the polls? If you vote for a "wet" he will be "wet" and play in

the hands of the liquor forces. Why not find out if your candidate is "dry" or "wet" before you mark your ballot? If he is "wet" scratch him out. Now is the time to get a referendum on the liquor question. If you vote for the "wet" crowd, don't be found making or voting for resolutions to be made to the legislature asking for help and laws against the liquor industry.

SOME MORE ABOUT THE
LAST DAYS

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the later times shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron: Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth" (I Tim. 4: 1-3).

Do you know of any denomination that forbids its head and others filling certain positions the right to marry? Do you know of any denomination that forbids the eating of meats? If you do have the fulfillment of what Paul wrote, saying, that it would "be in the last days." He says that these are "giving heed to seducing spirits." I know of some people who have a great deal of "meat religion." They abstain from meat and break almost every other law of God. They try to mix law and grace. They strain out gnats and swallow camels.

They have meatless days, some of them, and seasons, and then wind up with a big drunk and a dance motivated by the lust of the flesh.

But may we notice the 4th and 5th verses of this chapter. "For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving. For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer."

Whenever that religionist comes around preaching his doctrine, you may know what Paul says, "bid him not God's speed." They know that it is "Last Day Fulfillment."

Carlyle said: "There is nothing in or out of the Bible that equals the Book of Job."

Cragmont Assembles for 1950 Black Mountain, N. C.



Ministers' Annual Retreat and Conference

"Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest for a while."—Mark 6:31b.

The annual Ministers' Retreat and Conference will open at Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, N. C., June 5, 1950. The sessions will continue morning and evening thru Friday, June 9, noon. All ministers of the state are urged to attend. The registration fee will be the same this year, two dollars (\$2.00), and every minister in the state is expected to pay the registration fee whether he attends the conference or not. The room and board will be two dollars (\$2.00) per day for four days which will make a total of ten dollars (\$10.00) for the entire conference. The only other expenses you will have will be, of course, your transportation. This can be greatly reduced if four or five ministers will get together and drive one car. The distance is approximately 300 miles from Wilson, N. C.

It is my honest opinion that the Lord would have every one of us take time off from our duties at home, go to a place like Cragmont Assembly and rest for a while. Surely the moun-

tain air, the quiet atmosphere, and the fellowship of the brotherhood is worth the time spent to say nothing of the inspiration, instruction, recreation you will enjoy. One outstanding minister of another denomination has well said, "Come ye apart and rest for a while lest ye fall apart and go to pieces."

A program is being arranged which will make the four days you spend there well worth your time and money. You will be a better pastor, a better evangelist, and a better counselor when you return to your various fields of service.

By R. P. Harris, Secretary

CRAGMONT NEWS

The Dates for opening have been set, and you are ready to go, we hope!
Ministers Conference—June 5-9.
Young People, 16 up—June 12-17.
Young People 9-15—June 19-24.
Summer School for Christian Workers
June 26—August 4, Inclusive.
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For other information write, Registrar or Director.
Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, N. C.

James A. Evans, Pres.

Center View Church to Hold Revival

NEWPORT, TENNESSEE

A word from East Tennessee to let the people know that Free Will Baptists are still alive in Newport, Tennessee. We need the prayers of all the praying people. The Lord is still blessing us in a good way here in East Tennessee.

We have 65 in attendance in our little Sunday School. We are planning to begin our revival meeting early in April. Please pray for the success of our meeting. The Reverend J. Wilkerson of Greenville, Tennessee, will hold the meeting. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

We are one of the Baptist readers and we do regret that Brother O'Dell of Belmont, North Carolina, has quit writing news to the paper. We hope that he will begin writing again to the Baptist. We hope that he will read this and take note that we want to see his news again, for his writing is food to our hungry soul.

Rev. C. C. Brockwell, Pastor
608 Prospect Avenue
Newport, Tennessee

The Empty Tomb

In the sepulchre He lay
With rock-ribbed walls in the way;
While soldiers stood nearby to guard,
Lest they steal away the Lord.

At last Christianity was dead,
Never again to lift its head;
So thought the enemies of Christ that day,
As they went rejoicing on their way.

But death the Saviour could not keep,
Or hide eternal truth in sleep;
Angels came at dawn of day,
And rolled the barrier away.

To you who feel that hope is gone,
Lift up your eyes this Easter morn;
The risen Lord will banish gloom,
He bids you see the empty tomb.

Mrs. Julia Shackleford Hyers

Announcement

This is to announce that I expect to be in a position to render some pastoral service next year. I am not discontinuing my connection with the Free Will Baptist Press, but, owing to some changes which we contemplate, I plan to have some time to devote to pastoral activities. I shall be open and happy to arrange with any church which might desire my service within reasonable driving distance of Ayden. Address Box 244, Ayden, N. C.

J. Ernest Wooten

Sunday School Pins Awarded



Sunday School Pins Awarded at Tippet's Chapel F. W. B. Church

Sunday School pins were awarded recently at Tippet's Chapel F. W. B. church to those with a perfect attendance record in Sunday School. At the time this drive for perfect attendance was launched, there were only 30 who attended Sunday School. At the end of last year the attendance was doubled, raising the number to 60. Miss Pauline Turner was acting Superintendent at that time. Those who received pins are pictured above. They are:

1st row—Robert Lee—6 months pin.
2nd row—Raymond Lee, 1 year; Milton Oneal, 6 months; Percy Lee, 1

year; Betty Lou Allen, 1 year; Marie Allen, 1 year; and Ernest Lee, 1 year.

3rd row—Pauline Turner, 1 year; Rozelle Mimms, 1 year; and John Pullen Teley, 1 year.

4th row—Rev. Earl Glenn, pastor, Dorothy Turner, 1 year; and Cynthia Mimms, 1 year.

5th row—Calvin Allen, 3 years; Linwood Poole, 1 year; Melvin Poole, 1 year; and Russell Mimms, 1 year. John Pullen Seley is the new Superintendent of the Sunday School, and our attendance is still increasing. We reached the 100 mark only a few Sundays ago. The Lord is really blessing and we're expecting great things to happen in the future.

By Reporter

Peace

How sweet the blessed calm,
That o'er shadows mind and soul;
When night falls and all is peace,
Our Saviour has complete control.

I lie me down in perfect rest,
No tempter can now alarm;
I rest in quiet, and sweet repose,
He calms the surging storms.

His hovering Spirit lingers near,
My aching heart to fill;
In dreams I see His precious face,
He whispers, "Peace be Still."

Announcement

On Easter Sunday night at 8 o'clock, the young people of Pleasant Hill Church will present a pageant, "The Answer to the Cross." Everyone is cordially invited.

Mrs. Luther Stanley
Winterville, N. C.,
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Gladstone said: "All the wonders of Greek civilization heaped together are less wonderful than is the simple book of Psalms—the history of the human soul in relation to its Maker."

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Milton said: "There are no songs to be compared with the songs of Zion; no orations equal to those of the prophets; no principles like those which the Scriptures teach."

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

CENTRAL AUXILIARY HOLDS GOOD CONVENTION

The Central Auxiliary convention of the North Carolina Central conference, which was held at Hull Road Church, Greene County, last week, was in every way an excellent meeting.

The attendance of delegates, ministers, officials of the convention, and visiting friends from the various churches in the district was beyond all expectation. The local people of the church and community attended in large numbers, and entertained the convention in a splendid way. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the entire day together in fine Christian fellowship. The interest throughout the entire convention was not to be exceeded by any gathering of its kind.

The music of the day was all that one could expect. Special music was rendered by the local choirs and others, which added greatly to the effectiveness of the convention. The reports of each of the vice-presidents of the convention were splendid, showing that much progress had been made during the past six months by the women of the various local auxiliaries. Mr. Croom, superintendent of the Middlesex Orphanage, gave an interesting report of the work and the progress which the Home is making. Everyone seemed to have been pleased with his report, and it was the sentiment of the convention that each local auxiliary will strive to do more in the future for that institution.

Other reports were made, for example, concerning the work of the Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee. Much emphasis was placed on the great work the college is doing and also the need of giving it a greater support in the future than has been given in the past. Missions, home and abroad, were stressed in the reports, and the local auxiliaries were urged to do more in their home churches for missions for the coming months. On the whole, it was a very good convention, and everyone seemed to rejoice over the good work which the women of the auxiliaries are doing in the Central Conference.

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LOOKING TOWARD CRAGMONT

A great many of the church people throughout the State, and also in other adjoining states, are looking forward to the time when the Summer Assemblies at Cragmont will begin.

From the reports that have come to us, the ministers will hold their Ministers' Retreat at Cragmont, as the first summer session this year, beginning on June 5 and running through June 9. They are expecting a splendid attendance this year for this Summer Retreat. The program is being arranged, prominent speakers are being engaged, and every phase of the work this summer will be interesting and greatly beneficial to each minister who shall be a part of this assembly of ministers. It will be a week of good fellowship, inspiring talks on church work and religious themes, and a time of meditation and getting acquainted with ministers in the different sections of the state.

The young people of the churches, Sunday Schools and the Leagues will hold their Summer Assembly, June 12 through 17, from ages 16 up. Those from 9 to 15 years of age will have their camp at Cragmont, June 19 through 24. These assemblies of the young people will be great events in the lives of all who will attend these assemblies. As heretofore, the young people will receive great blessings from attending these Summer Assemblies.

Moreover, there will be planned for Christian workers the Summer School, beginning on June 26 and continuing through August 4 inclusive. It is expected that splendid programs of Christian training will be arranged, and that large groups of people will attend this assembly for religious training.

From August 7 through the 12, the young people will be given opportunity to go to Cragmont for training, Christian fellowship, and recreation. August 14 through 21 is designated as the Woman's Week at Cragmont. During that week they will have a wonderful season of Bible study, wonderful Christian fellowship, spiritual devotions, and great messages from prominent speakers of the denomination. The Auxiliary women of the state will attend this assembly in great numbers, it is expected, as has been true during the past years.

Special groups will be given the opportunity to hold their assemblies at Cragmont, beginning August 21 and continuing through to September 1. It is hoped that a great many people of the denomination will use this opportunity to go to Cragmont and hold Bible Study conference, enjoy Christian fellowship, and reap great blessings from communing with God at that retreat, and get acquainted with many people of other sections of the country. May Cragmont be a blessing to many this summer.

Maury Church to Hold Revival

Maury Free Will Baptist Church, Maury, N. C., will hold its spring revival, beginning April 2, and will continue as long as the Lord directs. Rev. M. L. Tyndall will do the preaching. The public is cordially

invited to come and hear the word of the Lord preached by one who has been called to lead sinners to repentance. The Pleasant Hill Church choir will render music on Sunday night.

Reverend Tyndall is pastor of Maury and Fremont Churches. He was a student of the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nash-

ville, Tennessee, and is now taking special training at Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, North Carolina. We invite you to come and worship with us. May the people take time to assemble, and help to promote the cause of Christ in our community.

Mrs. H. L. Spivey,
Maury, N. C.

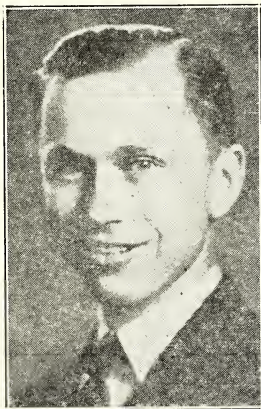
North Carolina S. S. Convention Messenger

Loy Everett Ballard

Publicity Director, N. C. Free Will Baptist S. S. Convention

BACK AGAIN!

Here we are back again for a three week's visit with you to talk over matters pertaining to the 1950 session of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention, which we assume you want to attend. Your messenger will not be able to tell you much about the many things being provided for you at this great state-wide annual meeting of Sunday School superintendents, teachers, class officers, and "just people," but we do hope to tell you enough to cause you to form a determination to attend.



RAYMOND T. SASSER

President, will be busy planning for the Convention.

THE CONVENTION CHURCH

The convention will meet at Hugo Church, not too far from Snow Hill in Green County; not too far also from Greenville and Ayden in Pitt County; not too far ditto from Kinston in Lenoir County; and not too far from you in your county, wherever you may live in the Old North State, for good roads and good cars now make the state small. Later we will give you minute directions on how to reach Hugo Church.

Hugo is a great church, made up of fine, progressive people, who will be ready to give a glad welcome to all who attend the convention. The church building is well arranged for convention activities. The Hugo Sunday School is one to inspire all those who visit the community. The cooking is good—the eating will be fine!

THE CONVENTION TIME

The convention will meet on Thursday and Friday before the 4th Sunday in April. (That's April 20th and 21st, by our calen-

dar.) The time will be divided into periods devoted to inspiration, instruction, fellowship, and convention business. Every minute will be a golden minute! Draw a red ring around these two days, and write in the margin of your calendar "Reserved for the greatest Sunday School Convention planned to be present in North Carolina."

THE PROGRAM

The program for the convention is now being prepared, carefully and prayerfully. It will include features of inspiration and helpfulness, not to be forgotten soon. It will present some of the very best talent in the state—men and women who know something about Sunday School work, and want to pass on humbly what they know for the benefit of others. Watch this column for more about the program during the next three weeks.

ATTENTION: NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION PRESIDENTS

Please write me at once giving me your name and address and name of your convention, as we are planning our next State Sunday School Convention program for our annual convention, which is to meet with the Hugo Church, Thursday and Friday before the 4th Sunday in April. We are most interested in hearing from you, as we want your convention to be represented in this session of the convention. There is one part of our program that will be very beneficial to your work.

Raymond T. Sasser .
207 West Broad Street
Wilson, North Carolina

Peptograms

Dr. L. R. Akers

The worst eye trouble is the "P" trouble. The sure sign of the little man is the bighead.

Better be known for your "knows" than your nose.

Most anarchists are made before they are nine years old.

The modern church prefers a live wire to an inflated tire.

Oftentimes a cheerful Hello! is the best dispeller of tearful woe.

Six-syllabled words are too often the exhaust of a one cylinder man.

Man's love for "wet goods" is matched by woman's love for "dry goods."

A CALL TO LOYALTY

EDWARD L. CRANE

This world is full of trouble sore

With strife on every hand,

It calls for Christians, every one

To take a firmer stand

For things which are more pure and true,

For righteous things and grand,

Until the message of God's love

Is known in every land.

So Christians, heed His call today,

And read His Word anew,

That you may know His matchless love;

His message pure and true.

Attend the meetings of His church,

If many there or few.

Then share with others every day

His truths both old and new.

Then go to live as Jesus lived,

To do your very best

In helping heavy-laden souls

To find the Saviour's rest.

It fills the soul with peace and joy

To do our Lord's behest,

To live for Him who died to save,

That others may be blessed.

Wherever He may lead us then;

If paths be bright and clear;

Or if the road is rough and hard,

Our Saviour will be near

To help us in our daily walk,

Some other souls to cheer;

And whisper in the trying hour,

"My children, do not fear."

His grace and power to lead us on

In every time of need,

Will give us strength for every day

To plant the living Seed;

The Word of God, the living Bread,

The hungry soul to feed.

The leading of the Spirit now,

God help us all to heed.

—Selected.

Subscription Campaign

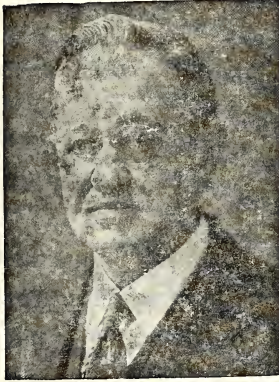
We will give a good Bible to the individual, or church organization who sends in the most yearly subscriptions to the Baptist paper by June the first, 1950. This prize will be a real nice gift, and those entering the campaign must enter in the name of the individual, or the name of the organization expecting to receive the Bible.

Free Will Baptist Press

By D. W. Alexander, President

Sir William James said: "The Scriptures contain more exquisite beauty, pure morality, more important history, finer strains of poetry and eloquence than all other books that were ever composed in any age."

BIBLE CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



J. L. Welch



Laura Belle Barnard



F. B. Cherry

The Spring Bible Conference begins on Sunday afternoon, April 23, with a vesper service at four o'clock. Morning, afternoon, and evening services will be conducted through noon Thursday, April 27.

At the vesper service on Sunday afternoon, Brother J. R. Davidson, of Davis, N. C., will bring a message on the theme of Consecration, which, we believe, will be a good theme with which to begin the Conference. At this service there will be special singing and other features which should give the Conference a good start.

The speakers for the remaining days will be: Reverend J. L. Welch, pastor of Cofer's Chapel Church, Nashville; Dr. F. B. Cherry, pastor of Edgemont Free Will Baptist Church, in Durham, North Carolina; Miss Laura Belle Barnard, our missionary

to India, who expects to be home in time for the Bible Conference. These speakers will be bringing messages each day throughout the Conference. In addition to this, different members of the Alumni Association—students who have finished and are now in active Christian work—will conduct daily devotions beginning at 8:30 in the morning.

The spiritual life hour, which will be primarily for the young people, will be conducted each afternoon from two until three o'clock. This service will be conducted in an open forum in which problems encountered in living a consecrated life will be discussed. Other questions that will be discussed are: How may I know the will of God for my life? How may I know that I am living a fully surrendered life?

Each day from 3 p. m. until 7:30 p. m., there will be a free period during which various interesting places may be visited around the city of Nashville.

Music will be under the direction of the Music Department of the College.

For the last two years we have erected on the vacant lot beside one of the College buildings a large tent which has accommodated several hundred people. If necessary we expect to use the tent again this year.

If you plan to attend the Bible Conference, we would appreciate it if you would let us know so that we may make adequate provisions for everyone who comes. We will be glad to send information on hotel accommodations and the estimated cost to those who request.

Night-time Dilemma

By James R. Wooten
615 South Lee St.
Ayden, N. C.

The night is a stormy ocean,
Filled with the monsters of old;
The heavens are worried and restless,
And the winds are crafty and bold.

And I am a ship on that ocean,
Sailing blindly through the night;
And my thoughts jump from darkness to danger,

But my thoughts, they know no fright.

For I know that my voyage will take me
Safely o'er the waters of night;
And I'll land in the harbor of morning,
And I'll gaze at the morning light.

I know this, yes! but I tremble,
As a thought runs through my mind;
Suppose my ship were to capsize,
With no one to throw out a line.

And my covers around me come closer,
And my eyes close in fitful sleep;
But I arrive safely at harbor,
O'er the waters of night so deep.

Announcement

The Reverend Thomas H. Dixon of Cheota, Oklahoma, will teach a Bible school course at Talledega, Alabama, at the F. W. B. Church, beginning on April 24, and closing the 28, 1950. Those who plan to attend please contact the Reverend J. B. Ledlow, 505 Booker Street, Talledega, Alabama.

Respectfully,
J. T. Quick

Sir Isaac Newton said: "I account the Scriptures of God to be the most sublime philosophy."

:- Department of Foreign Missions :-

MISSIONS TREASURY AGAIN IN CRITICAL STATE

We are sorry to have to make this announcement, but the state of the treasury compels us to do so. I am writing this the 28th day of March and so far in this month I have been unable to make any remittance to either India or Cuba. I wrote the Directors on each of the foreign fields in which we are operating, and told them the situation; explaining to them that there was no money for them this month. I was in hopes that before the month was gone I could send them something, but it is not going to be possible. I hope, however, to be able to send them something early in April if at all possible. That will depend upon the size of the checks that may come in at the close of this month.

WHY THIS SITUATION?

Naturally this is a question you will ask in your minds. You have a right to ask it, and you deserve to know. I would like you to know that it is not because of an over-much expense at the home base. There has been no unusual expense at home. In fact we have been able to operate this year, so far as the home base is concerned, pretty well within the budget as set by the Board at the beginning of the associational year. Neither is it caused by a letting up in giving on the part of our people, necessarily. I think our people, (with a few exceptions) are giving about as much as they usually give at this time of the year. Really this depleted state of the treasury is the result of an increased budget which was set by our board for this year. It was vitally necessary that our budget be stepped up for this year. Therefore we did so in good faith that our people would increase their giving accordingly; but there has been some disappointment along that line. We are doing about as much for foreign missions as of previous years, but the time has come when we MUST DO MORE.

I am authorized to send \$1200.00 to India and \$1700.00 to Cuba each month. So far until this month I have been able to do so. Some months it was a bit late, but any way I got it there in time. Now this month we failed completely.

We must do something. The situation must be relieved. I recently wrote letters to all our State Directors, asking them for all the help and cooperation they could lend, but I have not said anything about it thru our papers until now.

Now the matter is before you. The only thing that will save the day is for you to send in the money. It will take money to do the job. There is no substitute. True, you may pray, and that we certainly should

do; but we must answer our prayers with our means. Please help us pray, and help us pay.

Yours very sincerely,
Winford Davis
Promotional Secy.-Treas.

AN APPEAL— For Help for Missions

Dear Christian friends,

There is an emergency in the Treasury of Foreign Missions. So far this Associational year, we have raised \$7430.57 for the cause. Our allotment is \$11,000. That leaves us \$3569.43 to raise. March and April are mission months. Please let us go over the top. Please read the following letter from our Treasurer of Foreign missions:

Dear Brother Director:

We have Foreign Mission Directors appointed in seventeen different states. At this time I am writing each of them.

There is a serious situation just now in our foreign missions department because of the fact the treasury is practically exhausted. I am supposed to send \$1,200 to India the tenth of each month and \$1700 to Cuba the fifteenth of each month. So far during this national associational year I have been able to send it each month until this month of March. I was compelled to write our Directors on the two foreign fields a few days ago and report to them that there is no money to send them this month. I am sure it was a blow to them, but I could do nothing different. I can only send the money out as our people send it in.

I don't know that there is anything you can do, but perhaps there might be. If you can inaugurate any kind of a legitimate plan in your state for the raising of mission funds at this time, it will certainly be appreciated. Perhaps you can let your people know at least of the serious situation and urge them to do everything they can to help relieve the situation.

There has been a little over \$900

sent in earmarked for the purpose of paying Miss Barnard's passage home. She is leaving for the states April 10, so I had to send that money this week by registered air mail. After sending that, there was very little left in the treasury.

Please help us pray that our people will rally to a greater support of this worthy cause. Go somewhere with the Lord and ask Him to undertake for us, and if He shows you something you can do about it then please don't delay about performing it.

We highly appreciate your faithful cooperation and your help. May the Lord continue to bless your every effort.

Thanking you, I remain
A co-worker in Christ Jesus,
Winford Davis, Promotional Secy.-Treasurer.

P. S.—After reading this letter please pray, give, and work in whatever way you can to raise the quota for your church which is 52 cents per member. It is my prayer that we will go over the top.

Yours in His service,
Rashie Kennerly, Director of Foreign Missions in North Carolina

Un evangelized Millions

Population—
China—470,000,000
Africa—105,000,000
Japan—100,000,000
Cuba—4,000,000
India—305,000,000
Alabama—3,000,000
Of Free Will Baptist in the State of Alabama—27,000

There is a critical financial situation in the Foreign Missions Department. One dollar would more than take care of our quota for the year and that would not be too much to ask for. I believe that every Free Will Baptist who hears of this would be more than glad to give that much or more. The quota for the State of Alabama is \$1,550.00. Please help us raise this quota for this year. This is what we are asking—every pastor and his churches to receive a free-will offering once each month for this great work. Please mail this to:

Rev. Winford Davis, Box 377, Mon-

ett, Mo.; or, Rev. R. K. Franklin, Rt. 1, Box 40m, Gardendale, Ala.

When you receive this chart, please place it inside the church somewhere in good view so that everyone can see it and each month as I receive the report that has been sent in I will pass it on to you. Then take red crayon and paint in the Mercury the figure I give you. Please do not neglect for it means: (1) to disregard; (2) to fail to notice (3) to fail to attend to, or care for (4) to neglect one's duties.

Think of it: over 2,000,000,000 human beings on earth today, with moral accountability, intellectual activity, and immoral destiny, a mighty host marching to the grave and to a vast beyond. For their present and eternal happiness do we spare merely a passing or a passive thought? How amazingly unconcerned many of us are. Over 1,500,000,000 of the world's twentieth-century population are non-Christians. Of the approximately 500,000,000 in so-called Christendom, including the millions of Roman Catholics and those of the Greek and Eastern churches, how many are merely nominal Christians, hypocrites, heretics, reprobates, unregenerate and spiritually unenlightened?

Missionaries in Africa are said to number one to every 80,000; in Korea, one to every 120,000; in Japan, one to every 320,000; in China, one to every 470,000. It is said that, at the present rate of missionary progress, 80,000,000 Negroes are beyond all prospect of hearing the gospel in their lifetime.

Two-thirds of India's population are yet unevangelized; and over three-quarters of the peoples in South America. One hundred and sixty thousand towns and villages in China are yet denied the gospel. In Japan, the heathen population is greater today than it was when missions first started.

Look on the fields waiting to be reaped for Christ!

While the modern churches delay, unrelenting Death—that other reaper with his wild, unsparking scythe—lays millions low at a turn. Ninety thousand die out of Christ each day and sixty every minute.

It is time for Christian action in Christian missions!

Your State Missions Director
Rush K. Franklin
Gardendale, Alabama

Rev. L. B. Manning Holds Revival at Jacksonville

Our Pre-Easter revival began on March 13 and continued for ten days, with Brother L. B. Manning doing the preaching. He brought us some real soul-stirring messages to a large attendance most every night.

We greatly appreciate, and thank God for Brother Manning coming our way again. He was with us two years ago, so after going to the Lord in prayer about it, we felt Brother Manning was the man we needed.

We were blessed to have several visiting quartettes, also others giving special numbers from time to time, which we appreciate very much. The present harvest was not so large, but we were very glad to have seven of our young people come forward for baptism, also some rededications. The entire membership, I feel, was greatly revived, and have more grace and zeal to work than ever before.

I hope this revival will live on in our hearts and lives that our church may grow and our Lord glorified.

Our pastor, Rev. D. L. Whaley, administered baptism to the candidates Sunday afternoon, March 26, at 3:00 o'clock, and back to the church at 7:30 we received them into the church with special dedication services. We truly thank God for men who dare to preach the unadulterated gospel as Brother Manning does, and pray God will greatly bless him in his work.

We desire the prayers of all Christians for our little group here at Jacksonville, N. C., who are working so hard spiritually and physically for the promotion and building of the church. As yet our number is not so large, but with praying, working, and co-operation, I'm sure we will be able to accomplish something.

The Lord really has blessed us in a mighty way, for which we are truly thankful.

Humbly in Christ,
Mrs. J. W. Wiggins, Reporter.

Rev. L. B. Manning to Hold Revival at Juniper Chapel

The revival at Juniper Chapel will begin on April 2, the first Sunday night in April. The church is located near the town of Vanceboro, North Carolina. The Reverend L. B. Manning of Fountain, N. C., will do the preaching. The public is cordially invited to attend these services each night.

Sincerely,
Miss Velma Morris

Revival at Rose of Sharon

We had a most successful revival meeting at our church, beginning March 6 and continuing through March 15. Rev. Wade Calvert of Belmont, North Carolina, conducted this series of meetings. His messages were inspiring, and caused the people to come back the next night to hear him. None seemed to want to miss any of the services.

This revival did not only bring satisfaction to Rose of Sharon Church but also a great many other people nearby came to hear him. We were very glad to have had these visiting people and the visiting ministers with us for this meeting. A great many of the members of the church received new zeal and inspiration for the work of God's cause. All seemed to have been greatly encouraged to do more for the glory of the Lord in our church and community.

There were several of the church members who re-dedicated their lives to the Lord. There were ten persons who were baptized, and eight of whom became members of Rose of Sharon Church.

Again we would like to say that we were happy to have had brother Calvert with us for this meeting. Our prayers are that he may go on with his work for the Lord in a good way among other churches.

Respectfully,

Miss Faye Mizell
Williamston, N. C.
Route 2, Box 218

BIBLE CONFERENCE Free Will Baptist Bible College April 23-27, 1950

April 23rd through the 27th are the dates for the annual Spring Bible Conference to be held at the Free Will Baptist Bible College. These Bible Conferences have been an inspiration and great help to the many who have attended them over the past years. We have brought to the Conference as speakers some of the best preachers of our denomination. This year we have a splendid Conference program arranged which will be a blessing and an inspiration to all who attend.

Some pastors have written in already and asked for the dates of the Bible Conference this year in order that they might not schedule revivals on these dates. We think this is a splendid idea and trust that all our pastors will clear their calendar for this week and attend the Conference. We also invite the young people of our church to visit the College and attend the Bible Conference. A little later on a theme for the Conference will be announced in our church papers. Watch for this announcement and let us know if you plan to attend.



Amos the Prophet and His Program

(Lesson for April 16)

LESSON: Amos 7:7-15; 8:1-3.

GOLDEN TEXT: Amos 5:6.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

In the first of three lessons from the Book of Amos the thought of God's judgment upon a disobedient people is specially emphasized. God grieved over His sinning people and sent His judgments to bring them back to Him, but when they failed to respond, He threatened to send the full penalty. And it includes not merely Judah or Israel, but the "whole family" of Jacob.

1. God's standards are absolutely righteous and He demands absolute obedience to them (Amos 7:7).

2. Failure to meet the absolute requirements of God is certain to bring down His judgment (vs. 8).

3. God's judgments are frequently carried out by human instruments who are unaware of the fact that God is using them (vs. 9).

4. False religious teachers are bound to appear where God's true servants are, and often make false accusations (vs. 10).

5. Men never like to hear it proclaimed that God will one day judge this world (vs. 11).

6. It is a false kindness to bid us to flee for safety in order to keep us from witnessing for the Lord (vs. 12).

7. Places dedicated to the service of false gods cannot be considered sacred by the true Christian (vs. 13).

8. God sometimes goes to unusual places to pick up some of His choicest servants (vs. 14).

9. God will qualify whom He commissions, but it is folly to assume that He will always do it in the same way (vs. 15).

10. God's judgments may be slow

in coming, but when they come no one will be able to withstand them (8:1-3).

11. A true prophet does not create his message. He is only God's messenger boy carrying what God gives him to deliver.—Selected.

12. Amaziah, "the priest of the golden calf at Bethel," became incensed against Amos because of his predictions of Israel's downfall, and tried to drive him back into Judah, his native kingdom.

But God's prophet was not to be frightened away from the task which God had given him to do. He justified his presence in Israel by obeying the call which he had received of the Lord. Moreover, he repeated his threat against the house of Jeroboam. "To make his message more impressive, he added a personal woe on the chief priest and his family" (ch. 7: 17).

"It is to no purpose to contend with the judgments of God: for when God judges he will overcome. Stopping the mouths of God's ministers will not stop the progress of God's word, for it shall not return void" (Matthew Henry).—Advanced Quarterly, (F. W. B.)

13. Amos had not said that Jeroboam should die by the sword, but the Lord's message had said that He would rise against his house with the sword and that his sons and daughters should fall by the sword.

Amaziah knew that he was employed to serve as an idolatrous priest, and he felt the sting of guilt as Amos spoke God's words of denunciation against the sin of which he was guilty. He did not like to hear it. He tried to impress the prophet with the idea that it was unsafe for him to continue to prophesy at Bethel.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

14. In the other vision of a basket of ripe fruit the Lord makes plain the fact that the nation is ripe for destruction and that the end is not far away. In fact, the destruction of the nation came in two stages. First the people of Galilee and of the region east of the Jordan were carried away by the Assyrians, and then a few year later, in 722-721 B. C., the final destruction of the capital city took place. Then, indeed, the songs of the

people were turned into wailings.—Arnold's Commentary.

II. The Lesson Illustrated

Beauty of Poison

In the "Life of Frank Buckland," it is told how the genial naturalist resolved to make a special study of snakes. He engaged a professional viper-catcher to collect some for him. The biggest viper in the catch was held securely by Buckland. Then he got a glass slide out of the microscope and placed it in the serpent's mouth. "In an instant both fangs struck down upon it. Upon taking the glass from its paws, I was delighted to observe two drops of perfectly clear translucent fluid resting upon it. I placed these drops under the microscope and then saw a wondrous sight. On a sudden, a crystal-like fiber shot across the field of vision, and then another and another, these slender lines crossing each other at various angles, reminding me of the general appearance of an aurora borealis, or of delicate frost crystals on a window where there has been a sharp touch of frost." What a wonderful thing it is that all the beauties of the aurora should be hidden in the venom of the viper! So sin often presents itself in delightful and attractive colors. But no matter how attractive, or repulsive sin may be the eternal fact remains that God will judge the sinner and punish him if he fails to repent.—Selected.

HOW WE FOLLOW OUR SHEPHERD

When we hear our gentle shepherd's voice,
We follow, and are baptized like Him—
by choice;
Then He baptizes us with the Holy Spirit,
So we can please our heavenly Father,
too.

Then we search the Scriptures daily,
For in them we are told;
How to lay up treasures in heaven
Worth more than a world of pure gold.

And when the day of rest is come
To church we all go (like sheep at night
to their fold)
To thank Him and praise Him
And like Him to grow.

—Anon.

(Selected by Mrs. Adam Gaskins.)

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

Editor

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Mt. Elon Girls' Auxiliary Meeting

The Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary of Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Pamlico, S. C., met with Miss Joyce Edwards on Monday night, March 13. The program as given in the GO TELL PROGRAM BOOK, "OUR BEST FOR CHRIST IN STEWARDSHIP" was followed, and enjoyed by the group. Afterwards the group sang choruses.

The president, Miss Inez Hyman, presided during the business session. Plans for an Easter program to be given by the Auxiliary at the church and also at the Crippled Childrens' Home in Florence, S. C., were completed. Mrs. Paul Ketteman, leader, will be in charge of the program.

Members answering the roll by quoting a verse of scripture were:

Ethleen Mims, Inez Hyman, Joyce Flowers, Joyce Edwards, Willie Mae Hutchinson, Helena Hyman, Penny Stroud, Betty Jo Calcutt, Barbara Flowers, Sarah Frances Young, Catherine Hyman, Dorothy Gibbs, Shirley Flowers, Evangeline Leach, Mrs. Paul Ketteman, and one visitor, Mrs. Crawford Edwards.

Delightful refreshments were served.

Sincerely yours,
Joyce Flowers,
Secretary

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT

The Ladies Auxiliary of Dailey's Chapel has a record for the first quarter of this year as follows: With 23 members on roll we have an average of 18 attendants. These members have read 1253 Bible chapters and have made 128 sick visits. Our aim for the year is helping needy families of the community, and we have ordered a sacred picture for our church. We also are sending greeting cards to our fellow members and friends, which help us to live closer to each other and to God.

Mrs. Ella Rouse, Pres.
Mrs. Doris Barwick, Secy.
Mrs. Rabie Price, Treasurer

EAST NASHVILLE AUXILIARY MEETING

The Ladies Auxiliary of the East Nashville church met with Mrs. J. E. Simpson, Thursday night, March the 23rd. We had with us Miss Bessie Yeley from the Cuban Mission field. She brought us a wonderful message, on the work which they are doing there. Miss Yeley has recovered from her illness and will soon be on her way back to Cuba to take up her work again. Mrs. C. F. Bowen presided over the meeting. She read a letter from Mrs. Trula Cronk,

our missionary in India, which was greatly enjoyed. We had fifteen members and four visitors present. After the meeting Mrs. Simpson served delicious refreshments. Plans were made for observing prayer service week before Easter, Mrs. Alice White having charge of same.

Respectfully submitted by Mrs. O. C. Briley, Cor.-Secy.

ANNUAL REPORT OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF ROSE OF SHARON CHURCH, N. C.

The following is the annual report of our auxiliary:

Dues paid	\$25.80
Birthday dues	6.58
Offerings	6.45
Raised Otherwise	13.80

Total	\$52.63
Number of Bible chapters read ...	2142
Number of sick visits made	819
Number of quarts of milk given ...	666
Number of flowers taken to the sick	70
Number of trays taken to the sick	80
Number of pounds of butter given	15

Disbursements

Foreign mission	\$10.00
Flowers	2.50
Convention	3.00
Orphanage	10.00
Mrs. Woodard	2.00
Lillian Harrison	4.00
Program Books	4.50
Cragmont	5.00

Total	\$41.00
Balance in the treasury	\$36.48

Mrs. Bessie Cowan, Secy.

Notice!

The Woman's Auxiliary of Christian Chapel have secured Rev. Clifton Rice to hold their Week of Prayer program. This will begin on April 3 and continue through the seventh. The service each evening will start at 7:30 P. M. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Ralph Taylor

Notice!

The Goldsboro Woman's Auxiliary will observe the week of Prayer beginning Monday night April 3rd. Rev. L. R. Ennis will be the speaker Monday night; Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thurs-

day nights, and Rev. Rashie Kennedy Friday night.

The public is cordially invited.
Mrs. Pearl Wiggs, President.

DEDICATED TO REV. WALTER B. NOBLES

(For several years pastor of Rose Hill Church.)

I am thinking of our pastor,
A good shepherd kind and true.
Who has guided us through our troubles,
Our love he always would renew.
All through life's rough journey he fed us,
With the bread of life,
He held his star high up to heaven;
Pointed to us, the living Christ.

Oh! how sweet the old memories;
Still linger in our hearts.
His life is one for Jesus;
From his love we'll never part.
Such a man, dear God; did give us.
Like the Moses, of the old;
Who led the children of Israel;
In the days of long ago.

He carries a smile of sweetness,
Like dear Jesus; in His days.
His work was always cheerful;
God gave his life a ripe old age.
He reared a family of good children.
With the help of God's dear hand,
Now he has a host of grandchildren,
They give him joy in this land.

He sowed the seed of rightness.
From beginning to the end.
He will never be forgotten.
For he has so many friends.
Our hearts are filled with joy;
For the gift of such a man.
He helped us, to walk with Jesus,

When our work here is ended;
From this life, we do part,
We will not forget our pastor.
We'll still love him, in our hearts.
We want to walk, and talk with Jesus;
In that golden happy land;
With the angels, oh! so happy.
We will all then understand.

What a golden opportunity
Our pastor, gave us here on earth—
Will we follow in his footsteps?
And praise the dear Lord; for his birth.
When we gather with the angels,
With the Christians, oh! so great,
We will meet the dear Lord Jesus;
He will welcome us, at His gate.

We will say, dear Lord Jesus,"
Our good Shepherd, has brought us home,
Will you receive us, up in heaven;
Where in sin we'll never roam.
Oh! the joy we will see;
We'll meet each other face to face,
We will dance, and shout with angels.
In that golden happy place.

Written and composed by Mrs. Walter W. Buck, Gates, N. C.

TENNESSEE PERSONALITIES AND EVENTS

C. F. Bowen

More than fifty leaguers from Tennessee plan to attend the Third Nationwide League Conference at Norfolk, Virginia, June 13-15. Most of these will leave from Nashville on a chartered bus on Monday morning, arriving in the sea coast city sometime Tuesday. Over \$300.00 has been placed in a special conference bank fund by East Nashville Church leaguers themselves for the trip. Each depositor will draw twenty per cent on his money.

Miss Nadine Walker of East Nashville Church will represent Tennessee in the Nationwide Intermediate sword drill at the conference. The Cumberland League Convention will pay \$25.00 on her expenses.

The Eastern Quarterly Meeting will meet at Bethlehem Church, near Ashland City, Saturday, April 1. Rev. C. B. Thompson, pastor of Trinity Church, Nashville, is moderator. Rev. Adam Scott is pastor of the host church.

Miss Bessie Yeley, Ohio's Free Will Baptist missionary to Cuba, is visiting in Nashville and other points in Tennessee at this time. Miss Yeley has not been in good health for some time, but plans to return to her work in the near future. She is the guest of Mrs. Damon C. Dodd, Nashville.

Benito Rodriguez, native Cuban student in our Bible college, was the guest of Bethlehem Woman's Auxiliary recently. He spoke at the Sunday evening services there.

Rev. Henry Melvin, business manager of the Bible college, has been selected as the commencement speaker at the Cuban School of Missions. He will fly from Miami to Cuba. It is always a treat for the students there to have speakers from the states, and we feel sure they will profit by Mr. Melvin's visit and his message. The speaker goes as a guest of the Foreign Mission Board.

Young People of Open Pond Church Render Pageant

The F. W. B. Woman's Auxiliary of Open Pond Church at Jakin, Georgia, conducted a stewardship pageant entitled, "The Light of Stewardship." It was acted or performed by the girls and the boys of our League on March 12, 1950. Miss Doris Pace was the reader. The other characters were as follows: Ralph Glose, Miss Ann Wright, Gerald Wright, Lee Thornton, Misses Mary and Linda Hudson.

The music was rendered by the members of the choir. The prayer and a short talk were rendered by Rev. Chester Pelt, our pastor.

Very respectfully,
Mrs. J. R. Hudson, Secy.

RUTH'S CHAPEL MAKING PROGRESS

By Reporter

We wish to report the work that is being done at Ruth's Chapel, near Bridgeton, North Carolina. The church has grown in membership and in a spiritual way. Rev. J. C. Griffin is our pastor, and under his leadership the church is making progress.

We have Sunday School each Lord's Day at 9:45, and Lee Purifoy is our superintendent. There are 118 members on the roll, and five classes. Preaching services at 11:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. on the second and fourth Sundays are helping to boost our attendance, and to increase the interest in the services. On the first and fifth Sundays, someone is called to hold night services for us. We have fifty-one members in our church. Each Sunday night at 6:30 P. M. our F. W. B. Leaguers meet for their study. There are 58 on roll, with four classes. At 7:30 P. M. the Adult Bible class meets every first Monday night to the month. The Woman's Auxiliary of the church meets at 7:30 P. M. They have 28 members on roll. On Friday night at 7:30 P. M. we hold our prayer meeting. We have our Quarterly Conferences on Friday night before the second Sunday in January, April, July and October.

We are planning to build Sunday School rooms to our church in the near future. They are needed not only for the Sunday School work, but also in other ways for the growth of our church. Please pray for this church, for its members, and for its leaders that we may move forward for the glory of God.

For April 2, we will have Rev. Nelson Simpson at 7:30 P. M. for service. On April 30 we will have Rev. Willie E. Stillel at 7:30 P. M. to hold service. He is a member of Ruth's Chapel.

THE FAITHFUL FEW

Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers, abstain from all fleshly lusts which war against the soul. I am deeply concerned about the church members who have professed Christianity, but who have no evidence of it in their life and conduct. Some even use the name of our Lord in a profane way. They indulge in some things that are questionable, social sins, and yet they profess to be Christians, because they belong to some church. What a tragedy!

I am hoping that such will get right with God before it shall be too late. The question is: What will you do with Jesus Christ? Where will you spend eternity? You may die tonight. God says, "Now is the acceptable time to repent and to be saved from sin. No matter what your past life has been, if you are willing to forsake sin and to confess Christ with all your heart, you can be saved. Don't wait, but act now. You must be born again, of the water and of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit must enter your life and cleanse you from

your sins, and this will give you a feeling of Christian love in your heart. Love will cover a multitude of faults, for it is one of the greatest forces in all the world.

God grant that we may pray and act in such a way that we may be delivered from the carnality of selfishness. May we be willing to do unto others as we should want them to do unto us. We should speak to our fellow men at the church, on the street, and elsewhere in the way that becometh Christians. We should be willing to give them a hearty hand shake, and show our love for them. Let them know that you have Christian love in your heart for them. Invite your friends to church, and tell them that you are glad to see them in the church for the services. It is a good thing to make everyone feel that you are glad for them to be at your church, and that they are always welcome in your church. Show your Christian love at your work, at your church, or wherever you might be. Give the world a smile, for people must have that Christian love dwelling in their hearts for others to see how they do rejoice in the Christian faith.

Judge not and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive others, and you will be forgiven. Why beholdest the mote that is in thy brother's eye, and not perceivest the beam that is in thine own eye? First cast out the beam that is in your eye, then you will be able to see more clearly the mote that is in your brother's eye. The sinner must get right with God first before complaining about the motes in other people's eyes. May this be the means of getting someone to see the need of turning to God before it shall be too late.—Anonymous.

WANTED! MORE NEWS FROM THE WESTERN STATES

We want to see more news in the Baptist paper from Arkansas, California, Michigan, West Virginia, Kentucky and other western states. We often wonder why no more is being sent in from those states than there is for the readers of the Free Will Baptist paper.

Some states are giving us interesting things to think about. They must be taking the paper and reading it week after week. Probably, there are not many taking the Baptist in those states that I have mentioned above. If that be true, then they should subscribe for it and then read it, and see what other churches are doing. That will stimulate interest and cause some, let us hope, to write some church news in their sections of their states. Unless it is known what those churches are doing by reporting through the columns of the Baptist paper, how can the Free Will Baptist people know what they really are doing for the cause of the denomination and for the cause of Christ. We want to hear from some of those people.—C. C. D.

Union Meeting Report

The Fifth Eastern union of the Eastern Conference of N. C. convened with St. Mary's church, New Bern, N. C., Saturday before the fifth Sunday in January.

The union opened by a song and prayer led by Lee Griffin.

The moderator welcomed the visitors, ministers, and delegates to the session of the union.

The visiting ministers were invited to seats and made welcome to this union. They were: Rev. Patrick of the 2nd Union of the Central Conference, Rev. Oliver of the Albemarle Conference, Rev. Burkette Raper of the Western Conference and Rev. L. E. Ballard.

The different committees were appointed after which the minutes were read and approved.

The list of ministers was called and seven ministers answered to their names. There were thirty-three churches represented out of the thirty-five on roll.

Rev. Clifton Rice was selected by the delegates from Palmetto Chapel Church to bring the next union sermon which convenes with Palmetto church, Craven County, Saturday before the fifth Sunday in April.

The union sermon was brought today by Rev. Clinton Lupton. This was a wonderful message and enjoyed by all present.

The Union adjourned for lunch which was spread in the Educational Department of the church by the ladies.

The afternoon devotions were conducted by Rev. J. R. Forrest.

The Sunday School lesson was discussed by Rev. Calvin Bennet and all Sunday Schools were urged to represent at the Sunday School Convention which convenes on Sunday following the Union Meetings.

An offering was taken for the Orphanage at Middlesex and \$42.24 was received.

The Finance Committee gave the following report which was accepted.

On hand last union	\$ 4.63
Received today	233.60
Collection for Orphanage	42.24

Total received -----\$280.47

Disbursements

Orphanage	\$125.00
Collection for Orphanage	42.24
Superannuation	25.00
Missions	30.00
National Bible School	25.00
Cragmont	25.00
Clerk	7.50
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Total	\$279.74

Left on hand ----- .73

The union adjourned with a song and prayer.

Rev. Clinton Lupton, Mod.
Rom W. Mallard, Clerk

Mission Car Fund Complete

To this date, March 28, 1950, I have received for the Mission car since the campaign began, the sum of \$2,965.30, and it looks like we will be able to close out the account on the last day of the month. Bro. Davis, the National Treasurer, has received some small amounts which were sent to him direct, and with what he has, I am sure the amount desired will be exceeded.

It has been a long, slow pull, but I am happy over the final results, and I am sure that each organization and individual will have great satisfaction in the part they have had in this project. I am sure they will have great satisfaction in the part they have had in this project. I am sure they will have great satisfaction in the part they have had in this project.

In His service,
J. W. Alford, State Treasurer,
Columbia, North Carolina.

FAITH TO PRAY

It matters not what the day may bring,
Or if the song birds please to sing;
For God will make smooth the rugged way,
As long as I have faith to pray.

Tho' friends may fail in their love for me,
Tho' I be attacked by the enemy;
All sorrow and sadness will pass away,
If I but have the faith to pray.

Tho' I be lost in the blackest night,
Where to human sense there is no light;
Shadows and darkness will turn to day,
If only I have faith to pray.

But I must have faith—I must believe
If the Father's blessings I would receive;
For all who the Master's gifts would share,
Must pray—believing—He answers prayer.

Julia Shackleford Hyers.

Ulysses S. Grant said: "Hold fast the Bible as the sheet anchors of our liberties; write its precepts on your hearts, and practice them in your lives."

The Power of Choice

(Continued from page 3)

and said, how long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow him. But if Baal, then follow him" (I Kings 18:21).

Jesus warned of the impossibility of serving two masters. The value of undivided allegiance is seen in no field of human relations more vividly than in one's Christian life.

Because of the danger in delay, what warning is given us?

"The Holy Ghost saith, to day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness" (Hebrews 3:7, 8). Also see verses 17-18.

God holds us responsible for our choice. We must accept the result of our decisions. The rebellious Hebrews are being held up as a tragic example of making the wrong choice.

What is the only safe time to make this vital choice?

"He saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted; and in the day of salvation have I succored thee; behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:2).

We have no assurance of life tomorrow, much less of the continuance of the power to choose. To day only is granted us, So choose now! See John 12:35, 36.

Desire for goodness and holiness are right as far as they go; but if you stop here, they will avail nothing. Many will be lost while hoping and desiring to be Christians. They do not come to the point of yielding to the will of God. They do not now choose to be Christians.

Through the right exercise of the will, an entire change may be made in your life. By yielding up your will to Christ, you ally yourself with the power that is above all principalities and power. You will have strength from above to hold you steadfast; and thus, through constant surrender to God, you will be enabled to live the new life, even the life of faith.

Friends, will you choose right now to serve the Lord and let him work in you both to will and to do his good pleasure?

Program

OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE
F. W. B. L. AND S. S. CONVENTION
OF THE PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION
OF ALABAMA, TO CONVENE WITH
LEEDS CHURCH, LEEDS, ALABAMA
APRIL 8th AND 9th, 1950

LEAGUE THEME: F. W. B. L. and Tithing.

SATURDAY

- 10:00—Theme song—"Onward Christian Leaguers", Prayer
10:15—Opening remarks by the president
10:30—Welcome address by Mrs. Lorene Isbell
10:40—Response, Mary Ellen Aldridge
10:50—Reading letters and seating delegates
11:10—Special singing, Girls' Trio, of Cordova
11:15—What the League really does to our Young People, Muri Dyer
11:25—Convention Sermon (Tithing the Key) Rev. J. D. O'Donnell
12:00—Lunch
1:20—Devotional, Lawrence Murray
1:35—What Tithing Does to My League and Church, Mrs. J. B. Bloss
1:50—Our responsibility to teach tithing in the League, Rev. M. L. Dutton
2:00—Report of National Convention, Doris Ryland
2:10—Special singing and offering for Missions
2:20—A Church suffers without a Tithing League. Rev. Grady Hudson
2:25—What my League has meant to me, Betty Pruitt (Children's Home)
2:35—Business session
3:00—Announcements and benediction

SATURDAY NIGHT

- 6:30—Song and praise service, Rev. L. V. Collier
7:00—Bible sword drill, one leaguer from each group in every league represented, Drill conducted by Doris Ryland
7:20—Special singing (quartet)
7:40—Program, F. W. B. L. of Loyal Chapel, on Tithing
8:30—Special offering for the Children's Home, Rev. Grady Hudson
8:50—Closing remarks by the local pastor, Rev. J. J. Stabb
SUNDAY MORNING
Sunday School Convention
9:30—Devotional, Rev. Aubrey Rosser
9:45—Reading letters and seating delegates
10:05—Singing, by Quartet
10:15—Lecture on Sunday School Lesson by Rev. G. W. Franks
10:40—Special music, Mary Ellen Aldridge and George Kelly
10:50—The Sunday School a part of my life (Herbert Hamilton, Children's Home)
11:00—The responsibility of the Sunday

- School to the community, Lee C. Estell
11:10—Report of National S. S. Convention, Rev. Grady Hudson
11:10—Special song, and offering for our college
11:30—Convention sermon, Rev. J. B. Bloss
12:00—Lunch
1:15—Song and Prayer
1:25—S. S. the chief teaching agency, Mrs. Willodean O'Donnell
1:40—S. S. essential to our church progress, Mrs. Nettie Whitehead
1:50—Business session, Election of officers., announcements
2:45—Adjournment

W. H. R., Committeeman

CHOIR REPORT, BLACK JACK CHURCH

In the last part of November, 1948, a number of people interested in singing for the glory of the Lord gathered at the Free Will Baptist Church at Black Jack. It was then that a church choir was organized. The first meeting was taken up by the election of officers and the seating arrangement. Immediately, the choir began practicing for its part in the Christmas pageant.

The choir set a weekly practice night and set dues which were ten cents each practice. These dues are to be used for any financial requirement the choir meets such as buying flowers for its sick members.

The choir has had invitations to sing at numerous churches and singing conventions. This group participated at three of the four singing conventions, twice at the Community Sing at the Greenville Church, at the Union Meeting at the Rose Hill church and various other churches. Great enjoyment and fellowship was experienced among the choir members upon all these occasions. A quartet, composed of four members of the choir, has aided greatly in musical programs.

In its own church, the choir has had an opportunity to serve its purpose tremendously. It has helped to carry out many programs in the church including the Easter Sunrise Service, the Christmas Pageant, the World Day of Prayer, and the Monthly Sunday Night services.

On Monday night, January 23, Rev. J. R. Davidson began his week of teaching the rudiments of music. Beneficial results were accomplished as the choir learned a great deal about musical definitions and symbols. It was then that this group voted to sing over the radio at WRRF at Washington in February.

At the present time, the choir has twenty two members and a treasury balance of over thirty dollars. Its officers are:

President, Minnie Gaskins; vice-president, Clarence Stokes; secretary, Alice Elks; treasurer, Bessie Dixon; pianist, Mary Rose Page; and director, Gladys Mills Dixon. The choir has great plans to be of service in the future.

By the secretary,
Mrs. Alice Mills Elks.

Lee's Chapel to Hold Pre-Easter Services

The Auxiliary women met with Mrs. Eugene Jernigan Thursday night, March 16, with Mrs. Anna Stone giving an interesting program on: "Advancing with Christ in Cuba." Mrs. Vada Hinson stressed the need of being missionary-minded, first, in our own home, and then abroad.

Rev. and Mrs. Coates, our pastor, were present. He gave us a report of his spiritual experiences of recent date.

We will begin observing our Pre-Easter Service on Monday night, April 3 at 7:30 P. M. It will run through Friday night of that week. Rev. W. H. Carter will be speaker for Monday, Tuesday and Friday nights, with our pastors speaking Wednesday and Thursday nights. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Respectfully,
Reporter

BOOK REVIEW

"THE CITIES OF ST. PAUL"

By

Sir W. M. Ramsay, Kt., Hon. D. C. L.
Publisher: Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Mich.
Price: \$4.00.

This excellent volume has received by Bible schools, seminaries, students of the Bible, and others wide approval. Pastors, missionaries, Sunday School officials, and Woman's Auxiliary leaders of the churches will profit greatly by a study of this book.

Copies may be secured either direct from the publishers, or from the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina.

"HOMILETIC THESAURUS"

By

Harold F. J. Ellingsen
Publisher: Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Mich.
Date: 1949
Price: \$4.50.

This new book, the first of three volume set, on the Gospels is significant for the selected texts and spot passages, and the pithy comments on different verses of scripture of the Gospel of Matthew. It is quite comprehensive, with expository excerpts, suitable illustrations, brief outlines, sermon notes, etc. The book is valuable for homiletic study of Matthew by Bible students.

Those interested, may purchase copies either from the publishers, or from the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina.

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GET INTO THE BOOSTING BUSINESS

Do you know there's lots of people
Sitting round most every town,
Growling like a broody chicken,
Knocking every good thing down?
Don't be that kind of cattle,
'Cause they ain't no use on earth,
But just be a booster rooster,
Crow and boost for all you're worth.

If your town needs boostin' boost her;
Don't hold her back and wait to see
If some other fellow's willing';
Sail right in, this country's free,
No one's got a mortgage on it,
It's just yours as much as his;
If your town is shy of boosters,
You get in the boostin' biz.

If things don't seem to suit you
An' the world seems kinder wrong,
What's the mater with a boostin'
Just to help the thing along?
'Cause if things should stop again,
We'd be in a sorry plight,
You just keep the horn a-blowing',
Boost her up with all your might.

If you see some fellow tryin'
For to make some project go.
An' you can boost it up a trifle,
That's your clew to let him know
That you're not going to knock it,
Just because it ain't your shout,
But that you're going to boost a little
'Cause he's got the best thing out.
—Anon.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 1950

Notice

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

Pleasant Hill League Holds Good Meeting

Our Leaguers met on Friday night at the home of Bessie Lee Adams with a perfect attendance. The president opened the meeting with everyone singing the theme song: "Our Best," which was followed with prayer and scripture reading.

The roll was called and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. A brief discussion was held concerning the social that the League will have at the Teen Age Club in Greenville, North Carolina.

Next, the lesson for the week was taken up as assigned, after which everyone enjoyed a scripture scramble from the New Testament. The Bible Quiz leader was Catherine Gaskins. As we use the Seven Point Record System, the League grade for the quarter was 96 percent.

Our members on roll are 16, and the average number attending league

each week is 15. The average number of daily Bible readers each week is 15, and the average number on the program is 15. The average number who make a study of the program is 15, and the average attending church is 15. The average on time, 15; the average paying dues, 15.

We were very glad to be able to enroll two new members at this meeting. Our goal is to make each League member an honor-roll leaguer.

At the close of the meeting, we were favored with a duet, which was sung by J. B. and Alton Stox. The League Benediction was then repeated by all members present, after which everyone enjoyed a good "old-time" popcorn popping, and much group singing.

Mrs. Luther Stanley
Reporter

A GIFT FROM GOD

Elsie Dunn

God promised us all a great gift. If we will only believe in Jesus He will save us, and give us eternal life. In Matt. 19:28 it says "as the One whose name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father." He will regenerate them unto everlasting life. God paid a big price that we may have everlasting life. He sent His only Son into the world to die on the cross that we may have everlasting life.

Everyone needs to be saved, for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and unless we be born again we cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. The wages of sin is death but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ.

Many people ask the question: "What is meant by being born again?" To be born again is not to make promises or resolutions; it is to receive Christ into our hearts and have a new life. Make sure that you have been born from above, born of God—a life distinct and separate from the natural life—a new life.

God is anxious for us to accept Jesus, His son, and Jesus is always at the door waiting to come into your hearts, but it is you who will have to open that door.

So many people today never think of God except when in trouble, and I doubt if some think of Him then. They go about the world and engage in all the worldly pleasures with never a thought of God. They may think they are enjoying themselves now but when they get to Hell there will not be any pleasure there, but if you go to Hell it will be because you chose to go there.

There are people who think there is no pleasure in being a Christian, but there is a great pleasure in doing things for God. You can hear young people say they are going to have a good time while they are young, but what is a good time for you? Is it something for God or some worldly pleasure? It is written in God's word that we can not love worldly pleasures and God at the same time. Which one do you love?

It is the duty of every Christian to try and let the sinners see what a great pleasure it is to serve God. When you accept Christ as your Saviour, follow Him. Be a follower of Christ, at home, at school, or where ever you may be.

The Winter's Icy Storm

By Naaman Borders,
Waverly, Ohio

(Written from memories of this past winter's icy storm.)

The icy-winty winds come roaring,
O'er the meadow and the plain;
The bleak and heavy clouds
Bring us snow and sleet and rain.

The thick and blackness of the night
Draws its curtain o'er the land;
Desolation seems to threaten
Our poor souls on every hand.

The winds are moaning and a groaning
Through every bush and tree;
Snowflakes are whirling and a falling
O'er the meadow, hill, and the lea.

The winds are sighing and a crying
From the icy regions of the north;
Scattering fear and desolation
O'er all the trembling earth.

Icy winds are roaring and screaming,
Thundering storm upon the trees;
Rushing onward, never ceasing,
O'er hill and vale, and troubled seas.

Every fowl and beast and bird
Have found a hiding place;
From the roaring tempest of the skies,
Waiting for the storm to pass.

When the storms of life are o'er,
And the mist has rolled away;
We shall find a hiding place
In the realms of endless day.

Too many parents are sticklers for obedience—in other people's children.

Nature gave every man two cheeks, but she never intended for any man to be all cheek.

We recommend for sainthood the man who, after buying a high powered car, never misses a church service on Sunday.—Pente, Herald.

THE BIBLE . . . The Inspired Word of God

A. B. Bryan
606 Buena Vista Ave.
Rocky Mount, N. C.

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."—Psalm 119:105.

The Bible is the supreme revelation of God. Far greater than the revelation of Himself in nature, history or providence, is found in the Sacred Scriptures. We would be ignorant of God, His nature, will, plans, purposes; of Christ, and the great doctrines of salvation, did we not possess the revelation of these as contained in the Bible. At the foundation of all our spiritual knowledge lies the word of God. The Holy Spirit usually does not operate apart from this word. Far more important, in a sense, is the study of the Scriptures than is prayer to the child of God. How would we know what to pray for, how to pray acceptably, and to whom to pray did we not have the written revelation of these things? When we pray we talk to God; when we read and study His word, He talks to us. Which is the more important, that we talk to Him, or that He talk to us?

The real Christian should know that the Bible and the Bible way will be spoken against. We should not fear opposition to the word. The Bible as Christ was, and ever will be, is "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense"; that on which "Many shall stumble and fall and be broken, and be snared and be taken." There is no more fiercely attacked book today than the Bible; attacked by both friends and foes. It is said today that the Bible is suffering more from its professed friends than from its enemies. The higher critics have done much to destroy faith in the supernatural revelation found in the Scriptures. They will have much to answer for in the great day of reckoning.

The faith of the Christian should not be shaken because of these attacks. God says, "Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation, a stone, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone of sure foundation, he that believeth shall not

be in haste" (Isaiah 28:16). These words are true of written and incarnate words alike. Don't worry about the Bible and a "self denial" life being attacked; it is an anvil that has worn out many hammers. God has forewarned us that some builders will refuse to build upon this stone, and they will scorn it and cast it aside (at least in part). God assures us that the stone will remain unshaken. There is no use to be thrown into panic or anxiety when confronted with much opposition. The word of God will abide even though Heaven and earth pass away (Matt. 5:18). "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." The past centuries have witnessed forms of opposition, even greater than our day. One only has to look back to the dark period at the birth of Christianity when its founder lay dead in that buried tomb in Joseph's garden. Surely the Christian enterprise is as bright today as it was when its founder seemed to be at an end. We see the cross, the tomb, and the band of men who went forth, shedding blood, to proclaim the truths contained in the Bible. They met with great victory and unlimited success. One has to look back upon these gloomy days when the apostle Paul, the champion, the leader, the foremost representative of Christianity, as he lay in the Roman prison, his head about to be severed from his body, yet, the Bible and Christianity survived this shock.

If the Bible had not been a divine book it would have been destroyed centuries ago. One critic said that, "in one hundred years from his day the Bible would be an unknown book," but hundred of years have passed and the Bible is popular in the lives, homes and hearts of the best people on earth—Christian people, God serving people, trustworthy people, heaven bound people. You better be careful how you accept the Bible. It is the sword of the Spirit and God will judge you by the Sword. We should not, therefore, fear that Christianity and the Bible are going to pieces, because there are those who are against it. There are many scholars today who are against the "Blood stained

banner of King Emmanuel, but scholarship has never served the church or brought it back from its backsliding to warmth and spiritual fervor. Philosophy and science never have and never can save a soul. We are saved by faith in the atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ on Calvary. Jesus Christ did not choose a company of university men to be his disciples and go forth and win the lost to him. We are not discouraging scholarship; we are not, because we need it, and the more consecrated scholars we have, the better for the interest of the Bible and Christianity.

No premium should be placed upon ignorance, it is a disgrace and a shame for people to be ignorant about the Bible and Christianity in a land which is overflowing with printed copies of the un-adulterated word of God.

We need not fear the increase in the knowledge of science, for it was in the Bible centuries before men found it. Gravitation was discovered only after Elijah was translated. Whose faith in Christianity is shaken because he believes the earth revolves around the sun? The Bible language accommodates the human understanding to attract our attention, that we may believe in him who inspired and directed its writings and contents.

The Bible has nothing to fear from the pick-ax of the geologist, from the telescope of the astronomer, from the instrument of the chemist, or from the pen of the scientific writer.

Every Christian should know how to approach the Bible. "Open thou mine eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of thy love" (Psalm 119:18).

Every Christian should read and study the Bible first hand, and for himself. He should be more anxious to hear what the Spirit will teach him, through the word, than what writers and commentators have to say about what it says. It is better to ask the Bible what it says, than to ask some others what it says. As you well know, we are living in an age of pre-digested food—food some-

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NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

MT. OLIVE VISIT

Week after the third Sunday in March I had the pleasure of staying in the home of Rev. A. C. Austin, N. C., and preaching at the Mt. Olive Church, of which Brother Austin is the pastor. The church at Mt. Olive is a small one in membership, surrounded with other denominations, who were faithful in attendance during the short time that I was permitted to be with the people there.

While the membership is small the faith of the saints at Mt. Olive is true to the teachings of the Lord Jesus. There are some everywhere who will not compromise the doctrine of our Christ with any thing that takes away from the word of God or adds thereto. I found some of the salt of the earth in the Mt. Olive section. I enjoyed their fellowship greatly, but we left with a burdened heart over these who are still outside the Light of Christ, and thereby are sitting in darkness.

A VISIT TO BLADENBORO

Recently wife and I visited the F. W. B. church in Bladenboro, where by request, I showed pictures of the Orphanage at Middelex, Cragmont, the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, and the F. W. B. Press in Ayden. These pictures are silent motion pictures which reveal our institutions to the eye of man and educate people as to what Free Will Baptists have and are stewards of; and also we showed two Bible pictures with sound. These pictures were received with much favorable comment. We preached on Sunday morning, April the second, to a very interested congregation which showed its appreciation by words and deeds. I also had the privilege of teaching a class of young people in the Sunday School which was a great pleasure.

Saturday, April 1, wife and I attended the Pee Dee Woman's Auxiliary, where I delivered the Convention sermon, using for my text the words of Christ: "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you" (John 20:21). This convention was held at Cyprus Creek where some very good old fashioned saints of God worship. It was a pleasure to preach to these fine folk as they received it joyfully. The auxiliaries in this small conference are few, but they are getting into the work whole-heartedly. They are anxious to carry on the work in keeping with the prescribed methods of the National and State bodies. They are greatly interested in evangelism backed with Evangelistic operations. Personal soul-winning is

studied and efforts to save the lost are being motivated.

ALCOHOLISM A DISEASE

Not long ago we paid our respects to Demon Alcoholism and mentioned that institutions were being erected to take care of the drunks, etc. But as I see and hear so much of the crime being committed by this demon and then hear men, who ought to be better informed, taking sides with the liquor traffic. Liquor is the only disease that will destroy both body and soul in Hell.

I recently came across an article in the Western Voice that I wish to hand to you my readers for your consideration. Here it is:

IF ALCOHOLISM IS A DISEASE—

Then We Would Like to Compare It with Other Sicknesses in Seven Respects:

"1. It is the only disease which we advertise to the tune of almost 130 million dollars annually.

"2. It is the only disease which we propagate to the tune of 3 billion gallons of liquor consumed annually, or more than 20 gallons per man, woman, and child in the United States.

"3. It is the only disease which we legalize to the tune of 447,000 retail liquor permits in drug stores, groceries, hotels, and wherever our women and children must go for the necessities of life.

"4. It is the only disease which we commercialize, the annual drink bill being close to 9 billion dollars.

"5. It is the only disease which is voluntarily self-imposed. Not one of the four million excessive drinkers, most of them alcoholics, in America, ever became an alcoholic without wilfully taking a drink and continuing to drink. This is not true of any other sickness.

"6. It is the most deadly of all diseases for it destroys, as Jesus said in Matt. 10:28, 'both soul and body in hell.' No other sickness, however malignant, can kill a man's soul. But the disease of alcoholism will and does, as evidenced by the estimated cost of crime in the State of Massachusetts alone, resulting from liquor, of 61 million dollars in one year, to say nothing of the intangible by-products.

"7. Finally, we are glad to say this is a disease which is curable for all who wish to escape its malignancy. Thank God, there is a remedy for this disease available to all. There is no incurable case in the sight of God.

PARKER'S CHAPEL TO HAVE HOME-COMING

Home Coming day, with dinner served at the church, will be held at Parker's Chapel, May 14, near Greenville, N. C. Former Pastors and members and the public are invited, and especially those who helped us sponsor the building program.

Sincerely, Mrs. J. H. Harris

TENNESSEE PERSONALITIES AND EVENTS

C. F. Bowen

Rev. Lester Jones, student at our Bible college, is in a revival meeting at Trinity Church, Nashville. Rev. C. B. Thompson, pastor, reports splendid attendance and results.

Human Interest: Things happen in doubles to Rev. George Ludwig, pastor of Bethel and Friendship churches near Nashville. This good shepherd is soon to perform his first wedding—and it will be a double wedding. A good beginning, we say, for a young minister!

More than a hundred leaguers attended a city-wide league "stunt night" recently in Nashville. Churches represented were Cofer's Chapel, Trinity, East Nashville, and part of the college. Trinity leaguers took first place with the best stunt. East Nashville had the largest representation.

Another such party is to be given later. Miss Mary Elizabeth Griffin of Cofer's Chapel was the m. c.

A truck on the Nashville-Clarksville highway, loaded with 20,000 pounds of dynamite, exploded recently and did more than a \$1,000 damage to the Goodsprings church nearby. This church, pastored by Rev. J. B. Parsons, has just recently been remodelled. Efforts are being made to collect the cost of the damages from the company responsible.

East Nashville Church has begun a monthly new paper called CONTACT which has met with favorable response. For sample copies please write to this reporter at 518 Woodland St., Nashville.

"Easter Meditations," a program of music and story given by the music and speech department of the college will be featured at the East Nashville Church on Easter Sunday night. Mrs. Elizabeth Sawyer, music instructor, will have charge.

REV. DAVID HANSLEY TO CONDUCT MEETING AT WARSAW, NORTH CAROLINA

The Reverend David Hansley of Ayden, North Carolina, will conduct a revival meeting, beginning April 10, in the town of Warsaw, North Carolina. The meeting will be held in the Old Episcopal Church building. The services will begin each evening at 7:30 P. M. We have been given the privilege of using this church building for our services.

The church is located on Pine Street. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Mrs. E. C. Taylor, Warsaw, N. C.

E V A N G E L I S M

Fred E. Maxey
126 Woodview Avenue
Norfolk, Virginia

(While acknowledging the many cards and expressions of sympathy during my recent stay in the hospital, may I also visit in your homes with a word on evangelism.)

"Do the work of an evangelist" (2 Timothy 4:5). What is evangelism? There is a new emphasis on evangelism in practically all the Protestant Church to-day. This is indeed encouraging, but also, in a sense, it is alarming. There is entirely too much fanaticism carried on in the name of evangelism. A fanatic is one who redoubles his energies when he has forgotten his aim. To evangelize is to move heaven and earth; to evangelize is to be an ambassador for Christ. I think there is no need to state what the duties of an ambassador is and what it is not. The majority of boys and girls in the 9th grade in school can answer this question. Certainly it is to stick closely, yes, exclusively, to the business assigned him by his country and not to interfere in the business of the country where he has been assigned to represent his country.

It appears that, in some cases, we who are called "Evangelists" might consult some of the school kiddies as to our calling. The word "Evangelize," "Evangel," is peculiarly Paul's word and Paul's life. It occurs in the Gospels only four times in Luke, five times in Matthew and in Mark eight times. Paul uses the word eighty seven times. It is woven into his very life and thought. Listen how Paul uses this sacred word: "Separated unto the gospel . . . Not ashamed of the gospel . . . Fully preach the gospel . . . I have begotten you in the gospel . . . Lest we should hinder the gospel . . . Not abuse my power in the gospel . . . This I do for the gospel's sake . . . If our gospel be hid . . . They would prevent the gospel of peace . . . Your fellowship in the gospel . . . Confirmation of the gospel . . . Furtherance of the gospel . . . Defence of the gospel . . . The hope of the gos-

pel . . . Partake of the affliction of the gospel . . . The bond of the gospel . . . Woe is me if I preach not the gospel." Note also how affectinately and repeatedly he calls it "My gospel." Moreover he thought it was the only gospel. He says, "though we or an angel from heaven preach any other gospel, than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed" (anathema). When we speak of evangelism we stand on holy ground.

My, what a confusion! Six hundred twenty-two different denominations among the Protestants. Some of them claim that their denomination is the only passport to heaven, and any one, regardless of how devoted he may be to Christ, has a through ticket to hell unless he is a member of that particular denomination. My friends, our message is a "survey of the wondrous Cross on which the Prince of Glory died, and which our evangelist's message is a Christo Centric message. Our motive is love so amazing, so divine that all human love seems icy cold in comparison. Our dynamic for such an impossible task, for such an incomparable and glorious privilege, can only be the power of the Holy Spirit.

Only God's power can produce a new creation. And this is evangelism. Evangelism is resurrection. "Awake thou that sleepest, arise from the dead and Christ will give you life." This can not be done by man's power or man's program. Man's program is more often contradictory to God's plan. The message of evangelism is personal and not social.

There is no such thing as a Social Gospel. The Gospel is not a message to states, nations, groups of communities. It is a message to persons. You cannot convince a nation of sin. When Nineveh repented, it was the individuals who repented. Christ spoke to individuals, not to masses (John 3:16) "Whosoever" means an individual. It is not the world that believes and his eternal life but those who make self-conscious and deliberate choice. "Mass evangelism" is a contradiction of terms. Otherwise, we justify the absurd practice of some early Jesuits

who baptized the heathen with "squirt guns." Christ died for all, but He calleth His sheep by name, "Simon, Simon" "Martha, Martha" "Saul, Saul."

A former Moslem wrote a book entitled "Lights of Asia." In this book he described five great religions. In his chapter describing Christianity, he says, "The Cross is the center of all revelation." It could be no better described. Have you ever thought what the Bible would be without the Cross? Take the Cross out of the Book and you won't be able to recognize it. If there be no promise of the Cross in the Old Testament, then its Laws distress me. It is a book of fatalism. If there is no Cross in the New Testament, then it blazes with pitiless splendor. But put the Cross back, and at once the Book becomes a Gospel. Its law becomes love, its shadows flee away, its destiny is the Father's House. Think with me a moment will you. If the Bible revealed my sins merely, it would load me with despair, to forgive my sins merely would make me afraid of tomorrow. I want my sin conquered; I want to get it beneath my feet. The Cross is the place of Victory.

Christ did it upon the Cross. I say this reverently, He could not do it but upon the Cross. It was expedient for one man to die for all the people. He hath put away sin—all sin—original sin and actual sin, by the sacrifice of Himself. There was none other good enough to pay the price of sin; He only could unlock the gate of Heaven and let us in. Education could not do it. Social reforms cannot do it. Our beautiful essays and ethical sermons cannot do it. It is Christ upon the Cross who discovers sin, who forgives sins, who conquers sin. The preaching of the Cross of Christ, merely, is not enough; it is now that we must preach not only the Cross of Christ, but Christ of the Cross.

The eternal purpose of God for a lost world was declared by a five-fold repetition in the Great Commission. Matthew's closing paragraph, "All power is given unto Me"—"Go ye therefore," emphasizes Christ's authority in this Commission. Mark its

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Attend the National Association of Free Will Baptists, July 11-14, 1950, Richmond, California.

Do you read your church papers?

NEWS FROM GEORGIA

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY ORGANIZED IN GA.

On March 19, 1950, Pineview F. W. B. Church in Miller County, Ga., met after church service to organize a Woman's Auxiliary. Rev. C. J. Harvey gave introduction, giving several passages of scripture, then turned the service to Mrs. C. J. Harvey, and after a few remarks, as to what the auxiliary is, we organize by electing the following officers: Miss Eunice McLendon for president and Mrs. Jesse Mae Broxton, first vice-president; Mrs. Abbie Williams, second vice-president; Mrs. Pauline Davis was elected for third vice-president; Mrs. Lou Ellen Johnson, fourth vice-president; Mrs. Edell Widner, fifth vice-president. For secretary and treasurer we elected Mrs. Jewell Bush. After reading and adopting By-Laws we declared we were organized. We agreed to send a delegate to district meetings, and we chose for our meeting day Friday before second Sunday in each month. We desire the prayers of the praying people for this auxiliary and church. The auxiliary work is new to them, but they are anxious to learn, and work for the Lord. So please pray that they may let their light shine.

Mrs. C. J. Harvey

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY RE-ORGANIZED AT MT. ZION CHURCH, GEORGIA

The women of Rowena community met on Sunday, March 12, and re-organized their Auxiliary to make a study of Woman's Methods as to how best to carry on the Christian work for the advancement of the church. With Brother C. J. Harvey in charge, the meeting was opened with a song entitled, "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus." Prayer was offered by Mrs. W. L. Wiley. Following this Brother C. J. Harvey gave a talk, based on John 3:16, "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that, whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Mrs. C. J. Harvey told the members what the watchword, the song and the theme are for this year. Then the business matters of the auxiliary were transacted. Mrs. Harvey led in prayer, asking the heavenly Father to lead and guide us in the work which we seek to do for Jesus, and how to select our officers. They are as follows: President, Mrs. Annie Wiley; first vice-president, Mrs. W. N. Clowers; second vice-president, Mrs. George Fincher; third vice-president, Mrs. C. E. Fencher; fourth vice-president, Mrs. B. C. Craft; fifth vice-president, Mrs. C. G. Jordan; secretary, Mrs. J. W. Clowers; treasurer, Mrs. Grace Ralton.

tain people that we may go forward, and accomplish much for our Christ, and be able to create new interest in our community, and church, Mount Zion.

Mrs. B. C. Craft,
Arlington, Georgia,
Route 2

GREEN WOOD WOMAN'S AUXILIARY MEETS

On March 16, 1950, the woman's Auxiliary of Green Wood Church in Mitchell Co., Ga., met for regular monthly meeting. On account of illness our attendance was small. After singing, "Send the Light," prayer was offered, then the president turned services to program leader. After the program leader read scripture lesson, Mrs. Bobby Poitvint offered prayer.

Our subject was "Advancing with Christ in Cuba." Mrs. C. J. Harvey gave the introduction. Others taking part on the program were: Mrs. Jewell Kearns, Mrs. J. F. Harmon gave a special reading, Mrs. G. T. Hervey gave topic two and Mrs. G. C. Johnson gave topic three. Mrs. K. V. Shutes gave a very interesting talk on missions.

After program the president took charge and called for the business. First, the roll was called and minutes read and adopted. The program chairman assigned parts for the next program. Plans were made for week of prayer for the week preceding Easter. Plans were that we meet at night, beginning Monday night, April the third through the seventh. Mrs. K. V. Shutes will conduct Monday's program; Mrs. J. F. Harman will conduct Tuesday's; Mrs. Arthur Poitvint will conduct Wednesday's program; Mrs. C. J. Harvey will conduct Thursday's program; Mrs. George W. Wishum will conduct Friday's program.

On motion we have secretary to send our sick members a card. At the suggestion of the fifth vice-president we make a Sunshine box for one who has been ailing for a number of years.

No other business, we had a chain of prayer for our sick, and for the success of the revivals going on over our nation, and for our missionaries. We dismissed by repeating our Watch Word.

Mrs. K. V. Shutes, President
Mrs. C. J. Harvey, Pub. Chm.

A F. W. B. L. ORGANIZED IN GEORGIA

Sunday evening March 12, 1950, Bethlehem Church of Free Will Baptist in Crisp County, Ga., met at church for purpose of organizing a Free Will Baptist League.

First, the Sunday School and 4-H club rendered a very interesting program. They had a very attractive arrangement of flow-

(See News from Georgia on page 7)

We are asking the prayers of all Chris-

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

TOO LATE

Some contributors of manuscripts to the Baptist paper for publication still persist in mailing to us reports and messages too late for the issue in which they want them to appear in the paper. Why this is true, we do not understand, when we have at different times stressed in the editorial column the need of mailing all communications for the Baptist paper several days before they are to be printed so that we can publish them as desired.

The type for the paper is set on Thursday and Fri-

day of the week before the Baptist is printed on the following Monday, and mailed on Wednesday of that week to the subscribers. Therefore, communications for the paper arriving to us late are not likely to be in the issue desired. So long as some persist in mailing their letters late to us, they can be assured that their messages will not be in the paper as early as they had contemplated.

We are receiving each week letters, too late for publication in the next week's issue, containing the messages desired to go in that week's issue of the Baptist. Don't blame the editor, blame yourself for sending in the letter too late for that issue of the paper.

News from Georgia

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ers in church and a setting of little pines in back ground on the stage. The program opened with song and prayer by young people, and there was a splendid group of people present. After several songs and prayers four girls and one boy presented a little play entitled "My Contribution to Better Living," which was enjoyed by all.

Rev. C. J. Harvey then took charge and after some discussion proceeded to organize. Mr. Oswald Smith was elected as president while Miss Sarah Barker is to assist him. Miss Wynette Wade was elected as secretary and treasurer.

Three groups were elected, and for the Senior group Mrs. Jean Brown was elected as group captain with Mrs. Magnus Wade to assist her. For the Intermediate group, Mrs. N. C. Perry was elected group captain, Miss Peggy Brown to assist her. Mrs. Gertrude Jones and Mrs. Julia Smith were elected for story hour leaders. Mr. J. C. Smith is quiz leader, Mrs. Anne White to assist him. Mr. Loren Wade will be sponsor. The league work is not new at this church, for they had a grand league once a long time ago, they say they can see fruits if it till this day. We desire the prayers of every one that this work may go on and on, and never die, and that God may get much Glory to His name from it.

Mrs. C. J. Harvey, Camilla, Ga.

Announcement

This is to announce that at the last Georgia State Woman's Auxiliary Convention Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Harvey were elected as Field Secretary, and all churches in Georgia or Georgia Associations that would like for them to visit your churches to help you organize a woman's auxiliary, or F. W. B. League, contact

Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Harvey
Camilla, Ga., Route 1

Home Missions on the Move

Your National Home Mission Board had a called meeting at the South Side Free Will Baptist Church; Reverend Harvey Hill—Pastor; March 1, 1950.

It was a wonderful, harmonious meeting with the presence of the Lord there in all of our deliberations. The entire board was present. We also had our Executive Secretary and Treasurer with us, Rev. Damon C. Dodd.

We decided to move out for the Lord, with a Real Home Mission Program.

You will be hearing from us thru the mail, telling you of our aims. Now of course, we can't do anything without your help, but we launched out on this campaign with faith in our people. We believe you are going to help us put it over.

We have some nice plates made to fit on your automobile license plates with the inscription, "A member of the National Association of Free Will Baptists." We would like to see one of these on every car driven by Free Will Baptists. You may have one of these plates by sending your name and address, with one dollar, to Rev. J. B. Bloss, Route 5, Columbia, Tenn. The money from these plates will go into the treasury of the Home Mission Board to carry on our program of evangelistical work.

You had better get your order in quickly as we only have a limited number of plates on hand at the present.

I think the greatest need of our denomination is a Program of Missions here at home. As it will solve many of our problems that confront us today concerning Foreign Missions, Christian Education, and Superannuation; and we might say the entire program of the National Association.

As chairman of the Home Mission Board, I am for putting it over, and I am glad the entire board is cooperating in this work. You can depend on us at least to try. I believe you will support us and give us a chance, won't you?

"Lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white already to harvest" (St. John 4:35). May we get the vision of a lost America and then I am sure we will do something about it.

Well, praise the Lord! By faith, I can bear the shouts of newborn souls in the cities, towns, and rural districts where there are at present no Free Will Baptist churches. There you will find hundreds of children not in Sunday School and their parents not attending church.

Let us work while it is day for night is coming and our opportunities will be forever gone.

The board covets an interest in your prayers that God will lead in all our our work.

Reverend J. B. Bloss,
Chairman

Attend the National Association of Free Will Baptists, July 11-14, 1950, Richmond, California.

Eleventh Annual Session
N. C. F. W. B. Sunday School
Convention-Institute

convening with

Hugo F. W. B. Church
RFD, Kinston, N. C.

April 20, 21, 1950

Thursday and Friday before the fourth Sunday in April, pastors, Sunday School superintendents, delegates and visitors will be assembled at the Hugo church located just off the highway from Kinston to Snow Hill, about six miles from Kinston. Rev. Clifton Rice is pastor and C. A. Eubanks is superintendent.

The convention will be presided over by president Raymond T. Sasser, who has served in this office for nine years. Rev. Burkett Raper will deliver the convention sermon Thursday morning at 11:30, his subject being the same as the theme for the convention, "Efficient Christian Leadership."

The first session of the annual Sunday School Institute will be held at 1:25 p. m. Thursday, subject "Co-ordinated District Leaders." Rev. Rashie Kennedy will discuss and point out the many reasons "Why we need district Sunday School organizations," and Rev. David Hansley will give many "Suggestions for perfecting District Organizations." This session of the institute should be very interesting and beneficial to all district convention officers and Sunday School superintendents.

Special request is made for all superintendents throughout the state to attend. They are standing delegates and the entire program is planned to help them with the many problems of their Sunday School. Efficient superintendents are "Efficient Christian Leaders" who are constantly striving to make theirs a better Sunday School, it is the belief of your convention officers and directors that superintendents will be more efficient if they plan their work together and work together to the glory of God.

The second session of the annual institute will be in the form of a panel discussion, led by the directors of the convention, subject, "Knotty Sunday School Problems." Superintendents, delegates and ministers are urged to present their problems for discussion in order that practical answers might be arrived at.

One of the highlights of the program will be the Thursday evening "Youth for Christ" service. Rev. C. L. Patrick will deliver the sermon "Youth Evangelism," while J. B. Narron will lead in the "Declaring Yourself" (testimony time). In recent months Mr. Narron has been active in "Youth for Christ" services throughout the central part of the state. Special music and testimonies by the youths who have surrendered their lives to the work of our Master will be an



Rev. R. P. Harris, Speaker

inspiration to all who attend this service.

Devotions for both days will be conducted by Rev. R. P. Harris, Mrs. Bagley Morris, D. B. Sasser, and Rev. A. L. Reynolds. Rev. Reynolds will also act as music director for each session.

Officers of the convention are: Raymond T. Sasser, president, Mrs. Albert Coates, secretary, Milton Wiggs, treasurer. Directors are: Rev. David Hansley, Organization; D. B. Sasser, Denominational Enterprises; Rev. L. E. Ballard, Publicity; Rev. R. B. Crawford, Records and Reports, Mrs. Bagley Morris, Literature; Rev. A. L. Reynolds, Field Secretary Program.

Each Sunday School is supposed to send one delegate. Superintendents and pastors are standing delegates and are allowed to vote in the business sessions. District Sunday School Conventions are allowed two delegates, and their presidents and directors for the Field Secretary Program are urged to attend each session, and are particularly urged to attend the convention officers' conference, Thursday morning at 9 o'clock at Hugo Church, just before the convention begins at ten o'clock.

PROGRAM

THEME: Efficient Christian Leadership
TEXT: "Can the Blind Lead the Blind?"
—Luke 6:3-9.

SONG:

Rev. A. L. Reynolds, Music Director

THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 20th

- 9:00—Registration (Convention officers' conference)
- 10:00—Opening Assembly, Congregational singing
- 10:15—Welcome address, C. A. Eubanks
- 10:20—Response, Milton Wiggs
- 10:25—Devotions: "Consecrated Leaders", Rev. R. P. Harris

- 10:35—Introduction Business Session: Selection of committees, reports of convention officers, etc.
- 11:05—President's Message
- 11:20—Chorus singing
- 11:30—Convention Sermon: "Efficient Christian Leadership"—Rev. Burkett Raper
- 12:00—Lunch and Recreation

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:00—Congregational singing
- 1:15—Meditation: "Training Our Youth"—Mrs. Bagley Morris
- 1:25—Annual Sunday School Institute, Session 1
Subject: "Co-ordinated District Leaders"
"Why We Need District Sunday School Organization"—Rev. Rashie Kennedy
"Suggestions for Perfecting District Organization"—Rev. David Hansley
- 2:50—Congregational singing
- 3:00—Announcements, Assignments to homes, etc.
- 3:10—Adjourn

THURSDAY EVENING

- "Youth for Christ" Service
- 7:30—Music Service—Congregational singing, Special music, and chorus singing
- 8:00—Dedication: "Declaring Yourself" (testimony time), J. B. Narron
- 8:30—Sermon: "Youth Evangelism"—Rev. R. B. Crawford
- 9:00—Adjourn

FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 21st

- 10:00—Congregational Singing
- 10:10—Devotions: "Youth's Place in Our Church"—D. B. Sasser
- 10:20—Report from Delegate to National Sunday School Convention—Rev. R. B. Crawford
Report of State Field Secretary Program—Rev. A. L. Reynolds
Report of District Sunday School Convention—By their Presidents
—Greetings from:
State Convention of Churches of N. C.—Rev. J. W. Alford, President
Woman's Auxiliary Convention of N. C.—Mrs. J. C. Moye, President
Woman's Free Will Baptist League Convention—Oscar Webster
- 11:20—Chorus Singing
- 11:30—Annual Sunday School Institute, Session 2
—Panel Discussion: Led by our director
"Knotty Sunday School Problems" (questions and answers from the floor, be prepared to present your problems and help answer them)
- 12:00—Lunch and recreation

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:00—Congregational singing
- 1:10—Devotions: "Community's Need for

Youth Leadership"—Rev. A. L. Reynolds

1:20—Final Business Session:

Reports of Committees, motions, resolutions, election of officers, etc.

2:40—Installation of officers

2:50—Hymn: "Blest Be the Tie"

3:00—Benediction

AT THE END OF THE ROAD

Many a step on life's road we have taken,
Steps o'er the road that we travel alone;
And sorrows like joys our being has shaken
But look! At the end of the road is home!

A part of the road has been smooth to travel,

Flowers along on each side has been strewn;

Suddenly, the road becomes rugged and gravel,

Keep going! At the end of the road is home!

The road will be brighter, and then perhaps hard,

The roughness may dim the joy that we've known;

The rocks on the way may our journey retard,

Still onward! At the end of the road is home!

Still forward! Keep going! The end may be near

Listen! The trumpet of vict'ry is blown;
The goal is soon reached, and past are all fears,

We'll win! At the end of the road our home!

Mrs. Venie M. Carney

Attend the National Association of Free Will Baptists, July 11-14, 1950, Richmond, California.

CRAGMONT NEWS

The Dates for opening have been set, and you are ready to go, we hope!

Ministers Conference—June 5-9.

Young People, 16 up—June 12-17.

Young People 9-15—June 19-24.

Summer School for Christian Workers

June 26—August 4, Inclusive.

Young People—Aug. 7-12.

Woman's Week—Aug. 14-21.

Special Groups—August 21—Sept. 1.

Registration fee—\$2.00 per Institute

Room and Board—\$2.00 per day

Campers Insurance—\$.50 per week

For other information write, Registrar or Director.

Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, N. C.

James A. Evans, Pres.

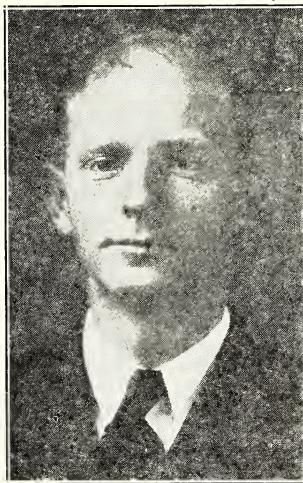
North Carolina S. S. Convention Messenger

Loy Everett Ballard

Publicity Director, N. C. Free Will Baptist S. S. Convention

IT'S OUT!

The program for the Eleventh Annual Session of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention-Institute has been printed and will soon be in circulation among the Sunday Schools over the state. Individual superintendents, S. S. officers and teachers who may desire a copy of the program folder can secure the same by writing to the convention secretary, Mrs. Albert Coates, Smithfield, N. C. New and up-to-date report blanks have also been printed and are being mailed out. Any Sunday School not receiving report blanks, programs, etc., within a reasonable time should contact the secretary.



REV. R. B. CRAWFORD
Convention Speaker Thursday Evening

IT'S A PROMISING PROGRAM

The program as prepared and printed promises much of real worth to those who attend the convention, which meets with the Hugo church, on Route 1, Kinston, Thursday and Friday, April 20, 21, 1950.

Raymond T. Sasser, who was the first president of the convention, but went on "vacation" for two years, will be back in the chair again, having been called back to the direction of the convention-institute by a hearty vote in the 1949 session. He has a reputation for moving things along, so that there will not be dull minutes. Alonzo L. Reynolds, will help liven up the program by leading the convention in hymn singing, and by presenting special musical

numbers using the talent available. Some who will be remembered for their contributions to the good of the convention since its beginning, like R. P. Harris and D. B. Sasser, are on the program again this year. Then there are others who have come on the scene of S. S. convention activities during more recent years who will "give of their best" this year. These include Rev. Burkette Raper, who will deliver the convention sermon at 11:30 Thursday morning on the subject "Efficient Christian Leadership" (which is also the convention theme); Rev. Rashie Kennedy and Rev. David Hansley, who will conduct the annual Sunday School Institute; and Rev. R. B. Crawford who will bring the Thursday evening sermon on "Youth Evangelism."

"WHAT A FELLOWSHIP—"

What a wonderful fellowship indeed is in prospect when Sunday School superintendents, class officers, teachers, and just plain Mary and John Pupil from Sunday Schools from Murphy to Manteo get together for these two great days at Hugo! Old friendships will be renewed, new friendships will be formed, ideas will be exchanged, invitations will be given and received to "come over and visit my school"—it will be glorious!

Who is going to enjoy all these good things?

YOU, if you set your house in order and come on to Hugo for the convention.

Who is going to miss all these good things?

YOU, if you are not willing to make the necessary sacrifices to attend the convention-institute.

ATTENTION: NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION PRESIDENTS

Please write me at once giving me your name and address and name of your convention, as we are planning our next State Sunday School Convention program for our annual convention, which is to meet with the Hugo Church, Thursday and Friday before the 4th Sunday in April. We are most interested in hearing from you, as we want your convention to be represented in this session of the convention. There is one part of our program that will be very beneficial to your work.

Raymond T. Sasser
207 West Broad Street
Wilson, North Carolina

ENCOURAGING SIGNS

J. E. Wooten

There is a particularly encouraging sign prevalent among the churches today. Multitudes of young people are surrendering to Christ and offering themselves for service in His cause. They are filled with energy, and are willing and ready to expend that energy in the interest of the church. They interpret the love of Christ as experienced in their hearts as a signal for action.

It does not take a psychologist to discover that there is a broad gap between the channel of the mind of the teen-age boy or girl and that of the mature man or woman. The God of nature, who is also the Creator of man, established the condition which makes this a well known fact. Thoughtful young people, and reasonable adults, all recognize this as God's wisely arranged plan for the proper balance and development of the human race.

Young people are filled with energy and enthusiasm, but they have not reached the age of mature reason, judgment, and wisdom. They realize this fact just as fully as we older ones realize that our best physical days are past. They are competent and efficient workers, but not wise leaders in all matters. They recognize this fact themselves, and, therefore, seek instruction and guidance. Let us not point to some rare case and conclude that the whole young part of the race has become uncontrollable, and is rushing heedlessly down the broad way to eternal destruction. Such a contention is untrue and unkind to the young people.

Young Christians want to know what the Bible teaches, and what God's will for them is. Herein lies one of our weighty responsibilities as older Christians. They turn to us for wise counsel. Are we accepting their challenge and instructing them in the vital doctrines of salvation through the Virgin-born Christ? Or are we leaving them in uncertainty, through indifference toward them and their problems and questionable conduct on our part?

Ministers and parents, young peo-

ple want the Gospel truth preached from the pulpit, and practiced in our lives, but they want to see it built around the Christ. Let us not be deceived when they point out certain things to do, and ask if they are right. They do not understand everything, but they can and do discern inconsistencies.

Pastors and ministers, we must be careful in our teaching and conduct. Our first business is not to build up a large membership, but to point lost souls to the Saviour, and guide aright those who have found him. Parents and older Christians, our responsibility to the young ones is to guide them aright that they may find the Saviour, and then encourage them, through precept and example, to serve Him daily.

Let us not fall into complacency and deliver the entire church program to the young people, lest they fall into error and fail. They want to work, but they do not desire to assume full responsibility for leadership. Let us stand by them, and love and encourage them, and guide them wisely in their efforts for the Master!

Dry Bones in the Valley

Ezekiel 37:

In my feeble way I would like to give my views on this subject. We notice that when Ezekiel prophesied to the dry bones, there was a great noise, which could represent tumult of battle. Also the dry bones could represent the Jews who had never accepted Christ. The shaking would represent inward emotions among the Jews.

We read that there is a great awakening spiritually among the Jews during these days, great numbers of them are accepting Christ as their Saviour, if reading the papers are to be relied upon as proof.

Now may we go back and say that the dry bones, which were dead, very naturally represent the Jews which were spiritually dead, and as the Gospel is being preached to them they are returning to life spiritually.

I would also like to call your attention to Isaiah 31:5, where the prophet speaks of an army flying over Jerusalem like birds, defending Je-

rusalem. General Allenby, during 1917, sent an army of airplanes over Jerusalem and captured the city without blood shed. To be exact the date was December 11, 1917. Why there was no blood shed was because the prophet of the Turks god was named Allah Bee, and it sounded so much like Allenby they were afraid to fight against him. On August 10, 1920, the Truks gave up all their rights over Palestine, and on July 24, 1922, England granted the Jews the privilege of returning to Palestine, so they could re-establish their national home.

I may have gotten off from my text of dry bones, but these other Scriptures will link up with it, and establish the fact that the dry bones really did come to life. Read Jeremiah 32:44, and you will see that England was fulfilling prophecy so the Jews could return home. Amos 9:14 speaks of the people planting gardens, and present-day history tells us that there is an abundance of oranges, grape fruits, and lemons grown there, because they have plenty of rain now. Joel 2:32 says there will be plenty of rain on the land in the latter days. The weather reports say the rainfall is double what it was in 1860. Isaiah 18:3 speaks of the Jewish ensign or flag being lifted. It was lifted up on May 15, 1948, which proves that God will see that his words are fulfilled.

J. E. Ingalls,
Greenville, N. C.
Route 5

WHAT SIN IS, AND WHY IT IS SIN

We hear a lot said about what sin is. The way we see it, or the way we think about it, does not have any effect on the meaning or danger of sin. Regardless of what we do about it, it is sin right on, and the danger remains the same. In God bringing this great universe into existence, and placing man on the earth, saw that for it to be a success there had to be a law under which it should be ruled. That law contains instructions as to how to use what he has given man.

God put man in the Garden of Eden, and gave him the pleasure of using every thing in the garden as he wanted to, but the tree of knowledge of Good and Evil. God knew there was danger there, and he wanted man to know where the danger was, and proved that he did by telling him. They

seemingly believed him, and were perfectly satisfied to leave it alone until Satan came in, and told them that God just did not want them to eat of that fruit, and that they would not die; also that it was not dangerous, and that it was really good for food. They could see no danger in eating of the fruit, and it surely did look good. They believed Satan and passed over the danger signal. Not seeing the danger did not move it, and into the pit of disappointment they went. So it is with thousands of people daily. They don't see any danger in the thousands of things that are placed before them daily. Satan is making them believe there is no danger, and into the pit of destruction they go. What they believe about it does not alter the conditions, and often it is seemingly unbearable, but regardless of the severity of it, they have to endure it.

Before Satan could succeed in his project he must convince them that God is not true. They are convinced and act accordingly. To their sad disappointment they find that they have been deceived, but too late then. They have already acted and no way to undo it. Could they have seen conditions as they were then, before they acted, how differently it would have been with them. No more happy days in the garden with the Lord, and indeed they were happy days, for it does not seem they had ever had any trouble, and that the Lord was a pleasant visitor. Now they had sinned. They had passed over the danger signal of life, fallen into the pit of disappointment, which meant death to them, as far as the pleasures of the garden of Eden were concerned, all because they had let Satan deceive them.

The Lord gave to the children of Israel the Ten Commandments to be governed by as a nation because he saw that for them to get along well they would have to have a law by which to be governed. In that law he told them where the safe ways of life were, and the dangerous ones were. He knew they were going to face some dangers that they could not see until they were in them and as a loving father he wanted them to know where they were, that they might miss them, and there by not have to experience the trouble that would follow if they did not get in them. We can see here why he did not want them to have any other God. Adam and Eve fared fine until Satan came in as their instructor, then trouble followed. So it was with them, as long as the Lord led them they succeeded, but when Satan was instructor, they failed, and trouble followed.

The Lord knew that those dangers were there, and if they had listened to him they would have missed them, but they listened to Satan and into the dangers they were carried.

Paul in speaking of this in Hebrews 3:19, said, "So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief." Paul's statement here is true concerning what they did that kept them from entering in was their un-

belief. Certainly if they had believed that God would have given them victory over giants and possession of their land, they never would have wanted to go back to Egypt where they had been slaves four hundred years, and take the risk of having to endure the punishment that it was customary for run away slaves to have to endure.

Dear reader, please notice Heb. 1:1. "Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it." We see that they failed to enter in because of unbelief, as they failed so can we if we ignore the warnings as they did, for the dangers have not been removed, and as long as the signal is there it is foolish not to notice it. What we think about it will not amount to any thing, so far as the results are concerned. They could not enter in because of unbelief and Adam and Eve could not stay in the Garden because of unbelief. We see here that unbelief has not only kept folks out of the good places of life, but has taken them out of the good places of life, and caused them to be placed in the most horrible places with no hope of relief.

It is easily seen from these statements, and many others, that we will not take time and space here to mention that sin is unbelief in action, some way or an other. In short, sin is unbelief. Never mind what our miss-doings may be, we have failed to believe God some way or an other.

Why is it sin is because we have let some one, who is not interested in our welfare, deceive us and get our affection. My friend, if you are a parent, just think of the awfulness of your own child not having any confidence in you. Can we wonder that bad things happen to us that will treat him that way. Yes, it is sin to treat Christ that way, after He has done so much for us.

That is not the only reason that it is sin. It is sin because of unmerciful dealings with the innocent. Sin was the cause of Abel's death. Sin was the cause of Daniel being cast into the lions den, and of the male children of the Hebrews being killed. Sin is the cause of Christ being crucified and of the many other things too numerous to take time and space here to mention.

Sin was the cause of Cain having to endure what he said he couldn't bear. But he had it to bear. Sin was the cause of the old world being destroyed. Can we imagine the horribleness of that? Yes, it is sin because it will put you where you cannot get help. I don't care what your need might be. Yes, because it is sin that has had possession of you, you can get where God will not help you, as great as his love is and has been for you. We know that the people wanted help when they saw the flood coming, but they did not get it. We know the people of Sodom wanted help when they saw the fire, but they did not get it. Sin was the cause of the rich man lifting up himself in torment, and he begged for help, but he did not get it.

Sin is that which will separate us from

God and all that is good in this world, and in the world to come. Be wise, dear reader, and treat it as though it were the most dangerous thing facing you today. There is nothing in this world more dangerous. "The day thou eatest there of thou shalt surely die." It is what God told Adam. The critics may say what they please concerning the truth of the statement, but Adam died to the pleasures of that Garden that day, because the word tells us that he became fearful and tried to hide himself. Ezek. 18:4, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." This does not mean just passing out of this world; but a separation from God until there is a pardon granted.

May God help you to see the dangers of sin, dear reader, is my prayer. Any one wanting my services as a minister will write me at 1008 W. Lafayette St., Quitman, Ga. Would be glad to render any service possible.

Rev. A. L. Sellers

MISSION CAR GOAL REACHED

We are happy to report that the Mission Car Fund has been more than reached. We now have \$3019.09. We desire to thank the people who have helped to make this project a success.

J. W. Alford, Treasurer
Columbia, N. C.

Exaggeration is a truth that has lost its temper.—*Kahlil Gibran*.

BIBLE CONFERENCE Free Will Baptist Bible College April 23-27, 1950

April 23rd through the 27th are the dates for the annual Spring Bible Conference to be held at the Free Will Baptist Bible College. These Bible Conferences have been an inspiration and great help to the many who have attended them over the past years. We have brought to the Conference as speakers some of the best preachers of our denomination. This year we have a splendid Conference program arranged which will be a blessing and an inspiration to all who attend.

Some pastors have written in already and asked for the dates of the Bible Conference this year in order that they might not schedule revivals on these dates. We think this is a splendid idea and trust that all our pastors will clear their calendar for this week and attend the Conference. We also invite the young people of our church to visit the College and attend the Bible Conference. A little later on a theme for the Conference will be announced in our church papers. Watch for this announcement and let us know if you plan to attend.



Amos Attacks Social Injustice

(Lesson for April 23)

LESSON: Amos 4:1-2; 6:1-6; 8:4-7.

GOLDEN TEXT: Amos 5:15.

I. Heart of the Lesson

1. God may say "Hear", but that is no proof that those addressed will pay any heed (Amos 4:1).

2. God has sworn an oath of blessing upon Abraham and his posterity, but also an oath of a curse upon the disobedient; He will keep both of them (vs. 2).

3. It is a shame for Christians to be idle when they see the workings of evil all around them (6:1).

4. The evidence of God's fearful judgments in the past fail to make any impression upon some people (vs. 2).

5. The day of reckoning, which we put far into the future, may be much nearer than we think (vs. 3).

6. It is sinful to indulge ourselves in sensual pleasures, especially if thereby we oppress those who are poorer than we (vs. 4).

7. It is not sinful to sing and to make music, but it is sinful if these things are used for evil purposes (vs. 5).

8. It is sinful to become drunk, but even more so if thereby we cause hardships for others (vs. 6).

9. The indulgence prompted by greed will serve only to increase greed manifold (8:5).

10. God has a wonderful memory; He remembers all who have believed on him and forgets their sins, but He also remembers all the evil deeds of the unbelievers (vs. 7).—Selected.

11. It is possible for an unsaved labor leader to harm the members of his own union and the public in gen-

eral as much as a greedy, unsaved industrialist.

12. "The wealthy ladies of Samaria are here called 'kine of Bashan' because they live a life of pure animal existence, proudly and contentedly going their own way, resenting interference, and intent solely upon their own food and enjoyment."—Driver. The country of Bashan was a fertile region lying east of the Jordan River and north of the Jarmuk. It was noted for its fine pastures. The words "their masters" ("their lords" RV), that is, their husbands are meant here. These wealthy ladies of Samaria urged their husbands to bring strong drink to them that they may indulge in senseless reveling together. Amos condemned them for their oppression of the poor and the needy, and he told them that the day would come when the Lord would visit upon them severe punishment. (4:1-2)—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

13. Here is defiant lethargy. "What do I care"; "take thine ease"; "thou hast much goods laid up for many years" (Luke 12:19)—these are the cries. Prosperity and wealth are dangerous. They are likely to make one proud and selfish (Ps. 73:6, 12). No one has a right to spend his money on luxuries as ivory beds. No one has a right to waste his time just because he must not work for a living. No one has a right to spend his money for dainties. Everyone is owned by God by right of creation (Acts 17:28), and because Jesus Christ purchased every one with His own blood (I Cor. 6:19, 20) we are not our own. Our money and our time and our very selves all belong to God. (6:1-6)—Sel.

14. They were continually looking forward to the time when they might cheat and defraud the working people. But they did observe the laws and customs of their people. The new moon was observed as a holy day by custom, not by divine law. The sabbath was strictly holy, but they were so eagerly covetous that they grudgingly gave the Lord and their couls the seventh day of the week. No doubt they spent the Sabbaths and other holy days laying plans for taking the laborers' earnings from him. (8:4-7)—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

II. The Lesson Illustrated

"God Is Not Mocked"!

An irreligious farmer in one of the western states, who gloried in his irreligion, wrote a letter to a local newspaper, in these words:

"Sir: I have been trying an experiment with a field of mine. I plowed it on Sunday. I planted it on Sunday. I cultivated it on Sunday. I reaped it on Sunday. I carted the crop home to the barn on Sunday. And now, Mr. Editor, what is the result? I have more bushels to the acre from the field than any of my neighbors have this October."

He expected applause from the editor, who was not a particularly religious man himself. But when he opened the paper the next week, there, sure enough, was his letter printed just as he had sent it, but underneath it was the short but significant sentence:

"God does not always settle His account in October."—Moody Monthly.

Meeting Death

The French nurse who was present at the deathbed of Voltaire, being urged to attend an Englishman whose case was critical, said: "Is he a Christian?" "Yes," was the reply, "he is, a Christian in the highest and best form of the term—a man who lives in the fear of God; but why do you ask?" "Sir," she answered, "I was the nurse who attended Voltaire in his last illness, and for all the wealth of Europe I would never see another infidel die."—Rev. Geo. F. Pentecost, D. D.

Announcement

This is to announce that I expect to be in a position to render some pastoral service next year. I am not discontinuing my connection with the Free Will Baptist Press, but, owing to some changes which we contemplate, I plan to have some time to devote to pastoral activities. I shall be open and happy to arrange with any church which might desire my service within reasonable driving distance of Ayden. Address Box 244, Ayden, N. C.

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Thought: Youth—consecrated, trained, on fire!

"If someone were to give me a sum of money that he wanted to be used for real missionary work, and asked me whether it would be sent directly to the foreign fields or used in a Christian school for the training of missionaries, I would without any hesitation place the money in the school for the training of young lives that it might later be multiplied in consecrated missionary service through the years," said A. B. Simpson.

If you would like to have a part in this worthy plan of advancement with Christ through your Christian women enlisted and trained in missionary education, then volunteer your services to the second vice president of the Woman's Auxiliary in your church to organize a Young Peoples' Auxiliary. In this way you can help her and all the young women and girls in your church advance April's ambition. This is a golden opportunity for age to invest in youth with a message of life!

It is so easy for us to be competent and satisfied with past or present attainments and fail to be awake to the opportunities that are before us. If all our young people attend every service—Sunday School, morning and evening worship, and the league—they will have spent only four hours each week in religious education and possibly one-fourth of that is not missionary education. Compare that 4 hours with the time given to their mental and physical education. Is 4 hours enough time to give to the soul culture and the world vision of future Free Will Baptist leaders and workers? If no more than this is done, is it any wonder that our average church member is so unconcerned and indifferent about giving so little to the support of missions? If no more than this is done, is it any wonder, or any just cause for complaint that our young people grow up feeling that religion is just for Sunday? When will Free Will Baptists wake up to the fact that young people hold the key position in the modern strategy of missions here and everywhere? When will we wake up to the fact that young people can and will do their work with spiritual dignity and efficiency whenever they are properly enlisted, and given an opportunity to serve in their church? Can you recall the joy, the challenge, and the seriousness with which the

young people accepted the various responsibilities in your church? Or are you still in that group which believes in the young ones being seen and not heard in the church?

The deep loyalty young people can have and have their sincere willingness to help carry the church burdens is only revealed when the church makes a place for her young people to receive missionary education and training. Young Peoples' Auxiliaries held on some week day can mean so much in promoting God's kingdom and in enlisting people for the work of the Lord.

May every member of the Woman's Auxiliary help gladly in Advancing April's Ambition number 1.—organizing a Y. P. A. in every church where there is now an adult auxiliary. A woman's Auxiliary that is adult minded and takes no thought of the missionary education of the young people in her church is an auxiliary with a past but no future. Certainly there can be no real appreciation of our being "Laborers together" on the Jesus Way if the young people are not traveling with the women.

The hope for a world of peace and good will among men depends upon the Christians of the world. The young people of today, as the men and women of tomorrow, will lead in the way they are being directed today. So the fulfillment of the hopes for a Christian world tomorrow lies in the hands of Christian men and women. It is not a matter of chance, but a matter of choice, a choice for each Woman's Auxiliary.

On missionary education depends the future of missions, and not on drives or campaigns for money goals. Because formation of habits begin at baby's birth and the development of attitudes towards principles and people begins in the home with the tot who reflects what he sees and hears, missionary education must begin there too. It is so important, therefore, that all the young mothers be enlisted in the Woman's Auxiliary activities in the church, for all Christian mothers must realize that the fundamentals of prayer, the study of God's Word and His world, the practice of stewardship of possessions and missionary services rendered personally in one's own community must be expressed through their daily lives, must be allowed "to glow with character" for the teaching and example in the home form the beginning of the missionary education of the child which is further promoted by the women of the church through the auxiliary which by its plan of work encourages the young people to follow the Christ whom they have accepted as Lord and Saviour, in service around His world.

To that end prayer will be faithfully observed at home and everywhere opportunity is given, missionary literature subscribes to and read in the home, missionary giving taught and practices in the home as each is taught to tithes. Missionary witnessing in all the experience of daily life, and missionary encouragement will be given by co-operating in every activity for growth provided by the Woman's Auxiliary through auxiliary organizations for young people.

"Together" is a wonderful word, and Woman's Auxiliary members working together with the second vice president whose personal responsibility it is to direct young peoples' auxiliaries, can in a truth set forward missions by enthusiastic activities that put first things first.

As the young people meet week after week, they will be listening to stories of people who have never heard of Jesus, praying earnestly for the missionaries, giving that others may know Christ, helping willingly to reach the needy in their own community, planning and training for service for Christ when they grow up. You, then, will also surely be advancing your ambition number one, dear Auxiliary members!

REPORT OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF POCAHONTAS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, POCAHONTAS, ARK.

There has been quite a bit of enthusiasm manifested in the newly organized Woman's Auxiliary of Pocahontas Free Will Baptist Church since its organization in January. It met in its third meeting on Monday evening, March 20, at the home of Mrs. Lafe Atkins with thirty members and one visitor present. There was an increase of 4 in membership.

An interesting program was rendered on the subject: "Advancing with Christ in Cuba." Mrs. Veral Jones was in charge of the program. The latest news was given concerning our Mission work and prayer was offered in behalf of our missionaries. We were favored with a vocal solo by Miss Helen Jones Counts.

Plans were made for the observance of the week before Easter. Mrs. Lafe Atkins, 5th vice-president, suggested that the auxiliary give a grocery shower to an elderly couple who were both sick. This was heartily endorsed by the auxiliary and it was decided that all groceries be brought to the prayer meeting on Wednesday night.

Mrs. Robert Counts, second vice-president, gave an encouraging report of the young people's auxiliary. She reported that the Intermediates were planning to present the religious drama, "The Challenge of the Cross," on Easter Sunday night.

After the business session, delicious refreshments were served. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Wesley Bennett, Monday evening, April 17, at 7:30.

Mrs. Huey Gower, President

ST. MARY'S AUXILIARY MAKES REPORT WILSON COUNTY, N. C.

The meeting was called to order by the president, the secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, and the roll was called. Mrs. Harvey Pittman had charge of the program. The theme was "Advancing with Christ in Cuba." The devotional scripture reading was taken from Isaiah 54:2, 3. Those taking part on the program were Mrs. Leslie Raper, Miss Sarah Adams, and Mrs. George Taylor. Following the program, the old and new business matters were transacted.

Reverend G. C. Joyner, the pastor of the church, was in charge of the installation of the officers for the coming year. Then the meeting was closed with the members singing hymn, "God Be with You 'Till We Meet Again." The auxiliary benediction was repeated in unison. The hostess, Mrs. Harvey Pittman, and joint hostess, Mrs. Hardy Pittman, served refreshments to 23 members and 5 guests.

YEARLY AUXILIARY REPORT

Paid to orphanage, missions, super-annuation	\$151.36
Paid to church treasurer for building	466.73
Given to the sick and needy	45.00
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Total raised this year	\$663.09
Bible chapters read	2,710
Value of clothes given to the needy	12.50
Trays taken to the sick	71
Sick visits made	673
Flowers given to the sick	49
Cards sent	134

Mrs. Harvey Pittman, Fourth Vice-Pres.

FOURTH UNION AUXILIARY MEETING

The Fourth Union District Auxiliary of the Central Conference of North Carolina will meet with Spring Branch Church on Sunday, April 30, 1950—Program as follows:

- 10:00—Sunday School
 - 11:00—Hymn
Devotions by Allen Baker
 - 11:15—Welcome address by Miss Virginia Whitley
Response by Clifton Gardner
 - 11:25—Special music
 - 11:30—Sermon, Rev. Reddin Proctor
 - 12:15—Lunch
 - 1:15—Hymn, Congregation
—Devotions by Rev. L. B. Manning
 - 1:30—Special music, Daniel's Chapel Quartet
 - 1:45—Business period
 - 2:30—Program, local church
- Mrs. Janie Baker,
Mrs. R. H. Jackson,
Clifton Galloway

Attend the National Association of Free Will Baptists, July 11-14, 1950, Richmond, California.

OBITUARIES

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Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

IN MEMORY OF MRS. ANNIE SULLIVAN

On April 29, 1949, God called Aunt Annie to her heavenly home where parting is no more. When she was young she married Hardy Sullivan, and to this union eight children were born. Her husband died before she did, and to the children left behind we point them to God whom she served.

She joined Pleasant Hill church when young, and lived a faithful Christian life until death. Her seat was never vacant when she was able to attend. She was sick about a year with the dreadful disease cancer, but one day the blessed Lord said, "It's finished, come up higher."

Her funeral was preached on Sunday, May 1, 1949, at Pleasant Hill Church by her pastor, G. C. Joyner, to a large crowd of friends and relatives after which she was laid to rest beneath a beautiful mound of flowers.

We weep not as those who have no hope, but we bow in humble service to his holy will.

Written by Mrs. Hettie Sasser,
Mrs. Ila Berry,
Mr. Bill Turner

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

The following is the report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the N. C. State Convention of Free Will Baptists for March, 1950.

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand March 1, 1950 ..	\$1616.28
Receipts for March	104.51

Total to account for

Disbursements

Paid to Superannuated Ministers ..	\$ 300.00
Operating expense	27.79
Paid to National Board	19.18
Total Disbursements	\$ 346.97

Balance March 31, 1950	\$1373.82
Allocations already approved for balance of year	\$2480.00
Needed to meet the demands for balance of year	\$1106.18

RECEIPTS ITEMIZED

Lee's Chapel S. S.	\$ 1.00
Marlboro Leagues	1.50
Micro	25.00
Davis	5.00
Friendship (Johnston Co.)	1.00

Cape Fear Union	52.00
Yelverton Grove L. A. S.	1.00
Prospect S. S.	1.00
Smithfield	1.50
Core Creek S. S.	6.00
LaGrange S. S.	9.51

M. L. Johnson, Chairman-Treasurer

DON'T FORGET YOUR SOUL

By Mrs. Mat Cox

As one goes forth from day to day, either preparing for future life as a student, or as a laborer at some job, he often forgets his soul. One of the easiest things in life is to become so engrossed in the temporal things in which one is engaged until the soul is neglected.

A person should think very often of the great question of the Master, when He said, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mk. 8:36). The soul of man is the pearl of great price, yet the masses of humanity treat it as though it were worthless. If you are a student in school, and having come to the years of accountability and responsible before God, then you are responsible for your soul. Therefore, don't forget your soul. When you go about your studies, remember that knowledge can never keep your soul from destruction. No one has ever been accepted of God because of great learning. If learning could have given a person a place in God's kingdom, then Saul of Tarsus certainly would have been accepted without repentance, or a change of heart. His learning did not make him acceptable before the Lord as satisfying the need of his soul. He had to repent before the Lord, and to turn from the course in which he was following. Every sinner will have to do the same thing before he is made right before God, for God is no respecter of persons.

Regardless as to the vocation in life one may have, that person needs God. He needs to have his soul cleansed by the atoning blood of Jesus Christ. Otherwise, that person will be eternally lost. One may be poor in this world's goods, but if he neglects his soul, he will miss heaven. If a person is making much money and neglects his soul, then he will be in danger of eternal damnation. He will be shut out of heaven in that great day.

Think how awful it will be for a person to come before God after this life is over, and to be turned down because he failed to live a Christian life. It will be too bad that he will fail to receive a crown of life and a mansion in heaven. Think of it! The thing to do is to prepare to meet God. F'ternity is coming some day, and we will have to face it, either prepared or unprepared. What will you do about it?

PATMOS REVIVAL

Patmos F. W. B. Church is happy to report a successful revival which was held from March 12 through 17, with Rev. E. C. Morris bringing the messages. Although there were not any new members, yet I can say that we had the most inspiring messages anyone would wish to hear.

May I pass these subjects on to our Baptist readers. They are as follows: God's Question to Man—"Where Art Thou?"; Jesus' Question to Man—"What do you Think of Jesus?"; Man's Question—"What Shall I Do with Jesus?"; "How shall we Escape?"; Every One's Question—"What Will Jesus Do with Us?"

I believe that if everyone would study this last question, and then study their life, they can readily answer the question for themselves. If we are living in sin, there is but one we are living for, and that is Satan. We do know what he has prepared for us, everlasting fire. If we are all children of God, and living daily for him, then we have a glorious picture of eternal life which we will enjoy in heaven with the Lord.

I do wish more people could have heard these splendid sermons which Brother Morris brought to those who attended these services. We are always happy to have Brother Morris with us, and we are looking forward to his being with us again for a revival meeting.

Mrs. Steve Bush

MIDWAY F. W. B. CHURCH CALLS NEW PASTOR

The Reverend G. W. Price of Phenix City, Alabama, has been called to the Midway F. W. B. Church, Roanoke, Alabama. The Midway Church at Roanoke was organized in 1949, and it is making splendid progress. The membership of the church has purchased a large lot on which to erect a church building.

We are urging all Free Will Baptist people living near Roanoke to attend the services of this church, and to unite with the membership there. We feel that Brother Price will prove to be a fine leader, as he has during the sixteen years of his past ministry. He is widely known as pastor and evangelist. He is also the pastor of Spring Hill Church near Geneva, Georgia, where they have already built a new church building since he went there last October. Brother Price is still living in Phenix City, and anyone who desires to write to him should address their letters to Rev. G. W. Price, Route 2, Box 245-B, Phenix City, Ala.

We are asking that the Christian people pray for the success of this new church.

Chester A. Huckaby,
1513 22nd Street
Phenix City, Ala.

THE BIBLE . . .

The Inspired Word of God

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one else has prepared. Such food may be all right for invalids and dyspeptics, but the sound, healthy men needs pure wholesome food. If we would get the rich, wholesome food from Heaven, we should study God's word for ourselves. The word of God can not be studied by proxy, it must be studied first hand, by precept and example. Let the Bible speak to you for itself, listen to its voice. If the Bible is the issue, then let it speak for itself. Let it give its own account of how it came to be, as in 2 Timothy 3:16. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrines, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." 2 Peter 1:19-21, "We have also a more sure word of prophecy whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place until the day dawn and the day star arise in your hearts. Knowing this first that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy come not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

The Christian should approach the Bible as a unique Book. A man is above the animals of the earth, so is the Bible above other books. All other animals are made for a blessing to man, but man is created for a blessing to God. All other books are human; the Bible is divine. All other books are man-wrought, the Bible is God-breathed. Our books are the product of the human understanding; the Bible is the result of the movings in the hearts of holy men by the Holy Spirit of God. The Bible is not like the books of our religions; they are comparative; the Bible is not in that class. It stands alone. The Bible is not a book, it is "The Book." For this reason it is impossible to read the Bible as you read other books. One can read the Bible as he reads other books only when other books make the same claims that the Bible makes for itself. You ask me to look on the Bible as any other Book? You might as well ask me to

look on every other woman as I look upon my wife. I can not do it. I will not do it. My wife is mine, your wife is yours. Other books are the product of man's understanding. The Bible is the mind of God, calling sinful man to himself. Shakespeare, Milton, Browning, Carlyle, Ruskin, and other noted writers are literary luxury; the Bible is a vital necessity; they are cake, the Bible is bread. Jesus said, "The words that I speak unto you they are spirit and they are life." He says, "The Bible is life-giving and life-sustaining. This cannot be said of any other or all other books in the whole world. The Christian must realize that the Bible is true, it is Scripture, it is inbreathed by the Holy Spirit.

I have been speaking to the Christian, but, unsaved friend, I would be glad if you would listen. Christ said, "I come not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance." Are you a poor helpless sinner? God is speaking to you. Won't you listen to his gentle voice as he pleads with you to step out in faith and accept him as your Saviour and Lord? You have the opportunity now, you may not have it tomorrow. The heart of God is bleeding for you, trust him now. You know you have a spark in your life that is longing for that sweet peace and satisfaction that Christ gives. Why not do it now?

HE LEADS ME

He leads me safely through the night,
His eyes can always see;
I walk by faith and not by sight,
And so He cares for me.

Old Satan is always tempting me,
And if I turned around a little while;
And soon I would be on filthy ground,
For he is shrude some to beguile.

But, if I turn away from sin
And put him in his place;
With Jesus leading, I will win,
When I have run my race.

—Mrs. C. J. Hearron

Broadway is a place where people spend money they haven't earned to buy things they don't need to impress people they don't like.—Walter Winchell.

If you've money to burn, someone is always willing to lend you a match.

Is the Teenage Girl Safe?

King David asked long ago, in his paternal anxiety, asked again and again during a great battle: "Is the young man Absalom safe?"

Now parents, pastors and teachers are asking, "Is the young girl safe?"

The unwholesome portrayal of sex problems in the moving pictures and vaudeville; the suggestive and obscene literature and even the publication of the details of scandals in the daily press have created a state of mind in America to-day which is no less than appalling in its effect upon the adolescent.

In addition to these demoralizing influences the automobile and certain commercialized amusements make easy wreckage of many young lives, while youth is only seeking to express itself and to have a good time.

They are being told by false leaders that all normal people, single or married, have the same right to exercise their sex impulses—in fact, many young people are being led to believe they are not normal unless they do.

These same false teachers ridicule clergymen and refined women and all who hold to high American moral standards. No wonder girls and boys think their parents, teachers and pastors are too old fashioned to be taken seriously, and often remark: "Mother is an old dear, but just too good to be human."

In all this moral confusion young people really want to know the truth. They desire to live normal lives and yet to get all the joy out of life possible. They have been led by many of the influences before mentioned to consider the sex impulse as the source of most of the thrills in life, and that all such thrills are legitimate.

Probably the greatest work ever done in New York state for teen-age and High School girls was done by the Girls' Counselor of the Christian Civic League, Mrs. Alfreda J. Howell, who spoke to the girls in the High Schools all over New York State.

While Mrs. Howell was with the Christian Civic League she wrote up the story of some of her many inter-

views with high school girls, and we have now decided to print in The Civic Bulletin some of those remarkable interviews, the first one in this Bulletin.

Everywhere Mrs. Howell spoke, the girls of the high schools came to her in large numbers to talk over their problems and seek her counsel. Hundreds came with the most intimate and delicate personal questions. Seldom did she have time enough to talk to all the girls who were anxious to see her personally. Often she met from 100 to 250 of these teen-age girls in small group conferences and private interviews in a single day, to which work she often devoted from five to seven hours a day!

So eager are these adolescent girls to talk with a sympathetic mother who understands them and their difficulties that some even followed her to the hotel; often they followed her to the next town, and many wrote her most intimate personal letters asking her advice—letters which reveal a tragedy or a crisis in the girl's life and her urgent need of immediate wise counsel.

In the conference room often small groups of the girls met and talked with Mrs. Howell. Perhaps one girl having high ideals meets her greatest difficulty in living up to her own convictions and the moral standards of her home because of the influence of the other girls of her "bunch" or "gang." Here in these little groups interviews they were able to discuss all of their problems and often the entire group was inspired to accept the higher standard of morals.

Few parents realize the tragic need of our young people and the terrific pressure brought to bear upon them, as it was revealed to Mrs. Howell in her conference room in a single day. Youth is wholesome at heart. They need help. They want help and their response is wholesome when such help is given. Mrs. Howell did this great work nearly ten years for the Christian Civic League. She is now living in California.—The Civic Bulletin.

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EVANGELISM

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universality in scope and result! Luke outlines the order of procedure: "Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the uttermost part of the earth." John states the spiritual qualifications, and demands: "As my Father hath sent Me, even so I send you." When He showed them His hands, He showed them the greatness of His loving heart. The Christ of the Cross was not only the message of the Apostles, but it was their Motive, their Aim and Goal. How very simple and terrible John puts it, "He laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." (1st John 3:16). And the Apostle Peter thinks it a matter of course that the Christians scattered abroad, Jews, and Gentiles, should endure fiery trials. "If any man suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed" (1st Peter 4:16a). Those who shared the suffering of Christ would be partakers of His glory.

Since the beginning of evangelism, prayer has been the secret of power, and perseverance and victory. All the great missionaries were, first of all, great in their prayer life. Paul teaches us what intercessory prayer can be and should be. Compact sentences weighty in thought and deep emotion, comprehensive in spiritual insight, wrestling against the powers of darkness—such are the prayers of the dauntless apostle, and the result was victory. It was Paul's prayer life that produced the kind of Christians we read of in the New Testament—abounding in every good word and works. If you desire to learn the secret of communion with Christ, read Paul's Epistle. Study his prayers and confession of sins. In such case, to go back to Paul is to go back to Pentecost, and the only dynamic mission. O, how we need this lesson, and none need it more than we preachers!

Make room in your busy life for an experience with God; some day you will find that nothing else counts.

If you want a thing done, ask a busy man to do it. The others have no time.—*Elbert Hubbard.*

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UNITY

It isn't the regiments and cannon
Nor Liberty Bonds we can buy;
It isn't the ships and submarines
Nor airplanes that fight in the sky.
It isn't our congress or president
Nor those in our halls of state;
It isn't the pioneer descendants
Nor those who have come of late.
It isn't the soldier in uniform
Nor the farmer at his crops;
It isn't the miner underground
Nor the workers in the shops.
It isn't the mother in her home
Nor the maiden at her work;
It isn't the doctor and the nurse
Nor the teacher and the clerk.
It isn't the teen-age boys and girls
Nor those with years so many;
It isn't the millionaire with gold
Nor the poor with scarce a penny.
It isn't our Caucasian stock
Nor those of other hue;
It isn't our creed or sect
That will carry us safely through.
We need these all united,
Persisting without surcease,
To preserve our blessed freedom
And restore our world to peace.

—Anon.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 1950

Notice

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

PROGRAM

of the

Albemarle Union Meeting

to be held with

Shiloh Church near Pinetown, N. C.

Saturday, April 29, 1950

- 10:00—Devotions by Rev. Ralph Osborne
10:15—Moderators' address.
10:20—Reading minutes of last meeting.
—Calling the roll of ministers
—Calling the roll of churches
11:10—Offering for orphanage
11:15—Special music by the local church
11:20—Sermon by Rev. A. B. Chandler
12:00—Lunch
Afternoon Session
1:00—Devotions by Irvin Foreman
1:15—Special music by local church
1:20—Business period
—Treasurer's report
—Apportionment Committee's report
—Miscellaneous committee's report
—Petitions for next union
2:45—Adjournment

Alice Webster
Program Committee

SPRING BRANCH

There are places on earth
Which all hold so dear,
Places that are never forgotten
Whether one goes far or stays near.

I shall never forget this place
In my heart it is molded to stay,
From its influence and its teachings
God help me never to stray.

With the dawn of a bright Sabbath Morn-
ing
My heart yet yearns to see,
This place that molded my childhood
And directed my life for me.

Churches are not meager buildings
Buildings of board or brick or stone,
They are tabernacles and places of worship
Where God meets with His very own.

When I first came to Spring Branch
I was only a tiny babe,
Only an innocent sleeping child
Knowing not Christ and His Ways.

In the days of my early childhood
My life was not seriously spent,
I knew not the wishes of God to man
I knew not the meaning of repent.

Many Sunday's I passed the while
Listening to the pastor pray,
And deep, deep within my heart
There was a debt I knew I must pay.

So I kept returning each Sabbath Morn
To hear sermons and lessons taught,
I learned to love the dear old place
Today I would not trade it for aught.

For it has become a part of my life
Its meaning words can't reveal,
The memories I cherish of Spring Branch
Are in my heart for only God to unseal.

'Twas here I found the way of life
And learned God's plan for me,
His desire that I should ever help
That others His grace could see.

'Tis here that dwell those people on earth
Which to my heart are ever dear,
Good, God-loving, God-fearing Christian
folks
Who ever reveal God's love and cheer.

The love of God is written on their face
They are friendly, understanding and
pure,
They make up the band of Christ's workers
Making their paths to heaven straight
and sure.

'Tis here that I hear the pastor preach
And the choir sing hymns of praise,
I feel as though I could sit forever
And listen to the everlasting phrase.

May the love of God forever shine
Upon this church so divine.

May it forever be filled with the things
That make this life of mine.

For I shall never forget it
It means more than words can say,
It represents the holy things in life
The love of Christ and His way.

When Christ comes again to this old earth
To receive the church, His Bride,
May Spring Branch be among the first
He welcomes and receives with pride.

—By Joyce Proctor

Men's Class of Elwood Lane F. W. B. Church

The Men's Bible Class of the Elwood Lane Free Will Baptist church met in the home of Rev. R. W. Allman, on Saturday night, April 8, 1950. The meeting was opened by prayer by Brother W. M. Dean. After which officers were elected as follows:

Brother F. M. Steele was elected president.

Brother G. P. Pulliam was elected secretary.

Brother P. J. Wagner was elected treasurer.

Brother J. E. Knight and Brother C. M. Bumgarner were elected as a welcoming committee.

Brother R. W. Allman and Brother Odell Beam were elected as the program committee.

The following members were present: Rev. R. W. Allman, Brother W. M. Dean, Brother P. J. Wagner, Brother Odell Beam, Rev. Paul Jenkins, Brother George Lambert, Brother J. E. Knight, Bro. J. A. Hayes, Brother G. P. Pulliam, Brother C. M. Bumgarner, Brother F. M. Steele.

We were dismissed in prayer by Brother George Lambert, after which we enjoyed a chicken and fish supper. Our next meeting will be held on the first Saturday night in July. Please pray for our class, and the entire Sunday school.

G. P. Pulliam, Secretary
1627 Lane St., Kannapolis, N. C.

Just Hobbling About

There are a great many church-members who are just hobbling about on crutches. They can just make out that they are saved, and imagine that is all that constitutes a Christian in this nineteenth century. As far as helping others is concerned, that never enters their heads. They think if they can get along themselves they are doing amazingly well. They have no idea what the Holy Ghost wants to do through them.—D. L. Moody.

FIRST AND SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

N. Borders
Wavevry, Ohio

The first coming of Christ was to bring peace and good will to men; but his second coming will be: "Woe to the inhabitants of the world, for the great day of His wrath is come."

At his first advent, He said, "Come unto me all ye ends of the earth and be ye saved"; but on His return He will say to the wicked, "Depart, ye workers of iniquity, for I never knew you."

At His first appearance, He said, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock"; but when He shall return, you unrepentant sinner will be the one who will knock and the door will not be opened unto you.

The kings of the earth sought to destroy Him, when He first came; but, when He comes again, they will cry for the rocks and the mountains to fall on them, and hide them from the face of Him that sits upon the Throne.

When He first came He said, "Go into my vineyard and work"; but the unprofitable servant will hear the awful words: "Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into outward darkness." At His first coming He made the sick folks well, and the vile He made pure; but when He comes again He will say, "He that is filthy and he that is unrighteous, let him be unrighteous still."

At His first advent. He offered the water of life to all who are thirsty; but if they refuse they will cry for just one drop of water to cool their parched tongue. He came to give that more abundant life, joy and peace, and happiness. The world would have it if only they would go in search of that living water. He said, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, and make His paths straight." But the reason this old world is in such a turmoil today is the fact that millions of people will not have this Christ to rule over them.

The world is trying peace talks, world courts, Brotherhood Weeks, education and armaments, appeasements, and what not; but the world

is getting in worse shape all the while. You might as well give a little child a rattler to play with, when it is crying for food, as to try these things to settle the differences of the world by leaving Christ out. This world is seriously in need of Christ to settle the troubles and not some man-made theory.

Jesus said, "If you ask for bread, will you give a stone, or if you ask for a fish, will you give a serpent?" That is about what the world is doing. When the real heart-cry of mankind is for Christ, then people will be looking in the right direction for world peace. If the world would spend one tenth for missions as for war, it would need no standing armies.

After all, I think the Devil is doing his utmost now to deceive the nations for he knows his time is short. I do not think that the Lord would make a beautiful world, and then place man in it to glorify Him, and then let the Devil steal the whole works and let him have it for keeps. Jesus gave the Devil a death blow on Mount Calvary, and launched a D-day, and there has been a battle on ever since. But it will finally end when the Devil and his host will be routed, and put in the bottomless pit, and it sealed over so that they cannot deceive the nations any more.

Did Christ not say that He came to destroy the works of the Devil? Yes, this Jesus, when He was here on earth, was the greatest of all physicians the world ever knew. He not only cleansed the lepers, unstopped the deaf ears, gave sight to the blind, but he healed more broken hearts than all the doctors of the earth. Jesus told the people how to live forever, and He made no charges for His services. He stands with outstretched hands today, pleading, "O sinner, come home, for why will ye die." Yes, He made the sands of Galilee sacred by his blessed foot-prints, and made Mount Calvary the most noted of all mountains. He made the Garden of Gethsemane the most hallowed and the hearts of men most happy.

We will have to admit that man was defeated in the Garden of Eden, when the old serpent beguiled our

first parents, and brought a flood of evils on this old earth. But all down the centuries, while the whole world was crushed, bruised, bleeding, mangled, and groaning under the power of Satan, I want to say that upon the Mount of Calvary Jesus gave the old Devil a death blow, and some future day God will cast him into the bottomless pit, and say, "I am alive for ever more."

Then God will call the righteous from the four corners of the globe to come up to meet the Bridegroom in the air, and they will be escorted to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. My friends, that will be the great V-day for the church of God, when He will give to them the great long white robes, crowns of glory, and palms of victory in their hands. Praise His holy Name!

A HAPPY EASTER DAY

On Sunday morning
So bright and fair,
I'll always remember,
For I was there.

A very little girl
But happy and gay,
Going to Sunday School
On this Easter day.

When our lessons were o'er,
Out the door we slid,
For we knew the eggs
Were already hid.

We had lots of fun,
For an hour or more,
Then we were called back
To the church house door.

And the one who found most
Was to get a prize, you see,
And the big chocolate bunny
Was awarded to me.

So, Easter is a glad day,
For children, you bet,
It's something to remember,
And they'll never forget.

Now, let's strive to be
Cheerful, happy and gay,
As each Easter comes near,
And goes on its way.

Just think of the days,
When we were kids,
Looking for the eggs
Which were so snugly hid.

Mrs. Sallie Carraway,
Robersonville, N. C.

NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

Beginning the 26 of June and going through August the 5th, a glorious opportunity appears right in the pathway of every young man and young woman who desires to be of special service to the church and our Lord's Christ. It will be at that grand place that many of us have learned to love and appreciate more and more, as we get better acquainted with the institution.

This golden opportunity is brought about by sacrificial efforts of some of our serious minded leaders who have caught the vision that God's work is suffering for a lack of trained workers in the field of Free Will Baptist churches. What shall we do about the trained personnel in the harvest field? is the question that should interest every Free Will Baptist. Well, here is a partial answer:

On the above dates a Christian Workers School is scheduled to begin at Cragmont Assembly, Inc. Not only should the young who desire to be better equipped for service; those who have a desire to be more efficient; those who can and will put their church first; and those who want to be real soul-winners in the harvest field, should take advantage of this school. It is destined to become great if Free Will Baptists will realize the importance of such a work, and get the need so deeply fixed in the heart and soul that we will go down in our pocket and make the financial sacrifice that is required for the support and development of a real summer school that will glorify God. For further information on this subject, you can look out for the news as it comes from Rev. Rashie Kennedy, who has been elected as Dean and teacher, along with Rev. R. H. Jackson, who is to teach in the school.

These ministers are well qualified for such a work. For fear that I might not give the exact qualifications of these young men, I just refer you to the information that is coming first handed to you through special advertising. Look and wait earnestly for the information, and get ready, if possible, to take advantage of this great blessing which is offered to us all from June the 26 to Aug. 5.

NOTICE PARTICULARLY FOR OTHER DATES

There will be something doing just about all summer at Cragmont—"In the Land of the Sky." The Ministers Conference is scheduled for June 5th to the 9th. Young ministers, old ministers, even retired ministers will do well to attend this conference.

You will love each other better, and you will be better prepared to carry on in your special field. The church that you serve will get a greater blessing. Here is another great opportunity—What? Well, it is simple. The preacher that serves a group of churches, should be encouraged by their congregations to go and the group paying for the preacher the cost of the week. Churches send your pastor. He will be a better preacher when he comes back to you. Then you will get the inspiration that comes by a real spiritual message.

We should have not less than 100 ministers at this session. It can be done, if the churches will simply send the minister who is serving them.

Preachers! I know that you cannot afford to ask your church to send you to Cragmont. At least, I believe that the most of you are just a bit too timid to ask it. So I am asking it for you. I know well that I have no way to ask for myself, as my work is too small. I am not asking for myself, but I am pleading that your church will send you.

Then here is another fact. Churches, when you offer this to your minister, don't let him put any little flimsy excuse in the way. Tell him to lay aside these things that can be put away and go. Urge him to go. We need the experience that one gets there. Our church needs the service.

Our churches are deeply interested in better preaching. Most churches are desirous of the best. We have the best doctrine on earth. Why not have the best qualified preachers to put it across in the best manner to reach the lost souls in sin, as well as to edify the believer? No one can learn too much truth. No one can sacrifice too much for the salvation of a lost world.

Preachers, come on and let us get on the altar with our all and do something worth while for our Christ who has done so much for us. God is calling. We have prayed for victory. Now the door is open for Free Will Baptist ministers. Let us walk right in. Amen.

FOOLISH TALKING

I heard a man say, "a negro has no soul." He was opposed to trying to evangelize the African and those of the black race. Well, such talk is not even sensible. Only an ignorant unbeliever could make such a statement. We certainly know that the Bible teaches different from this silly talk. Paul says, "God hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the earth" (Acts 17:26).

If the black man had no soul, what would you do with the fellow who is half black and half white. There could only be a half soul. Ignorance comes forth out of the mind of Satan and is grasped by some folks who claim good sense.

Yes, all men have souls, and Christ said, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul." Notice that Jesus says "His own soul." There is

another class of infidels who say, "Man does not have a soul." D. L. Moody said, "To disbelieve any part of the Bible is an act of infidelity." I know a lot of infidels—people who believe so little of the Bible that it is painful. Praise God, I believe it all.

When Nothing Drops Its Head to Sigh

Mrs. Venie M. Carney

I heard the birds again today,
They seemed to be so free and gay.
I listened, yet I wondered why
They sang, for I could only sigh.

I saw the tall green blades of grass
Wave in the air, and as I passed,
The great oak trees were whistling tunes,
The shrubbery sending forth perfumes.

The crickets jumped from place to place,
Grasshoppers seemed to hide in space.
The bees were finishing their work,
The ants are last their job to shirk.

But all was happy, yet not I,
For I could only sit and sigh.
I couldn't find a single thing
That didn't have some note to sing.

Just then I glimpsed a rose bush—bare,
Except for just one rose hung there.
I saw its petals faded red,
All drooping down to soon be dead.

I stood alone there by this rose,
It seemed together there we chose
To wait for brighter days ahead,
For now we both were facing dread.

To wait for joy to come again,
And take away the grief and pain.
"Dear God, please strengthen; give me grace
For every trial here I face.

I know that Thou alone can heal
The wounds of sorrow that I feel.
Please help me Lord, not to complain
When things go wrong and I am pained.

For like the rose I wish to be,
Just willing Lord, to trust in Thee
For brighter days ahead that lie,
When nothing drops its head to sigh."

Notice

To all F. W. B. Leagues of Central Conference of South Carolina! You are urged to attend the league convention which is to be held at White Savannah F. W. B. church on Saturday, May 7, 1950. Please be present.

Mrs. Franklin Eaddy, Cor. Secy.

THIS IS MICHIGAN ON THE MOVE

H. E. Willis, Th.G.
Reporter

The third Quarterly Meeting of the Wolverine Association for this year met at the Highland Park Church, March 30 through the 1st of April. This was indeed a great service. All eight of our churches were represented. Dr. Clarence H. Benson, Executive Secretary of the Evangelical Teacher Training Association spoke on Thursday evening. Rev. Tom Malone, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Pontiac, spoke on Friday night. Local pastors preached at other times during the sessions. Two men were ordained as deacons at the Saturday service. Rev. H. E. Willis was moderator.

Rev. Harold A. Pitts, pastor of Brilliant, Ala., is now preaching in a revival at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Hazel Park. Interest is good and the messages very inspiring.

The Breckenridge Church, Rev. Everett D. Hellard, pastor, will sponsor a Teachers' School beginning on Monday, April 17. Rev. H. E. Willis will be in charge, assisted by Rev. Raymond Riggs. A school closed on March 27 at the Hazel Park Church with 40 certificates of credit granted and two Teachers Certificates.

Rev. Edgil Howard has resigned as pastor of the Philadelphia Church, and his successor has not yet been selected. Mr. Howard is continuing to carry on the pastoral duties until the new pastor is called. Under Rev. Howard's leadership the church has grown in every respect. A building has been purchased, a new \$8,000.00 building site bought, and a fine program put into operation. May the blessings of the Lord be with Brother Howard in his new work.

Since Rev. Mark Lewis resigned as pastor of the First Church in Owensboro last January they have not been able to find a minister. This is a good opportunity for someone who is interested in the work.

The West Wayne Church is on the move! Rev. W. T. Newsome is pas-

tor. Their Sunday school is growing by leaps and bounds. Ms. Claude Pinkston is the efficient Supt.

The Highland Park Church has completed their \$33,000.00 addition and was crowded out at the Easter Services; Rev. Raymond Riggs, pastor. The Lord has raised up a fine young preacher in this church recently, Van Paschall.

Our church in River Rouge is planning to build soon. Rev. S. H. Lilly is pastor. The church in Flint is still operating with Rev. Geo. Warren, pastor. Rev. Warren has been in bad health for some time and is not able to carry on a full time program.

Our churches are over the top for Missions! We have already gone beyond the \$3,500.00 quota set for us to be raised by July. Of course we hope to continue to give. Rev. H. E. Willis, pastor of Hazel Park Church, is Missions Director.

IS GAMBLING A SIN? IF SO, WHY SO?

Gambling is contrary to the Golden Rule of Christ who said, "Do unto others as you would that others should do unto you." Gambling is contrary to the Ten Commandments, one of which says, "Thou shalt not steal." Stealing is taking something from another without giving a proper equivalent therefor—unless it is a gift; but the loss in a bet is not a gift by the loser to the winner.

Gambling is a parasitic activity and a Christian cannot be a parasite. Here is a gambling test as outlined in an English booklet:

(1) Does the action you are considering issue from a good or evil state of mind? (2) Does it express a good or an evil principle? (3) Does it produce good or evil results?

From the economic standpoint we are justified in taking money from another only if we have earned it by labor, or if we give to him its equivalent, or if we accept it as a token of affection.

Business is acquisitive in motive but it produces as well, while gambling scatters abroad. Business, of course, involves some risk, but it is

risk which is by every device possible reduced to a minimum. The gambler says that he is purchasing a thrill, but it is a false thrill involving reaction, and it is a thrill which, when realized, is offset by the disappointment of someone else.

Wherever gambling is tolerated good citizens find it a menace to prosperity and good order. A joint committee appointed by the Irish Free State government, which semi-officially conducts the Irish Lottery, reported: "The gambling craze has affected all persons in receipt of unemployment benefits and home assistance, and the total results are demoralizing, disorderly, uneconomic, thriftless."

The Dublin Mercantile Association stated to the Free State government: "We view with concern the amount of gambling in the Irish Free State which diverts both energy and money from Commerce and causes great disturbance to the public mind." The Cork Chamber of Commerce council declared:

"We deplore the growth of the habit of betting which has been stimulated by increased facilities, and we urge the government to check the evil."

The "Times" declared that: "The betting shops in the back streets are crowded from morning till night; the influence is an increasing course of want, dishonesty and idleness."

The American people may well congratulate themselves that they are not cursed by National or State lotteries, though some States do legalize some kinds of gambling, which is a disgrace and to their moral and economic injury.—The Civic Bulletin.

Correction

An error appeared in the March 29 issue of the Baptist paper in the article on page 5, entitled "Easter." Mrs. Damon C. Dodd's name should have been inserted in the place of Mrs. Mary R. Conrad. Mrs. Conrad's name was the only one at the end of the article where the lines of poetry were attached to it; therefore, the editor thought Mrs. Conrad was the writer of the article. We regret that this error occurred, though it was beyond our knowledge.—Ed.

The National Directory

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Taking in the Heart

A. C. Spellman

"Say not in thine heart."

It is the unspoken word spoken in the heart that God often hears better than some things we utter. We are prone to think because we leave the words unspoken they don't count. What we think in our hearts is seen in our character. "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he."

The inward man is after all the real man. We only see each other through the veil of our bodies. What a revelation there will be some day when every one will stand before the gaze of the whole universe just as he or she really is!

While you harbor fears and doubt or bitter thoughts in your heart, remember, you are talking these things in your heart, and God hears just as readily as though you spoke them with your lips—you cannot be full of joy and peace in the Holy Ghost. This issue from a different source and they cannot abide in the heart at the same time.

The reason more Christians are not filled with the Holy Ghost is because they do not guard their hearts. They need a good washing and cleansing by the precious Blood of Jesus. When all defilement is repudiated all debris is washed away by the Blood of Jesus. He the Holy One, has control.

The enemy of our souls can not keep the Holy Spirit with all His fullness out of our lives when we plead the precious shed Blood of Jesus as our cleansing from all sin, as little as you can keep the light out of a room when the windows are open, or rain from coming into the house when the roof is off. He takes full possession, He rules and reigns when we are willing to make a clean sweep and give Him full possession of our hearts. Remember, "Say not in thine heart." God looketh on the heart. He hears what the heart says, and when we repudiate sin and plead His shed Blood for our cleansing (I John 1:9), will He not take possession? See Revelation 3:20; I Corinthians 6:19.

Yes, He will come in.

God's Spirit Not Always Striving with Man

Tom West
Plymouth, N. C.
Route 1

"And the Lord said My spirit shall not always strive with man."—Gen. 6:3. And he will not let his children be tempted more than they can bear, for he has prepared the way of escape. He has his eye on his chosen ones. He knows the deep secrets of the heart. He knew that after the creation every thing fulfills its place except man. Man's heart was full of evil and lust of worldly things. We know that God loved man because he was made after the image of God.

After God saw how evil man was, he repented that he made him. God said, "I will destroy all wickedness from the earth." Yet there was one man who was in full submission to God. He was a man the scriptures said walked with God, and was faithful, Noah. God said, "My spirit shall not always strive with man." God had never failed to fulfill his promise. He promised Abraham that his seed would be in great numbers upon the earth. Abraham believed God, and was counted righteous, and Noah obeyed and his family was saved.

Moses was able to lead the children of Israel through the red sea by being submissive to God's will. He was able to feast on the manna that God sent from heaven to sustain life. He was an eye witness to see quail caught by human hands. He was able to smite the rock at the command of God and it gave water. He put the brazen serpent on a pole as an emblem of God's power. He was the one who said "All that is on the Lord's side come over," yet he was just a man, subject to a mistake. We find his mistake was fatal. God told him to speak to the rock and receive water. But Moses failed to obey God's word, using unnecessary energy. He smote the rock, and God said, "Moses, you have failed to sanctify in the eyes of these people. And you cannot go into that promised land, the land that flows with milk and honey." We can find every proof in both the Old and New Testaments where God has never been slack to his promises. We see Paul as he stands before Felix and the Spirit was striving with King Agrippa, and he said, "Thou almost persuaded me to be a Christian." We have no record of the next convenient day, so the Spirit had parted and Agrippa was doomed.

Last, but not least, we have the poor beggar who was laid at the rich man's gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table. Often God's Spirit will come in many different ways. It might be in a tragedy to some friend or loved one, it might be through some hardship or even through the prayer of some good saint, but if we fail, his word will stand, and he surely said, "My spirit will not all ways strive with man."

He who does not understand your silence will probably not understand your words.—*Elbert Hubbard.*

The habit of going to the bottom of a thing usually lands a man on top.

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

YOUTH SEEKING TO KNOW THE TRUTH

The youth of the church today are seeking more adequate knowledge concerning spiritual things. A great many of the teen-age girls and boys in the search of deeper truth of the fundamental teachings of the Bible than is generally obtained through reading religious books, the study of the Sunday School lessons, or the messages that they hear from the pulpits in general. They are seeking to be informed by Bible scholars the correct meaning of a great many doctrinal teachings of the Word of God, as for example: the Doctrine of the Holy Spirit and His works; the Doctrine of Satan and his power and influence over individuals; the Doctrine of Hell and Endless Punishment; the Doctrine of Regeneration; the Doctrine of Universal Love; the Doctrine of God's Eternal Judgement, etc.

They have inquiring minds to seek for the source, meaning and ultimate end of those divine things. They are to be carefully and safely taught, therefore, by well-informed Bible scholars concerning such spiritual truths, so that they will not be misled as to the real meaning of such Bible truths, nor to become skeptical of the real and full meaning which God has intended everyone to get from those Bible truths. It behooves the pastors, the Sunday School teachers, the Bible school teachers and leading lay workers in the local churches to do their part well by imparting unto the youth religious teachings which will adequately inform them of those fundamental doctrines of the Word of God.

Moreover, in cases where the youth are being well instructed concerning these spiritual matters, they are showing a deep concern for the work of the church, and for the salvation of the young people who are not saved in their church and community. In a great many sections of the country, it is being shown now that wherever youth movements for Christ are being sponsored and supported by the older church people of the local churches, those Christian young people are really doing things for the cause of Christ in their localities.

On the other hand, it may be expected that, in those communities where the youth are neglected by the adult

church people, and are not shown nor taught the truths of the Bible adequately by the well informed, when such Bible questions arise in their minds, indeed it may be expected that a great many of those young people will become cold and indifferent concerning certain fundamental teachings of the Bible, and also negligent toward their church relationships. Is it not right that they should be taught the truth of the Bible? Should their searching questions be ignored by the pastor, the Bible School teachers, the lay leaders of the church? To the minds of a great many of them, they are certain scriptural teachings that seem to be contradictory and absurd. They want to know how to study and to compare, and analyze the teachings that seem to be confusing to their minds. The way for this to be done adequately is for the qualified Bible scholars of their churches and Sunday Schools to give them lectures and teachings of clarification of these portions of scripture that seem to confuse their minds. They should not be turned away by the adult members of the church, when they are sincere in their search for the truth of God's word.

The great command is: "Search the Scriptures;" become acquainted with their purpose and meaning; appropriate their use to your own daily living, and seek to impart such truths unto others that they too may become informed and thereby receive a great blessing.

The greatest joy that can come to any young people of the church is the knowing the Word of God in a good way, and the doing things in their church and community for the religious life of that community. There are innumerable things that they can and will do for the cause of Christ in their church, Sunday School, Young People's League, and other local church organizations if they are encouraged and given opportunity by the older church people to do it. They by nature want to be doing things, and when they are full of zeal to do Christian works, they certainly should be encouraged, properly taught, and then enthusiastically supported by all the church people in the good things which they need to do for the religious advancement of their community. Happy are they who rejoice in doing things for the Master's cause.

PROGRAM FOR LEAGUE UNION

Third District, Eastern Conference

F. W. B. Church, Jacksonville, N. C.

April 29, 1950

Program—to be presented by Jacksonville
Leaguers
Election of officers for next year
Benediction

A. P. Hill, Jr.
Lemmie Taylor
The Committee

held Thursday, April 27, at 1:15 P. M. in a down-town Hotel in Nashville, Tenn. Given in honor of the '50 Graduating Class.

There is a very interesting program being planned for the day, which includes special singing, speaking and praise service.

There will be a short business session in the afternoon. Some very important business will be presented, so every alumnus is urged to be present. Please send in your reservations as soon as possible to: Rev. Damon Dodd, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee.

ALUMNI BANQUET

BIBLE CONFERENCE WEEK

The annual F. W. B. C. Alumni Banquet during Bible Conference week will be

Opening Song—"Onward Christian Leaguers"

Devotions—Lead by Billy Oliver

Welcome—Phyllis Carter

Response—

Message from League Union President

Middlesex Orphanage

Orphanage Operational Expenses Cut in 1949

When an annual summary of our operations here at the home was prepared during the earlier part of this year for the year 1949, we noted with interest how it compared with the report for the year 1948. We were pleased to see that in 1949 it cost more than \$8,750.00 less to operate the home during the past year than in 1948. This represents a reduction of approximately 15% in cost of operation, a substantial decrease when we consider that during the same period of time living cost in the United States was reduced only about 2½%. During this period we not only reduced operational cost but we also cared for an average of five more children during 1949 than in 1948. The cost per child per day's care at the Home in 1948 was \$2.37 while in 1949 it was \$1.90, a saving of \$.47 per child per day to the institution.

We find that this reduced cost of operation during the past year was realized as a result of several factors. (1) It was realized that our orphanage is not only a home provided by Free Will Baptist throughout the State to care for orphan boys and girls but it is also a business. We did and still believe that it is and should be the business of the administration and Board of Trustees of the Home to operate it as efficiently as possible. This we have tried to do, because we owe it to our thousands of friends and supporters and to ourselves.

(2) By employing only the necessary help here at the Home and making some adjustment in salaries, there was a decrease in the amount spent for salaries in each of the divisions of administration, institutional care of children and in plant operation and maintenance. Practically all hired help was avoided on the farm and in the other phases of the work. Only that which we could not do was hired done.

(3) A saving of more than \$3,000.00 on food purchases was realized during 1949 over 1948. A part of this saving resulted from the slight reduction in general food cost, however, the majority resulted from the practice of buying as much of the food as possible wholesale prices instead of at retail prices.

(4) The cost of fuel, gasoline, electricity, etc., was more than \$1,000.00 less in 1949 than in 1948. This was realized as the result of a definite effort to make more efficient uses of those products.

We find that although it cost us much less to actually operate the Home during the last year than it did in 1948, it cost us more to get out and get the money with which to operate the home. Three Concert Classes were maintained on the field during

the past year during the summer months. We know that our people look forward to our children visiting their churches during the summer months, and we are glad you do, but it is often both tiring and strenuous on the child to be on tour of the churches for three months in succession during the summer.

Our cost for education were slightly higher during the past year because we had more children in school to pay fees for, and too, a number of our children have had the opportunity to take music for the first time during this year. We believe that money spent to help develop the children's talents is spent wisely, because one of our purposes is to provide training for our boys and girls that will enable them to develop into useful men and women.

We were able to invest several thousand dollars in new buildings during the year, adding to the value of our plant here. We are anxiously hoping and working toward finishing our boy's cottage and the church during the year—your help is needed!

We are hoping and praying that this year—1950—will be the best year in the history of our institution. Let us all join together and work toward this end. We believe that our hearts will be made glad in our Master's Service if we will remember that "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."—Matt. 25:40.

MARCH RECEIPTS FOR 1950

Note: Receipts have been mailed to each individual auxiliary or person contributing but totals here are shown for all amounts from each church, regardless of organization through which it came for the period covered. Our books and files are open at all times for inspection or checking for any particular receipt. Receipts reaching our office later than Saturday, April 1, will appear in the April report.

GENERAL FUND

CENTRAL	
Bethany	6.95
Howell Swamp	5.00
Marlboro	4.77
Hull Road	14.00
Winterville	11.00
Gum Swamp	6.69
Greenville	26.57
Spring Branch	10.00
Shiloh	25.00
Saratoga	8.50
Aspin Grove	9.00
St. Delight	35.00
Rose Hill	24.46
Grimley	15.00
La Grange	19.02
Total	\$220.96

WESTERN	
Marsh Swamp	\$ 20.00
Orphanage Memorial Chapel	8.69
2nd District Auxiliary Convention	21.98
Piney Grove, Johnston County	35.35
Shady Grove	5.00
Union Grove, Wayne County	20.00
Everetts Chapel	46.16
Pleasant Plain	33.00
Rock Springs	5.34
Friendship	7.86
Total	\$203.38

EASTERN	
Oriental	\$ 4.05
Wintergreen	1.00
Core Creek	32.00
St. Mary's	19.62
Mt. Zion, Onslow County	2.00
Whaley's Chapel	14.61
Dublin Grove	8.99
Warden's Grove	7.50
Gethsemane	5.00
Davis	12.50
Kinston	30.00
Ruth's Chapel	7.96
Friendship	67.59
Bridgeton	6.00
Soundview	10.00
St. Delight	31.35
Union Chapel	8.71
Auxiliary Convention	70.00
Sneads Ferry	4.11
St. Johns Chapel	10.00
Macedonia	18.03
Folkstone	7.01
Oriental	3.86
Total	\$381.89

CAPE FEAR	
Lee's Chapel	\$ 4.51
Robert's Grove	5.00
Prospect	1.00
Powhatan	5.00
Shady Grove	1.10
Smithfield	1.50
Total	\$ 18.11

FRENCH BROAD	
Horney Heights	\$ 5.00
Avery's Creek	4.63
Canton	15.00
Beaverdam	5.00
Cedar Hill	12.00
Mountain View	20.00
Total	\$ 61.63

ALBEMARLE	
Piney Grove, Beaufort County	\$ 12.68

PIEDMONT	
Arrington Heights	\$ 20.00

ROCKFISH	
Hickory Grove	\$ 5.46

TOE RIVER	
Curtiss Creek	\$ 5.00

PEE DEE	
Mill Rock	\$ 2.00

JACK'S CREEK	
Liberty	\$ 21.50

MISCELLANEOUS	
Refunds	\$107.73
Cash Sales (Farm)	8.40
Parents and Relatives of children	\$147.40
Stallings Ezzo Station	5.20
Coupons	11.09
Young People's Friend Subscriptions	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Liverman	5.00
A. C. Snipes	4.50
Total	\$287.32

J. C. GRIFFIN'S ITINERARY

CAPE FEAR

Riverside -----	\$ 15.00
Yelverton's Grove -----	10.00
Goldsboro -----	48.25
St. Johns -----	30.00
Daily's Chapel -----	53.40
Casey's Chapel -----	77.04
Bethel, Lenoir County -----	25.00
Tee's Chapel -----	41.00
Lanwood's Chapel -----	10.21
Total -----	\$309.90

SEWING MACHINE FUND

Elm Grove Auxiliary, Central -----	\$ 5.00
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MATTRESS FUND

Core Creek, Eastern -----	\$ 27.00
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PIG FEEDING FUND

Robert's Grove Sunday School, Cape Fear -----	\$ 25.00
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DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Friendship Auxiliary, Western -----	\$ 5.00
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MUSIC FUND

Kinston Auxiliary, Eastern -----	\$ 10.00
Greenville Auxiliary, Central -----	10.00
Little Rock Auxiliary, Western -----	10.00
Grimsley Auxiliary, Central -----	1.15
Smithfield Auxiliary, Cape Fear -----	5.00
Total Music -----	\$ 36.15

CLOTHING FUND

EASTERN

Sandy Plain Auxiliary -----	\$ 30.00
Union Chapel -----	30.00
Sunnyside Circle, St. Mary's -----	30.00
Union Chapel, Circle 1, Beaufort Co. -----	30.00
Bridgeton -----	30.00
Adult Class Morehead City S. S. -----	30.00
Auxiliary Convention -----	30.00
Snow Hill Auxiliary -----	30.00
Core Creek Auxiliary -----	30.00
Arapahoe Auxiliary -----	65.00

CENTRAL

St. Delight -----	\$ 30.00
Grimsley Auxiliary -----	30.00
Elm Grove Auxiliary -----	30.00
Greenville Auxiliary -----	30.00
Piney Grove, Pitt County -----	30.00

ALBEMARLE

Sunbeam Bible Class, Malachi's Chapel -----	\$ 30.00
Malachi's Chapel Auxiliary -----	30.00
Welcome Bible Class, Malachi's Chapel -----	30.00

WESTERN

Holly Springs Auxiliary -----	\$ 30.00
Friendship Auxiliary -----	30.00
Marsh Swamp Auxiliary -----	30.00
Pleasant Plain Auxiliary -----	30.00
Edgemont Missionary Society -----	30.00
Rains Cross Roads Auxiliary -----	30.00
Little Rock Auxiliary -----	30.00
Free Union, Nash County -----	30.00

PIEDMONT

Goshen Grove Auxiliary -----	\$ 30.00
Cramerton Auxiliary -----	30.00

CAPE FEAR

Bethel, Johnston County -----	\$ 30.00
St. Johns Auxiliary -----	30.00
Prospect Auxiliary -----	30.00
Goldsboro Auxiliary -----	30.00
Tabernacle Missionary Society -----	30.00

FRENCH BROAD

Swannanoa Sunday School -----	50.00
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Total Clothing Fund -----	\$1,075.00
Total General Fund -----	\$1,239.93
Total Sewing Machine Fund -----	5.00

Total J. C. Griffin's Itinerary -----	309.90
Total Clothing Fund -----	1,075.00
Total Mattress Fund -----	27.00
Total Pig Feeding Chain Fund -----	25.00
Daily Vacation Bible School -----	5.00
Music Fund -----	36.15

Grand Total Receipts -----\$2,722.98

BUDGET RECEIPTS

Eastern Conference -----	\$7,179.39
Central Conference -----	5,863.96
Western Conference -----	5,395.79
Cape Fear Conference -----	3,215.01
Albemarle Conference -----	690.23
Jack's Creek Association -----	626.27
French Broad Association -----	723.80
Piedmont Association -----	672.77
Pee Dee Association -----	386.22
Rockfish Association -----	85.33
Toe River Association -----	5.00
Western Yearly -----	5.00

Total Budget -----\$24,848.77

R. McLeod, Treasurer

DONATED COMMODITIES

Mrs. Eugene Underwood, clothing -----	\$ 3.00
Mrs. Walter Garrison, Clothing -----	8.98
Rainbow Restaurant, Dishes -----	5.00
Sts. Delight, Central, Lard -----	7.00
R. A. Parker, food -----	5.00
J. H. Parker, food -----	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Speight, food -----	6.39
Markets Division, N. C. Dept. Agri., food -----	39.60

Total Value -----\$99.97

Walter McD. Croom, Supt.

Expensitures for December, January, February

Salaries -----	\$2,780.50
Office supplies -----	138.34
Telephone and Telegraph -----	88.24
Insurance (All) -----	810.12
Conference expense (Inc. Board) -----	259.24
Financing and Publicity -----	447.39
Administrative Travel -----	191.80
Food -----	1,468.83
Clothing -----	114.72
Laundry -----	74.37
Household supplies -----	102.25
Recreation -----	40.03
Travel relating to care of children -----	13.86
Health -----	97.63
Education -----	39.97
Fuel, lights, water, etc. -----	1,142.64
Plant replacement and repair -----	452.77
Farm supplies -----	538.14
Farm replacement and repair -----	309.17
Replacement of livestock -----	65.56
Young People's Friend (Printing and mailing) -----	40.72
Repayment of money borrowed from outside sources -----	213.24

Total operating expenses -----\$9,429.52

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Capital loans repaid -----	\$ 426.33
Landscaping (Albemarle Cottage) -----	125.00
Annuity Bond interest payments -----	120.00

Total capital expenses -----\$ 671.33

Grand total expenses for quarter -----\$10,100.85

Walter McD. Croom, Supt.
R. McLeod, Treasurer

Attend the National Association of Free Will Baptists, July 11-14, 1950, Richmond, California.

PROGRAM

of the
First Union Meeting

of the
Western Conference

convening with

Mount Zion Church
Wilson County, N. C.

on

April 29, 1950

- 9:30—Devotions, Rev. M. L. Johnson
- 9:45—Welcome by pastor
- Response, delegate from St. Mary's church
- Roll call of ministers, churches, and delegates
- 10:45—Orphanage news
- 11:00—Song service, Rev. G. C. Joyner
- 11:30—Sermon, Rev. Wingate Hansley
- 12:00—Lunch

AFTERNOON

- 1:30—Devotions, Rev. Walter Williams
- 1:45—Address, "Work of the Union," Rev. R. N. Hinnant
- 2:15—Business, reports of boards and committees
- 3:00—Adjournment

Rev. Willie Renfrow, Moderator
C. S. Hinnant, Clerk
Mrs. Luther Kirby, Program Comm.

Tribulation is the soil in which patience grows (Rom. 5:3, 4) and from none other will the plant bear so abundantly the fruit of joy.

CRAGMONT NEWS

The Dates for opening have been set, and you are ready to go, we hope!
Ministers Conference—June 5-9.

Sunday School Superintendents—June 12-17.

Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors—June 19-24.

Summer School for Christian Workers
June 26—August 4, Inclusive.

Young People—Aug. 7-12.

Woman's Week—Aug. 14-21.

Special Groups—August 21--Sept. 1.

Registration fee—\$2.00 per Institute

Room and Board—\$2.00 per day

Campers Insurance—\$.50 per week

For other information write, Registrar or Director.

Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, N. C.

James A. Evans, Pres.

:-: Department of Foreign Missions :-:

FELIX CRUZ, FAITHFUL CHRISTIAN WORKER

If it were possible for you who have prayed for the Cuban mission to come personally in touch with our Cuban Christians and see their simple faith and God's answer to that faith, you would feel that your praying and giving has been well invested.

Felix Cruz, the man whom I want you to know, was born in the Canary Islands. He came to Cuba as an orphan at the age of fourteen. He is a very fine looking man of about sixty-five now with snow white hair and has been converted about two years. Nothing pleases him more than to talk about the Lord to every one he meets. I spent two days with Felix on a trip into the mountains, where he had spent a large part of his life, and was now bringing back to his people your missionaries for the first time.

Last Christmas Eve one of Felix's boys went to the highway to meet his brother who was coming home from Pinar del Rio to spend Christmas with the family. As Felix sat on the porch meditating the thought came to him that since it was Christmas Eve there would be much drunkenness and reckless driving. He felt definitely led to pray for his son at just about the time he would be arriving at the highway and did pray earnestly for him.

When the boy arrived at the highway a big truck coming at excessive speed hit the horse he was riding, but the boy was completely thrown free without a scratch. He contacted the local mounted police, but the truck had disappeared into the night. The horse died as a result of the wounds received. I had the privilege of leading the son to the Lord not long after this incident. Our people saved from Catholicism are deeply spiritual and by their simple faith put us of more mature Christian knowledge to shame.

Felix was taken very seriously ill and while he was suffering he prayed that if the Lord would raise him up from this illness he would begin to preach. His prayer was to be answered that same night. We met Felix on the road or he would have walked the eight miles to the service.

We held the second Gospel service in that same place recently. Five people had walked six miles to attend the service. The people we preached to heard the Gospel for the second time in their lives.

T. H. Willey

Report of National Foreign Missions Treasurer

Receipts itemized for March, 1950.

Brought forward from February \$ 285.99
Itemized receipts for March:

Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Barrow, Nashville, Tennessee	\$ 10.00
Western Quarterly Meeting of Cumberland Association of Tennessee	15.50
Woman's National Auxiliary Convention	48.59
Woman's National Aux. Convention, Barnard furlough	66.00
Shady Grove League, Hickory Point, Tennessee	5.00
Mt. Pleasant Church, Joelton, Tennessee	2.00
Verna G. Edson, La Mesa, New Mexico	5.00
Morehead City Jr. League, Morehead City, N. C.	2.90
East Nashville Church, East Nashville, Tennessee	150.00
Head's Church, Cedar Hill, Tennessee	5.00
Free Will Baptist Church, Clayton, Texas	4.40
Auxiliary of Open Pond Church, Jakin, Ga., Barnard furlough	10.00
Georgia State Association, Barnard furlough	36.00
Georgia Station Association	55.77
Highland ark Church, Highland Park, Michigan	150.00
Highland Park League, Highland Park, Michigan	15.00
Highland Park Auxiliary, Highland Park, Michigan	15.00
Highland Park Prayer Band, land Park, Michigan	15.00
Henryetta Church, Henryetta, Oklahoma	5.00

Olivet Church, Tennessee	25.00
Union Association of Tennessee	100.00
Shady Grove Church, Woodlawn, Tennessee	10.00
Girls at Middlesex Orphanage, N. C., for Zalene Lloyd	1.50
Missionary Prayer Band, Nashville, Tennessee., Barnard furlough	57.40
Bethlehem Church, Ashland City, Tennessee	16.20
Carl Vallance, Monaville, W. Va., Good Hope Church, Henderson, Texas	79.39
Duck Creek Church, Mounds, Oklahoma	5.26
State of Oklahoma	5.00
Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Barrow, Nashville, Tennessee, Christmas gifts to Cronks and Woolseys	65.11
Winfield Church, Winfield, Alabama	20.00
Rev. and Mrs. Jack Arnold, Gainsville, Texas	3.50
Union F. W. B. League, Thompsonville, Ill.	10.00
West Nashville Church, Nashville, Tennessee	13.17
Trinity Church Auxiliary, Nashville, Tenn., Barnard furlough	10.00
Carl W. Vallance, Monaville, W. Va.	5.00
Claude E. Sawyer, Donalds, S. C.	25.00
Grover Gould, Wellston, Ohio	10.00
New Hope League, Joelton, Tennessee	5.35
State of Oklahoma	2.08
Sr. League, Tulare Church, Tulare, Calif.	207.79
Bear Point Auxiliary, Sesser, Illinois	5.00
Heads Church, Cedar Hill, Tennessee	15.00
Spring Hill S. S., Lexington, Oklahoma	5.00
Fullstown and Huffman Churches, Alabama	15.08
New Prospect Church, Hyman, S. C.	7.00
W. A., St. John's Church, Florence, S. C.	14.00
Mrs. Thos. Howard, Ga., 2 copies "His Name Among All Nations"	5.00
Des Plaines Church, Des Plaines, Ill.	4.25
Shady Grove League, Hickory Point, Tenn.	15.50
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Thigpen, Nashville, Tenn.	4.00
Sylvan Park Church, Nashville, Tenn.	15.00
Cowart's Creek League, Ashford, Alabama	14.61
Southern Progressive Q. M., of Alabama	5.00
N. E. Mississippi Association	34.10
Piney Grove Church, Chipley, Florida	3.25
Freedom Church, Marion, Illinois	25.00

Subscription to the Review -----	1.00
F. W. B. B. C. Church, Nashville, Tennessee -----	201.54
State of Missouri -----	553.26
State of Missouri, Barnard fur- lough -----	5.95
State of North Carolina, Miss Lloyd -----	13.56
State of North Carolina, Mrs. Ste- vens -----	53.58
State of North Carolina, Car fund -----	254.29
State of North Carolina -----	704.72
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Total for month -----	\$3,272.60
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Grand total -----	\$3,558.59
Total Disbursements -----	1,037.69
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Balance in Treasury -----	\$2,520.90

Third-Quarter Report of the National Foreign Missions Treasurer

July 1, 1949 through March 31, 1950	
Brought forward from month of June -----	\$ 2,914.38
Received during combined nine months:	
North Carolina -----	8,461.12
Missouri -----	5,229.94
Oklahoma -----	3,369.13
Tennessee -----	3,030.96
Michigan -----	2,998.47
South Carolina -----	1,499.14
Georgia -----	1,292.69
Illinois -----	824.11
Texas -----	725.93
Virginia -----	705.28
Alabama -----	625.21
West Virginia -----	426.59
Arkansas -----	324.45
Kentucky -----	275.70
Mississippi -----	156.06
Florida -----	142.29
New Mexico -----	55.00
California -----	46.60
Kansas -----	28.00
Ohio -----	23.75
Indiana -----	15.00
Nebraska -----	4.00
Louisiana -----	2.00
Woman's National Aux. Convention -----	288.42
Cuban Association on loan -----	150.00
Subscription to the Review -----	21.00
Sale of "His Name Among All Nations" -----	70.25
Missouri Home Mission Board on Roach's Itinerary -----	143.19
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Total receipts for 9 months -----	\$30,934.28
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Grand Total -----	\$33,848.66
Disbursements for nine months -----	31,327.76
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Balance in Treasury April 1, 1950 -----	\$ 2,520.90

Report of National Foreign Missions Treasurer

Receipts by states during March, 1950	
Brought Forward from February --	\$ 285.99
Received by states during March:	
North Carolina -----	\$1,030.55
Tennessee -----	673.33
Missouri -----	559.21
Oklahoma -----	297.98
Michigan -----	195.00
West Virginia -----	104.39
Georgia -----	101.77
Illinois -----	68.67
Mississippi -----	34.10
South Carolina -----	29.00
Alabama -----	20.50
Texas -----	19.66
Ohio -----	5.35
California -----	5.00
New Mexico -----	5.00
Florida -----	3.25
Woman's National Aux. Convention -----	114.59
His Name Among All Nations --	4.25
Subscription to the Review -----	1.00
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Total for month -----	\$3,272.60
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Grand total -----	\$3,558.59
Total Disbursements -----	1,037.69
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Balance in Treasury -----	\$2,520.90

Chartered Pullman Car

Attend the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Richmond, California, July 11-14, 1950.

Arrangements are being made for a chartered pullman car leaving Wilson, Friday, July 7, 10:35 A. M. Arriving Richmond, California, Monday, July 10, 6:20 P. M. Return trip, Friday, July 14, 11:30 A. M., arriving in Wilson, Monday, July 17, 4:23 P. M.

FARES FOR TRIP

Clergy fare (on permit) round trip \$123.34.

Laymen round trip \$199.01
Pullman car \$92.00 per day
Estimated cost of parking pullman car for four days \$78.00

Total estimated cost of transportation and sleeping, clergy fare, \$178.87.
Laymen \$254.54 (estimated)
Meals will be extra.

The above rates are based on a minimum of eighteen passengers. Reservations will be open until May 15. For further information write to James A. Evans, 1108 South Tarboro Street, Wilson, North Carolina.

The Committee on Transportation

M. L. Johnson S. A. Smith
J. A. Evans

Attend the
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
Richmond, California
July 11-14, 1950

FIFTH EASTERN SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Sunday School Convention of the Fifth Eastern Union will be held at the Palmetto Chapel Church, April 30, 1950. This church is located near Vanceboro, on the old Washington Highway. A welcome is extended to all Sunday Schools of the District and a large attendance is expected to assemble for a most enjoyable day of Christian fellowship.

THEME: *Righteousness*

FIFTH EASTERN CONVENTION PROGRAM

- 10:00—Devotions Rev. Wm. Stillely
- 10:15—President's Message and Appointments
- 10:25—Minutes of last convention
- 10:30—Business session
- 10:55—Recording of Reports
- 11:00—Program by Home Sunday School
- 11:15—Song Service and Sermon—"Worship that Pleases God"
- 12:00—Dinner
- 1:00—Devotional Rev. Elbert Edwards
- 1:10—Sunday School Programs
- 1:45—Round Table Discussions (on theme)
- 2:15—Sunday School Programs
- 2:45—Reports and Banner
- 3:00—Dismissal

A glance at the faces of many of our lassies proves conclusively that our town is not lacking in "local color."



AMOS TEACHES ABOUT WORSHIP

(Lesson for April 30)

Lesson: Amos 4:4; 5:5-24.

Golden Text: Amos 5:24 R.V.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

1. The multiplication of false worship is nothing more than the multiplication of transgression (Amos 4:4).

2. It is not the transgressor who seeks the Lord and desires reconciliation, but the Lord seeks the transgressor (vs. 5:4).

3. There are definite places known as places of iniquity, and from these it is important that we should keep away (vs. 5).

4. Only those seek the Lord whom He seeks first, and those who find Him find life and salvation from eternal destruction (vs. 6).

5. It is possible to pervert justice and judgment even though one continues to carry on a nominal form of worship (vs. 7).

6. God's presence is always assured to the one who seeks that which is pleasing God (vs. 14).

7. Formal religion, however solemn or beautiful, is nauseating to God if it comes from insincere hearts (vs. 21).

8. Even costly sacrifices do not please the Lord if they are not motivated by love to Him (vs. 22).

9. A humble and sincere prayer is sweeter music to the Lord than the singing of trained choirs of unbelievers, or the music of perfectly attuned orchestras of the unsaved (vs. 23).

10. **Come to Bethel * * Gilgal** (Amos 4:4). These were two places sacred to every Israelite and used for worship. At Bethel God met Jacob with the vision of the ladder reaching to Heaven. At Gilgal Israel rested after crossing over into Canaan. Here Samuel went to worship God. Israel, when they were far from God

at heart, unscrupulous in their business dealings, crushing widows and orphans, robbing them of their last farthing, then used their ill-gotten gain for rioting and celebrating (vs. 1). They made nothing right, corrected none of their evils, never made confession or restitution, but they went regularly to these holy places and brought sacrifices. This added to their sin. When the public observes our devotions in God's house and then sees our double lives, we become a stumbling block and a curse to God's cause. This was the same in Jesus' time. Jesus said to the religious leaders, "You make long prayers for a pretense after devouring widows' houses" (comp. Mark 12:40). They evidently had one eye open for an opportunity to devour some more widows' houses. For evil influence, the much-despised tavern keeper has nothing on such religious pretenders. They do their sin openly and display it with appropriate signs. Does God desire tithes from stolen money?—Selected.

11. "The seven stars" means Pleiades, a loose cluster of stars in the constellation Taurus, six of which are visible to the eye. **Orion** is a large and bright constellation of eighty stars. "The Arabs called it 'the giant,' referring to Nimrod, the mighty hunter, who was fabled to have been bound in the sky for his impiety (Job 9:9; 38:31)." — Bible Dictionary. The phrase "shadow of death" means "deep darkness," for God turns the darkness of the night into the brightness of the day, and later makes the day dark with night, as the earth rotates on its axis about the sun. Likewise, God can and will cleanse the blackest hearts into clean and shining vessels of purity, when corrupt individuals will seek his grace and pardon. As the stars are under God's control in all of their operations, so vile sinners are not beyond his judgment, nor his tender mercy.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

12. The final passage (5:21-24) of this lesson reverts again to God's attempt by censure to make these people see the light. But even in this word of censure, there is still pleading in the invitation, "Let justice roll

down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream." See once again the wonderful heart of God. As the world of Amos' day tottered on the precipice of disaster, so our world totters. May God give to us so to live, so to speak, so to pray, so to give that men may be reached before it is eternally too late.—Moody Monthly.

II. The Lesson Illustrated

Waken Up!

A short time ago a locomotive engine was speeding along the North-West line, whilst the two men who were in it lay fast asleep. A sharp-eyed signalman, from his lookout, was alert enough to see how matters stood, and without a moment's delay telegraphed in advance to lay a fog-signal on the line, that the detonation might rouse the sleepers. Happily, it was done in time, and started from what might have been a fatal slumber, the men shut off steam, reversed the engine, and averted a terrible calamity. It is no breach of charity to suspect that some of you are hastening on to destruction, but know it not, for your consciences are asleep; and I would lay a fog-signal on the line that, ere you pass another mile, the crashing sound may rouse you to your danger, as you hear the voice of eternal truth declaring, "If ye live after the flesh, ye shall die!" —1000 Evangelistic Illustrations.

Shifting Responsibility

H. B. Gibbud once said that he knew of a man who used to sing Miss Havergal's hymn:

"Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee."
in this way:

"Take my wife and let her be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee."
—H. F. Sayles.

Some Parents Say

"We will not influence our children in making choices and decisions in matters of religion." WHY NOT?

The ads will! The press will!
The radio will! The movies will!
Their neighbors will! Their business will!
Their politicians will!

We use our influence over flowers, vegetables, cattle—shall we ignore our children?
—The Trumpeter

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

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New Bern, N. C.

The Woman's Central Auxiliary of North Carolina Holds Good Meeting

The Central District Woman's Auxiliary convention met on March 29, 1950, at Hull Road Church. The theme for the day was: "Advancing with Christ through the Woman's Auxiliary."

Mrs. C. L. Patrick had charge of the opening devotions, reading Psalm 46. Mr. George Harrison sang a solo entitled "Memories." Following the welcome address and the response, the ministers present were recognized. There were fourteen present during the day, which was a fine representation of our ministers.

The first and fifth vice-presidents' reports came next. Mrs. J. C. Moye, our fifth vice-president, asked that each auxiliary send a card, telling her what they do for the orphanage at Middlesex, North Carolina, as they do these things for the home. She also asked that each auxiliary send \$25 more for the work on the New Dormitory.

Mr. Walter Mc D. Croom gave a fine report on what the orphanage has been doing. He urged us to send coupons for they are a great help. An offering for the orphanage was taken, which amounted to \$70.58, and Mrs. J. C. Moye offered thanks.

After the congregation sang a hymn, Rev. C. L. Patrick brought our convention message. He used for his Scripture reference James 2:17-20, and talked to us about Faith and Works." His message inspired each one of us to resolve to go home and do more work, through faith in Christ.

Mrs. N. A. Clarke conducted the afternoon devotions, reading Second Timothy 2:15, and she used our theme for the day in her remarks. Mrs. N. E. Harris spoke for Cragmont, and urged everyone who could

to attend the assembly this summer. Then Mrs. Carl Barrow gave the second vice-president's report, and urged us to send to Anna Phillips Loan Fund money for to help worthy boys and girls to go to college.

Next came the reports of the third, fourth, and sixth vice-presidents, with Mrs. Bertha Harris, the sixth vice-president, asking that each auxiliary report to the new president by card what they do for superannuation. Mrs. C. A. Eubanks, our Field Worker, gave her report, and she had visited only one church. Our field worker can't go to your church unless you ask her, so get busy and put our new Field Worker on the field.

Rev. D. W. Alexander spoke on the behalf of the Press concerning subscriptions to the Free Will Baptist paper, and the contest. May we urge that each auxiliary member do her best to enlist subscribers. Rev. D. W. Hansley spoke on the behalf of Christian education, and urged us to send our money to the Anna Phillips Loan Fund, instead of giving donations to individual students.

After Mrs. J. J. Carroll reported on our Officers Training Day, which was held in November, Mrs. Gertrude Ballard spoke for Cragmont. She urged that at least one person from each auxiliary attend. We feel sure you will never regret having been to Cragmont.

The minutes were read and adopted, and all the committee reports were read and accepted. We are to meet with Marlboro Church in September. Delegates to other conventions were appointed.

We want to say a few words about the special music during the day. It was beautiful and we feel sure everyone present greatly enjoyed it. Music is something everyone enjoys.

Mrs. R. B. Crawford conducted a very touching candle-light installation of officers. Following this installation, Mrs. Paul Thigpen, our

new president, led us in the benediction.

Your new officers and their addresses are as follows:

President, Mrs. Paul Thigpen, Stantonsburg, N. C.

First ice-President, Mrs. C. L. Patrick, Grifton, N. C.

Second Vice-President, Mrs. Carl Barrow, Route 2, Snow Hill, N. C.

Third Vice-President, Mrs. R. S. Pollard, 112 Wade Street, Greenville, N. C.

Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. C. A. Eubanks, Route 1, Kinston, N. C.

Fifth Vice-President, Mrs. J. C. Moye, Snow Hill, N. C.

Sixth Vice-President, Mrs. Frank Walston, Route 2, Walstonburg, N. C.

Treasurer, Mrs. Jesse Harris, Route 1, Enfield, N. C.

Secretary, Mrs. Marvin Moore, Route 1, Scotland Neck Neck, N. C.

Field Worker, Mrs. J. C. Edmundson, Pikeville, N. C.

May I suggest that you clip these names and addresses, and place them in your Auxiliary Yearbook, so that you will know who your new officers are. I would also like to say that the reports for the last six months were the best yet—with three A-1 auxiliaries this time. We are proud of you.

Mrs. J. C. Edmundson,
Retiring President,
Mrs. Marvin Moore,
Secretary

Auxiliary Report of Union Grove

The Woman's Auxiliary of Union Grove church, (wayne county) has another year's work as history. All has not been done that could have been, so we are looking forward toward another year with, "fields so white for harvest."

Our president, Mrs. Raymond Sullivan, has given of her service to such an extent that we all feel the need to work more diligently. All the officers have cooperated very nicely during the year's work.

One of the highlights of the year was the Stewardship night program for the new converts of our church, arranged by Mrs. Alton Holland, 3rd vice-president. There were approximately 70 to welcome the 25 new converts, including auxiliary members and their husbands. The speaker for the evening was Rev. M. L. Tyndall, Kinston, N. C., giving helpful advice for the newcomers. The converts were presented with a

Bible from the Auxiliary also dinner was served in attractively arranged rooms. Everyone enjoyed the night and we trust it will help the converts to have more zeal to work for the Master. Our 3rd vice-president also has conducted two study courses during the year. Each one causing much interest for our Master's work.

The 2nd vice-president has efficiently filled her position, especially working with the young people.

Two youth organizations have been organized, also the "Youth for Christ" rally which has helped our young people as well as those in near-by communities. Only with the help of our wonderful Master has these things been made possible. Various things have been done by the other vice-presidents and we feel that the new officers have great plans for the new year's work through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

By reporter, Mrs. Zeb Whaley
3rd Vice-president

Thompson F. W. B. Church Holds Auxiliary Meeting

Thompson Church held its regular monthly meeting, Thursday, March 30, 1950.

The meeting was opened by the members singing the hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers" and prayer was offered by Mrs. J. W. Tully.

The program from the year book of programs was used and the topics, "Advancing with Christ in Cuba," was very interesting, and inspiring, to all that were present.

The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved. An offering for foreign missions was taken. The members present for this meeting were Mrs. J. W. Tully, Mrs. Edgar Smith, Mrs. F. E. Scarborough, Mrs. Clifton Powell, Mrs. Eugene Middleton, Mrs. L. E. Tenir, Miss Jeanette Tenir, Mrs. Lawrence West, and Mrs. Vivian Grow. The meeting was closed with song and prayer.

We are asking all Christians to pray for us that the work may continue to move forward and that many more precious souls may be added to the church.

Mrs. Eugene Middleton, reporter

Alcohol a Narcotic Poison

Alcohol in beer, wine and whiskey is a narcotic, a poison, a habit-forming drug. That's why it is "no good for our children."

Dr. Emil Bogen, noted toxicologist says: "The very first thing that alcohol does is to attack the highest abilities, the parts of the brain that have to do with judgment, reason and the control of behavior. Alcohol slows down the brain." Mankind never can have "the brains to use them the way liquor should be used," because alcohol destroys the kind of brain power needed to tell a drinker when he has had enough.

CHILDREN'S STORYLAND

NELDA'S PAID DEBT

Zella Lindsey

Nelda had cut through the park to get home after children's meeting. In a path lay a little pink paper. "You May Not Think So," it said. Would she think so or would she not? Nelda picked it up to find out.

"You may not think so, but you are a sinner," she read. "God's Word says so. Let me ask you something. Do you ever complain? Or disobey your parents? Or quarrel? All these things are sins. The Bible says, 'Do all things without murmuring.' 'Obey your parents.' 'Let nothing be done through strife.'"

"Why, I never thought of little things like those as sins, thought Nelda. She read on, "If you counted up the times you have been guilty of these three sins alone, it might surprise you."

The paper was torn off just there. And for the first time in her life Nelda began to think about her sins. How many sins did God have against her?

At home Nelda went to her room. She took her pencil and began to figure. "I complain about having to help with the dishes," she thought. "I'm sure I disobey my father or my mother at least once a day—often more times than that. And Burton and I often fuss—there's three for every day in the year. Let's see. Three hundred sixty-five days in a year, times three. That makes 1095 sins for just one year—and I've been old enough to sin for at least three years. That makes 3285 sins against me!"

Nelda became miserable. When she thought of God it seemed as if 3285 sins were between her and Him. She determined not to let any more pile up—she would be good from now on. But the next morning she quarreled with Burton and even found herself complaining after dinner over having to help with the dishes.

"It's just no use," she said to herself. "I can't be good, no matter how hard I try. I'm not going to that old meeting any more!" But a little friend came by and coaxed so hard that Nelda finally went, after all.

As Nelda sat in the service she began again to long to be right with God.

"I know," she thought to herself, "I'll do some good things for people. There's crabby old Mrs. Hayes—I'll go read to her every week. That surely ought to make up for a few of my sins. I'll do the dishes for Mother every meal. I hate that job, so that ought to make up for a lot of the bad things I've done. Maybe some day I can do enough to get rid of all my sins—

and now if I'm real careful not to sin any more—"

Just then everybody stood. It was time to memorize the Bible verse for the day:

"For by grace are ye saved, through faith * * * not of works, lest any man should boast," quoted the evangelist, having the children repeat it after him. "Doing good deeds won't make anyone a Christian, or get rid of a single sin," he explained. And all Nelda's hopes crashed.

After the service was over Nelda asked, "Suppose you had over three thousand sins against you, what would you do? You said doing good wouldn't get rid of any sin?"

"Nelda," said he, "if you had gone along in front of some houses in Bible days you would have seen on the door a big nail holding a piece of paper. On that paper was a list of debts the man inside the house had once owed someone. Now it was a serious thing to be in debt—if the debt were not paid the poor man would be put in prison. But a friend had paid the debt. Then he had taken the debtlist and nailed it to the poor man's door. That was a sign to everyone that the debt had been paid and there was no longer an account against him.

"You have just told me that God has a debt of sin against you. Is that right?"

"Yes, Sir," answered Nelda.

"Well, God knew that you never, never could pay your debt of sin. Only Jesus, His Son, who was without sin, could do that—and to do it would cost both the Father and Son far more than you or I can ever, ever know. But God loved you so much that He let His only Son, Jesus, pay your debt of sin, being crucified on the Cross. There He forgave you all sin, and God's Word says He blotted out the list of sins (handwriting of ordinances) that was against you, 'nailing it to His Cross'. Your debt has been paid."

"Really?"

"If you believe on Jesus. You see, Jesus paid the debt of sin for everybody. But only those get the benefit of it who give themselves wholly to Jesus, yielding to Him their wills so that they choose to live to please Him instead of to do what most pleases them. For those who do this, the debt of sin is cancelled, for they have become believers. Are you ready to give yourselves wholly to Him?"

"Oh, yes," exclaimed Nelda. "I'm sorry I've been so haughty. I don't want to ever displease him again. To think He's paid my debt of sin! I'll do dishes without complaining, and mind Mother, and give up to Burton—not to get rid of my sins, but because now I love Jesus!"

"Then suppose you tell Him so right now."

In a few minutes Nelda was fairly flying home. She could scarcely wait to tell her mother that now she was saved. And in her Bible is marked with red the part of Colossians 2:13, 14.—O. P. Boys and Girls.

South Carolina Sunday School Convention

The second session of the Sunday School convention of the Central Conference of South Carolina, convened with Oak Grove Free Will Baptist church on Saturday, April 8, 1950.

Five churches were represented, each church rendering a program. Most of the programs were very appropriately based on the resurrection, since it was Easter season.

Oak Grove showed their hospitality by their hearty welcome to the guest churches and also by the luscious dinner that was served.

The Sunday Schools taking part in this event were, Happy Home, Little Star, Little Bethel, Mt. Aerial and Oak Grove.

Please pray with us that this organization will do much for the upbuilding of His kingdom "through Christ which strengtheneth us."

The next Convention is scheduled to meet with Happy Home on Saturday, Oct. 7th, 1950. We wish to urge all Sunday Schools of the Central Conference to be present and take part in this next convention.

Mrs. Iris Eaddy, Secretary

The Flag

Here comes the flag,
Hail it!
Who dares to drag
Or trail it?
Give it hurrahs—
Three for the stars,
Three for the bars.
Uncover your head to it!
The soldiers who tread to it
The justice and right of it,
The unsullied white of it,
The blue and the red of it,
And tyranny's dread of it!

Here comes the flag,
Cheer it!
Valley and crag
Shall hear it.
Fathers shall bless it,
Children carress it,
All shall maintain it,
No one shall stain it,
Cheers for the sailors
That fought on the wave for it,
Cheers for the soldiers
That always were brave for it,
Tears for the men who
Went down to the grave for it.
Here comes the flag!

—Arthur Macy.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

Marion F. Whitman

It is with the deepest of regret that we announce the passing of our friend and Brother, Marion F. Whitman, into the great beyond. He departed this life on February 19, 1950.

Brother Whitman was 59 years of age at the time of his death. He had been a member of the Free Will Baptist church for more than 49 years. He was always faithful and ready to do his part, or even more in doing anything that he could for the church.

He gave the property where the Free Will Baptist church now stands in this town. He leaves to mourn their loss his faithful wife, Mrs. Selma Whitman, two sons, Glenn and Fred, two daughters, Mrs. Rebecca Smith and Mrs. Eva Benniefield, and also eleven grandchildren, three brothers, and two sisters, besides a host of other relatives and friends. We feel that our loss is his heavenly gain.

A precious one from us has gone,
A voice we loved is still,
A place has been made vacant
Which never can be filled.

Dear children look to Jesus,
As you know your Father did,
Walk ever in his footsteps,
Let your life in Him be hid.

Then just inside the Portals,
When your race on earth is run,
You'll meet again in heaven,
At the setting of life's sun.

Written by a friend, Mrs. James Pugh,
Brilliant, Alabama.

Resolution of Respect

Whereas, God giveth and taketh away, and as the year 1949 was bidding us goodbye, December 31, there was a beloved member of our church, Rev. E. G. Holland, who was saying to loved ones, "Farewell."

Those who knew him feel, as his family does, "He hath done what he could." These words are the inscription for his grave marker.

The members of Holly Springs Church beg to submit these resolutions:

First, Though we miss him, we feel that he had ably filled his mission on earth. For many years he had been an ordained minister of the gospel of the Free Will Baptist denomination, and a deacon hard

to replace. He loved his church, and its various organizations. He was always willing to contribute to their support;

Second, That we extend to the family our sincere sympathy. May the Lord comfort them in their sorrow; and

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to the Free Will Baptist Press for publication, and a copy be placed on the records of the church.

Mr. T. E. Stancil,
Mrs. T. E. Stancil, Committee

ITINERARY

REV. REX WEATHERMAN, SUPT. OF
THE CHILDREN HOME, TEXAS WEST
FORK ASSOCIATION, RINGLING,
OKLAHOMA

Sunday night, April 16, First Free Will Baptist church, Weatherford, Texas.
Monday night, April 17, Gartsman View church, Comanche, Texas.

Tuesday night, April 18, South Side church, Comanche, Texas.

Wednesday night, April 19, First Free Will Baptist church, Comanche, Texas.

Thursday night, April 20, First Free Will Baptist church, Waco, Texas.

Friday night, April 21, First Free Will Baptist church, Dallas, Texas.

Saturday night, April 22, Bonnie View church, Dallas, Texas.

Sunday night, April 23, Trinity church, Fort Worth, Texas.

Monday night, April 24, First Free Will Baptist church, Fort Worth, Texas.

Tuesday night, April 25, New Salem church, Decatur, Texas.

Wednesday night, April 26, First Free Will Baptist church, Bowie, Texas.

Thursday night, April 27, First Free Will Baptist church, Denison, Texas.

There are three other churches in our association that we didn't know how to contact. We had such a short time to plan this itinerary. We had a letter from Brother Weatherman today, wanting to visit our association the last of April, so if these dates do not meet with your approval, let us know by return mail. I have already mailed out cards to you. Brother Weatherman has already visited the Pleasant Mound church, showing some slide pictures of the children, and home. We enjoyed it very much. Let us give to this worthy cause.

Mrs. R. E. Conner,
Director of Children Home,
West Fork Association

Why is your good intention usually like sweet milk in July? Because it does not keep overnight.

Life's greatest tragedy is the man with a ten by twelve intellect and a two by four soul.

PROGRAM

of the

Albemarle District

Sunday School Convention

to convene with

Shiloh Church, Beaufort Co.

April 30, 1950

10:00—Opening devotions conducted by Mr. John Latham

10:15—Remarks by the president

10:25—Roll call of ministers

—Recognizing the visiting ministers

10:40—Reading the minutes of last convention

—Reports given of the various Sunday Schools

11:00—Special music by the host church

11:10—Sermon—Rev. J. R. Bennett

—Offering for the orphanage

12:00—Adjourn for lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00—Song service and devotion conducted by Mr. David Furlough

1:15—Business, old and new

1:45—Special music

1:55—Talk

2:15—Treasurer's report and adjournment

By the committee

PROGRAM

of the

Albemarle District

League Convention

to convene with

Shiloh Church, Beaufort Co.

April 30, 1950

Theme: Consecrated Challenge (II Tim. 2:2.)

SATURDAY EVENING

8:00—Devotional service by Tom West

3:15—President's remarks

—Roll call of churches

—Reading of last minutes

8:45—Program by the local church

—Special music by the church

9:15—Speaker, Rev. T. F. Davenport

—Committee reports

Closing hymn and benediction

Mrs. R. L. Waters, Comm.

Attend the National Association of Free Will Baptists, July 11-14, 1950, Richmond, California.

PROGRAM

of the

Third Union Meeting

of the

Western Conference

to convene at

West Hillsboro, N. C.

MORNING SESSION

10:00—Opening worship service by local church

10:15—Welcome address by Rev. Samuel Joyner

—Response by visitor

10:20—Moderator's remarks and organization of the Union

10:35—Business session

11:00—Special music—to be furnished

11:30—Sermon—to be supplied

12:00—Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00—Afternoon devotional by Rev. E. B. Williams

1:15—Business session

2:00—Closing business and reports

3:00—Adjournment

By the Moderator,
R. P. Harris

PROGRAM

of the

Central Texas District
Sunday School Convention

to convene with

Houston F. W. B. Church
4406 Brady St.,
Houston, Texas

April 30, 1950

Presiding: Rev. H. Ray Berry, President

MORNING SESSION

9:30—Assembly music, Jane Berry, Houston; Miriam Barrow, Bryan

9:45—Sunday School

10:45—Union Choir, Wesley Calvery, Choir Director, Bryan, Texas

11:00—Who's Here, Rev. H. Ray Berry

—Announcements

11:15—Teaching Teachers, Rev. Damon C. Dodd

12:00—Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:15—Assembly Music, Jane Berry, Miriam Barrow

1:30—Union Choir, Wesley Calvery

1:45—Devotional, Martha Sue Burney, Bryan

1:55—Solo, Jess E. Hensarling

2:05—Business Session

—Committee Reports

2:30—What Happened at Camp Last Year? What We Expect This Year, Mrs. H. Ray Berry, Houston

2:45—Piano Duet, Jane Berry, Miriam Barrow

3:00—The Superintendent's Responsibility, Rev. N. Bruce Barrow, Bryan

3:15—Reading, Carolyn Wood, Huntsville

3:25—A More Definite Purpose on the Part of the Whole Sunday School, Mrs. Effie Hibbetts, North Zulch, Texas

3:35—Business Session

—Election of Officers

4:00—Adjournment

An educational exhibit of Sunday School helps from the Nursery through the Adult School is on display. Courtesy Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina.

PROGRAM

of the

Sunday School Convention

of the

Second Union

of the

N. C. Central Conference

convening with

Piney Grove Church
Pitt County

on

April 30, 1950

Theme: Exalting Christ

MORNING SESSION

10:00—Sunday School by the local church

11:00—Devotions by Grimsley S. S.

11:15—Address of welcome by Mrs. Jane Tyson Tripp

—Response by Mr. Connie Hines

—Remarks by Mr. Junior Lee Dail, President

—Special music by Grimsley S. S.

11:30—Convention sermon by Rev. David Hansley

12:00—Business period

—Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00—Devotions led by Hugo S. S.

1:15—Memorial service for Rev. James Phillip Woodard, arranged by Mr. C. E. Davenport, and assisted by members of Reedy Branch and Ayden churches

1:45—Business period

—Oral reports by delegates

2:15—Daily Vacation Bible School presented by corresponding secretary

—Miscellaneous business

—Adjournment

By the committee

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Just the Same Today

When Moses and his people
From Egypt's land did flee,
Their enemies behind them,
And in front of them the sea,
God raised the waters like a wall
And opened up the way,
And the God that lived in Moses' time
Is just the same to-day.

When David and Goliath met,
The wrong against the right—
The giant armed with human power
And David's with God's might;
God's power with David's sling and stone
The giant low did lay,
And the God that lived in David's time
Is just the same to-day.

When Pentecost had fully come,
And the fire from Heaven did fall,
As a mighty wind the Holy Ghost
Baptized them one and all;
Three thousand got converted,
And were workers right away
And the God that lived at Pentecost,
Is just the same to-day.

—Anon.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 1950

Notice

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

Youth Rally Coming to Bridgeton

Union Grove F. W. B. Church near Goldsboro will visit the Bridgeton Church Saturday night, April 29, at 8:00 P. M. The youth of Union Grove have won great victories for the Lord since they began their wonderful work in August, 1949.

The Church of Bridgeton is looking forward to this being the beginning of a great youth revival through "Youth for Christ" in this district.

The Bridgeton church extends a very cordial invitation to all the surrounding churches. If you miss this rally, you will miss one of the greatest soul winning meetings of the day.

Alvin L. Stillely

Our Thanks to God

Ben L. Byer

In spring the leaves come out so green, And many a lovely flower,

HONOR ROLL

Table listing names and locations of contributors to the Honor Roll, including Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, Deep Run, N. C., and Mrs. Rom L. Mallard, Trenton, N. C., among others.

God causes them to grow and bloom

By sending sun and shower.

The birds return to bring us cheer,

And sing their happy songs,

And we should bring our thanks to God,

For praise to Him belongs.

YOUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Those who are sending tithes and offerings for the support of this work may rest assured that they are being used only for the furtherance of God's kingdom on earth.

Do you read your church papers?

Determined to Know Nothing but Christ

Scripture: I Corinthians 1:16.
Text: Verse 2.

There had come a division in the church at Corinth, because they seemed to be divided over the preachers, that is, which one of these men were right, Paul, or Apollos or Cephas who was Peter. Some said, "We will follow Christ." I Corinthians 1:11-12.

Maybe they questioned Paul's apostleship, because he was born out of season, there is no doubt some said Peter is orthodox, but we don't know about Paul. Now Apollos was a Greek by birth, and knew a lot about Greek philosophy and was very cultured, and a great spokesman, so, some said he is our man, and some believed in Paul.

Paul knowing their philosophical ideas about Christ, wrote this passage to let them know where he stood, and to show his determination to know only Christ and him crucified.

Question: What does it mean to know Christ?

Answer: For one to know Christ is first:

1. To know him personally.
2. To know who he was.
3. To know why he came into the world.
4. To know for whom he died.

In the first place, Paul was saying, "I am determined not to know the wisdom of this world. But to know the wisdom from above," (1:20-21). He was saying, "I am determined not to know purely an intellectual gospel, but the simple. What do we mean by intellectual gospel? 1. A gospel as conceived by the minds of men, apart from the Holy Spirit. What do we mean by a simple gospel? The word simple—if we are speaking of men, has a good and bad meaning. First, bad meaning, fools or block-headed. Second, good meaning, open-minded, innocent and sincere. So, Paul was saying, "I am determined to know the simple gospel, that is, as received in the heart and mind by the Holy Spirit. Yes, Paul was determined to be open minded, and sin-

cere, so he would be innocent when he stood before God.

In the second place, Paul was saying, "I am determined not to know the passion of this world. What do we mean by passion? Passion is a force that plays on the emotions; this force if yielded to, will rob one of self-control. I believe then, that Paul was saying, "I am determined not to know the philosophical conception of Christ and his kingdom, but to know him in spirit and in truth, and to know his passion for the lost world. Phil. 3:10, "that I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death." I believe in the third place, Paul was saying, "I am determined not to know the jealousy of the human heart. In Numbers 5:14, the word jealousy is used to explain the feeling between man and wife, when one is untrue to the other. Exodus 20:5, God said, "for I am a jealous God," and national Israel claimed to be the wife of Jehovah, then by worship of idols she according to her claim was untrue. So, my friends, God is the same yesterday, today and forever. When we accept Christ as our Saviour, and Lord, we are to be true to him. Paul said in II Cor. 11:2. "For I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ." So, when we are in Christ, and Christ in us by the Holy Spirit, that makes us his and He is ours—then for us to flirt with satan, and shun, or avoid him, causes him to suffer from godly jealousy; to understand this, how would you feel if your wife or husband in whom you trust, and love with all your heart—if one day, you unexpectedly found her flirting with another? Yes, how would you feel? Well, how do you think Jesus feels when you for whom he died, flirts with Satan, his and your enemy?

I believe then, that Paul was saying, "I am determined not to know the jealousy of the human heart, but

to know him in true love as to his relationship to Christ, and Christ's relationship to himself, and to mankind.

I believe in the fourth place, Paul was saying, "I am determined not to know hate. But to know the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, toward the lost and dying, and not to know the selfishness of man, but to know the compassion of God in Christ Jesus. My dear friends, selfishness is one of the worst enemies of the cross. Jesus said in Luke 14:27, "and who doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple." The word disciple means learner, so, then, we cannot even learn of Christ and have a selfish spirit.

I believe in the fifth place, Paul was saying, "I am determined not to know unbelief." But to know the true faith and trust in God through Christ Jesus. My dear friends, you can never know peace in your souls, and assurance of salvation except you believe. Heaven can never be sweet to you if you don't believe God's promises.

I believe Paul was saying, in the sixth place, I am determined not to know the madness of the indulgence of this world. But to know temperance. Paul said in I Cor. 9:27, "But I keep under my body and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." Ah, my dear friends, we cannot indulge in the things of this world and please God, nor can we know the power of his spirit, nor enter the joy of his presence.

Conclusion: Paul then, was simply saying, "I am determined to know only Christ." He said in Phil. 3:8-10. "I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ, and to know the power of his resurrection." So, my dear friends, to know Christ is to have life, and to know him not is death.

Wayne Smith, Pastor of
Canton F. W. B. church,
Candler, N. C., Route 1

NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

WHAT WILL THE END BE?

Reader what are you headed for, or where are you going? Out there in the future? Somewhere not in the far distant we will have to meet the end of this earthly life. What we have sown we will meet face to face. God says, through His servant, " whatsoever a man soweth that will he also reap." No way to dodge the reaping! Brother, when death stares you in the face and the death rattle is heard by you and your friends, and the cold sweat breaks out on your brow, and your friends whisper in your room and your eyes begin to roll about as you look into the other world—WHAT THEN? We are giving you a poem entitled "WHAT THEN". Read it, pray about it, and be serious about your eternal welfare. WILL YOU?

WHAT THEN?

When the great plants of our cities
Have turned out their last finished work;
When our merchants have sold their last
yard of silk
And dismissed the last tired clerk,
When our banks have raked in their last
dollar
And paid the last dividend;
When the Judge of the earth says, "Closed
for the night,"
And asks for a balance—WHAT THEN?

When the choir has sung its last anthem,
And the preacher has made his last pray-
er;
When the people have heard their last ser-
mon
And the sound has died out on the air;
When the Bible lies closed on the altar
And the pews are all empty of men
And each one stands facing his record—
And the Great Book is opened—WHAT
THEN?

When the actors have played their last
drama
And the mimic has made his last fun;
When the film has flashed its last picture
And the billboard displayed its last run;
When the crowds seeking pleasure have
vanished
And gone out in the darkness again—
When the trumpet of ages is sounded,
And we stand before Him—WHAT
THEN?

When the bugle's call sinks into silence

And the long marching columns stand
still,
When the captain repeats his last orders,
And they've captured the last fort and
hill,
And the flag has been hauled from the
masthead,
And the wounded afield checked in,
And a world that rejected its Saviour,
Is asked for a reason—WHAT THEN?

—Selected

GOD OR EVOLUTION?

Othel T. Dixon, Pastor of Potts
Free Will Baptist Church,
Charleston, Arkansas

In Colleges and Universities across
this grand nation of ours there is being
gradually incorporated in every
branch of study the theory of evolu-
tion, which is poisoning the minds of
our American youth that are destin-
ed to become our leaders of tomor-
row.

Prof. Joseph A. Leighton, Ohio
State University, says, "From the
scientific standpoint, God is a super-
fluous hypothesis which explains
nothing, and only constitutes a bar
to scientific inquiry."

What a tragic display of foolish-
ness is here presented to us. Sure-
ly we are more and more impressed
with the truth of Psalm 14:1, "The
fool hath said in his heart, there is
no God. They are corrupt, they have
done abominable works; There is
none that doeth good." Yet students
are forced to study their works and
read their articles.

The fact is, we must either believe
in "God or Evolution" as we cannot
believe in both. If we believe in evo-
lution we must and are forced to
abandon the Bible, God, Christ, and
salvation. Accept the theory of evo-
lution and you believe in no heaven,
no hell, no future happiness, and no
coming judgment. We are animals,
somewhat removed from the slimy
mass of primordial protoplasm from
which we are asked to trace our an-
cestry, groping our wayward and sin-
ful course to oblivion. What a Gos-
pel of hopeless despair! Jesus Christ
is not the Son of God but the son of
an ape ancestor and we have lost the
only Saviour who is able to rescue

us from the abyss of sin into which
the race has fallen.

I deny those eternal verities enun-
ciated by God Himself, if I accept
the theory of evolution, "In the be-
ginning God created." "All have sin-
ned and come short of the glory of
God." "But God commendeth His
love toward us in that while we were
yet sinners, Christ died for us." "Be-
ing now justified by His blood, we
shall be saved from the wrath of God
through Him." Instead of denying
these eternal truths, I accept them
with joy and denounce every part of
the doctrine of evolutionism.

A good example of how corrupt
our text books have become with the
theory of evolution is shown by an
article by Henry Pratt Fairchild,
which appears in a popular text book
now being used in several Universi-
ties.

In Mr. Henry Pratt Fairchild's ar-
ticle, "The Truth about Race," in
trying to prove that all men that
ever lived came from a common an-
cestral stock, he introduces the ques-
tion of evolution. His absurdity of
the question is clear by the fact that
he, first of all, contrasts two types of
evolution theories, that of man and
beast, without having proved either.
He suggests that all types of domes-
tic fowls descended from the jungle
from India, and therefore, the evolu-
tion of mankind must have come
from some certain stock which had
its abode probably on the high cen-
tral plateau of Asia.

Mr. Fairchild, it seems to me, in
trying to reason this matter out, has
along with many other scientific
students, missed the mark by trying
to prove a theory by man-made facts
instead of accepting the eternal truth
of the matter, which were handed
down to men by inspired writers in
the form of "the holy writ." In the
very first part of the Bible it is ex-
plained that in the beginning God
created the heaven and the earth and
all that are contained therein.

Notice this scripture, "And the
Lord God formed man out of the dust
of the ground, and breathed into his
nostrils the breath of life; and man
became a living soul." Now is it not

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N. C. STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION

Meets with Kenly Church July 3 and 4, 1950

The annual N. C. State League Convention will convene this year with the Free Will Baptist Church in the town of Kenly, N. C., July 3 and 4, 1950. Arrangements have been completed as to location and the program is in the early stages of being prepared. Some very eminent speakers will appear on the program. Our general theme this year will be "Youth Serves through Stewardship." Watch this column every week for news of our young people and the highlights of the coming Convention.

INFORMATION NEEDED

As Corresponding Secretary of the State League Convention, I am in need of some valuable information which will enable me to fill my office more efficiently. I need the name and address of your General Secretary. If your church has one or more Leagues and is located in the State of North Carolina, or in Tidewater Virginia, send the name of your General Secretary to me at once. In addition, send the following information to me: 1. Name of each League. 2. Number enrolled in each League. 3. Name of your delegate or delegates who will attend the State Convention.

Please, please send this information to Rev. R. P. Harris, P. O. Box 1265, Durham, N. C., as early as you possibly can.

NEWS ABOUT YOUR LEAGUES

I am asking the editor of the Free Will Baptist paper to give us a League column each week from now until the Convention. I want you to send reports of your League activities directly to me. Tell about your socials, giving the names of those who are in charge and if you have a special program, give me the names of the ones taking part. Let us sponsor League rallies in all the districts of the state and report the outcome of them thru the columns of the Baptist paper. I

will be happy to edit your articles and submit them to the Press for publication. It would help very much if you would appoint or elect a news reporter in your League and instruct them to send all items of interest to me. I hope to receive articles from you every day until the convening of the convention. Please do not let me down.

PROGRAM

OF THE

League Convention

OF THE

Second Union of Central Conference of N. C.

TO CONVENE AT

Piney Grove, April 29, 1950

- 7:30—Opening devotions by Marlboro League
- 7:45—A message from the president
- 8:00—Music by Rose Hill League
- 8:15—Business period
- 8:30—League sermon by Rev. M. L. Tyn-dall
- 8:50—Special talk by Piney Grove Leaguer (Beaufort County)
- 9:05—Business period
- 9:20—Congregational singing
- 9:30—League benediction

Miss Mary F. Hobgood,
Vice-President

GOD OR EVOLUTION?

(Continued from page four)

absurd to start with any other so-called fact which would be based upon prejudice, hatred, and self-determination of men in an attempt to get glory? If we are to arrive at a true conclusion about the human race, we must start with certain facts contained in the Bible, and not with some foolish idea that man sprang from apes, or some so-called anthropoid monkey. Now they can have or claim one of these monkeys for their grandfather if they want, but he isn't mine.

They may say that in taking this view that I am being prejudiced, or have formed an opinion without facts. Let me answer this question by asking a question. Would Adam

and Eve have been prejudiced if they had believed God when he said, "of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil thou shall not eat, for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die?" Or was it best for them to believe the serpent and cause condemnation to be passed upon them? And now, is it being prejudiced to believe that Christ did suffer and die, and was raised from the dead the third day? Nearly everyone will answer: "Most certainly not." Then if not, are we being prejudiced to say that "Eve is the mother of all living," and that from Adam, the first man, we are all as a human race the OFFSPRING OF GOD? No indeed not, for Jesus taught us to pray, "Our Father which art in heaven," and I realize to-day that he is my Heavenly Father, and rejoice in his eternal love which has been shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which was given unto us.

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He who does not understand your silence
will probably not understand your words.—
Elbert Hubbard.

The habit of going to the bottom of a
thing usually lands a man on top.

Tennessee Personalities and Events

C. F. Bowen

A new woman's auxiliary, organized recently at Sylvan Park Church, Nashville, shows a total enrollment of seventeen members with Mrs. Walter Ray as president. The group meets monthly and its meetings are publicized by Mrs. Avis Sublette, publicity chairman.

More than \$200.00 was given within the past few weeks by the students and faculty members of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, for foreign missions. The college makes regular offerings to missions, particularly through the Missionary Prayer Band.

Abundance of news comes to your editor from the Olivet Church, near Adams, Tennessee. Mrs. Smith Crockarell, publicity director, reports the following things done there recently: The church lawn has been landscaped under the direction of the House and Garden Home Demonstration Club, of which Mrs. P. T. McGregor is president. The Sunday school has elected the following officers: superintendent, Smith Crockarell; assistant superintendent, John Murphy; secretary, Frank Murphy; assistant secretary, Alvin Moore, Jr. Jim Reding was elected teacher of the adult class, succeeding his mother who served as teacher for thirty years. Other teachers elected were: Mrs. Ed Siler, Hyman Welch, Betty Moore, Mrs. George Allen, Mrs. Smith Crockarell, and Mrs. J. B. Murphy. Church library facilities have been expanded. The week of prayer was well attended at the close of which an offering was received for foreign missions. Rev. Clyde Clearman is the pastor of Olivet Church.

Rev. Damon C. Dodd, national promotional secretary, delivered the commencement address to the graduates of the Cuban School of Missions instead of Rev. Henry Melvin as was formerly announced.

Billy Melvin, student at Taylor University in Indiana, visited with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Henry Milvin, Nashville, during Easter.

Rev. Bert Rogers Holds Good Meeting

The Glenwood Church of Noble, Illinois, has just closed a two-weeks' revival meeting. The Reverend Bert Rogers of Francis, Oklahoma, was the evangelist. It was a wonderful meeting. There were many souls who were inspired and greatly moved by the wonderful messages which Brother Rogers brought. Quite a number of new converts were added to the church.

—By the Reporter

Testing Our Loyalty

Do not hinder His work. He may put you into the furnace of pain heated sevenfold, or allow you to be tested by the searching winds of doubt. He may probe your very soul by a thrice-plied question concerning your love to Him, as one ground of confidence after another fails you, one disappointment after another daunts and baffles you. He may let the sunshine of success and prosperity shine on you, to draw out your gifts and graces, and try the simplicity and thoroughness of your allegiance. But let that Divine grace which first called you, and which alone can fit you for this service and maintain you in it, do its own work.

Fear self and the world; fear routine and the mechanical performance of duty; fear cant and hypocrisy and unreality. Keep the skylights of the soul clear; kneel often with your window open and your face toward the Jerusalem which is above.—W. T. Davison.

"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

Chartered Pullman Car

Attend the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Richmond, California, July 11-14, 1950.

Arrangements are being made for a chartered pullman car leaving Wilson, Friday, July 7, 10:35 A. M. Arriving Richmond, California, Monday, July 10, 5:20 P. M. Return trip, Friday, July 14, 11:30 A. M., arriving in Wilson, Monday, July 17, 4:23 P. M.

FARES FOR TRIP

Clergy fare (on permit) round trip \$123.34.

Laymen round trip \$199.01

Pullman car \$92.00 per day

Estimated cost of parking pullman car for four days \$78.00

Total estimated cost of transportation and sleeping, clergy fare, \$178.87.

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Meals will be extra.

The above rates are based on a minimum of eighteen passengers. Reservations will be open until May 15. For further information write to James A. Evans, 1108 South Tarboro Street, Wilson, North Carolina.

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DIFFUSERS OF THE GOSPEL

Rev. R. P. Harris
120 Cheek St.
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Christians are people who know the Lord Jesus Christ so intimately that their thinking, their feeling, and their acting has been changed so as to conform with the life and characteristics of Christ. Salvation is the power of God upon the person who accepts and believes on the Lord Jesus Christ as his legal substitute for sin. God has caused the mouth of every one to be stopped and the whole world to become guilty before Him. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God," and "The wages of sin is death," are the facts which God has made known to all who believe the Gospel. The Christian is a child of God and is given full access to the recourses of heaven itself. Nothing is too good for the Lord to do for those who love Him. God has agreed with His son that whatever He desires for the believer it shall become real. Christ desires nothing that He cannot share with every child of God. Because of this glorious generosity of the Son of God, the Father has removed all sin, the guilt of sin and the consequences of sin. The heart has been cleansed so completely that the thoughts, desires and intents of the heart are constantly in line with the righteousness of God. The person who continually puts his trust in the Lord Jesus Christ absolutely shall never be put to defeat. It is impossible for him to be defeated because it is impossible for Christ to be defeated.

With this process completed in the life of an individual he becomes a child of the most High God with all the privileges, glories and riches of God at his disposal. With these powers and riches at hand, the Christian becomes a loyal winner of souls. He recalls his own regeneration with such vividness that he is anxious to warn others of the coming wrath of an eternal God. With this in mind he prepares himself for the giving out of the diffusion of the Gospel. This effort carries with it a keen de-

sire to prepare himself for the great task of getting decisions from the unsaved. In this preparation he learns the best methods of reaching the lost for Christ.

The first thing he learns is that it is not the preacher nor preaching that always gets decisions. He learns that the pastor or the preacher is an overseer, one who is charged with the duty of seeing that the work is done effectively and rightly by others. With this in mind he makes it his business to attend the sanctuary for his own spiritual growth and to prepare himself for the work which he must do for Christ. He learns that the individual members of the church can reach the lost person more effectively in many cases than can the pastor. He comes to realize that the lost person does not wish to be preached to nor does he wish to take religious advice. Sinners resent being preached to. They resent being advised to quit things which they have been doing. The sinner will not be won in an argument over religion. The good winner of souls will not resort to argumentation.

Therefore, the good winner of souls will find a better method. He will seek out a lost person and then thru visitation will win his confidence. He will seek to build up such a strong social tie between himself and the unsaved person that as friend to friend he may find an opportunity to discuss the merits of Jesus Christ and his ability to relieve the sinner of all responsibility for sin. This can best be done privately. Since this is true the wise winner of souls will seek those of his own sex and those near his own age. This puts the two of them in the same common range and makes it easy for them to agree on certain vital points. They can see life and its responsibilities from the same standards. After the sinner becomes attentive and considerate, the worker may then proceed to urge him to accept Christ. He will not fail to make Christ so real that he would feel like a heel not to put his trust in Christ.

The best method used by diffusers of the Gospel is the use of the salvation passages of Scripture, the ones

which lead the worker to the decision. Among those may be included Romans 3:23, 6:23, I John 1:7, John 3:16 and Ephesians 2:8. There certainly are many others but these are key verses and will naturally lead to others.

After the sinner realizes that he is lost and condemned, under the condemnation and wrath of God, he will want to know what he must do to be saved. The worker will then know how to lead him to the place that he will seek for forgiveness. He will want to repent of his sins and confess them that Christ may take them away. "With the heart man believeth, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." This salvation is a free gift. Jesus purchased our salvation on the Cross of Calvary. God looked upon him on the cross and was satisfied with this substitution for the sinner. Christ is crucified and the sinner goes free. God has made it that way. It was His plan from the foundation of the world. We can never, never understand why God was willing to do this. The thing that thrills my soul is the fact that God has made it work. He does forgive sins, He does remove them as far as the east is from the west, because we have believed on His Son. "God for Christ's sake, hath forgiven you." It is for Christ's sake. That is the extent of His mercy and goodness towards us. Not upon our own merits, nor upon the merits of any other person. It is for the sake of His only begotten Son and nothing else. God help us to believe?

Book Houses

I always think the cover of
A book is like a door
Which opens into someone's house
Where I've not been before.
A pirate or a fairy queen
May lift the latch for me;
I always wonder when I knock
What welcome there will be;
And when I find a house that's dull
I do not often stay;
But when I find one full of friends
I'm apt to spend the day.
I never know what sort of folks
Will be within, you see;
And that's why reading always is
So interesting to me.

—Anon.

:- Department of Foreign Missions :-

The Seventh Annual Convention of the F. W. B. Church of Cuba

We have just brought to a close the seventh National Convention of the Free Will Baptist Church of Cuba. We can safely say it was the greatest in our history. By a conservative estimate there were fully 1,500 people in attendance during the three-day session. The people came by bus loads, horseback and on foot. They came in spite of the fearful financial crisis. Some had only enough money for transportation. They came in a spirit of love for the church in which they found their Saviour. They were motivated by a hunger for spiritual fellowship and assembled from far and near.

Among these humble, redeemed Free Will Baptists coming from the sandy plains and the hidden, rocky valleys of Cuba there were distinguished visitors—a Senator prominent in the Cuban Assembly; the Representative in the Cuban Assembly for the Province of Pinar del Rio; the Provincial Inspector of Schools; the mayor of the city of Pinar; and one of our converts who is a candidate for City Councilman. These are men who have observed the growth of our work and sympathize with us. These men are in a position to aid and defend when such is needed. They know our church is a moral force that evil and ignorance must reckon with in the lives of the people. They know there is a decided improvement in the moral and spiritual condition of the Province due to the ministry of our Free Will Baptist missionaries.

Our boys and girls are known and respected for their honorable deportment upon the streets of our cities and towns. These students know they are the objects of scrutiny and would not dishonor us by any unbecoming conduct. From our Seminary there has been a steady stream of young men and women, Cuban Na-

tionalists, speaking the language of the native sons and daughters. They have come from the homes of the humble people and do not have to adapt themselves to the meager food of the poor. They are an effective testimony to the power of the Gospel of Christ to transform. We have so prepared our students from the standpoint of the practical class work, along with actual experience in first hand contact with the people, so that as they step forth into the field they are already men and women of action.

Our church is not a loosely assembled assortment of little groups, but a solidly organized unit of activity. Our council of workers now consists of nineteen full-time native workers with five Americans. Twenty-four missionaries represent you as a people in Cuba—God has wrought this over the space of seven years.

There are hundreds of towns and villages in Cuba that have absolutely no spiritual force at work among them. There is no church of any sort. Our students have gone to some places and found there were not even public schools. Under such conditions they have taught the people, adults and children, to read the Bible. The people themselves have built chapels. These unreached villages are awaiting workers who will never reach them unless you, my Free Will Baptist brethren, are interested enough to help support them.

The dream of your representatives here in Cuba is that students passing through the portals of our School of Missions, your Cuban sons and daughters, shall also go to their Latin brothers of Mexico, San Salvador, Guatemala, and on to Panama. How much better they can do this than we Americans with our Gringo Spanish! These young people are now ready and willing to go, but we must send them.

Just a few more words concerning the Conference and graduation just

closed. Those of you who have had something to do with arranging for a State or National Association can sympathize with us in having only fifty beds for three hundred visitors. How were we to house them? The only answer was an abandoned building and trailer loads of banana leaves. All the students and men visitors, giving the beds to the women, slept on the one great bed of banana leaves on the floor and shared their thin blankets.

Our services were times of great spiritual blessings. In order for them to be so, all business and committee meetings were taken care of a day before the Convention began. During the Convention the full time was given to prayer and the hearing of the Word.

Friday afternoon the Convention was opened with the messages of welcome by the directors of the Cuban field of missions, Reverend Thomas Willey and Reverend Rafael Josue, sub-director of the Seminary. From the first service the temple was filled with people. Among our visiting speakers: Reverend Damon C. Dodd was our representative of the mother church of the United States. It is customary also to have a Spanish person of importance on the Convention program. Reverend Secundino Bermudez, missionary under the West Indian Mission to Santa Domingo, brought the principal evangelistic messages under the power of the Spirit.

In the Convention there were also other American missionaries who represent different mission groups laboring in the Island. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Phenicie from the Practical Missionary Training Institute; Mrs. Olga Fast and another missionary of the World Missions; Reverend Paul Wilson of the American Jewish Mission; and Reverend Eduardo Rodriguez from a Cuban Independent Mission in Havana.

Saturday morning Reverend Dodd brought a stirring spiritual message from the Word. Our people rejoiced to see Brother Dodd again and consider him a strong tie between our body of the North and our Cuban people.

Saturday night was an occasion

that thrilled all our hearts. A large number of people crowded into the temple and a great many stood outside. Amplifiers made it possible for voices to carry all over the surrounding country side. The temple was freshly painted white and glowed with fluorescent lights. The platform was beautifully decorated with tropical palms and vases of white, cut flowers. The teachers, officers and graduates seated on the platform were all dressed in white and presented a scene long to be remembered. Each of the graduates presented a message on a different aspect of the Person and Work of the Holy spirit. How our hearts longed for the great company of our Free Will Baptists who have been faithful over the years in making possible the crowning service of the school to be here. The diplomas of the graduates were presented by Mr. and Mrs. Willey and to each student a brief message of condemnation. There was a great time afterwards as our people invaded the platform to congratulate the graduates.

Sunday was the crowning day. Brother Dodd brought the morning message and had to leave immediately following it to return to the States for other important meetings. The afternoon message by Reverend Bermudez had as its final objective the consecration of our Cuban people and resulted in a revival. A number of souls were saved and young people answered the call to service.

One of the outstanding marks of advance was made by our Christian laymen from all the fields when they pledged to do everything possible to bear the financial burden of the students in their summer work.

Four new full-time workers in the person of three young men and one young woman are taking a field. Their support must be forthcoming. This naturally is an added financial responsibility. There might be some church or individual who would be interested in the support of one of these. If so, contact the treasurer of our Foreign Mission Board. Finally, we need your prayers.

Thomas H. Willey,
Apartado 27
Pinar del Rio, Cuba

Converted at Age 118

This Cuban is 118 years old, and when he was a young man he was held as a slave under the Spaniards. He was recently converted to the Christian faith, and is deeply interested in things of the Lord. He has a large family of four generations about him. He is now bent with age, but he is trusting in the Gospel of Christ.



Brother Willey sent his picture along with an article for the Baptist paper to go under the mission column, but the picture was delayed at the engravers, and the cut came several weeks later, therefore, we are using the cut with this brief write-up so that the Baptist readers can see how this old Cuban looks, and that they may rejoice in knowing that he is a true child of God.

We regret this delay in presenting him to our readers occurred, and apologize for not being able to use the picture earlier in the paper.—Ed.

Who Gets the Boy?

Will doubt get the boy,
With its soul-chiling fog
And its lost sense of God?
Will doubt get the boy?

Will drink get the boy,
With its death-dealing crew
And its brain burning brew?
Will drink get the boy?

Will war get the boy,
With its shot and its shell,
With its hate and its hell?
Will war get the boy?

Will Christ get the boy?
With his love and his joy,
It's for us to see now
That Christ gets the boy.

S. Fraser Langford

Mt. Olive Church Making Progress, Compton, Texas

The regular services were held at Mt. Olive F. W. B. Church at Compton near Laneville on April 9. Rev. J. M. Goode's subject for the Easter message was: "The Infallible Proof of God's Resurrection." It was very inspiring and uplifting to those who heard it. The increase in attendance of the Sunday School was shown over the preceding Sunday.

Plans have been completed for the placing of a parsonage on the church grounds. Church attendance, and all departments of the church are growing under the able leadership of Rev. J. M. Goode, pastor.

Mrs. John Garey
Laneville, Texas

Tried and True

Religion you say is old-fashioned!
How true; so is food; so is drink;
So are mothers, and fathers, and neighbors
And all the things of value, I think.

A new-fangled creed has no power
Until it is tried by the years;
If good, it endures through misfortunes,
And abides in the valley of tears.

True faith, understanding and kindness,
Well, these are old virtues too;
Thank God for old-fashioned religion
In a world where too much is new.
—Bess Samuel Ayers

CRAGMONT NEWS

The Dates for opening have been set,
and you are ready to go, we hope!
Ministers Conference—June 5-9.

Sunday School Superintendents—June 12-17.

Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors—June 19-24.

Summer School for Christian Workers

June 26—August 4, Inclusive.

Young People—Aug. 7-12.

Woman's Week—Aug. 14-21.

Special Groups—August 21--Sept. 1.

Registration fee—\$2.00 per Institute

Room and Board—\$2.00 per day

Campers Insurance—\$.50 per week

For other information write, Registrar or Director.

Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, N. C.

James A. Evans, Pres.

NEW MODESTO CHURCH ESTABLISHED

The Modesto Free Will Baptist Church was organized one year ago in February in a rented building, with 34 charter members. The Lord has wonderfully blessed the church, and we now have about 160 members on record. We have a fine church building of our own. The building is a frame structure 70 by 30 feet in size. We have three Sunday School class rooms and a study hall which is used also for a class room.

The church is stuccoed on the outside, and the interior is well constructed and beautifully decorated. The pulpit is constructed of the same materials as are the walls, and all have been varnished. We have a nice baptistry with a beautiful painted picture on the wall over it. There are about twenty candidates waiting for baptism now. We hope to have the baptistry ready for use right away.

The church is furnished with a nice piano and splendid church pews. We lack only the sanding and varnishing the pews and floor before we will have it complete, and we are hoping to get that done within the next few days. Our dedication will be on Sunday, April 23, at 2:30 P. M. Our good pastor, Rev. F. A. McCage, will deliver the dedicatory message.

It is marvelous how the good Lord has blessed us with this work. On Easter Sunday there were six souls gloriously saved; and, at the evening service, another person was saved. Six of these people united with this church. We thank the Lord for them.

We have seven deacons in this church and we are proud of them, for they are persons who love the Lord, and they do work for him. We scarcely have a week-end service but that someone is saved.

The Woman's Auxiliary was organized about two months ago. They are doing a splendid work, for they have already raised money to buy the drapes for the church. We are especially proud of our young people and what they are doing in Christian work. We believe that we have one

of the best leagues in the state of California. Our Young Leaguers brought home the League Banner last Sunday from Firebaugh, California. Brother and Sister E. L. Floyd are their sponsors, and we are proud of them, for they are doing a fine work.

We have a good Sunday School record with the attendance of 160 members. We have prayer meeting each week night. Our revival meeting will start on the fourth Sunday night in April. The Reverend Davis will do the preaching. I must not forget to say that the labor for the construction of the building, including the plumbing, wiring, and the painting of the picture for the baptistry were all donated free of charge. But we did take a public donation, and gave it to the boy who painted the picture. There is no wonder that God will bless a people who are willing to work for him.

We covet your prayers that we shall be able to continue on in the noble service of the Lord.

Mrs. Beulah Pernfield, Cor.-Secy.
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Do You Pray for Editors?

The amount of good or evil accomplished by the press is incalculable. There may be half-a-dozen ministers on the globe who preach regularly to four or five thousand people; but there are comparatively few papers which do not reach this number, allowing an average of five persons in each home to which the paper goes; while in numerous cases the congregation of an editor amounts to hundreds of thousands of persons.

The minister speaks, perhaps, to two or three out of a family; the aged and infirm, as a rule, having no part in his ministrations. The words of the editor go directly to the home, and reach every member of the family who reads. The minister's words are spoken hastily, and may fail to express adequately his thought; the words of an editor are likely to be more carefully considered, and his thoughts more accurately expressed. A minister's words may be forgotten,

and he himself may be unable to recall them; but the words of the editor are written down, and may be considered and re-read until they are firmly fixed in the mind. How important that the words spoken be right words, even words of wisdom and truth!

How little we know of the sermons which the apostles preached; but the Epistles which they wrote have come down to us as an unfailling treasury of truth. In view of such facts, should not Christian men and women engage in earnest supplication for those on whom is laid the responsible charge of conducting the public press? Surely no Christian should hear with indifference the request of an editor when he says, "Brethren, pray for us."—Boston Christian.

PILOT ME

Jean J. Eastley

About twenty years ago, I was firing on a passenger train. My engineer was a grizzly old fellow, but a great big kind-hearted man. Speaking somewhat gruffly at times, he would say: "Keep her hot, old top"! as the train of sleeping cars moved out of the Terminal for its night's passage over the mountains.

Up, up the grades, the train climbed during the early hours of the night—then through the pass at the summit of the track, and cautiously in the early morning the big locomotive piloted the train down the other side. On the other side rose the cliffs hundreds of feet, while on this side was a chasm filled with the mists of night.

As the train came to a standstill, in the early morning after the descent had been completed, I turned to the old engineer with this query: "Do not think I am impertinent, but what were you saying to yourself as we came down the mountain, for I saw your lips move"? The old engine-driver turned to me and said: "I was not talking to myself. I have traveled over this line for many years; I know its dangers and I realize that the lives of sleeping men and women are entrusted to my keeping. So when passing over the dangerous

section of the line, I have made it a nightly habit to repeat these words:

'Jesus, Saviour, pilot me,
Jesus, Saviour, pilot me.'

I am now an engineer traveling over the same route and can still see the old veteran lips quiver, murmuring in silent prayer. This left a passive impression. When pulling a train of human cargo, I feel the responsibility. One error upon my part would endanger the lives of many who are traveling on the train. As I place my hand on the throttle to proceed, I bow my head in silent reverence, and ask God for a safe journey and Jesus to pilot my train to its destination.

It did not take an overflowing barrel of meal and a full cuse of oil for three trusting ones to outlive the famine. Just a day's supply at a time carried them through.—Author Unknown.

Without Me—Nothing

"For without Me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5).

These blessed words were spoken by our Lord in His parable of the Vine and the Branches. "I am the Vine, ye are the branches; He that abideth in Me, and I in Him, the same bringeth forth much fruit, for without Me ye can do nothing." The union between the vine and the branch is the closest possible. One only needs to look at the branch and see how it is grown in and woven into the parent stem; in fact the branch is a part of the vine. The life which is in the vine, the sap which circulates there, is also in the branch and produces the fruit. If the branch is separated from the vine it withereth away and dies. And this union is used by our Lord as an illustration of the intimate union of the true believer with Himself. Our union with Him is as close and just as real. When our Lord speaks of branches which bear no fruit, which are cast forth, wither and are burned, He does not mean true believers, but such who profess to be believers, who profess thereby to be identified with Him, but who in

reality have never been joined to the Lord by His Spirit. A man may appear outwardly to be a branch, may profess to be one with Christ, which he is not in reality. A true branch in the vine witnesses to its vital union with Christ by fruitbearing. Well has it been said, "Two principles we must never let go. One principle is that no one can be a branch in Christ, and a living member of His Body, who does not bear fruit. Vital union with Christ not evidenced by life is an impossibility, and a blasphemous idea. The other principle is that no living branch of the True Vine, no believer in Christ, will ever finally perish. They that perish may have looked like believers, but they were not."

But oh! how we need to be constantly reminded of His Word, "Without Me ye can do nothing." He tells us, "You need Me every moment, every step of the way." And what is the answer of our heart, the heart which knows Him? I need Thee, Lord! I crave a greater dependence on Thee, a closer walk with Thee, a more real enjoyment of that union Thy grace has brought me! Such is our desire and prayer. It is the longing of the new nature. "Without Me ye can do nothing." It means that we must realize our dependence on Him. In all our spiritual life, in fruitbearing, in conflict, in everything we need Him. Apart from Him we have no strength, no power, no joy, no peace, no happiness. And therefore He exhorts us "Abide in Me." What does it mean? Remain in Him by a living faith, which casts itself upon Him as the living Lord. It has been transcribed in the following manner: "Cling to Me! Stick fast to Me! Live the life of close and intimate communion with Me! Get nearer and nearer to Me! Roll every burden on Me! Cast your whole weight on Me! Never let go your hold on Me for a moment! Be rooted in Me! Do this and I will never fail you." May His grace help us daily and do this and we shall find more and more, that all "our springs" are indeed in Him, that without Him we can do nothing, and that with Him we can do all things.

"All that Thou hast, Thou hast for me,

All my fresh springs are hid in Thee;
In Thee I live; while I confess
I nothing am, yet all possess.

O Saviour, teach me to abide
Close sheltered at Thy wounded side,
Each hour receiving "grace on grace,"
Until I see Thee face to face."

—Our Hope.

Home-Coming at Bethel Church, Pamlico Co., N. C.

We believe that it will be of interest to the Baptist readers to read this message. The Bethel Church, Pamlico County, North Carolina, had a full program through the week-end of Easter season. On Saturday night, April 8, we had our regular quarterly meeting and communion service with many of the churches members participating in the Lord's Supper, and taking part in the feet-washing service.

On Easter Sunday, April 9, it was the time for our Annual Home-coming day. We had Sunday School at ten o'clock A. M., and at the eleven o'clock hour Rev. A. C. Austin of Aurora, N. C., delivered an inspiring message for our homecoming. Following the sermon, the service closed, and we had a bountiful lunch spread out on the church grounds. Many visitors and members who have moved away came "home" to share the joy of this Home-coming day program with us.

On Sunday afternoon, we were host to the Singing Convention, which had an estimated crowd of 500 people. It is gratifying indeed to see so many young people attending these conventions and singing praises to God. Christians, we are praying that they may continue in this good work, for they are proving a blessing to both old and young. Will you pray also for our church that we may do more for the cause of Christ, and that each member will be a fruit-bearing Christian.

Our pastor is Rev. Elmo Harper, Grantsboro, North Carolina, and we have preaching service on every second and fourth Sundays of the month, and also Sunday night service. Come and worship with us.

A member of the church



Hosea, the Man and His Message

(Lesson for May 2)

Lesson: Hosea 4:1-9!; 6:1-3; 10:12, 13.

Golden Text: Hosea 4:6.

I. Heart of the Lesson

1. Men may be complacent in their evil deeds, but God has a controversy against every one that sins against Him (Hos. 4:1).

2. The sins which are common to unbelievers should not be known among the people of God (vs. 2).

3. The consequences of evil deeds are felt by the individual who committed them and also have an effect on his surroundings (vs. 3).

4. It is bad to suffer on account of ignorance, but it is much worse if that ignorance is willful (vs. 6).

5. The spiritual condition of a people seems hopeless when even their leaders do not rise above the common level (vs. 9).

6. The way of repentance is the only way of return to the Lord (6:1).

7. Like a surgeon, the Lord wounds in order that He might remove the evil and then bind up the wound and heal it (vs. 1).

8. God restores backsliders that afterward they might live in His sight and not run away from Him (vs. 2).

9. If we would learn to know the Lord we must learn to follow the Lord (vs. 3).

10. God's presence will always bring refreshing to those who are obedient to Him (vs. 3).

11. The Prophet Hosea is the first of the twelve Prophets generally called the "Minor Prophets." They were not so named because they were less important or less inspired than the longer messages of Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel, but rather because of their comparative brevity. Alto-

gether these twelve prophetic Books contain but one more chapter than Isaiah, the longest of all the prophetic Books.

—Selected.

12. V. 2. By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood. This verse describes the condition which prevailed in Israel during the days of Jeroboam, and those immediately following his death. Sin prevailed on every hand, and crimes of the most vicious sort were committed. Revolt followed revolt as one king overthrew another and set himself up as a ruler (2 Kings 15). One rebellion followed so closely upon another that the prophet said, **Blood toucheth blood**. With such vices as are named in this verse influencing the lives of men and women, there can be no fruits of truth, mercy, or knowledge of the Lord.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

13. **They eat up the sin of my people, and they set their heart on their iniquity**, verse 8. "They feed on the sin of my people," (RV). That is to say, the priests increased their incomes by "pandering to a lower type of religion"—having turned their attention to the easier and more gainful business of conducting a debased worship. Dr. Benjamin L. Olmstead says, "They encourage the people in wrong-doings because thereby they made their living and maintained their positions."—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

14. In Hosea, as in some other prophetic books, there are sudden changes from dire predictions to messages of hope, indicating that a decree of destruction is not God's last word. There is always the underlying assumption that if the people truly repent God will be merciful. The last two sections of our lesson contain such hopeful messages. The first consists of a three-verse interlude, tucked in between prophecies of condemnation and gloom, in which Hosea imagines the people as encouraging each other to return to the Lord. These imaginary penitents say that if they return he will heal them and bind them up and that they

will live in his sight. Yea, if they follow on to know the Lord, he will call upon them in blessing as rain comes upon the earth. Truly in this picture the prophet reveals what God would do if these conditions were met. But alas, they were not met.—Arnold's Commentary.

15. We wonder if any of you ever read Charles G. Finney's great Sermon on Hosea 10:12.

II. The Lesson Illustrated

Forgiveness Not for Sale

One day a poor girl ventured into the garden of the Queen's palace at Balmoral, and approached the gardener, telling him that her mother was lying very ill, and that she longed for a flower, such as she had seen in the Queen's gardens. It was winter time, and the flowers were rare at that season. The child had saved a few pennies and wished to buy a rose for her sick mother. The gardener had no authority to give away the Queen's flowers, and he said when she offered to pay, "The Queen has no flowers for sale," and would have sent the poor child away. It chanced that the Queen herself was in the greenhouse, and, unobserved either by the gardener or his little customer, had overheard the conversation. As the child was turning away sorrowful and disappointed the Queen stepped from behind her flowery screen and addressed the child, saying: "The gardener was quite right, my child, he has no authority to give you the flowers you want, nor does the Queen cultivate flowers for sale; but the Queen has flowers to give away;" and, suiting the action to the word, she lifted from the basket into which she had been snipping the flowers a handful of rare roses and gave them to the child, saying: "Take these to your mother with my love, and tell her that the Queen sent them. I am the Queen." So let me say to you, God has no forgiveness for sale; you cannot buy it with your poor pence of tears, prayers, or repentance; God has forgiveness to give, and you may take it by faith, but not barter for it with anything you can do.—1000 Evangelistic Illustrations.

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

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Ladies of Harper's Grove Church Organize Woman's Auxiliary

The ladies of Harper's Grove Church met at the church on April 7, 1950, at 7:00 P. M. to organize a Woman's Auxiliary society. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Ellen Birdwell, first vice-president, Mrs. Katherine Pool; second vice-president, Mrs. Bessie Birdwell; third vice president, Mrs. Minnie Hays; Fourth vice-president, Mrs. Troy E. McDonald; fifth vice-president, Mrs. Ruby Clark; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Hilda Harper.

The date of meeting for this auxiliary is to be at 2:00 P. M. on the fourth Thursday of each month.

Mrs. Hilda Harper, Recording-Secy.

Auxiliary of Black River Church Reporting

The Woman's Auxiliary of Black River F. W. B. Church met on Wednesday, April 12, 1950, at the home of Mrs. Daisy Ray. On account of sickness there were only twelve members present for this meeting.

We opened our program with a hymn. The Lord's Prayer was repeated by all of the members present. Then the president, Mrs. Ruth Floyd, turned the program over to the program leader, Mrs. Ray Mixon. Our subject was "Advancing with Christ through the Training of Youth." The first was the scripture reading by Mrs. Eva Benton. Next was the introduction by Mrs. Ray Mixon. Others taking part on the program were: Part one, Mrs. Essie Casselman. Part two, Mrs. Ruth Floyd. Miss Jeannette Floyd took part three, and Mrs. Effie Powell took part four. Then we had a prayer offered by Mrs. Eva Benton. After the prayer an interesting talk was given by Mrs. Eva Benton. Following the completion of the program the president took

charge and called for the business matters of the auxiliary. The first was the calling of the roll and the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Then the program leader assigned parts for the next program. Then we sang a hymn and offered the benediction.

The hostess, Mrs. Daisy Ray, served delicious refreshments.

Mrs. Ray Mixon, Fourth Vice-Pres.

Auxiliary Meets to Study the Manual

The Mattie Shelly Auxiliary of Hebrew Church met on Friday night, April 14, for the study of the Manual. The study was conducted by Mrs. C. J. Harvey of Camilla, Georgia. It was found most interesting.

The meeting was opened with song and prayer, and Mrs. Edd Hill had charge of the Scripture reading. There were twenty members present for this meeting, and all seemed to have enjoyed the study of the Manual very much. After the close of the meeting, the women of the church served assorted sandwiches, cookies, soft drinks, coffee and pound cake.

Mrs. Earl Baker, Publicity Director

The "Go Tell" Auxiliary of Fairmount Park Makes Report

The Red Circle of the "Go Tell Auxiliary" of Fairmount Park F. W. B. Church, Norfolk, Virginia, met on Saturday afternoon, April 15th, at the home of Mrs. Edward C. Hyers, the young people's director.

The meeting was opened by the members singing the auxiliary theme song, "Go Tell." Miss Barbara Parker, president, presided over the meeting. Miss Iris Armstrong led in prayer, after which the group joined in singing hymn, "Give of Your Best to the Master." Miss Phillis Futrell read the scripture lesson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. Mrs. Hyers reported \$4 more on the pot holders which the girls are buying and selling in order to raise money for our organ fund. It was decided that the Go Tell Band would present a playlet at the Woman's Auxiliary church night meeting in the near future. A sympathy card to be sent to a bereaved family was signed by each one present.

Miss Barbara Parker gave the introduction to the program. The topic was: "Our Best for Christ in the Use of Our Talents." Talks were made by Miss Mary Adams, Miss Phillis Futrell, Miss Betty Hales, and Miss Iris Armstrong. The meeting was closed with a chain of prayer, after which a social hour was enjoyed by every one present.

By the reporter

Mt. Elon Auxiliary Holds Meeting

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. J. T. Flowers, and Mrs. Robert Hyman, the program chairman, conducted the program. The theme was: "Advancing with Christ through the Training of Youth." Several of the members took part on the program.

During the business period, plans were made for our Vacation Bible School, which is to be held during the first week in June. The auxiliary will serve refreshments each day the school will be in session.

We had fourteen members and one visitor present for this meeting. The visitor was Mrs. Ervin Evans.

Mrs. Earl Flowers,
Fourth Vice-President

PROGRAM

of the

Fourth Union of N. C.

Central Conference

convening with

Spring Branch Church

Green Co., April 29, 1950

MORNING SESSION

- 10:30—Devotions led by Mrs. A. G. Baker
- Welcome address by Fannie Dilda
- Response by C. D. Hamilton
- 10:50—Moderator's address
- Special music by Tyson Quartette
- 11:00—Business period
- 11:30—Union sermon by Rev. J. D. Vernelson, his alternate, Rev. T. P. Ellis
- 12:00—Lunch

EVENING SESSION

- 1:00—Devotions by L. B. Manning
- 1:10—Spring Branch quartette
- 1:15—Business period
- 1:45—Report of committees
- 2:15—Harrell's Chapel quartette
- 2:30—Completion of the business
- 3:00—Adjournment

A. G. Baker,
Rufus Hare,
S. L. Galloway, Committee

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

THE BOY WHO STUCK

OWIE! Parley exclaimed as he ducked into the door of the tumble-down shack where he and two other newsboys lived their "bachelor" lives. "Sure am glad the papers sold fast to-night. That freezing rain cuts like a knife."

"I stood close to that big building on Broad," Jerry grinned as he stirred the fire in the monkey stove. Here comes the preacher!"

"I'll open the door for him," Parley said, jumping up. "He has had to stand right out in the open to sell papers. I'm sure he's froze to the bone. Hello, Preacher," he greeted good-naturedly as he flung open the door and let Hi Bales in out of the weather.

"Jever see a worse one?" Parley exclaimed. "Here, Preacher, take my place back of the stove. I'm warmed almost through."

"Hurry up, Parley," Jerry urged. "Put some more water on those coffee grounds an' let 'er boil. Oleo on day-old bread with bologna, washed down with make-believe coffee good an' hot's, not half bad; but let's get going."

"Thank you for giving me your warm place, Parley," Hi said. "I want to get good and warm. Standing in front of the Mission to-night handing out tracts to passers-by is going to be a chilly job. Makes my teeth chatter to think of it."

"Hi Bales," Parley said fiercely, as he paused, big coffee pot in hand ready to be placed on the red-hot stove lid, "you're not going to stand in front of the Mission to-night! If your mother could speak she's say this is a night to hole in."

"We all stuck to it until we got all our papers sold to make a few cents," Hi argued. "Maybe by being faithful to-night I can get someone to turn into the Mission out of the cold who would not stop in if it were good weather."

"Do you think God expects a fellow to freeze himself like that?" Parley asked.

"He set me the example," Hi explained. "Because He wanted to make a way for people to get saved He suffered all He went through, and He says we are to follow His steps. Do you suppose He'd hesitate about going to the Mission if He were in my place to-night?"

"I reckon not," Parley admitted, "but you'll be mighty cold."

"When He saves me, Parley, just as it was when He saved you, He did it because I asked Him to. He loved me and didn't want me to live and die in sin and be lost. But there was another and bigger reason than that."

"What?" Jerry demanded. Jerry had not

given himself to Christ yet.

"When He saved me, Jerry, He saved just one boy," Hi replied, "if I let it stop there. But He hoped that I would get others saved. He calls that bearing fruit, and as I do that His saving me will result in many others getting saved. That was the bigger reason. In the course of my life I expect to get at least one hundred saved. He spoke of some who bring forth a hundred fold you know."

Standing with his back to the fierce wind driving the freezing rain, Hi held faithfully to the post of duty, handing each passer-by a tract, and asking him to go inside and hear the singing.

"Will you have a tract, Sir?" he said to a warmly-dressed man who came along, "and will you not go inside and hear the music?"

"Are you not cold, Boy?" the man asked. "It is pretty cold," Hi admitted with a cherry grin, "but I believe Jesus, if He were in my place, would stick, and I'm going to stick. Will you go inside, Sir?"

"I'm not a Christian, boy," the man said as he gazed steadily into Hi's unflinching eyes, "but I sure do like your girl. Tell you what I'll do. If you will go inside and stay ten minutes until you are a little warmed, I'll stay right here and offer one of your tracts to everyone who passes, and try to get him to go inside. Is it a trade?"

"When I come out, after ten minutes," Hi asked cautiously, "will you then go in and listen to the service? You need to get saved."

"I'll do that too, boy you're a good trader. You keep your eyes on the main point. Besides I do need to get what you have. If that means getting saved, then I need to get saved."

"All right, Sir. It's a trade. Here are the tracts. I'll watch the clock."

Surely it was the strangest thing happy-go-lucky Alfred Anderson had ever done, but he admired the boy whose lips he saw were blue with the cold. And there was a natural streak of faithfulness in him that made him do his best to stop every passer-by and draw him into the Mission.

"Now I'll take the tracts," Hi said as he came out after having been in the warm Mission for ten minutes by the wall clock. "I thank you. Now you hurry in inside so you'll not miss anything."

Half an hour later when the time that Hi was expected to stand out in front had gone by, he slipped into the Mission and sat down by Mr. Anderson.

When the invitation at last was being given Hi whispered to the man by his side, "Now is your time. It's wonderful to have Jesus for your Friend. I'll go with you if

you will go forward for prayer. It's easy as anything."

"I'm too mean," the man said, and Hi saw a tear ready to roll down the man's cheek. "God wouldn't have any time for a tough guy like me."

"Aren't you a sinner?"

"Yes, I am that."

"He came to save sinners—the worst of sinners. Please Go."

"Well, Boy, you walk ahead and show me just where to go. I'll follow."

That night when Hi waked up Parley and Jerry to tell them all about the stranger's getting saved, and how happy he got, and how he said he was going to write that very night to his old, praying mother who had not heard from him for years, the boys agreed that Hi had been right, and that it pays to stick.—Int. Young People.

A Note of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the churches, church organizations, as Sunday Schools, Woman's Auxiliaries, Young People's Leagues, to individuals, and also to the different religious circles, civic organizations, business establishments: to the Red Cross, the County Welfare organization, to the Order of Red Men, and also to the doctors and nurses of the Edgecombe Hospital of Tarboro, North Carolina, for their deep sympathy and generous assistance to us in our tragic loss of two of our children, and all of our household effects in the tragic fire which swept away our home recently. We will never be able to express our deep sense of appreciation and thanks to all of those people who gave to us financial aid, and expressed their kind words of consolation to us over our great loss. God only knows what we have suffered.

Our nine year old daughter, Rachel, was burned so badly that the doctors say that she will have to remain in the hospital for treatment for 12 to 15 months before she will be well from the burns. She may have to stay longer. She has to have a special nurse to care for her much of the time. Mrs. Wiggs is at home now, but her burned arm and hand are not well yet of the burns. She can't use the fingers of the burned arm.

To those who should like to write to us at any time are asked to direct their mail to Rev. P. C. Wiggs and family, Macclesfield, N. C., Route 1.—By the Editor.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

Miss Annie Harper Passes

It is with a sad heart that I attempt to write concerning the death of my Aunt, Miss Annie Harper, who died of a heart attack at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor, with whom she made her home. She died on February 13th, 1950. It was hard to give her up, but we realize that God knows best and that he doeth all things well.

She was always so sweet and loving with everyone, and always wore a smile. The funeral services were conducted in the Arapahoe F. W. B. Church by J. M. Waters of Arapahoe. Her body was laid to rest in the family burial ground beneath a mound of lovely flowers.

She is survived by three sisters and one brother: Mrs. Eric Lee, Mrs. Sarah Phillips, Mrs. A. E. Scott, and Albert Harper.

You are gone but not forgotten,
Nor will you ever be;

As long as life and memory lasts
I will always think of thee.

Written by her niece, Mrs. Ernie Scott, Arapahoe, N. C.

Mrs. Maggie W. Sutton

On Sunday morning, January 15, 1950, God saw fit to call our dear mother, Mrs. Maggie W. Sutton, out of this world of suffering into a home of rest. She was the daughter of Eliza and James W. Williams, and was 76 years old on December 22, 1949. She had been in declining health for the past five years, and was critically ill for the last eight days she was with us.

For many years she had been a true and loyal member of the Juniper Chapel F. W. B. Church, Craven County. She enjoyed being in the service of the Master. She attended church and Sunday School when ever her health would permit. She was indeed a kind and loving mother and a kind friend to every one. We do miss her so much but we know that God's will is best and we feel that she has gone to her heavenly rest which she tried faithfully to attain.

The funeral services were conducted at the church on Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 P. M. by her former pastor, Rev. J. R. Forrest. She was laid to rest in the church cemetery. The large crowd of relatives and friends present and the numerous beautiful flowers that she received attested to the high esteem in which the decease was held.

She leaves to mourn five daughters: Mrs.

B. H. Morris, Mrs. Walter Wilson, Mrs. G. H. Wilson, Mrs. Dave Fillingime, Mrs. Fountain Smith. Three sons: L. R. Sutton, Willie Sutton, Romie Sutton, and twenty-three grand children and thirteen great-grand-children.

She is gone but not forgotten
Never will her memory fade;
Sweetest thoughts will ever linger
Around the grave where she is laid.

Written by her daughter, Mrs. B. H. Morris, Route 1, Vanceboro, N. C.

Mrs. Jincy Harris Aycock

It is with a sad heart that I write the account of the death of my dear mother, Jincy Harris Aycock, whom God called to be with Him on April 20, 1949. She was born October 25, 1879 and was a faithful member of Union Grove church (Wayne Co.) as long as health and her afflictions would permit.

She suffered unknown agony with that dreadful disease cancer and lived only 3 months and 26 days after falling and breaking her arm. She said on her death bed, "if my suffering will glorify my Lord, let me suffer." We are sure Mama is at rest with her Lord.

Heaven is nearer since Mother is there.

Dark are the windows,
No flickering glow,
Lights up the old home that we used to know;
But in the darkness a sweet face so fair
Smiles down from heaven for Mother is there.

O, how I miss her sweet voice and her smile,

Yet I shall see her again after a while;
With our dear Saviour I know she will wait
With a glad welcome just inside the gate.

Written by a devoted daughter, Mrs. Zeb Whaley, Route 2, Pikeville, N. C.

In Memory of Mr. Jason Thompson

It is with a sad and broken heart that I write of the death of our Brother in Christ, who went to sleep in Jesus on Jan. 21, 1950. Brother Thompson was a member of Gray Branch F. W. B. Church. He was 67 years old; He leaves to mourn a heart-broken family: two daughters, four sons, and his wife, and 29 grandchildren. His pastor, Rev. C. D. Hamilton of Fountain, conducted the funeral.

God took him away from earthly pain.
The family's loss is heaven's gain.

He is gone but not forgotten,
Never will his memory fade.

Sweetest thoughts will ever linger,
Around the grave where he is laid.

Written by Walter King, Deep Run, N. C., Route 1.

Rev. L. B. Manning Holds Spring Revival Marlboro

Our spring or Pre-Easter revival meeting began on the fourth Sunday night in March, and continued for one week. The pastor, Rev. L. B. Manning, did the preaching.

We, the members of the church, and visiting friends really enjoyed the soul-stirring sermons which Brother Manning brought to us. He has been pastor of our church for five or six years, and I believe that he preached some of the best sermons I have ever heard him preach.

As well as good sermons, we had some good singing, such as choir singing, quartets, duets, and some solos that were rendered by visiting friends from other churches. Mrs. J. R. Shearin of Farmville played the piano for the revival, and the people of the church appreciated this very much.

From the beginning we had large crowds of people to attend these services, and all seating capacity of the church was filled each night. During the meeting there were several persons converted, and there were some who moved their names from other churches to this church. The total joining this church in all was thirty-eight. Many people who were already church members rededicated their lives to Christ.

All of us, including Brother Manning, hated to see the meeting come to a close, as he was having such good results. The baptismal service was held on Easter Sunday in the Baptist Church in Fountain, North Carolina.

We want all Christians to pray for us here at Marlboro, and also to pray for Brother Manning. Pray that he might continue to preach the gospel in the future, as he has of late, and that God may greatly bless him in his work.

Mrs. J. W. Shackelford,
Farmville, N. C.

The Boy Jesus was a good example of what boys and girls should be today—
L. L. K.

Do you read your church papers?

PROGRAM

of the

Second Union

Western Conference of N. C.

to convene with

Rock Springs Church

Nash Co., April 29, 1950

MORNING SESSION

- 10:00—Opening song by congregation
- Devotions by Rev. L. H. Boykin
- Appointment of committees
- 10:30—Welcome address by Bro. Oscar Hinton
- Response by Brother W. T. O'Brien
- Reading of last minutes of the union
- Roll call of ministers
- 11:00—Union sermon by Rev. H. L. Howard
- 12:00—Lunch

EVENING SESSION

- 1:00—Song by congregation
- Devotions by Rev. J. Renfrow
- Business period and roll call of churches
- 2:00—Report of all officers and committees
- Petitions for next union
- 3:00—Closing song and benediction

Program Committee
Mrs. Luther Bissette

PROGRAM

First Western District

S. S. Convention

Branch Chapel F. W. B.

Church

Selma, N. C., RFD 1

April 30, 1950

THEME: "God Speaks"

SCRIPTURE: "Seek ye the Lord" Amos 5: 6

SONG: "Hear ye the Master's Call"

MORNING SESSION

- 9:30—Song Service, Vernon Sullivan, Music Director
- 9:45—Welcome, W. M. Blackman, Branch Chapel Church
- 9:50—Response, Odel Howell, St. Mary's Church
- 9:55—Devotions, "God Speaks to People in Bible Times," L. C. Edwards, Sr., Rains Cross Roads Church
- 10:10—Special Music, Marsh Swamp Quintet

- 10:15—Brief Business Session
- 10:35—Highlights of quarterly officers and teachers meeting
- 10:50—Congregational singing, Vernon Sullivan, Music Director
- 10:55—Sunday School Lesson, "Amos Teaches about Worship," J. W. Batten, Micro Church
- 11:20—Special music, Union Grove Chorus, under direction of Mrs. Bagley Morris
- 11:30—Convention Sermon, "God Speaks," Rev. R. B. Spencer
- 12:00—Lunch

EVENING SESSION

- 1:00—Song service, Vernon Sullivan, Music Director
- 1:10—Devotions, "God Speaks to people in dark ages," M. V. Avery, Pleasant Plaines Church
- 1:25—1950 Cragmont program, Rev. J. A. Evans
- 1:35—Business session
- 2:35—Chorus singing, congregation
- 2:45—Special music, other visiting groups
- 3:00—Adjourn

- 2:35—Christian Education through Our Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. Heber Briley
- 2:50—Announcements and adjournment

Rev. R. B. Crawford,
Rev. R. B. Spencer,
Mrs. Guy Corbett

A Prayer Answered

For years we silently prayed and waited,
Hardly closing weary eyes;
Working to build the church upon the hill
By the lonely grave where loved one lies.

Here many souls have come to drink from thee,
Following along thy happy way;
There can be no sad tomorrow,
Just a glorious, glad today.

Oh God! Who lights the stars of velvet night,

Oh Thou, who comforts burdened hearts,
Bless Hammock Spring's Church as we
Labor and pray before we have to part.

Oh Thou, who acts as Father, guide and friend,

With a heart that understands;
Thou who so sweetly, so thoughtful to all
Mayest thou help us better understand.

Oh Father who rules the ocean, wide and deep,

And who gives to His children perfect sleep;

Wilt now wash away sorrows so heavy and great,

That thy matchless beauty to us be ever sublime.

Mrs. Bonnie Barber

PROGRAM

of the

Second Union District

of the

Central Conference, N. C.

to convene with

Piney Grove Church

Pitt County, April 29, 1950

THEME: Christian Education

MORNING SESSION

- 10:00—Devotions, Mr. Clarence Little
- 10:15—What is Christian Education? Mrs. Aletha Brickhouse
- 10:30—Business
- 10:50—The Relations of Christian Education to the Local Church, Rev. Graham Baker
- 11:05—Solo: Miss Ruth Little
- 11:10—How to Have Better Church Music, Rev. R. N. Hinnant
- 11:25—Offering for Orphanage
- 11:30—Congregational Song
- 11:35—Union Sermon, Educating for Christ, Rev. J. C. Griffin
- 12:05—Lunch

EVENING SESSION

- 1:10—Devotions, Rev. M. A. Woodard
- 1:25—Special Song: Members of Hull Rd. church
- 1:30—How S. S. and League may contribute to Christian Education, Mrs. Alma Worthington
- 1:45—Business Period
- 2:20—Christian Education through Prayer Meeting, Mrs. Glenn Gaskins

The Legend of the Dogwood Tree

Across the street opposite me
There grows a tiny Dogwood tree.
Its trunk is knotty, and twisted too.
I wonder is the legend true.

That the Cross was made from a Dogwood tree

On which the Saviour died for me?
That in its blossoms blotched with red
Are the drops of blood for mankind shed?

They say that's why it never grew
So large again that man could hew
A cross on which to crucify.
Christ was the last thorn to die.

We do not know, nor have we proof
That the ancient story is the truth,
Whether the suffering at Calvary
Made beautiful the Dogwood tree.
Julia Shackelford Hyers

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Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,
Uttered or unexpressed;
The motion of a hidden fire
That trembles in the breast.

Prayer is the burden of a sigh,
The falling of a tear,
The upward glancing of an eye,
When none but God is near.

Prayer is the simplest form of speech
That infant lips can try;
Prayer the sublimest strains that reach
The Majesty on high.

Prayer is the contrite sinner's voice,
Returning from his ways;
While angels in their songs rejoice
And cry, "Behold, He prays!"

Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,
The Christian's native air,
His watchword at the gates of death;
He enters heaven with prayer.

O Thou, by whom we come to God,
The Life, the Truth, the Way;
The path of prayer thyself hast trod:
Lord, teach us how to pray!

—James Montgomery

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LOVE AND FAITH

No person can truly love God who does not believe in Jesus Christ. This statement will doubtless, by many, be regarded as inconsiderate, and by some rejected as untrue. As it is a matter of first importance, may it not be well to examine it? And, first, it is obvious that to truly love a being there must be a true knowledge of his character, though it be limited by reason of our capacity and the extent of the subject of knowledge. We are told by Him who came to give the knowledge of God and bring us to Him—"neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal Him." And then follow these words of inimitable tenderness, which ought to be read in their connection. "Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavily laden, and I will give you rest." "Learn of Me, and ye shall find rest unto your souls." Thus, by coming to Christ, that rest to the soul is found which consists in the knowledge and love of God. It is by partaking of that meek and lowly spirit which He, who is the "brightness of His Father's glory" exhibited in all His life, that we become like Him whose love to the Father shone gloriously all along His pathway on earth. And, as He has elsewhere said, "No man cometh to the Father but by Me;" this is the only mode of gaining that knowledge which is essential to a true scriptural love of God; this coming is with a faith in Him, as the "only begotten Son of God."

There is still another truth entering vitally into this question of love to God. It is a filial love; the affectionate confidence of a child appearing in all the way of obedience, submission to a Father's will, and no one who is not a child can exercise this affection.

Nothing is more clearly revealed in the Holy Scriptures than that it is by Christ alone that we become the children of God. All persons are not, in the sense of Scripture, the children of God, though they are His creatures—His subjects. When our Sa-

viour was revealed among men, and His own to whom He came did not receive Him—to "as many as received Him to them gave He power to become the sons of God, to them that believe on His name." This, manifestly, is the only way for sinful men to become the children of God, by accepting His Son, Jesus Christ, in the character which He is represented by the Father. This Sonship of Jesus Christ was declared in the hearing of the disciples, who were with Him on the holy mount, and who beheld His glory, of which they were His witnesses.

The beloved disciples, who well understood His subject, has given abundant testimony to this end, that "in this way was manifested the love of God toward us, because God sent His only begotten Son into the world that we might live through Him." We love Him because He first loved us. Only, then, as Jesus is beheld and received with a true faith in Him as the propitiation for our sins, can there be in the heart this filial love, which is the witness of the Spirit that we are the children of God, even that whereby we cry, "Abba, Father."

How vain, therefore, must be all attempts to obtain the knowledge which is indispensable to salvation, in any other way than by coming to Jesus, who could say in truth, "He that has seen Me hath seen My Father;" and how greatly do they err who imagine they have true love to God—this highest enjoyment of the soul—who have not been led to seek and find forgiveness of sin by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. There is indeed some emotion in the heart of man which he may consider as love to God, when His blessings are freely given, which is soon dissipated in time of adversity; it does not then draw the soul nearer to God, as to a father. The child of God that truly loves, finds often the most precious enjoyment of His presence in the night of weeping. How important that our knowledge of God be that which is obtained by coming near the

Saviour as learners; and that there be cherished a holy love, which finds delight in prayer and thanksgiving, as we talk humbly with Him in communion, like that in the heavenly world.—The Herald of light.

SUMMER SCHOOL CHRISTIAN RADIO PROGRAM MOODY BIBLE INSTITUTE

August 14 through 25 marks the fifth year of the Summer School of Christian Radio to be held at Moody Bible Institute, Chicago. The two weeks of intensive instruction in Christian broadcasting are under the joint sponsorship of the World Missionary Fellowship, which operates the well-known station HCJB, Quito, Ecuador, and the Institute, with stations WMBI and WMBI-FM.

Slanted toward helping pastors, missionaries, and others who use the radio as a means of spreading the gospel, the school will offer courses such as broadcasting on the mission field, ethics or broadcasting station management, announcing, and speech interpretation.

Individual coaching of students, class use of WMBI studios, and visits to Chicago network stations to view rehearsals and programs are featured in the two weeks' schedule.

Besides co-directors Dr. Clarence W. Jones, co-director of HCJB, and the Rev. Robert Parsons, program director of WMBI and WMBI-FM, instructors include Storm Whaley, manager of KUOA, John Brown University; Dr. Eugene R. Bertermann, director of radio, "The Lutheran Hour"; and WMBI personnel.

ABOUT THE BIBLE

Boys and girls, do you like to get an interesting letter? The Bible is really a very long, interesting Letter which God has written to each one of you. It is God's message to you because it tells you what He wants you to do; and, most important of all, it tells you how to be saved. No, God did not actually write the Bible Himself. Different men did though, and God gave each of them the words to say. They were as His stenographers, but God was the Author. The Bible is His Book.

In this wonderful Book, we learn how Jesus, the Saviour, suffered and died for our sins. He was without sin, and yet He did this wonderful act that we who have sinned might receive Jesus as our Saviour, be saved from sin and be ready to enter Heaven. Do you believe? God says you must believe in order to be saved.

"The same hand that shut Noah safely in the ark shut the whole world into a merciful flood."

NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

INTEREST IN CRAGMONT GROWS

As I observe by what I see and hear, the interest in the Cragmont Assembly, Inc., is growing rapidly. Almost everywhere, we hear such expressions as, "I shall not be satisfied until I get to Cragmont." "I never have been to Cragmont, but I plan to attend some of these wonderful meetings that I hear about." Then those who have been, some of them are saying, "If you ever go you will want to go again." And one lady, said to me a few days ago, "I felt nearer to heaven up there than anywhere I have ever been." Another, "Everybody is happy when we are up there." Well, we are praising God for these testimonies; they show that interest is growing.

Recently I have been showing a picture of Cragmont, when Ministers Conferences were held—two of the conferences, and it was said by some; "I had no idea that Cragmont was so beautiful," and some said, "It is better than I expected."

The picture is a color film showing the beautiful foliage and flowers in the spring of the year and summer. This picture creates an interest in many who see for themselves.

Remember the "Six-Weeks Bible Institute" there this summer. Write to Rev. Rashie Kennedy, 713 Simmons Street, Goldsboro, N. C., for the particulars. He will tell you all about it, the starting, the ending, the cost and the possible benefits, as to "College hours" upon completing the course.

If you are a young man or woman, and are anxious to be of benefit to the ongoing of the church, it will pay you to make a sacrifice, in order to attend the Six-Weeks school.

"The time is at hand." Look forward to better prepared servants of the Lord.

CONFUSION, A WEAPON OF SATAN

Sometimes I find people who are confused over SALVATION. I find some who say, "I don't know what is right," then they begin to tell me, "There is a church down the road whose preacher preaches, 'Join the church and be baptized and you are saved.'" Then another who says, "You have got to do a lot of praying before you can pray through and be saved." And then after your sins have been forgiven, and you are saved, you must be sanctified and then later be baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Then there are some who try to mix "LAW AND GRACE." Well, it is a hard matter to get them to see, but when once

they see, their hearts are made to rejoice because of this wonderful experience which comes as a result of acceptance of the SALVATION PURCHASED ON CALVARY.

A great preacher in a mining town spoke to a man who said "It is too good to be true," in speaking of salvation by grace through faith. The preacher said, "How did you get up out of the coal mine today?" "Oh, I just stepped on the elevator and came up." "Did it not cost you any fare?" said the preacher. "No" replied the man, "the company pays the fare." "It cost the company a great sum to build that elevator to take you up did it not?" Then the preacher said, "It cost the Lord Jesus His life to get you up out of sin, Why not step on by faith, and be lifted?" Then, the man who lived down hundreds of feet below the surface in the mine, a big part of his life, said, "I see now," and stepped on and was lifted up to fellowship with Christ and heaven.

LOVE WORTH WALKING FOR

A little boy who went to a mission Sunday school in his community was taken to another part of the city when his parents moved, but Sunday after Sunday he went back to his Sunday school which was five miles away. Every Sunday as he went back he passed about forty other Sunday schools. One day he was met by a lady who was out seeking to get members for her class in Sunday School and asked him, "Why do you go so far to a Sunday school." Like a great many recruiters for their schools she told him about "schools that were just as good near by." She wanted to get the boy into her school, but the boy said, "They may be just as good, but they are not so good for me." "Why not?" she asked. "Because they LOVE a fellow over there," he answered.

There is no way that will reach the height of LOVE to get boys and girls and keep them in the Sunday School, than to LOVE them in, and keep on loving them to hold them.

I have seen workers who were alert to the getting, and as soon as the boy or girl was placed on the class there was but little more attention paid to the youngster, and then the teacher began to look for another and while looking for another, the one already caught slipped away. There is something to the getting, but there is more to the keeping of those already gotten. TEACHERS, get on the job of getting and KEEPING the YOUTH into the Sunday School.

THE ABSENTEE

"Someone is absent" the Shepherd said, As over my CLASSBOOK he bent his head; "For several Sundays absent too, So tell me, TEACHER, what did you do?" "I didn't call, perhaps I should; I wrote some cards, but they did no good; I've never heard, and they never came, So I decided to drop their name."

He answered gravely, "A flock was mine, A hundred? no, there was ninety and nine, For one was lost in the dark and cold, So I SOUGHT the sheep who had left the fold.

"The path was stony and edged with thorn, My feet were wounded and bruised and torn,

But I kept on seeking, nor counted the cost, And, Oh the joy, when I found the lost." Thus spoke the Shepherd in tender tone; I looked, and lo, I was alone, But God a vision had sent to me, To show His WILL toward the ABSENTEE.

A Word to the Wise Is Sufficient.

WARDEN'S GROVE VISIT

Recently, I conducted a ten-days meeting at Warden's Grove church in Pamlico County, where I found some of the finest and most loyal Free Will Baptist people to be found. Rev. J. R. Forest is the pastor and is greatly loved by his congregation and is doing a fine job with the church.

The meeting was a church meeting. There was no additions to the church. A goodly number of church members renewed their vows by the way of consecrating themselves a fresh unto the Lord as workers to seek out and lead the lost to Christ. One fine lady, a church member, said, "I know that I am saved now." That is our desire to get the church members saved and all on the altar for Christ. I had rather get a church member saved than to add a member to the church, with a question mark in my way. If we can get the church members really saved, then later on there will be a revival all the year, not just a week or two to get people saved. With a church saved and spirit-filled the Lord will add to the church. Amen.

We fell in love with the folk at Warden's Grove. They were real nice to us and showed their appreciation for our services in a great way. God bless them and their pastor is our PRAYER.

BLAMING OTHERS

A missionary in Brazil once saw a monkey sitting on a log cracking nuts with a stone. The monkey's attention was attracted to the man, and this so interfered with the accuracy of his aim that a blow fell upon his tail which was curled around him. With a scream of rage the monkey hurled the stone at the man and ran off. No doubt it comforted him to hold the missionary to blame for his sufferings.

Do you ever act like that monkey and blame other people for the mistakes you make? You should not because that is not the way Jesus wants you to live.—Unknown.

Do you read your church papers?

Awake! Awake!

Clara M. Jones

"Wherefore He saith, Awake thou that sleepest" (Eph. 5:14).

Spiritually speaking, there are many Christians to-day who are asleep and not awake to their opportunities and privileges in Christ. This is an age when satan is trying his utmost to get people into a lethargic condition. And so the apostle tells them to awake, to arouse themselves and walk in the light. To the Christians at Thessalonica he says, "Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober" (I Thess. 5:5, 6).

As this was needful in the days of the apostle, it is even more so to-day. For we are living in the last days, the days of apostasy, when there is a falling away from the Truth. These are testing, sifting and proving days, to see whether we love the Lord supremely.

There is darkness all around us. We are living in the night-time of sin. In Romans we are told that "the night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light."

Naturally speaking, it is in the night when the majority of crimes are committed. It is then that sin, vice and wickedness are carried on to an unlimited degree.

Relative to spiritual conditions it also is night, and the night is far spent. The evil forces are present, and wickedness abounds. Many are careless and indifferent. The devil has lulled them to sleep. They think they are all right. They are at ease. They say they are rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; but they are wretched, poor, blind, and naked. Therefore we, who have received the light, are not to sleep as others do, for the morning cometh. The morning of joy! when Christ shall appear.

Beloved, if you are awake, spiritually, you will be concerned about the Master's cause. You will have an interest, a passion for the souls that are perishing in sin. How many you do not know Christ as their Saviour you come in contact with each day! Many, in distant lands, are waiting for the glad tidings of salvation. They have a soul which will either be saved or lost. God may have designed you to carry the message of life to them, but you flinched. You counted your own life dear to yourself, and those souls were lost. Oh! can it be that Christians dare be so silent upon the most vital and important theme, that will bring life, yes, eternal life, to those who are dead in trespasses and sin and are condemned to die?

"Down from the glories of heaven,
Down to a world of woe,
When there was no eye to pity
Jesus said, 'I will go.'

"Out in the dark they are dying,
For them His life He gave;
Go, tell the lost of salvation,
Give them a chance to live.

" 'Uttermost part' is His order,
Dare any answer no?
What will you do when you meet
Him,
If you refuse to go?"
—Selected.

BE RECONCILED FIRST

Suppose a man is going to the Temple with an offering to lay upon the altar. As he comes to the door, he remembers some man outside who can point the finger of scorn and contempt at him, who knows of a wrong relationship which exists between him and one of his fellows. What must such as he do? Is he to go into the Temple and pray that God will send a great wave of religious enthusiasm over him, in which all this moral uneasiness will be lost? "No," said Jesus, "leave * * thy gift * * and go thy way; first to be reconciled to thy brother." A man has no gift for God in his hand who has some dishonor in his heart.—John A. Hutton.

NO DIVISIONS

There is no reason for believing that we can do anything for the moral welfare of the people of the United States if we allow ourselves to be diverted to energy-dissipating discussions and controversies which will bring about divisions among our own people. There are not enough good people in the North to control this country in the interests of Christian morality and there are not enough good people in the South to make any headway whatever against immorality and corruption in public administration unless they are supported from other parts of the country. The North, South, East, and West, should consider anyone who attempts to divide and embroil Christian people as enemies of the nation, to humanity and to God. We need every right-thinking man and woman in line and the only way we can have their enlistment is by cultivating tolerance of thought and spirit. Oliver Cromwell once became exasperated by a deputation of narrow and fanatical people and exclaimed, "Consider, gentlemen, by the mercies of God whether you may not be mistaken!" When we find ourselves of different opinion from our brethren, we should remember that possibly those with whom we do not agree are just as intelligent, just as informed and just as charitable as we.

No one will ever enjoy heaven because of what he did, but because of what Christ did.—H.

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"All the vile foes have never caused one-half the sorrow, the self-destruction and the death that has poured from the caldron of this diabolical monster—alcohol."—
Evangeline Booth.

NORFOLK CHURCH CLOSES WONDERFUL REVIVAL

Fairmount Park F. W. B. Church began its spring revival on March 15, and the meeting continued through March 26. The evangelist was the Reverend Bruce Barrow of Bryan, Texas, one of our own and beloved ministers of the gospel. Brother Barrow was surely led by the spirit of the Lord, as he entered the pulpit each night.

The first week of our revival service was hindered somewhat due to the conditions of the weather, but surely the Lord gave us a great harvest in the end. We had eight converts to come in accepting Christ as their Saviour. We had six to come in by transfer of membership, and many who rededicated their lives, and promised by the help of God that they would live and work for the kingdom.

Brother Barrow preached some of the most powerful sermons with the most convicting spirit, as we had ever had privilege to hear for the last few months. We are truly thankful to the Lord that this revival has not as yet come to a close. We see and realize more every day the results of this meeting. We have people still coming in and some of those who have come are going out witnessing for the Lord. They are bringing in others into the realization of what God is to them.

Another blessing that we have received came as a result of the revival is the fact that we found it necessary and the opportunity presented itself for us to take over every church service (Sunday from eight P. M. to nine P. M., one hour) on the air over radio station WLOW. This is 1400 on your dial. The Lord is wonderfully blessing this Sunday afternoon broadcast, and the demand is greater than we anticipated. Truly it means more work, and more prayer for the church and its pastor, who is laboring so hard to reach those who are out in the world of sin and darkness.

We cannot say at the present how long this program will continue over the air, but should the demands and

free will offerings continue as they have begun, it might be possible for us to go on a larger broadcasting system, and that in the future it could go out and be known as the "Free Will Baptist Hour." Truly we solicit your prayers and co-operation that this program may continue until Jesus comes.

Fairmount Park Church has the biggest year ahead of it with the convening of the National League Association with us here in June. From this get together of the youth of the denomination, we are looking for and preparing for around twenty thousand people. Truly the readers of the Baptist paper, as well as others, do not want to miss this glorious meeting. So make your plans to see us in June. We are looking for you.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Wilton H. Dail

"We must go among children with our temperance work. Mighty weapons will be hurled against them when they emerge from the sheltering fortress of home—they ought not to go forth unarmed."—
Frances E. Willard.

Chartered Pullman Car

Attend the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Richmond, California, July 11-14, 1950.

Arrangements are being made for a chartered pullman car leaving Wilson, Friday, July 7, 10:35 A. M. Arriving Richmond, California, Monday, July 10, 6:20 P. M. Return trip, Friday, July 14, 11:30 A. M., arriving in Wilson, Monday, July 17, 4:23 P. M.

FARES FOR TRIP

Clergy fare (on permit) round trip \$123.34.

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N. C. SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Hugo Church of the Central Conference of North Carolina entertained recently the North Carolina State Sunday School convention. The entertainment was all that anyone could wish, and the generous hospitality was not to be excelled by any church. It was a joyous occasion for delegates, ministers, and visiting friends from the various sections of the State.

The attendance was the largest ever experienced at any previous convention. The interest was great, and the speeches were of a high order, setting forth the opportunities and responsibilities of the future conventions, and giving encouragement for a greater work to be done by all the Sunday Schools of the State. The reports were expressive of progress being made in the various phases of the work. The music for the two days of the convention was delightful, and everyone enjoyed it in a great way. The convention was one of deep spiritual influence, and sacred purpose, thus reflecting the great concern of those taking part in it for the furtherance of the cause of Christ. It is expected that the ensuing year for the convention will prove to be one of progress and expansion of the Sunday School work among Free Will Baptists in the State.

—oooO0ooo— NATIONAL LEAGUE CONVENTION

The National League Convention of the young people of the denomination will convene in June with Fairmount Park F. W. B. Church in the city of Norfolk, Virginia. This is expected to be the greatest occasion in the history of the National League work among the young people of the church.

Plans are being made in different states to charter buses to convey the young people to the convention and return. The attendance is expected to run up to several thousand people from the various churches of the denomination. Norfolk is a city that can well provide for the delegates, ministers and visiting friends of the convention.

The officials in charge of the convention program will soon run a display, through the columns of the Baptist paper, of the outstanding features of the convention. Essential information concerning the entire session will be furnished the readers of the Baptist during the month of May for the convenience and understanding of those who are anticipating attending the convention. We shall be glad to publish, for the officials in charge, all matters pertaining to this coming National convention.

THE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Vacation Bible School among rural churches is becoming more and more popular with Free Will Baptist ministers and the church leaders. From all indications, there will be conducted this summer a great many more of these schools in the rural churches for the benefit of the children and the youth of the church.

This is certainly a forward step for many of our smaller and weaker churches, as well as for the stronger churches. A week or ten days' Bible School of good teaching of religious truth for the children and the young people is commendable, and much good is always derived from the work of these schools. An increased knowledge of the Bible is commendable.

The F. W. B. Press at Ayden has on hand a supply of various materials suitable for use in the Vacation Bible Schools for this summer. Those who are planning to have a Bible school for their children and young people in their church will do well to place their orders for literature with the Press. It will be well to place such orders early so that when the time comes for the school to begin they will already have in hand their supplies for all of their classes. Those living not far from Ayden may visit the Press and select the materials they want by making their own choice from the supplies that we have already in stock.

—oooO0ooo— MORE CHURCHES INCREASING THEIR MONTHLY SERVICES

A great many more of the rural churches are now changing from one Sunday per month service to two Sundays, or half-time pastorates, while there are others in small towns that are planning to put on full-time service, and elect pastors to give their whole time with them in the work of the church. In some instances parsonages are being built for the pastors so that they can live among their church people, and be of the best service possible to the church and community.

For the churches to be able to do their best work, it is becoming necessary, in a great many places, that they increase their monthly services, renew their efforts to strengthen their religious work and influence in their communities, and to further train and enlighten the people concerning the Word of God. The Devil is always busy, seeking every opportunity possible to tear down the work of righteousness in any community. It behooves, therefore, all church people everywhere to be alert and active for the cause of Christ.

"I am a total abstainer from alcoholic liquors. I always felt I had a better use for my head."—Thomas A. Edison.

"Alcohol is the greatest single evil in the world. Poverty, crime, slums, squalor, cruelty, hunger, want, prisons, almshouses, and insane asylums are all supported by it."—Kathleen Norris.

"When the victory is complete there shall be neither a slave nor a drunkard on earth."—Abraham Lincoln.

Do you read your church papers?

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SCRIPTURE BURNERS

By George C. Clark

"And it came to pass in the fourth year of Jehoiakim . . . that this word came unto Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee . . .

"The king sent Jehudi to fetch the roll: and he took it out of Elishama the scribe's chamber. And Jehudi read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes which stood beside the king. Now, the king sat in the winterhouse in the ninth month: and there was a fire on the hearth burning before him. And it came to pass, that when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was on the hearth. Yet they were not afraid, nor rent their garments, neither the king, nor any of his servants that heard all these words" (Jer. 36:1, 2, 21-24).

There are many today, like Jehoiakim of old, who are burning every scripture in the Bible that does not meet the approval of their creed. It is true, these modern Jehoiakims are not using literal fires; however, what they are using is much more destructive than the fire which was on the hearth in the winterhouse of King Jehoiakim. They are using the fire of erroneous interpretations, which is burning the true meaning from every sacred scripture that would point out the way of the cross and lead men to the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation. No, these Bible destroyers no longer use the penknife and the fireplace; they leave the knife and the fire off, and use only the "pen" and the "place." Yes, they take their pen and place their own interpretations; this is why we have so many different and conflicting creeds in the world today, "doctrines of devils," as Paul called them. Strange as it may seem, men prefer to burn (pervert) the words of our Lord rather than repent and get right. Nevertheless, the Truth of God's Word is moving forward, as never before, conquering and subduing all things, even as God has said, "My Word . . . shall not return unto me void, but it shall accompany that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it (Isa. 55:11).

We know that God has a few men of truth who are filled with His Spirit and who are "rightly dividing the Word." Too, we know, there are thousands upon thousands who are misconstruing every essential passage of scripture and leading multitudes into complete darkness and disaster. These false leaders in their selfwill are even more wicked than Jehoiakim ever dared to be. He was honest enough to burn the roll and not try to set forth a false interpretation, and thus poison the minds of others. Jeremiah could and did rewrite his book after Jehoiakim burned it; hence no one was deceived by misinterpretations.

God has had and always will have a few Jehoiakims, men of activity, who will graciously receive His Word and write it on rolls. Yes, reader, the pen is as much needed today as it ever was, for God has never ceased speaking to His people. With all due respect to the Bible, I am convinced that God has messages for us now that are not yet in print, indeed, sermons for His holy ones.

Since 1932, the year that God laid the job of writing some of these sermons upon me, I have met thousands who were waiting and ready for these communications. On the other hand, I have met a number of Jehoiakims, those who burn or utterly destroy them; yet God has provided means whereby we are printing and mailing more of these messages than ever before. Surely God has caused us to triumph gloriously in this work.

Remember, reader, if you are one of these Jehoiakims who in this great wickedness have been destroying God's revelations in our little gospel tracts, you should be greatly afraid, for the Lord God of recompenses shall surely requite. He will not leave you wholly unpunished. You may have to face these sermons in final judgment. No one can stop the hands of the mighty God of Jacob, for His commandments, statutes, and laws must go. Men might burn every Bible and every gospel tract on earth, and yet the Word of God would still exist. It existed before it was written by men, for John 1:1 says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God. Yes, the Word of God is much older than the paper mills or the printing presses; so come, ye Jehoiakims, and save your time and souls, put up your penknives, put out your fires, and quit trying to destroy God's precious Word, wherethat it be in the Bible or on some true gospel tract. "For the Word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any twoedged sword," and any attempt to conspire against it will surely be a snare unto you. "For whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap."—Sel.

REV. WADE H. CALVERT TO HOLD MEETING AT PINEY GROVE

The Reverend Wade H. Calvert of Belmont, North Carolina, will begin a revival meeting at Piney Grove Church, Beaufort County, North Carolina, on Monday night, May 22, and the meeting will continue through the 26th of May. The public is cordially invited to attend these services. All who can render special music in song will be also cordially invited to come and help in the musical part of the revival meeting.

Orlander Harrison

Hide not your talents; they for use were made. What's a Sundial in the Shade?—Benjamin Franklin.

BAPTISM AND THE WASHING AWAY OF SINS

By Samuel E. Bush

In Acts 22:16 Ananias is recorded as having instructed the new convert, Saul, to "be baptized and wash away his sins, calling (or having called) upon the Name of the Lord." The practical significance of this injunction is so distasteful to Satan that He has ever sought to cloud its real meaning with a false interpretation. It becomes necessary therefore to carefully consider the question as to what the true purport of these words really is. Do they give foundation for the idea that baptism in water is a prescribed condition for the forgiveness of sins? False teachers say it is and thereby do dishonor to the Christ whose blood was shed for the remission of sins, and at the same time rob the verse of its practical weight. But this verse cannot possibly teach that baptism in water is necessary for the forgiveness of sins for if it did so it would be out of agreement with the rest of the Scripture, and that is impossible.

Plainly enough Paul had already "called upon the Name of the Lord," and in so doing had become a recipient of salvation for, "Whosoever calleth upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21). It is equally plain that "calling" is synonymous with "believing," and he who calls upon the Lord for salvation at once receives the forgiveness of sins (Acts 13:28, 39) i.e., his sins are washed away. This then had already become blessedly true in Saul's experience, as it has in that of every believing soul. Forgiveness and cleansing, full, free, absolute and complete were his, and they are ours. Neither the waters of baptism nor any other rite or ceremony was required, or could make this blessed fact more certain. Yet the Lord gave His servant this instruction and it must mean something important.

Let us remember the symbolism of water baptism. It is in figure a death, a burial, and a resurrection, i.e., the believer is reckoned by God to have died on account of his sins, in the Person of his substitute and also to have died to them. His turning to Christ was a repudiation of all that was and had been done before he knew Christ as Savior and Lord. By being baptised in water the believer gives public witness to these facts.

Saul up to the moment in which he called upon the Name of the Lord, had made an open avowal of the fact that his dependence was upon his own supposed goodness and religious deeds. He expected these to cancel the guilt of sin, to wash it away, so that God no longer would see it. In his baptism he would avow that from henceforth he trusted Christ and Him alone, relying upon His shed blood to wash away his sins. Being baptized he would confess his disassociation from all the deeds

of his past life and that in which he had trusted, owning it all to be sins which he utterly repudiated and owning his association with Christ in death, burial and resurrection. Henceforth we would be as one "dead unto sin and alive unto God."

So on the Godward side the washing away of his sins became an accomplished fact when he became a believer while on the manward side it was necessary that he should wash them away in the waters of baptism, in the sense that he utterly and finally disowned and rejected them.

Thus our meditation gives emphasis to twin truths, viz., that faith is the sole condition upon which God remits sins, and secondly that, all whose sins have been washed away in the blood of the Lamb are under solemn obligation to "wash themselves" being baptized and ever thereafter remember with single hearted purpose that their lives should conform to the affirmation they have made.—Light and Liberty.

THE AMERICAN PRESS AND THE LIQUOR PROBLEM

On March fifth, the *Star* of Washington, published the first of a series dealing with the problem of alcoholism in the United States Capital. These articles will be based upon an intensive and highly competent reportorial study intended to reveal just what this perplexing and critical problem is in the city of Washington.

During the last few years, a number of public-spirited newspapers have assumed a similar responsibility and rendered a similar service. The notable Skid Row Series in the *Chicago Daily News* will come at once to mind, while similar discussions in the *Miami Herald*, the *Denver Post*, the *Detroit Free Press*, and the articles on drunken driving in the *Los Angeles Times*, have greatly helped in the communities of their publication as well as nationally. Nor does this list complete the honor roll, for many papers have incidentally shown an awareness that the liquor evil has become so all-pervading and menacing in American life that it must be regarded as a major complex problem, for which a solution must be sought if the Nation is not to be seriously weakened in its political and social functioning and in its international position.

The first article in the *Star* calls attention to the fact that Washington is drinking three times as much liquor as the national per capita average, and that the results are shown in ever-swelling arrest totals, crime, alcoholism and death. Washington, says the *Star*, does not have the saloon where men stand at the bar until they fall down—in the Capital they sit down and drink, sometimes until they can't get up.

"District arrests for drunkenness have risen from 13,942 in 1930 when the population was under 500,000 to 37,463 last year.

The population of the District itself has decreased one per cent since the war: from 880,000 to 870,000. The percentage of jailed drunks has increased more than 33 per cent over the same period.

"Seventy per cent of all jail cases and 77 per cent of the district's criminal court cases are on drunkenness charges.

"More than 2,000 persons were hospitalized last year for physical and mental ailments arising from alcoholism.

"More than 100 persons died from drunken driving, homicides, poisonous alcoholic drinks and alcoholism, all stemming from drinking.

"An upswing in drinking also is reflected in Alcoholic Beverage Control Board figures. The number of all kinds of liquor licenses has soared in five years from 1,962 to 2,393."

In Washington, groceries sell beer and wine, restaurants, hotels, nightclubs and taverns dispense intoxicants, and special one-day licenses are issued for picnics and club outings; incidentally, many clubs in Washington sell liquor outside of legal hours.

The *Star* is supplementing its journalistic treatment with a series of radio broadcasts over WMAL each Tuesday evening for eight weeks, from 9:45 to 10:00 p.m.—Reprinted from *The Voice*.

ARE YOU THINKING OF MOTHER!

Do you remember the old home and the loved ones so fair?

Do you remember your mother with her silvery hair?

Do you remember the days when you were small,

Your mother was ready to answer your call?

If you were sleepy and wanted a nap,
You called for mother and climber on her lap.

If you were sick and needed a care,
It was your mother who was always there;

She looked after your medicine, saw it was right.

Your mother watched over you by day and by night.

It was a mother's love that kept her awake;
She never could murmur, though her cares were great.

Have you forgotten your mother? Are you giving her a thought?

Has a letter been written, or a present been bought?

Have you asked about her health, if there's a thing you can do?

Are you sending a message to your mother so true?

Better take up your pen and drop her a line.

Why not do it now, there is no better time?

Can you remember when your mother taught you that little prayer,
And how in the little bed you were tucked away with care?

Don't you think your mother loved you, that she never can forget?

Don't you think the days of your childhood linger with her yet?

Do you think her love was lessened when from you she had to part?

Do you think those days of parting caused an aching in her heart?

Your mother is growing feeble, the time is drawing near;

You better think of your mother while she is here.

For as the years are passing she is growing old,

There is dimness in her vision, there is silver among the gold,

But some day the time will come when you will miss her love.

Will you meet your mother in that heavenly home above?

—Mrs. R. B. Tuck.

Remember the world is only dark when it turns its back upon the sun; the heavens themselves are always full of light.—Gest.

When a man does not know what harbor he is making for, no wind is the right wind.—Seneca.

Cragmont News

The Dates for opening have been set, and you are ready to go, we hope!

Ministers Conference—June 5-9.

Sunday School Superintendents—June 12-17.

Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors—June 19-24.
Summer School for Christian Workers

June 26—August 4, Inclusive.

Young People—Aug. 7-12.

Woman's Week—Aug. 14-21.

Special Groups—August 21--Sept. 1.

Registration fee—\$2.00 per Institute

Room and Board—\$2.00 per day

Campers Insurance—\$.50 per week

For other information write, Registrar or Director.

Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, N. C.

James A. Evans, Pres.

NEWS FROM CEDAR GROVE

By Mrs. Clyde Poston
Bascom, Fla.

We seldom see anything from this section of the state in our Free Will Baptist Church paper. I wonder why more church members do not write the news about their churches and what they are doing. We do have several F. W. B. Churches in this county. Wake up church members, and let us hear from you.

The name of our church is Cedar Grove, and it is located four miles east of Bascom, Jackson County, Florida. The Reverend C. A. Huckabee of Phenix City, Alabama, is our pastor. He is a fine Christian gentleman. The church members all love him very much as a pastor. We feel that he has done a great work in our church which is young. It has been organized only a few years. We have only 29 members, but most of them, or at least some of them really believe in working for the upbuilding of our church, and the ongoing of the Lord's work.

Brother Huckabee has encouraged and insisted that we organize a woman's auxiliary. This we did with his help about seven months ago. We have two meetings each month, on Monday afternoons after the first and third Sundays. We always meet in our church, and during these seven months, we have bought Christmas gifts for two families of orphan children. We have bought a Communion Set for the church. We have bought wash basins and towels for use in the celebration of the Feet Washing service at communion time. We gave five dollars on a Christmas gift for our pastor. We have given to foreign missions \$11.45, and have donated \$15 to our church treasury.

Our auxiliary has sold two quilts, sponsored one chicken supper, and one fish supper. They sold plates at each supper for 50 cents each. We now have in our auxiliary treasury \$75. We are planning to send three persons from our church to the Bible Training Camp this summer, and the woman's auxiliary will pay the expenses of one of these. We women do really believe in our auxil-

iary. No church should feel that they cannot have a working woman's auxiliary, for every church can have one if the women will try.

Our church also has a Young People's League which meets each Sunday night. We have a mid-week prayer meeting. This is on each Thursday night. Our regular preaching services are on the Third Sunday, morning and at night. We have service also on Saturday night before. Our church has a Sunday School each Sunday morning. We invite visitors to come and worship with us. We desire the prayers of the good Christian people. Please pray much for us.

LUKE-WARM CHRISTIANS

Dear Baptist Readers:

It seems that our little church is not progressing like it should. The people are so unconcerned.

We lost one good member of our church, old Brother Akins. We hated to give him up, but I feel like it was all the better for him. He was such a good man and so faithful to the little church. I know he is resting from all of his toils in the paradise of God.

Many members reach out after the pleasures of the world, but when they do, they become luke-warm Christians. I am fearful that God will spew them out of his mouth. They can not blame anyone but themselves. For he will reward us, be our helper, be mindful of us and our God, if we will just be obedient to him.

I feel like he doesn't much care what becomes of us. He plainly says, if we won't hear him and if we rebel against him with a stiff neck, when we need him and call him he won't answer.

Oh people, don't get too proud. The time will come when you will need him. Don't think that all of your life you will be happy as there will be many dark hours ahead for you. If he gets angry with you for not being obedient and won't answer when you call, Oh people, it will really seem hard.

It seems he did all he could for the children of Israel before he gave them up. They fared bad, and were

scattered all over the face of the earth, but they still have one more chance to be saved — BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST. The same chance now we have and no better, so take this for a warning, dear people, and don't think that God will just keep striving after you. He can make out without you, and don't you think he can't.

Your Brother in Christ,

B. E. Coxwell,
Route 4, Box 822-A,
Tallahassee, Florida

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Beginning June 5 through 9 is time for the Ministers' Conference at our own beloved Cragmont. There in a glorious setting of God's own handiwork, we who try to carry out the Great Commission, will meet in a week of wonderful fellowship and instruction that will enable us to be better servants of God. Really and truly it seems to be a place where one can get in close touch and harmony with God and come away with a greater conception of just what the Great Commission means at home and abroad.

Each church and its organizations should provide a scholarship of \$25 for their pastor to go. It is a real spiritual feast and he will come back to you a far better pastor for having gone.

Rev. J. W. Alford, president of the State Convention, will lead a discussion and forum daily on the Revised State Discipline. Other denominational phases of work will be given its place during the week. A note of evangelism will run through the meetings throughout the entire week.

I would like to urge the churches to see that your pastor goes to Cragmont June 5, through 9. This is one of the greatest services you can render him. Please let us join our hearts together in prayer, help with our finances, and in every effort, help to make each Conference at Cragmont this year, a success.

Yours in Christian service,
James A. Evans, President,
Cragmont Assembly, Inc.

WHEN THE IDOLS FAILED

Rev. J. B. Tweter

Mr. Chen was fortunate the day he went out of the city of Hokiang for a walk, for it was while he was away that the Japanese planes came over and dropped their bombs. He heard the successive explosions from afar, and when he reached a hilltop, he looked down to see the city covered with smoke.

Fear came to his heart. Had his home escaped the bombing? Was his medicine shop safe? Would he find his parents when he returned to the city? He tried to reassure himself. Had he not been faithful in offering sacrifices to his gods? Had he not that morning burned incense to the idols in his home? In return would they not protect his home and shop? Fear and anxiety gave speed to his feet, as he hurried homeward to learn the truth.

With a sick heart he stood before the still smoking ruins of his home. There was no sign of his parents. Everything, everything had gone up in smoke! Even the idols were gone. They could not even protect themselves. He had been misled, and now he was a poor man. Mr. Chen gazed about him bitterly, sore at heart, and feeling that he had nothing to hold him any longer in Hokiang. It would be better if he went away from his old haunts, and tried to forget. He had lost faith in the power of his idols.

I felt light at heart as I held forth the old-fashioned Gospel in the street chapel at Suyung, Szechwan, that evening. God was surely working in human hearts. At the close of the message an invitation was given to accept Jesus Christ as Saviour. Three or four came forward. One was a young man of about twenty years or so.

"What is your honorable name?" I asked.

"My name is Chen," was the speaker.

"Why do you want to repent of your sins, and trust in the Lord Jesus?"

"I have come to see that the idols are false!" he said in a bitter voice.

"I want to trust in a God that is alive, and that can save me and keep me. He must be the One you preached about tonight."

His conversion was real. He had to suffer persecution because of the Cross, in Suyung city, but he was true to his decision to follow Christ. Pray for him. We do not know where he went, but God knows and cares for him. He will be a target for the devil's arrows, but we must guard him with believing prayer. Will you help to do that?—Young China.

LEE'S CHAPEL AUXILIARY HOLDS GOOD MEETING

The Woman's auxiliary of Lee's Chapel met on Thursday night, April 13 in the home of Mrs. A. M. Stone with 21 members present. An interesting lesson on the subject: "Training of Youth" was given by Mrs. Crafton Tart. Plans were completed for the chicken stew supper to be given on Friday night, April 14 in the lunch room at Plain View School.

Quite a goodly number attended and enjoyed the supper. After the supper the "Melody Boys" from Four Oaks rendered special music in the school auditorium. The proceeds from the supper went to help pay on the new S. S. rooms that were being built at Lee's Chapel.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday night before the third Sunday in May at the home of Mrs. Melia Williford. All members are urged to be present for this meeting.

Mrs. Jas. E. West,
Dunn, N. C.,
Route 5

Some of the men who are placed in positions of high responsibility by the operations of liquor politics are almost incredibly incompetent. Liquor government is bad government—always.

"He who drinks is deliberately disqualifying himself for advancement. Personally I refuse to take such a risk; I do not drink."—Wm. H. Taft.

"Drink is the source of all evil and ruin of half of the working men of the country."—George Washington.

A Puzzle, Guess Who?

Adam, God made from the dust,
But thought it best to make me first.
So I was made before the man,
To answer God's most holy plan.
My body, God did make complete
With neither arms, nor legs nor feet.
My ways and acts He did control,
But to my being gave no soul.
A living being I became,
And Adam gave to me a name;
I from his presence then withdrew
And more of Adam never knew.
I did my Maker's law obey,
Nor from it ever went astray.
Thousands of miles I go in fear,
But seldom on the land appear.
For purpose wise which God did see
He put a living soul in me.
That soul from me the Lord did claim
And took from me that soul again.
For when from me the soul had fled,
I was the same as when first made;
And without hands, or feet or soul
I travel on from pole to pole.
I labor on by day and night,
To fallen men I give warmth, light;
Thousands of people, young and old
Will by my death great light behold.
No right or wrong can I conceive,
The Scriptures I cannot believe.
Although my name therein is found
They are to me a nempty sound.
No fear of death doth trouble me,
And happiness I ne'er can see.
Now, when these lines you slowly read,
Go search your Bible with great speed,
For that my name is written there
I honestly to you declare.

—Unknown.

You will find my name in the first chapter of the first Book and in the first chapter of the thirty-second Book of the Bible.

YOU TELL ON YOURSELF

Selected

You tell on yourself by the friends you seek,
By the very manner in which you speak;
By the way you employ your leisure time,
By the use you make of dollar and dime.

You tell on ourself by the things you wear,
By the spirit in which your burdens bear,
By the kind of things at which you laugh,
By the records you play on the phonograph.

You tell what you are by the way you walk,
By the things of which you delight to talk,
By the manner in which you bear defeat,
By so simple a thing as how you eat.

By the books you choose from the well-filled shelf;
In these ways and more, you tell on yourself;
So there's really no particle of sense
In an effort to keep up false pretense.



HOSEA REVEALS GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

(Lesson for May 14)

Lesson: Hosea 11:1-4, 8-11; 14:4-9.

Golden Text: Hosea 14:4.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

1. The call of God to salvation is based on His love, and not on our merit (Hos. 11:1).

2. It is sometimes possible to find some of God's children in the land of Egypt (vs. 1).

3. God is willing and able to deliver from Egypt, but even then His children sometimes become disobedient (vs. 2).

4. Are we as ready to give God credit when we have success as we are to blame Him when we fail? (vs. 3).

5. God is unlike men in practically all respects, and especially so in the matter of love (vss. 8, 9).

6. No one but God can restore the backslider, but the backslider must be willing to return to God (14:1, 4).

7. When God has finished the work of restoring the backslider, he is not to be compared to the "bird with the broken pinion" which never soared as high again afterward (vss. 4-6).

8. The saint who has been restored to fellowship and service is sure to be a blessing to others (vs. 7).

9. The backslider is restored not in order to go astray again, but to sever his connections with the old past (vs. 8).

10. Just like Amos, of whom he was a contemporary, Hosea addressed his messages to Israel rather than Judah. His own experiences with an unfaithful wife are used to serve as an object lesson of God's great love for His people. Gomer forsook Hosea and lived in wanton adultery. Eventually she seems to have been

completely abandoned by her former lovers and left to face destitution. Then the Prophet redeemed her for himself. It is a picture of Israel's apostasy and God's continuing love.
—Selected.

11. Our lesson begins with a statement of God's love for Israel in the very childhood of the nation. It was with a high hand and an outstretched arm that God had delivered his people from such a condition of servitude in Egypt that, humanly speaking, there seemed to be no hope. Yet in spite of this, and notwithstanding his subsequent care and guidance and loving discipline, the people had wandered from him and refused to return. God declared, "My people are bent on backsliding from me" (11:7 RV). Israel had turned away from God's law, and had behaved like a stubborn heifer. Also Ephraim, like a silly dove, had been foolishly calling unto Egypt and to Assyria (7:11) instead of seeking after the Lord. Instead of finding true satisfaction in God and in spiritual things, Ephraim was feeding on wind and following after the east wind (12:1), as many people do to this day.—Arnold's Commentary.

12. Vs. 4, 5—Here again the prophet uses figurative language. In the Bible sin is likened to some dreadful disease. The miracles of healing on the part of Christ may be considered as typical of what his atoning grace does in healing the diseases of the human soul. This was true in Christ's healing the ten lepers of their dreadful disease (Lu. 17:11-19). Another example of divine healing is recorded in II Kings 20:4-6, when the Lord healed Hezekiah of his dreadful disease and extended his life for fifteen years. Note, the prophet tells the people that God will be to them "as the dew, refreshing and enlivening." He will be to them like "the fragrant white lily." These figures of speech were used to express spiritual blessings which God would give to his people. Dr. Benjamin L. Olmstead says, "The beauty of this olive tree with its green foliage is an apt symbol of the beauty of holiness or spiritual graces."—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

II. The Lesson Illustrated

Power of Love

One day, one of the gigantic eagles of Scotland carried away an infant, which was sleeping by the fireside in its mother's cottage. The whole village ran after it; but the eagle soon perched itself upon the loftiest eyrie, and every one despaired of the child being recovered. A sailor tried to climb the ascent, but his strong limbs trembled, and he was at last obliged to give up the attempt. A robust Highlander, accustomed to climb the hills, tried next, and even his limbs gave away, and he was in fact precipitated to the bottom. But at last a poor peasant woman came forward. She put her feet on one shelf of the rock, then on a second, then on a third; and in this manner, amid the trembling hearts of all who were looking on, she rose to the very top of the cliff, and at last, whilst the breasts of those below were heaving, came down step by step, until, amid the shouts of the villagers, she stood at the bottom of the rock with the child on her bosom. Why did that woman succeed when the strong sailor and the practised Highlander had failed? Why, because between her and the babe there was a tie; that woman was the mother of the babe. Let there be love to Christ and to souls in your hearts, and greater wonders will be accomplished.—1000 Illustrative Anecdotes.

MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day is here again—

Twelve months have passed—some how.
Several mothers who were with us then
Are not in our presence now.

Their bodies have been laid to rest,
Beneath a mound of clay;
And it grieves our hearts to think of them
Who are no longer with us today.

But we'll try so hard to smile
And let God have His way;
For we hope to meet them o'er there
When night is turned to day.

What a wonderful thought!
It inspires us on our way;
That we can meet 'round God's throne
And never—no never go away.
—Mrs. Sallie Carraway

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

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CHRISTIAN HILL F. W. B. CHURCH ORGANIZES AUXILIARY

On April 16, 1950, Christian Hill F. W. B. Church, in Wilcox County, Georgia, held a meeting for the purpose of organizing a woman's auxiliary. After the opening exercises and prayer, Rev. C. J. Harvey made the introductory remarks, and read for his scripture Hebrews 2:3. The service was then turned over to Mrs. C. J. Harvey who delivered a brief talk on the woman's auxiliary work.

After Mrs. Harvey's talk, the following officers for the auxiliary were elected:

President, Mrs. Jewel Gordon; first vice-president, Mrs. G. T. Bruce; second vice-president, Mrs. Doris Rhodes; Mrs. C. F. Martin, third vice-president; Mrs. E. J. Baker, fourth vice-president; Mrs. Essie Lee, fifth vice-president; Miss Betty Lou Baker, secretary and treasurer.

Then the By-Laws were read and adopted. The auxiliary chose to have its meetings on the fourth Saturday afternoon of each month at the church.

We desire the prayers of all Christian people to pray for our auxiliary and church that we may go forward in the work of the Lord.

Mrs. Jewel Gordon, President,
Miss Betty L. Baker, Secretary

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY ORGANIZED AT MT. ARARATT F. W. B. CHURCH

On April 1, 1950, after the close of the church service Mt. Araratt Church, Dodge County, Georgia, met to organize a woman's auxiliary. Brother and Sister Harvey gave us information concerning the auxiliary work. They gave to us Bible references concerning the woman's work, and following their talks, we organized an auxiliary by electing the officers as follows: President, Mrs. J. C. Barrentine; first vice-president, Mrs. Ralph Peacock; second vice-president, Mrs. Troy Harden; third vice-president, Mrs. Mabel Howell; fourth vice-president, Mrs. Spurgeon Jones; fifth vice-president, Mrs. Alton Flemings; secretary, Mrs. Acie Sheffield, treasurer, Mrs. Inez Smith.

The monthly meetings will be held on each first Saturday at 2:30 P. M. at the church.

Mrs. Spurgeon Jones,
Eastman, Georgia,
Route 3

LITTLE BETHEL ORGANIZED AUXILIARY

The Little Bethel Ladies Auxiliary Circle met and organized on Sunday afternoon, January 8th, at the church. We were happy to get underway with a total of 17 members.

Our officers are as follows: President, Mrs. Vernie Stone; First Vice-President, Mrs. Herman Tanner; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Marion Todd; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Dot Altman; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. Allen Baxley; Fifth Vice-President, Mrs. C. V. Ward.

Being anxious to get underway, we decided to meet again in January for our first regular meeting. Thus, we gathered at the home of Mrs. C. V. Ward where upon calling the roll and calling for new members had five to say that they would like to join. This was really encouraging. Mrs. Dale Altman and Mrs. Allan Baxley were in charge of the program "Advancing with Christ in the Homeland." We then took up and completed the business of ordering literature. After deciding on the fourth Thursday of each month as our regular meeting day, our first meeting came to a close.

For February meeting we met at the home of Mrs. Dot Altman, where Mrs. Murdock Stone and Mrs. Franklin Eaddy rendered a beautiful program on "Advancing with Christ Through Literature." We decided to elect a few to help some of the officers in their offices. After very tasty refreshments were served, the meeting adjourned.

We met at the home of Mrs. Vernie Stone for our March meeting and upon checking our roll were happy to find that we had reached 30 members. Of course we're a happy group now. Mrs. Clifton Lyerly and Mrs. Thomas Brown presented the program on "Advancing with Christ in Cuba." It was most interesting, especially since Mrs. Brown had a letter from our missionary, Mrs. Willey who is now in Cuba. We thoroughly enjoyed it. After refreshments were served, Mrs. Stone, and Mrs. Marion Todd, who were co-hostesses, surprised us with an egg-hunt, which really thrilled us.

Our next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Austin Stone, on Thursday afternoon, April 27, 1950.

Thanks,

Mrs. Clifton Lyerly,
Corresponding Secy.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE AUXILIARY CONVENTION CONVENING WITH SHADY GROVE

North Carolina State Auxiliary Convention will convene with Shady Grove church, Sampson County, on Thursday, May 25, 1950. Registration will be at 9:30.

The Cape Fear District Auxiliary Convention will act as host this year.

Shady Grove Church is located on Highway No. 102 between Newton Grove and the intersection of Highway No. 102 and Highway No. 421. Highway No. 102 is the Goldsboro-Fayetteville highway; while No. 421 is the Dunn-Clinton highway.

The local auxiliaries do not send a written report to the State Auxiliary Convention. Local auxiliaries do represent with a delegate and a contribution. Make your contribution as generous as possible. Your District Secretary will send a report for the entire district. Remember the report will be for the entire year. If you have not sent in your per capita dues, be sure to do so right away as we are not in good standing with the National program if we do not have our entire amount of per capita dues.

Send all monies, except for the Orphanage, with information as to what the money is for, to our state treasurer, Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Winterville, N. C.

Let's pray for a grand meeting; one that will be a success in the sight of the Lord.

Yours for service,
Mrs. James A. Evans, Secretary,
State Auxiliary Convention,
1108 South Tarboro Street,
Wilson, North Carolina

KEEP ME SWEET

"Lord, keep me sweet when I grow old,
And things in life seem hard to bear,
When I feel sad and all alone, And people do not seem to care.
O, keep me sweet, and let me look beyond
the frets that life must hold;
To see the glad eternal joys; Yes, keep
me sweet in growing old."

"Out of ten who begin to drink, an average of three become regular habitual drunkards."—Dr. Charles Mayo.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

THE BISHOP'S PEPPERMINTS

Opal Leonore Gibbs

Annabel was very unhappy. It rather looked as if she might be wearing blue glasses—not on her little nose, of course, but on her heart. They are the most uncomfortable things, you know, for they do make the whole world look so blue and miserable.

But it was not blue glasses at all. It was—well, now, I'll tell you all about it. Annabel's father was a minister, and over and over in his sermons he said that the Lord Jesus died for our sins, and that He was asking now for the gift of our hearts. Every time Annabel heard these things she believed them, and longed with all her heart to love the Saviour and be His follower. It seemed as if the narrow way was very close to her, with the little entering gate just in front. All she had to do was to open the gate and walk through. Then her feet would be in the King's Highway, with the beautiful Heavenly city at the end—just as it said in Pilgrim's Progress. Oh, she did so want to open that gate!

But there was something else that Father had said—only last Sunday it had been in his sermon. Sometimes stones lie in front of the gate, only little stones maybe, but it is necessary to take them out of the way before the gate can be opened. (You know yourself that even so small a thing as a glass bead, if it gets under a door, can keep it from opening.) These stones, he said, were covered up sins, sins that no one knew about. But God had written in His Word—Annabel knew the text—"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."

Now you have guessed why Annabel was unhappy. There was a stone in her way, and not a very little stone either. "But I can't—I can't confess that," she kept whispering to herself. Then came something to her mind that dear Grandma had often said, "Can't never did anything, but 'I will' is a master hand at most any task." But remembering even that did not seem to help much.

It was Saturday and that very evening he was coming, the kind old bishop who would preach at their church the next day. He would be at their house of course, for Father and Mother had known and loved him ever since they were as small as Annabel herself. He would sit down in that big chair and lift her up onto his knee, then after a little talk, he would open his leather bag and take out the sack of pep-

permints he always carried. Then he would ask her to hold out her hand. Annabel shivered when she thought of those peppermints. She never wanted to taste one of them again—never!

Suddenly there was a step on the veranda, and Father's happy voice in the hall. The Bishop had come! Annabel flew out into the kitchen, up the back stairs, and into her own little bedroom. Flinging herself down by the little white bed: "Dear Jesus," she prayed, "please help me. I never can confess it by myself—I never can!"

Now, you know, burdens always grow lighter when one has prayed. Annabel felt better at once, that is, a little better. The heavy feeling in her chest was not quite so hurting. For the Lord Jesus was going to give her strength to get this ugly stone out of the way, she was sure He was.

The opportunity came very soon. Mother was getting supper and Father had gone out somewhere. The good bishop sat alone in the living room, and as the little girl came slowly in, his kind face crinkled into a smile just as it always did. He held out his hand and drew her up on his knee. Now was the time—

"I have"—Annabel gulped miserably—"I have to tell you something." She stopped—it was perfectly horrid to have to cry, but she just could not help it.

"All right, let's hear what you have to tell me."

"When—when you were here last winter—I went into your room, and—" Annabel was sobbing now. How could she ever tell it? How could she have been so wicked?

"Yes, dear, and what did you do?" prompted the kind voice.

"I—I took some per'mints out of your bag." There—it was done! The big stone was taken away at last!

"Did someone say you must tell me? Did anyone else know about it?" questioned the bishop.

Annabel shook her head.

"Well, it was a brave thing to do, little girl. And now can you tell me why you felt you must confess."

"Because I wanted to come to the Lord Jesus, but the gate wouldn't open—there was a stone in front."

"I see." And the good man smiled understandingly. "A big hindering stone. But the Lord Jesus helped you to take it away, didn't He?"

Annabel nodded again.

"And now I have forgiven you and He has forgiven you, too, why, the gate is open, isn't it?"

"Yes," she whispered.

"Then what will you do now?"

"I will go in!" And the little girl looked up into his face with an April smile which showed only a little of the joy that was bubbling up inside. Annabel made a movement to go. She had a feeling that she would like to tell Mother about it—now.

"Wait," twinkled the bishop, "here's your peppermints—hold out your hand."

Annabel flushed rosily. But she held out her hand. Perhaps after all they would taste pretty good.

And they did.—The S. S. Times.

MAURY F. W. B. CHURCH HAS GOOD REVIVAL

Our revival began on April 2, and continued through April 12. The attendance was not so large, but it does not take the largest crowds to have the best revival.

Rev. Tyndall preached some very inspiring sermons which touched the hearts of sinners. The Devil tried to discourage, but we kept praying, and God heard and answered our prayers. There were only two who came to accept Christ until the last night, and then twelve more professed Christ, making in all fourteen giving their hearts to God. There was one man 87 years old who came, saying, "I want to live for the Lord the rest of my life." Only true Christians know what joy we had when we heard him make his profession.

Dear Christians, let us bear in mind, and begin praying for a real revival, and may it begin in our hearts.

Brother Tyndall will continue his school work again at Atlantic Christian College in Wilson, North Carolina, this summer. He will be glad to hold revivals and to do any evangelistic work where the churches want his services. He has two Sundays open for services, the second and the fourth each month.

We believe with all our hearts that he is a God called minister, for he preaches the word plain and simple. May we encourage him in his work, and let us pray and help him in every way possible. His address is: Rev. M. L. Tyndall, 213 South McLewen Street, Kinston, North Carolina.

Mrs. Zeb Moye,
Hookerton, N. C.,
Route 1, Box 66

When a child of God has even one thing to murmur or complain about, it is a sure sign that he is treated too good, and is too well provided for. He needs more tribulation (Rom. 5:3), and he forgets to heed the admonition of I Timothy 6:8—H.

"Before you act, ask yourself whether the effect of what you plan to do is likely to be as advantageous to others as it is to you."

**MRS. GRIFFIN CONDUCTS STUDY-COURSE
SHADY GROVE CHURCH**

On Thursday, April 6, 1950, Mrs. J. C. Griffin met with the woman's auxiliary of Shady Grove Church, Sampson County, North Carolina, in the Cape Fear District for a study of the Manual of Methods. She taught from the Manual the duties of the several officers of the auxiliary work. Mrs. Griffin spoke pointedly, and her explanations were very much appreciated by everyone present.

There were meeting with us members of Robert's Grove Church, Lee's Chapel, Corinth, and Oak Grove. Also we had with us Mrs. Robie Strickland from Casey's Chapel, near Goldsboro. We also had a visitor from the western district.

Lunch was served at the noon hour, and everyone enjoyed it very much. It was spread in the young people's assembly hall of the church. Following the lunch hour, we again assembled in the church auditorium for further discussions. We deeply appreciate Mrs. Griffin's labor of love among us, and feel greatly blessed and strengthened in our auxiliary work.

Lucy Warren

**HARRELL'S CHAPEL EXPERIENCES
GREAT REVIVAL**

Revival services were held April 2nd to 12th, 7:30 p.m., at Harrell's Chapel Church by our pastor, Rev. T. P. Ellis of Fountain. We had unusually large attendance and we feel that the messages were an inspiration to those privileged to hear them.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank our fellow churches and visitors for all that attended and especially those who took part in our services. Each evening special music was rendered with help of our visiting churches. We appreciate their attendance and help in making this one of the best revivals ever held in Harrell's Chapel Church and in this community.

An addition of 18 members were added to our roll. We had 36 confessions, some being old members coming back into the church. The baptism was Sunday, April 16, with a large attendance. Two persons were baptised from other churches and 18 from this church.

Yours truly,
Mrs. John Slater

If we believe that Jesus is the Christ, we have eternal life abiding within our hearts.—L. L. K.

"I do not smoke or drink."—Charles A. Lindbergh.

**ATTENTION! ALL SOUTH CAROLINA
LEAGUERS**

Darlington Church was filled at the convening of the Seventh Quarterly District League Convention of South Carolina on April 22, 1950. The program for the day was presented exactly as planned, except the final contest, which was to decide South Carolina's representative to the National League Conference in June.

In this contest, Vivian White of Liberty won first place, and the privilege of being her State's representative at Norfolk, Virginia, where the National League Convention will be held in June. Shirley Jean Welch of Horse Branch, and Marjorie Young of New Town won second and third places in that order.

All South Carolina Leaguers who are interested in attending this National League

Conference by chartered bus for June 13, 14 and 15, or in going to Cragmont the week of August 6, please, PLEASE contact Mrs. Alma H. Weatherford, Pamlico, South Carolina, immediately.

—By the reporter

TRUE BEAUTY

An elderly Quaker woman with a beautiful complexion was asked what kind of cosmetic she used. Replying, she offered this prescription: "I use truth for my lips; for my voice, prayer; for my eyes, pity; for my hands, charity; for my figure, uprightness; for my heart, love. This prescription can be filled without expense, and the supply will be increased with continued use."

—Broadcaster.

Friend, Be Sure and Read This!



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Looking to the Future**

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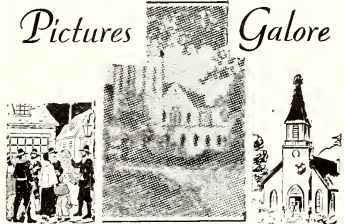
The first part (to be distributed June 4) will highlight the Third Nationwide F. W. B. L. Conference, which is the big denominational event of the month of June. There will be a special story written by one of our Free Will Baptist story writers, intitled "Through the Rain to Tulsa Sunshine," which, while looking back to last year, should inspire last minute decisions to go to Norfolk. There will be "beckoning hand" items about Norfolk and Norfolk's leaguers

The June 11th part will present information about the National Association meeting, to convene in July in California. There will be some interesting bits of history about the National Association, and information about California and Richmond,

where the meeting will be held. Then when the June 18th part of the Banner is "handed out" on Third Sunday, it will be found to contain facts about the National Woman's Auxiliary, and about the missionary work being promoted by the women of the church. The part dated June 25 will be alive with information and high-lights of the National Sunday School Convention, which meets in August.

For this great special edition, there will be

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and, of course, some of the same kind of fine stories Youth's Banner presents in every number.

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MRS. DORA COMBS PASSES

On March 26, 1950, God called one of our most loved members, Mrs. Dora Combs, out of this world of sorrow and suffering to that Home of rest.

She was 58 years old on January 2, 1950, and was the daughter of the late J. J. and Bethe Sasser. She left a devoted husband, Brother J. E. Combs, one son, J. Rodney Combs, four Brothers, one sister, and a host of distant relatives and friends.

Her health had been failing for several months, but she was able to be up until a short time before she died. She had been suffering with arthritis for some time. She also had head trouble, but everything was done for her that the doctors, nurses and loved ones could do. God knew best and took her to rest with Him.

She was converted when she was just a young girl and she joined Stony Creek F. W. B. Church. Sister Dora was a very loyal member, for she was always ready to do anything for her Master that she could. She was one of our most active Aid workers, and also in the Sunday School. Her Sunday School class loved her dearly. Everybody who knew her loved her, because she seemed to love everyone.

Sister Combs was always so very good and faithful in visiting the sick, and in doing things for those who needed her help. She could always say such comforting words, and her visits were like a ray of sunshine wherever she went.

She was so true to her church and all of its activities that if she was not there, you could always hear someone make inquiries concerning her.

The funeral services were conducted at the home on Monday afternoon by her pastor, Rev. Clifton Rice, and the Reverend C. F. Bowen, her former pastor. The large crowd of friends and the numerous and beautiful floral offerings showed the high esteem in which she was held. All of us will miss her, but we feel that she is sweetly resting in a better home not made with human hands. We trust that some day we shall be able to meet her again where parting will be no more.

There is an open gate at the end of the road

Through which each must go alone;
There is a light we cannot see,

But our heavenly Father claims His own.

A precious one from us has gone,

A voice we loved is still;
A place has been made vacant
Which can never be filled.

How patient in her suffering,
When no hand could give her ease;
God the helper of the helpless,
Saw the pain and gave her relief.

God bless memories she left behind,
The patience shown and deeds so kind;
That we may seek to follow her example
And leave a good record for mankind.

Sister Dora is gone, but she will not be

forgotten. The life she lived, and good deeds she has done will live on and on.

—Written by Nettie Worrell
Pikeville, North Carolina

"In 1938, chronic alcoholism and alcoholic psychosis accounted for 11.5 per cent of first admissions to all mental hospitals in the United States."—Reverend A. J. Murphy, Director, Catholic Charities Bureau, Cleveland.

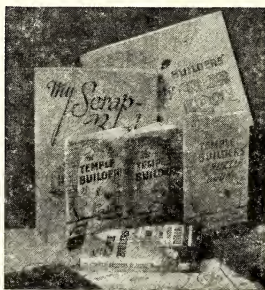
The time to prevent the fall of a nation is before it begins to stagger.

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The Bravest Battle

The bravest battle that ever was fought.
Shall I tell you where and when?
On the maps of the world you find it not;
'Twas fought by the mothers of men.

Nay, not with cannon or battle shot,
With sword or noble pen;
Nay not with eloquent words or thought
From mouths of wonderful men.

But deep in a walled-up woman's heart,
Of a woman that would not yield,
But bravely, silently bore her part,
Lo, there is the battle field.

No marshalling troops, no bivouac song,
No banner to gleam and wave;
But oh! these battles, they last so long
From babyhood to the grave.

Yet, faithful still as a bridge of stars
She fights in her walled-up town,
Fights on and on in endless wars.
Then, silent, unseen, goes down.

Oh, ye with banners and battle shot
And soldiers to shout and praise!
I tell you the kingliest victories fought,
Were fought in those silent ways.

O spotless woman in a world of shame,
With splendid and silent scorn,
Go back to God as white as you came,
The kingliest warrior born.

—Joaquin Miller.

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Notice

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

NEWS FROM CENTER VIEW CHURCH, NEWPORT, TENNESSEE

Center View F. W. B. Church closed one of the greatest revival meetings that we have ever witnessed. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way and souls were saved. Men and women went to the altar and surrendered their lives to God. Their sins were burdening them when they were convicted by the old-time gospel messages.

We want to thank each one who offered prayers to the Lord for us in this meeting. We want to say that we have a good Sunday School, with fine attendance, and there are around ninety members on roll. We have as good a Sunday School teacher as I have ever listened to in the class. His name is M. L. Mantooh. Men and women are converted under his teaching.

We are planning to begin building on our new church very soon. We want every one to pray for us, for we need the prayers of God's people.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Brother O'Dell of Belmont, N. C., and Brother Ray Rickard, and let us pray for them because they are men most needed in God's army. Let us all pray for God's work among Free Will Baptists everywhere that

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"To Christ, the Giver of good things, For benefactions, great and small, Our Lord of lords, and King of kings; Thanksgivings rise from one and all."

What Do We Believe?

Wayne Smith
Candler, N. C.

Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-7.

We are living in an age, when there is much confusion, and it seems most people do not know which way to turn. Most people believe something; but very few people believe the right thing. There are many denominations today, some believe one thing, some another, but I must inform you that, according to God's word, there is only one faith, one baptism, and one God. You may say, but, preacher, there are three Gods: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Yes, that is true, but they are same in purpose and substance; in the unity of the Godhead there are three co-eternal and co-equal persons, so we can say with Paul there is one God.

My dear friends, what do we believe? It doesn't make any difference what angle we approach the gospel, from the philosophical, physiological, or theological view, we can put all our theology into five letters: J-E-S-U-S.

Yes, Jesus is the pardon of all our sins. Many shake the preacher's hand, and repent unto the preacher. Many people join the church, and repent toward the church, but my friends, Jesus is the one who died for us. So if we will come to God, believing that He gave his only begotten Son to die in your place, and that the Son Jesus, willingly died in your place, because He loved you, and that you might escape the penalty of death, yes, when we come to Him as sinners, believing, there is pardon for all our sins.

He is the foundation of all our structures. Paul said in 1 Cor. 3:11: "Other foundation can no man lay, than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." So, if our faith is in any thing save the crucified Lamb of God, for our sins, we are building our house on the sand. O, my friends, what do we believe?

He is the balm for all our wounds.

Many people today, are wounded spiritually. Yes, many hearts and souls are wounded because of some misfortune in life. They bemoan their loss, and it affects so deeply. Some turn to self-destruction, some go to doctors, some to friends, some to psychiatrists, but, my friends, Jesus is the balm for all our wounds.

He is the "eye salve" for all our blindness. Many people are staggering blindly through life, trudging through the valleys of darkness, spiritually blinded by selfishness, pleasure, and ungodliness, only to plunge over the precipice into eternal hell, and damnation. But listen to Jesus as He says in Rev. 3:18. "I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see." Yes, praise his name, He is a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path.

He is the guide through all our perplexities. Our nation today is lost in the dark cloud of confusion, and perplexities, so are many individuals. Yes, fear, dread, and bewilderment come our way in this life. Yes, and we often find our way through Him who said, "and lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:20). So, what do we actually believe?

Yes, He is the hope for all our discouragements. One of Satan's greatest weapons is discouragement. When disappointment and misfortune befall us, we often say, well, what is the use, I'll just stop trying. Ah, my friends, to whom shall we go? Listen to Simon Peter in John 6:68: "Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life." So, he is the hope for all our discouragements.

He is the reform for all our wrongs. O, so often we unthoughtfully do wrong, but glory to his name, He doesn't remember that we are as dust, and if we will come to Him,

asking for forgiveness, He will graciously forgive our wrongs. John said, "If any man sin, we have an advocate with the father, Jesus Christ the righteous," (1 John 2:1). So, what do we believe?

I believe that there is more power in one drop of the shed blood of the Lamb of God, for the cure of this sinful world, than all the man-made organizations put together.

Yes, He is the grandest note in all our music. O, when we are singing out of the deep of our hearts, in praise to him, our singing will convict the hearts of sinners, and cause them to come to an altar of prayer, and draw their hearts closer to him. So, he is the grandest note in all our music.

He is the brightest gem in any crown. Ah, yes, He is the height overtopping all height. He is the umpire of all our disputes. If only when disputes arise in our churches, or in our homes, or on our jobs, we would go to the umpire of all umpires, in humble prayer He would settle all our disputes. Yes, its Jesus, Jesus. At his table shall all nations sit. Around his throne all worlds are to revolve, praise His name. O, my friends, what do we believe?

Do we believe in God the Father, as the Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth? Yes, I believe He is the deliverer of all the distressed. I believe in Him is a home for all the homeless. Glory to His name! I believe he is a friend to all the friendless. I believe he will save to the uttermost. Yes, I believe He will pardon all our guilt. He said He would cast our sins in the sea of forgetfulness, to be remembered against us no more.

Yes, I believe in the Holy Ghost, as the comforter, and the strengthener, and the vitalizer, cleanser and sanctifier. Yes, I believe He, the Holy Spirit, cheers up the hearts of all God's children.

I believe in God's free grace, that salvation cannot, and does not, come by works; but praise his name, I believe that when we are saved, we will work. Why? because we want to. Paul said, "The love of Christ constraineth me."

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NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

Tithing God's Plan

The question has come to me from several, during the past few years, as to "How and when to Tithe?" Some want to know about deductions for expense. Recently I received a request from a person who wants to know: "Is it the income or the increase that you tithe?" Since the writer requested that, I will explain the subject through Notes and Quotes. I am hereby giving as near as I can God's plan. The church is the greatest institution on earth. It is heaven born. It came from God. It was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Certainly it came from God and belongs to God; Christ being the Foundation. As it takes money to run the visible part of the church, God would not neglect the importance of financing this the greatest of all institutions. Every institution must have a law regulating its financial support. As this is true with material, or physical institutions, it is also true with the church of Jesus Christ.

The tithe, together with offerings, is God's plan for the church, let me repeat. The Old Testament church was required to take all the tithes and offerings to God. They were worshipful offerings. The Old Testament church ended with the Cross of Jesus, but God's method of financing His work did not end.

While Christ was on earth He condemned the scribes and pharisees for placing their all on the tithe, and leaving off things that were "weightier." He told them that they ought to put "judgment, mercy, and faith" at the top and then tithe. These are not the exact words. But these scribes and pharisees were doing just what some of our people are doing today, even though they never tasted of the real love of God. They knew nothing of the New Birth, yet

they gave the tithe and made offerings.

I cannot conceive of the idea that any one can worship God until they have repented of their sins and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and have the evidence that the Holy Spirit beareth witness with their spirit, then they can worship God.

The Increase to Be Tithed

"Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth" (Deut. 14:22). This does not mean to set an acre aside and give that to the Lord's cause. It means the increase on the whole field.

Thus, if the field produces a thousand dollars more than the cost of production, \$100.00 belongs to the Lord.

A good man who had not long been a Christian, asked me to help him get his books straight with the Lord. He told me how much hay, corn, potatoes, pork, vegetables, etc., that he had produced. We figured it at the market price, then he added his money crop. Thus we found this small farmer with more than \$300.00 belonging to the Lord. This Christian was happy to settle up his account with the Lord. But he gave more than his tithe. He made an offering unto the Lord. God is blessing him in a great way.

God's People Condemned

In the third chapter of Malachi, verses 7, 8 and 9, God brings an indictment against His people, saying: "Ye have gone away from mine ordinances"; and saying, "Return unto me and I will return unto you." God says, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? God answers, "In tithes and offerings." Then God says "Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation." Then God challenges these people by saying: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there

shall not be room enough to receive it."

They were under the curse. Do you think that you can enjoy the full blessings of God while you are robbing daily of that which rightfully belong to God? God does not make any difference between people. The reason that so many people are so unhappy is because they have been robbing God. But some one says, "Tithing does not belong to New Testament Christians."

Christ Received Tithes

"But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises. And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better. And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth" (Heb. 7:6-8). Thus, Christ who liveth received tithes of Abraham. The law that God gave to Abraham was the law of faith. This law is backed by grace, God's grace; and was given "four hundred and thirty years before the law of Moses." Let us see what God says; "And this I say, that the covenant that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law which was four hundred and thirty years after cannot disannul that it should make the promise of none effect" (Gal. 3:17). Will you notice, my reader, that "the covenant was confirmed before of God in Christ." Thus the Abrahamic covenant was in Christ. Abraham who had the confirmation of God in Christ tithed. Can we afford to do less? May we study some more of Paul's writings.

"On the first day of the week (not the seventh) let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come. And when I am come, whosoever ye shall approve by your letters them will I send to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem" (I Cor. 16:2). As I understand this scripture, if I make \$50.00 per week \$5.00 of that belongs to God. And if I use that \$5.00 or any part of that \$5.00 for myself, I rob God of the amount, and I am under the "curse"

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Evangelical Teacher Training Course

Certificates Awarded—Rev. L. R. Ennis, Teacher



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The above picture was made in Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Pike Road, North Carolina, Fifth Sunday in January, 1950. The occasion was the regular quarterly session of the Albemarle Sunday School Convention.

Shown in the picture are those who have completed the Certificate Course of the Evangelical Teacher Training Association.

The eleven o'clock hour on the Convention Program was devoted to the graduating service for the class. Rev. L. R. Ennis of Goldsboro, North Carolina, who taught the 72 regular class hour course, was in charge of the service. Brother Ennis is in charge of the Evangelical Teacher Training Program in North Carolina. The Evangelical Association is a worldwide undenominational organization engaged in promoting the cause of Christ. The teacher training work is a part of its program.

Brother Ennis, in his message to his class, and to the people, stressed the need for trained Sunday School teachers. He pointed out the fact that we live in a world of specialized endeavors. He stated that in the professional world, and in skilled occupations, the best of training is needed if one would excel. He made the application that, in view of these facts, then certainly the man of God should be complete in preparation for the task which he is to perform. He explained how the Evangelical Teacher Training Program was designed to help meet the need of the

teacher for needed instruction. He told of the progress of the work in our own denomination, saying that a number of classes were in progress at this time.

Brother Ennis said that this is the second class of Free Will Baptists to graduate from the Certificate Course in North Carolina, and the first to be awarded their certificates in a Sunday School Convention. The class is made up of representatives from five churches in the Albemarle District, namely: Shiloh, Free Union, (Beaufort County), Sidney, Belhaven and Trinity.

As one who has filled the place of a teacher for a number of years, I can say the course is of great value to me. It has filled a need which I have long felt. I urge all who have the opportunity to avail themselves of the training furnished by this course. If the opportunity does not exist, then help make one. You will not regret it.

In His service,

Oscar Webster, President
of the Albemarle S. S. C.

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ATTENTION SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

A special program is planned for you Monday, June 12 through Friday, June 16, at Cragmont Assembly.

Rev. Floyd B. Cherry will direct this Superintendents' Institute.

The Rev. Mr. Cherry is well qualified in educational background and experience. He has held pastorates and taught school successfully for his denomination. For full information write Cragmont Assembly, Inc., P. O. Box 118, Black Mountain, North Carolina.

CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE

You will notice in your calendar of events for Cragmont Assemblies that June 19 thru 24 will be the week when all Junior, Intermediate and Senior Sunday School Students and Leaguers will meet. The Directors have been selected and plans have been made for a wonderful week of fellowship and instruction.

A chartered bus can be made available from New Bern and return, loading passengers en route. Reservations must be made by July 1. Information furnished upon request to Cragmont Assembly, Inc., P. O. Box 118, Black Mountain, N. C.

Youth Rally Scheduled in Greenville

Wednesday, June 7 at 3:00 P. M.

Make your plans now to attend the Youth Rally which will be held in Greenville, North Carolina, on Wednesday, June 7, at 3:00 P. M. There will be many happy reunions for the young and the old alike. There will be made new friends in Christ, and sweet fellowship together for Christ's people. There will be games and recreation features for the little folks, Juniors, Intermediates, Seniors and adults. Each group will be sponsored by capable leadership.

Wednesday night we will go to the Greenville F. W. B. Church to a League Institute to become more acquainted with the League work in general. The district, state and national work will be discussed.

You owe it to yourself and to Christ to be present on Wednesday, June 7, at 3:00 P. M., at the Third Street School.

Rev. Graham Baker, Field Worker,
Second League District

Chartered Pullman Car

Attend the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Richmond, California, July 11-14, 1950.

Arrangements are being made for a chartered pullman car leaving Wilson, Friday, July 7, 10:35 A. M. Arriving Richmond, California, Monday, July 10, 6:20 P. M. Return trip, Friday, July 14, 11:30 A. M., arriving in Wilson, Monday, July 17, 4:23 P. M.

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Clergy fare (on permit) round trip \$123.34.
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: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

A QUESTION WORTH CONSIDERING

What should your church do about it?

There comes a time with some churches when a change, from the old established church services on a certain Sunday of the month to another Sunday of the month is considered best so that the church may be able to select some certain preacher, who can serve them only on that particular Sunday, to be their pastor. In such cases, it is most often the fact that those desiring the change are more concerned about getting that particular minister as pastor than they are about the results that generally follow such changes.

This question most often brings about a problem which is not easy to handle. In the first place, a part of the church membership most often feel that such change of Sunday services will work a detriment to the effectiveness of the church and community, with respect to church interest and church attendance. They are prone to ask: "Why change? Pastors come and pastors go. But the church is an established religious organization in definite location for the good of the whole people."

As proof of the unadvisableness of such changes, in most cases, is the fact that those churches go back to the old established Sunday or Sundays of the month for their church services, when those particular pastors have served their short tenure of service, and pass on to other fields of labor in other communities. That is the general history of such cases, and the change back to the old established Sundays of worship in those churches is always a welcome event in the hearts of those congregations.

As a matter of fact, the church and its work, as an established religious institution in a community, is of first importance, because it is the spiritual light and life of that community for the old and the young. Its work is to teach righteousness, set high ideals before others, be a blessing to everyone, and live in peace and unity. Pastors, on the other hand, change in a few years from one church to another, and this seems to be a natural process for the good of the cause of the Kingdom work. The Lord's apostles changed places in their work.

The question is: What should your church do about it? Think about the matter. Put first things first. Do not sacrifice the ultimate good of your church and community for the purpose of securing any particular minister, for a brief season, to become your pastor.

WHY CHURCH MEMBERS SHOULD BECOME WELL INFORMED

It is generally understood that the majority of church members are not well informed concerning the doctrine, teachings and practices of their religious denomination. This is true with our own church people

as a whole. As a matter of fact, very few homes of the church people in the average church even possess a copy of the Church Treatise, or Book of Discipline. Moreover, the Church Treatise is rarely ever taught by pastor or a well qualified layman of the church for the benefit of the church members. Consequently, a very small percent of the average church membership of the local church actually know anything concerning the Christian principles for which their denomination stands or believes.

We think more emphasis should be placed upon this matter. Surely, the doctrine, teachings, and practices of the Church Treatise are founded upon the Word of God, as the religious basis for the directing, governing, and functioning of that Body of Believers in Christ. Church members should know what they believe and why they believe as they do.

Individual church members should become through study well informed concerning their church tenets. Pastors and evangelists should insist that new church members be supplied copies of the Church Treatise, and that the church bear the expenses, in cases where it is not convenient for some of the new members to purchase their own copies.

HOUSE DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF

On one occasion, Christ said, "If a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand." And again He said, "If a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand."

Christ was teaching this Christian principle: If Satan oppose himself, he be divided, therefore he cannot stand. How can the Prince of devils cast out devils? If Christ be Beelzebub, how can he cast out devils? The truth is, those who are divided against themselves are certain to fail.

The kingdom of Israel, according to history, was divided into two small kingdoms. Both of these ultimately failed, due to disobedience, internal strife and division. It was through corruption and division that the house of David came to an end.

Some homes and families become divided through disunity, disloyalty, and strife. As a result they fail, family ties are broken, and lives are seriously affected for years to come. Some churches have been practically destroyed by strife, disunity and division. The lack of harmony, as Christ pointed out, is a destroyer of strength, power and usefulness.

United leadership is essential in the home, in the church, and in the denomination if they are to stand for religious truth, for human happiness, and for the best that can be attained in the realm of the Christian faith. In either case, the hearts of the individuals must be turned toward the ultimate goal of peace, love and prosperity.

NEWS FROM GEORGIA

Georgia Free Will Baptist Ministers' Institute

As has been previously announced, a ministers' and Bible Conference will be held at Mount Bethel Young People's Camp at Ashburn, Georgia, beginning Sunday evening, June 4, 1950. It will continue through Friday noon, June 9.

The institute will be sponsored by the Georgia State Association at the recommendation of the Midway Association, which was recommended by the writer and the moderator of the association. The purpose is to promote Christian fellowship and unity among the ministers and laymen of the F. W. B. in Georgia, and everywhere.

The cost is in reach of all; \$5 will pay board and lodging for the week, or better, say one dollar per day. The following official personnel will be present: Rev. J. P. Barrow of the Bible College, Rev. E. C. Morris, Promotional Secretary of Georgia State Association, and T. B. Mellette. Elder C. J. Harvey, Business Manager of the Camp, will be on hand to manage the business part of the camp, and to see that food is furnished, and make ready for the campers.

Christ said, "Come ye apart, and rest awhile," to His apostles. We wish to emphasize the teaching of Jesus that a week's rest and study will do us great good. If you have some problems to be solved, bring them along, for we will gladly help you by the help of the Lord to a better understanding and acquaintance of the Scriptures. Be sure to come to the camp.

T. B. Mellette

The Lord must love the common people—that's why He made so many of them.—Abraham Lincoln.

Attend the National Association of Free Will Baptists, July 11-14, 1950, Richmond, California.

The Boy Jesus was a good example of what boys and girls should be today.—L. L. K.

Easter Program Presented at Mount Bethel

By Betty Lou Barker

On Easter Sunday five churches, namely: Pleasant Hill, Antioch, Bethlehem, Christian Hill, and Double Branch, met at Mount Bethel Camp to present programs commemorating the resurrection of our Lord. Each church put on a very impressive program.

The attendance was good. Those present from Pleasant Hill, 47, Antioch, 22; Bethlehem, 32; Christian Hill, 49; Double Branch, 18. These totals made 168 and with the many visitors, it was estimated that there were 200 present.

At the noon hour a beautiful lunch was spread on tables near the main building. With Rev. H. L. Catrett as master of ceremonies, the program was as follows:

Welcome address by G. C. King
 Response by Ernest J. Barker
 The Camp and Its Purpose by Rev. C. J. Harvey
 Song by the congregation
 Prayer

Pleasant Hill Program

Song: "Christ Arose"; Praise Him, Praise Him"

Prayer by Mance Cason

Card Class:

Reading—"Go Tell" by Geven Yawn
 "What a Child Can Do" by Tom Hobbs, Roger Hobbs, Vera Clark, and Donald Yawn
 Song—"Jesus Loves Me" by Ray Yawn
 Song—"Footsteps of Jesus"

Primary Class:

An Easter Program by Harold Davidson
 "Wings" by Barbara Hobbs
 "My Gift" by K. L. Clark
 "The Guest" by Wesley Ann Hobbs

Junior Class:

Song—"The Stone Was Rolled Away" by the class
 "Christian Soldiers" by Wayne Hobbs, Judson Hobbs, Mixon Hobbs and Royce Hobbs
 "The Magdalene" by Elneita Davidson and Glenda Hobbs

Intermediate Class:

"What Will You Do with Jesus" by Delana Cason
 "Easter Joy" by Annette Hobbs
 "No Lilies I bring" by Charles Clark
 "I See Three Crosses Standing" by Nancy R. Hobbs
 Song—"Near the Cross" by the class

Advanced Class:

"Easter and Its Meaning" by Mance Cason
 Song—"Kneel at the Cross" by the class

Antioch's Program

This program consisted of several songs.

Bethlehem's Program

Reading—St. Mark 15:32-41, By Ina Sue Wade

Poem—Easter, by Ernie Brown

Poem—Welcome, by Laverne Smith

Prayer—by Ina Sue Wade

Song—Christ Arose, by Barker Sisters

Play—After Three Days, by Jane W. Stedman

Characters:

Lazarus—by Julius White

John, the beloved disciple—by Franklin White

Mary—by Ina Sue Wade

The Daughter of Jarius—by Peggy Brown

Mary Magdalene—by Wynette Wade

Mary, the Mother of James—by Hazel Barker

Solomon—by Charles Mann

First Servant—by Ernie Brown

Second Servant—by Mary Joe Barker

Reading—The Tunnel, by Sara Barker

Poem—by Mary Joe Barker

Poem—My Cross, by Leo Brown

Poem—Believing Heart, by Ina Sue Wade

Poem—For Me, by Joe Ann Mann

Poem—Living Lord, by Hazel Barker

Poem—The Flowers Are Gay, by Charles Mann

Song—In the Shadow of the Cross—by Bundrick Sisters

Song—I Choose Jesus, by class

Easter Prayer—by Wynette Wade

Christian Hill's Program

Song—In the Shadow of the Cross—by class

Scripture—Mark 16:1-8, by G. T. Bruce

Prayer, by G. T. Rhodes

What Meant Easter to You—by Betty Lou Barker

Hello to You—by Verlyn Barker

Easter Thought—by Jimmy McDuffie

The Cross Was His Own, by Frances Paramore

What Does Calvary Mean to You—Mary F. McDuffie

To the Dogwood—by Joan McKinney

Pleasures Forever More—by Christine McDuffie

Happy Easter—by Mentha Gordon, Billie Rhodes, and Willie Rhodes

Prayer—by Jimmie McDuffie

I Saw Jesus—by Franklin McDuffie

What Can Little Children Do—by Evonne McDuffie, Glynette McDuffie, Jr. McKinney, and Martha McKinney

My Mother Tells A Story—Evelyn Gordon

Wings of Easter—by Broadis Paramore

E-a-s-t-e-r—by Jimmy McDuffie, Billy Rhodes, Mentha Gordon, Willie Rhodes, Glynette McDuffie, and Evonne McDuffie

The Carpenter's Son—by John A. McDuffie

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Playlet—Lord, I Believe

Characters:

Girl—By Betty Lou Barker

Lad—by Frances Paramore

Cleopas—by Christine McDuffie

Companion—by Mary F. McDuffie

Nicodemus—by Joan McKinney

Song—Near the Cross, by class

The Serenade—by Lauerta Rhodes

Easter Morn—by Royce Rhodes

There's a Cross for Me—by Lucia Mae

McDuffie

The Lighted Cross—by Mary F. McDuffie,

Joan McKinney and Betty Lou Barker

Special Song: In the Garden, by Mrs. Jewel

Gordon, Mrs. James Powers, Mrs. George

Rhodes, Mrs. Hoke Cummey

Prayer—by T. B. Rhodes

Double Branch's Program:

Song—To the Work, by class

Reading—The Resurrection—by Caroline

Songster

A broken Heart—by Betty Lawhorne,

Magdalene Lawhorne, Tolia Cromer, Matie

Lou Peavy, and Evelyn Peavy

Easter—by Betty Lawhorne

Easter for Everyone—by Evelyn Peavy

Song—Hide Me, Oh Blessed Rock of

Ages—by Carolina Sangster, Myrtle Cromer,

Evelyn Griffin, and Rev. H. L. Catlett

with Gladys Cromer as pianist

Close to a Garden Fair—by Virginia Single

ton

To the Dogwood—by Gladys Cromer

Song—Happy in the Service of the Lord

—by class

Prayer

To conclude the day's worship, prayer

was offered by Rev. H. L. Catlett.

PROGRAM

of the

Woman's Auxiliary

Convention

of the

Chattahoochee Association

to convene with

Little Bethel Church,

Ideal, Ga.

MAY 20, 1950

Theme: Advancing with Christ through Enlightenment

MORNING SESSION

10:00—Open with song "Onward Christian Soldiers"

10:05—Ray, by Rev. H. L. Knighton

10:10—Election of temporary president and secretary and nominating committee

10:20—Devotion by Rev. Mrs. Ruth Murphy

10:40—Welcome address by Mrs. C. O. Jones

10:45—Response by Mrs. Irene Windham

10:55—Song "Work for the Night Is Coming"

11:00—Special song "Our Best" by Mrs. Lois Smith

11:10—Talk "Advancing with Christ thru Enlightenment," by Mrs. Kate Lovering

11:30—Sermon by Rev. P. E. Knighton

12:00—Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00—Song "To the Work"

1:05—Devotion by Mrs. Alma Coggans

1:20—Reading and accepting of reports of auxiliaries

1:50—Election of officers and business

—Song—"Stand up for Jesus"

2:30—"Advancing with Christ through Missions," by St. John Church

Program Committee: Mrs. H. L. Knighton

Mrs. H. J. Kelly,

Mrs. Irene Windham

Getting on With Folks

When Will Jessen finally made up his mind that he and his father could not agree in the store, he packed his suitcase, went to the city and presented himself at the door of one of the great wholesale houses. Mr. Orville, the general salesman of this house, had been helpful in a score of ways and Will felt that he might be able to secure a position through him.

Mr. Orville heard his story through (Will did not attempt to make it complete) and then he began to ask questions:

"You thing you are going to like the city better than you would the country?"

"No," Will returned. "I don't know that I will. I like the country well enough."

"Think there's more future in it than in working on with your father and some day being your own boss?"

"No," Will confessed; and then, in a burst of confidence, "I'll tell you, Mr. Orville, I can't get on with dad, that's all."

"I wondered if it might not be that," the general salesman replied, thoughtfully. "Well—things will look differently to you here when you see them from the inside. We are a good deal more exacting with our clerks than we are with our customers. All your associates won't be congenial and not one of them will start in prejudiced in your favor. Now, if you can't get on with your father, what put it into your head you could get on with us?"

Most of us feel, when we fail to "get on" with some one, that it is the other person's fault, but almost invariably it is at least half our own fault, especially when the other person is a member of our own family. Intimate association has taught us what things are most exasperating to that person, and consciously or unconsciously, when we are irritated we do those things. Resignation itself may be our weapon of offense, for "there are few

things more exasperating than to give another person the impression that you are patiently enduring the unendurable."

Some people are, of course, easier to get on with than others; but fail to get on with one person who is near and dear to you, and the chances are that you will fail, more or less, to get on with all your near ones and dear ones. The girl who is sharp and short with her mother will some day be sharp and short with her children—unless she can correct the fault; the boy who is sarcastic to his brother will some day be sarcastic to his wife. He may not think so, but he will.

And so, one who fights for character should stifle every inclination to bicker and should remember that no habit is better worth cultivating than that of making himself agreeable. Simply "getting on" with folks is one of the finest of the fine arts. —Wellspring.

"Bein' Good"

Chester Shuler

"Be good," said Daddy oft' to me,

"Be good," said Mother, too;

"Be good," said Granny, "when you play, And when you've work to do."

"Be good," I told my naughty self—

How well I knew I should!

But "bein' good" seem'd like a job

A lot too hard for me.

And then one day I met the Lord—

Yes, boys can know Him, too,

And say, I was completely changed,

With e'en a heart made new!

No longer do I try alone

To do the things I should:

With Jesus helping all the while,

I want-a to be real good!

—Junior Challenge.

CRAGMONT NEWS

The Dates for opening have been set,

and you are ready to go, we hope!

Ministers Conference—June 5-9,

Sunday School Superintendents—June

12-17.

Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors—

and Young People—June 19-24.

Summer School for Christian Workers

June 26—August 4, Inclusive.

Young People—Aug. 7-12.

Woman's Week—Aug. 14-21.

Special Groups—August 21--Sept. 1.

Registration fee—\$2.00 per Institute

Room and Board—\$2.00 per day

Campers Insurance—\$.50 per week

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Study of Woman's Auxiliary Manual

The Woman's Auxiliary society of Mt. Zion church met on Wednesday evening, April 19, for the study of the Manual. The study was conducted by Mrs. J. C. Griffin, State Field Worker.

The meeting was opened with a song by the group. Prayer was given by Mrs. Archie Rouse, member of our Auxiliary. Mrs. Henry Scott introduced Mrs. Griffin. She gave a very inspiring talk on the work of the auxiliary and explained the duties of each officer. She brought us to a better understanding of our duties as women of the auxiliary and what the auxiliary means to us as a community of people.

We were glad to have Mrs. S. A. Smith from Beulaville and the visitor from the Bethlehem Auxiliary with us. After the benediction by Mrs. S. A. Smith, supper was spread on the church yard and enjoyed by all.

Reporter

Dear Auxiliary Women:

Now that all of our district conventions are in the past, our next big interest should be our State Auxiliary Convention which is to meet at Shady Grove Church in Sampson County, May 24. It should be the business of each local society to send a delegate, or two if there are more than twenty-five members.

Unless we acquaint ourselves with the State work, we shall fall far short of the knowledge we should have, if we would reach the standard of achievement, and become A-1 auxiliaries. If there are any auxiliaries that did not make provision for the financial obligations through their district conventions, be sure to send your ten cents per capita dues for the State and National conventions, together with a generous contribution to the State.

Let us not put off until the last minute the vital things pertaining to the success of our State Auxiliary Convention, for the Lord's work requires our best efforts, and should claim our first and best attention at all times. "The kingdom of God first," should fill our daily thoughts and lives.

I have been receiving articles, reports, etc. for sometime for our Auxiliary Department in the Baptist paper. We are always glad to hear of the good work that is being done in the auxiliaries, and we often breathe a breath of prayer of thanks to

our heavenly Father for all of His benefits through the women of our church.

There are a few facts, however, that need to be kept in mind, and followed when writing, namely: First, All articles, reports, etc., should either be typed, or written with a clear hand with ink, using only one side of the paper. Second, Do not send articles to the Editor of this Department, address all communications to Rev. R. B. Spencer, Editor of the Baptist paper, Ayden, North Carolina. Third, Do not send monthly reports. There is not space enough in our Department for all, and we do not want to debar anyone. Annual or semi-annual reports are better. Fourth, Do not make your reports too long, but write that part which will be interesting and profitable to other auxiliary women.

Let us pull together, and work in unity and love in all of our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Lord and Master.

Yours in His service,

Alice E. Lupton, Editor of Aux. Dept.

Great Revival in Northport, Alabama

A ten day series of meetings came to a close April 19th, at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Northport with great results for Christ and seed sown that we feel will bring forth harvests in the future.

There were many conversions with twenty-eight additions to the church, eleven for baptism, seventeen by letter. The following Sunday two more came by letter and one for baptism.

The Rev. M. L. Hollis of Amory, Miss., was the visiting minister and he delivered two powerful and inspiring sermons daily. A young people's service preceded the evening message. This service was begun with a period of thirty minutes changed to forty-five and finally lengthened to an hour. It was conducted as an open forum and Brother Hollis made a public statement that he had never seen a more eager and enthusiastic group who wanted the truthfulness of God's word toward the solution of problems that confronted them. We

know that this was an interested group because one often heard this remark, "That hour was too short."

The Rev. Leander McAdams of Ethelsville is pastor of the church, with services every Sunday, except the second.

Our membership is nearing one hundred. The first service was held in the church April, 1948. We have the League, Sunday School, Ladies Auxiliary Organizations with good leaders.

Please pray for us that we may do a greater work for the Lord.

Essie Collins, Secretary

Christian Workers' Institute Program Revived

West Virginia State Association, which is fast becoming one of the most progressive of our Free Will Baptist organizations, recently scored another first when she had the privilege and honor of entertaining the first of the revived sessions of the Christian Workers' Institute Sessions. The Free Will Baptist church at Mac Arthur, West Va., was the scene of the Institute, which enrolled more than forty students, twenty of whom completed the course and received certificates.

Courses were offered in Free Will Baptist Doctrine, Principles of preaching, the Doctrine of Christ, Personal Soul-Winning, Sunday School Administration, Stewardship, Free Will Baptist League, Woman's Auxiliary, and Missions. A deep spiritual revival spirit was felt all during the sessions and there were five conversions attributed directly to the Institute Session. Revs. D. C. Dodd, National Promotional Secretary, and J. L. Welch, Pastor of Coker's Chapel, Nashville, Tennessee, and Mrs. Harold Dunlap, of Charleston, W. Va., were the instructors.

Another session of the Institute will be held in that state in September. Any state association or local association interested in sponsoring an Institute Session may contact the National Promotional Department for further information.

:- Department of Foreign Missions :-

Promotional Secretary Visits the Mission Field in Cuba

It was my privilege to visit the Cuban Mission Field during the Easter season for the purpose of speaking before the Cuban Association's convention and to bring the Commencement address at the third graduating exercise of the Seminary, "The Cedars of Lebanon." I was especially happy in that it was like a trip home for me, for Cuba had been our home for some two and one-half years.

THEN AND NOW

I was struck by the phenomenal growth which the work has enjoyed during the past few years. When we left Cuba in 1947 the Girls' dormitory was not yet completed. Today this building is housing a number of girls, the old dining room has been torn down and a new one built in its place. In addition, a beautiful, hurricane-proof, fire-proof, boys' dormitory has been erected, and it is a credit to anybody's work. I was overjoyed when I saw this fine structure and realized that it was our own. It still needs to be painted on the inside and stuccoed on the outside and this can be done only as you, The Free Will Baptist people, make it possible. The school with all its buildings is a city within itself and the powerful generator which furnishes power for the buildings for light, etc., makes it veritably a city on a hill that cannot be hid. This is another great improvement of the past three years. Miss Yeley's home and the Willey's home lend an air of coziness and home-likeness to the entire scene.

Small pumps in strategic places supply water for the kitchen and the missionary houses without the necessity of hauling it up the hill in the barrels pulled on sleds by oxen. In short, everything is the very essence of order and arrangement. Everyone knows his or her responsibility

and there is no delay in getting things done.

The Convention

The Convention was largely attended. Chartered buses brought the people from as far away as Havana and some even came from beyond Havana. I am sure that a conservative estimate of one thousand people in attendance would be safe. They came for the inspiration of the Convention and they attended every service. I was struck by one outstanding fact. As the men stood around in groups visiting between sessions and services their usual topic or discussion was religion. And none of them lit up a cigarette or stood chewing and spitting. It looked like a church gathering and not like a cigarette festival. We would do well to take a lesson here from our Cuban brethren. The Convention theme was: "Be filled with the Spirit," and all the Convention messages had to do with this theme. The items of business were transacted with alacrity and interest and the Cuban Free Will Baptists are alert so far as their duties and responsibilities are concerned. I cannot praise the Administrative staff too highly for their arrangement and management of the convention and its affairs. Everything tanged of efficiency and planning.

The Graduating Exercises

This was the third class to be graduated from the Cuban School of Missions and consisted of Oneilio Valle, Osundo Corrales, Edelmiro Cuba, and Ofelia Sotero. The Commencement address was delivered Saturday afternoon and the actual graduation was held Saturday night at 8:30. The young men were immaculately dressed in white flannel suits, with black buttonieres and the one young lady was dressed in a white, floor-length formal. The procession was on the order of the usual graduation march, with one young man leading the way, with the young lady

and another young man coming next, and the other young man bringing up the rear.

The class marched to the platform in the Temple, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The graduates themselves had charge of the program, with Senorita Ofelia reading the scripture and Senores Valle, Corrales, and Cuba giving these on the Holy Spirit, His attributes, works, being, place in the Godhead, and other pertinent facts. These were masterpieces and reflected much work on the part of both students and instructors. Following the giving of the theses, the diplomas were presented by Mr. Willey. The graduating class then presented me with the class banner, which was inscribed with the words in Spanish, "Heralds of the Trinity." This completed the service and congratulations were in order.

The Outlook

The outlook for our Cuban Mission is indeed bright. We now have several graduates from the Cuban School of Missions on the field, as well as a number of students who are on the fields during the summer. Under the faithful direction and leadership of our American staff, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Willey, Miss Bessie Yeley and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilfong, the work is growing by leaps and bounds. This work has been rightly branded as a "Miracle of Modern Missions," and we rejoice with the workers on the field in the great victories which God has given.

We must rally to the support of this work and the work in India. God has given us marvelous opportunities and we must make the most of them by consistently supporting with both our prayers and our money.

Damon C. Dodd

NOTICE!

This is to advise that I am available for pastoral work on second and fourth Sundays for next year.

D. A. Windham
Greenville, N. C.

Do you read your church papers?



Micah's Plea for Human Rights

(Lesson for May 21)

LESSON: Micah 1:1; 2:1-2; 3:5-12; 6:6-8.

GOLDEN TEXT: Micah 6:8.

I. Heart of the Lesson

Instead of a plea for human rights these words of Micah consist largely of God's charge against His people. The man He used was Micah, who lived in the same time as Isaiah. As the opening verse indicates, he had messages for both Israel and Judah, though most of the Book is concerned with Israel (Mic. 1:1).

1. In every period of time and under all kings of human rulers, God has always had His messengers (Mic. 1:1).

2. Those who work honest works during the day and will not be inclined to plot wickedness after they go to bed (2:1).

3. Men still act on the assumption that "might is right," but God will disillusion them some day (vs. 1).

4. Covetousness is the root from which most other sins committed by men grow (vs. 2).

5. It is not strange to find the people wrong when their princes, priests, and prophets are wrong (3:5, 9).

6. "To obey is better than sacrifice" (comp. 6:6).

7. Not my firstborn for my transgression, but the Only-begotten of the Father in Heaven (vs. 7).

8. Whatever the Lord requires of any of us, is good (vs. 8).

9. It is a wise man who hears the voice of the Lord speaking to him (vs. 8).

10. No man needs to be ignorant of the Lord's requirements, for they are fully set forth in His Word (vs. 8).

11. Micah was a native of the city of Moresheth-Gath in southwest Ju-

dea. His name means "who is like God" (Jehovah). The reigns of the above kings extended as follows: Jotham, 751-736 B. C.; Ahaz, 736-721 B. C.; Hezekiah, 721-693 B. C. Micah's prophecy sets forth in definite language the great cruelty, greed, and injustice of the rich nobles of Judah. "The word of the Lord" came to Micah in vision, for he says that he is about to tell the things "which he saw." What God revealed to him were the heinous sins of the people, and what he should tell them concerning the woes that would fall upon them unless they repented and sought forgiveness of their transgressions.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

12. "Thus saith the Lord concerning the prophets that make My people err" (Mic. 3:5).

Some years ago a passenger train was flying into New York as another train was emerging. There was a head-on collision. Fifty lives were snuffed out. An engineer was pinned under his engine. The blood was pouring from his nostrils, and tears were running down his cheeks. In his dying agonies he held a piece of yellow paper crushed in his hand, and he said: "Take this. This will show you that some one gave me the wrong orders." Unregenerated men and women will stand before the great white throne and point to their modernist preachers, saying, "Some one gave me the wrong orders."—Sel.

13. Micah 6:6-8 has been a favorite with those men who deny the necessity for Blood atonement. They say God requires nothing except the good life—that sacrifice is unnecessary. But they misread the passage. "What doth the Lord require of thee"? The key is in the words "of thee." Man is utterly unable to provide his own atonement for sin. The atonement that God required was provided by God Himself. "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself" (II Cor. 5:19). The Lamb is from God, not from man. And no man can "walk humbly" with God while rejecting the sacrifice of God's Lamb for human sin.—The King's Business.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

When a False Prophet Is Useless

In his excellent book, *Stand Up and Preach*, page 52, Dr. A. M. Bailey gives a striking example of a modern minister who, like the prophets of Micah's day, suited his messages to his worldly congregation. In the wealthy and aristocratic church of which this minister was pastor, tipping and conviviality were common. The ladies held a successful bridge and raffle annually which netted the church three thousand dollars. The women's missionary society adjourned at three-thirty to the smoking room, after which they reassembled for a session in "solo interpretive dancing as an esthetic expression of religion." Just as a successful traveling man receives a bonus at the end of the year, so the liquor barons of his congregation at the close of the church year sent the minister a check to cover a trip to Europe, a new care, a few choice stocks, some expensive furniture. The church had costly music. The last printed utterance of this pastor was in praise of those days of Queen Anne's reign when rectors went fox-hunting with their squires on Sunday afternoons. Then this man was elected to political office and left the ministry.

Before this occurred, however, an incident revealed the true estimate which a prominent member held of this pastor. This member's little girl died, and he asked another pastor to officiate at the funeral. This minister questioned whether he had a right to come and suggested that the bereaved father secure his own beloved pastor. In grim earnestness the father replied, "Please let us not go into that. My wife and I both feel today that we have come to the end of one road and are entering another. I must have for this experience a man who knows God." A time-serving minister today will be estimated by discerning people in much the same way as the false prophets were estimated by ancient men of God.—Arnold's Commentary.

N. C. STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION

N. C. STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

By R. P. Harris
PREFACE

The coming annual Nation Wide League Conference in the city of Norfolk, Virginia, will prepare North Carolina leaguers for a greater State Convention. It is significant that the National meeting precedes the State Convention in several ways. Many of the N. C. leaguers will attend the National Conference and will appear on our program full of spiritual vitality, giving us much needed information on League activities throughout the nation. All the speakers appearing on our program will have the opportunity to saturate their minds with all the new angles and approaches to youth problems. The added avenues of publicity to our state work will give place to state and national league responsibilities.

God's leaders will have the opportunity to prove themselves in Christian Stewardship through youth activities. Some of the best youth leaders in our state will appear on programs both at the National and State meetings.

CALVARY LEAGUERS WILL ATTEND

The Leaguers of the Calvary Church in Durham have been raising funds for two months for the purpose of attending the national meeting. Many of them plan to attend the State Convention in Kenly, N. C. News comes to us from other groups to the effect that a large delegation expects to attend. We understand that the Norfolk church has gone all out in preparing for the meeting. All available hotel space has been guaranteed by the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce. More than 2,000 young people and youth leaders are expected to attend. If you have not made arrangements, it will pay you to do so at once. All this information may be had for the asking. Write either to the Norfolk

church or to Rev. Clarence Bowen, 518 Woodland St., Nashville, Tenn., and either of these will supply you with needed information.

N. C. STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION PROGRAM

The meeting place of the State League Convention is Kenly, North Carolina. The time is July 3 and 4. The theme of our Convention this year is Youth Serves through Stewardship. One of the highlights of the convention will be the youth rally and the State Wide Sword Drill which takes place on Monday night, July 3rd. The Rev. F. B. Cherry of Durham, N. C., will be master of ceremonies and since he is a member of the Stewardship Commission sponsored by our Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, you may expect to receive the best of information and instruction regarding this phase of our national work.

The program on Tuesday, July 4th, will bring many outstanding speakers on various stewardship topics. Some of these will be "The Stewardship of talent; The Stewardship of Property; The Stewardship in Society; The Meaning of Christian Stewardship; The Stewardship of Personality." Either one of these topics will be well worth your time and expense to attend. One other greatly significant subject at this time will be the "Stewardship of the Gospel" discussed by Miss Laura Belle Barnard, one of our missionaries who is home on furlough from India. You will certainly want to be there for this part of the program. In just a few weeks now our full program will be worked out between now and that time.

"Zip the lip" is an army instruction to our soldiers and you and I also should learn the lesson early. "Gossipers" will give more trouble than tobacco chewers and beer drinkers in our churches—we can deal with the first groups, but there seems to be no way to deal with the gossipers. Weigh all words and deeds, reports and rumors in the light of truth and fact, then "zip the lip."

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE N. A. E.

A resolution urging churches of the land to engage in accelerated gospel effort was passed as one of the highlights of the eighth annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals held late in April in Indianapolis.

Certain leaders of the N. A. E. had favored the Association itself leading a nation-wide effort, but more conservative forces halted the move on the grounds that evangelism was an activity of the churches, and should not be taken over by an inter-church organization.

Nevertheless, the revival spirit sweeping over New England and other parts of the land could be felt in every session of the convention. Leaders remarked about the spirit of unity that seemed to pervade the convention.

Opening address of the convention was given by Dr. Harold J. Ockenga, of Boston, who took enough time from his responsibilities in the Billy Graham campaign to make a stirring plea for gospel effort, prayer and revival "to avert the threat of war."

"The rising tide is sweeping before it an apostate ministry that has been substituting Freud for God, social activities for earnest prayer, and psychiatry for salvation," Okenga declared. "Revival is the only answer to the prayer of multiplied millions who seek peace in a troubled world."

Stressing the same note of evangelism, Dr. Howard W. Ferrin, president of Providence Bible Institute, pointed out the need for national revival. Dr. Paul S. Rees, of Minneapolis, spoke on "Communism in the Light of God's Word." Other speakers were Dr. Stephen W. Paine, of Houghton, New York, retiring N. A. E. president; Dr. Eugene R. Berterman, director of the Lutheran Hour; the Rev. Henry Bast, of Grand Rapids; and Dr. Harry Hager, of Chicago.

Meeting as an affiliate commissioner of N. A. E., the National Religious Broadcasters commended Wayne Coy, FCC chief, on his recent warning to the television industry concerning the moral plane of video programs.

New officers of N. A. E. are Dr. Frederick C. Fowler, president, Knoxville Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh; Dr. Paul S. Rees, First Covenant Church, Minneapolis, first vice president; Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., president of Bob Jones University, second vice president; the Rev. George R. Warner, secretary of the National Holiness Missionary Society, secretary; Robert Van Kampen, president of Hitchcock Publishing Company and Van Kampen Press, treasurer; and Miss Gertrude Clark, office manager of N. A. E., assistant treasurer.

Dr. R. L. Decker, executive secretary, tendered his resignation at the convention.

Do you read your church papers?

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

A CAKE NOT TURNED

"Ephraim is a cake not turned" (Hos. 7: 8).

The cake meant here is a sort of scone that the people in the East baked on hot stones or ashes. It had to be very carefully watched and turned at exactly the right moment, otherwise it was burned on the one side and raw and indigestible on the other. You can imagine such a cake would not be very good to eat.

Now, the Prophet says here that "Ephraim is a cake not turned." Ephraim was a name given to the kingdom of Israel, but what does he mean by saying that Israel is a cake not turned? Well, he means that the people were not thorough—some things they overdid, or other things they underdid, or neglected altogether. They were very religious in one sense, for they worshiped Jehovah and many heathen gods besides, but they did not carry their religion into their everyday life. It did not help to make them kinder, or truer, or more just. And so they were like a cake that someone had forgotten to turn. Not only did they leave one side raw and unwholesome, but they spoiled the side they did cook.

Now, I wonder if there are any unturned cakes among our boys and girls? Perhaps there are. People did not give up being one-sided in the days when Hosea lived, and they have not given it up yet, and so there are many good cakes still being spoiled. Shall I tell you some of the things that spoil them?

1. Well, first there are besetting faults. You know what a besetting fault is, don't you? It is our commonest fault—the one that is always lying in wait ready to trip us up when we are least expecting it. Perhaps there is a besetting fault that is spoiling your cake. Perhaps there is a whole side of you turned black and bitter, and a whole other side that nobody is getting the good of because of some fault.

Here is somebody who is very warm-hearted and generous, but who flies into a passion about trifles. He is an unturned cake—too much done on the temper side, and too little done on the patience.

Here is somebody else who is most kind and obliging, but who, if he meets a bad boy or girl, just follows wherever led. He is uncooked on the will side.

And here is someone who is very patient and painstaking, but ask him to give up or to give in—he won't move an inch. He is overdone on the obstinate side, and underdone on the unselfish and obliging side.

Perhaps you may not find yourself

among any of these people; but if you think for a minute, you may find some other fault—is it disobedience, or untruthfulness, or laziness—that is spoiling your cake?

2. But there are other things that spoil cakes, and among these are the duties we leave undone and the powers we neglect to develop.

Now, I expect there is something that most of you can do better than you do other things. Perhaps you paint well, or you are musical, or a good English scholar, or quick at sums. Perhaps you are clever with your hands—you can make wonderful things with a bit of wood and a few nails, or, if you are a girl, with a bit of muslin and a needle and thread. Now, it is right that you should try to make the most of these gifts—God means you to do that—but do not neglect the things you are not so clever at and that you like less.

"Ephraim is a cake not turned." What is spoiling your cake, boys and girls? Are you giving over to the things you like best and leaving the other undone? Remember, what you dislike may be the essential thing to make your life successful. Let us give God a chance in our life. "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." Let us grow into a well-balanced life.—Our Junior Jewels.

What Do We Believe?

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I believe in the sovereign grace of God. Yes, in the overall grace of God, that his grace is sufficient for every occasion in life.

Yes, I believe in the triumphant grace of God. That in Jesus we are victorious. Paul said, "I am able to do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me."

I believe in the eternal Grace of God, that is, that His grace is sufficient for all time, and eternity, for those that are faithful unto death.

I believe that Heaven is the eternal home for all the saved, and redeemed, yes, all that have been born of his Spirit, and washed in his blood. I believe that Hell is the eternal residence for all that reject Jesus as Saviour and Lord. So, my friends, what do you believe?

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

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Thomas L. Boyd

It is with deepest regret that I announce the passing of my dear Brother, Thomas L. Boyd. The Lord called him to be with Him on February 25, 1950, after three months' period of illness. His death was caused from a stroke which he had on November 28. He never spoke again.

He was 77 years old on November 11, 1949. He had been a faithful member of New Bethlehem Church for over 55 years. He served as deacon of the church for a great many years. He was faithful to his family, to his church, and to his many friends. He was a friend to everyone. He was present for Sunday School and church services when he was able to attend.

Brother Thomas leaves a faithful wife, Mrs. Bessie P. Boyd, and three daughters, Mrs. A. L. Pipkin, Grantsboro, N. C.; Mrs. E. C. Brinkley, Scotts Hill, N. C.; Mrs. H. J. Brown, Grifton, N. C., and two brothers, Mr. Fred L. of Holly Ridge, N. C., and Robert of the home. There are seven grandchildren and two half brothers, Mr. W. M. Boyd and J. A. Boyd, and one sister, Mrs. L. L. Price of Grantsboro, N. C.

Sleep on, dear brother, and take thy rest, Lean your head on Jesus' breast;

We loved you dearly,
But God loved you best.

Written by Mrs. L. L. Price.

Mrs. J. F. Fillingim

On November 12, 1949, the death angel entered the home of J. E. Fillingim and took the spirit of his mother, Mrs. J. F. Fillingim, and to this union was born 9 children. Three died in childhood, and one after she was grown.

The funeral was conducted at Lovewood F. W. B. Church, where she had been a member for 45 years, by the pastor, Rev. C. A. Huckaby. The body was laid to rest in the church cemetery beneath a beautiful mound of flowers. A host of friends and relatives attended the services.

She is survived by her husband, 4 sons, one daughter, 3 brothers, 2 sisters, 20 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren.

J. F. Fillingim

"He that walketh uprightly walketh surely" (Prov. 10:9).

Rev. D. W. Alexander Holds Good Revival at Poplar Grove

We enjoyed a wonderful meeting at Poplar Chapel. Brother D. W. Alexander conducted the meeting for ten days. He certainly did bring some soul-stirring messages. The attendance was good for the services each night. Although there was but one saved who took membership with our church, yet there were a great many who were revived in spirit and renewed their vows unto the Lord. It seemed that everyone received a blessing from the meeting.

All seemed to be glad that Brother Alexander came and held the meeting for us. We were glad that his wife, and daughter and husband were with us also. There were other friends from other churches who came to the meeting, and worshiped with us.

We have not been having services at this church very long, but we do have a fine young man who has been licensed to preach. He is doing a splendid work here, and everyone is glad to have him. His name is Mr. Roland Cherry, of Williamston, North Carolina. We do feel that our church people need to encourage the young people more in religious work. We are inviting everyone to come and worship with us when possible at any time.

This little church is really a branch of Cedar Grove Church. We are asking that the Christian people pray for us, and especially for this young man in his work.

Mrs. Mattie Taylor,
Williamston, N. C.

Announcement

This is to announce that I will be available to serve as pastor for another church year for either the first or third Sundays, beginning in October, 1950. Those interested can contact me by mail by using the address below. If you want to see me in person, please call by Rev. C. J. Harris' Hardware Store, Greenville, N. C.

Rev. Graham Baker
402 E. Eighth Street
Greenville, N. C.

Christian Worker's Institute Held at Bethel Church, MacArthur, W. Va.

A session of the Christian Workers' Institute, which is a work of the Promotional Department of the National Association, was completed at the Bethel Church, of Mac Arthur, W. Va., March 29, 1950. The course included instruction in the fields of Bible Doctrine, Personal Soul-Winning, Stewardship, F. W. B. Doctrine, Woman's Auxiliary, and F. W. B. League.

The instructors, who were Rev. J. L. Welch and Rev. Damon C. Dodd of

Nashville, Tennessee, and Mrs. Ruby Dunlap of Charleston, W. Virginia, certainly did a fine job in their respective fields.

Attendance and interest was fine, yet when compared with the number not attending, it is tragic to think that so many of our people will let such a wonderful opportunity pass without taking advantage of it.

We have a promise from Brother Dodd, of another session of the Institute this fall. Free Will Baptists of West Virginia, let us look forward to it with enthusiasm and a determination to attend.

Rev. W. C. Combs
Crab Orchard, W. Va.

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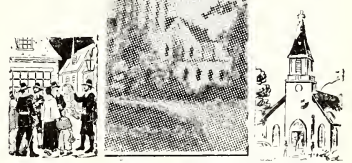
The first part (to be distributed June 4) will highlight the Third Nationwide F. W. B. L. Conference, which is the big denominational event of the month of June. There will be a special story written by one of our Free Will Baptist story writers, intitled "Through the Rain to Tulsa Sunshine," which, while looking back to last year, should inspire last minute decisions to go to Norfolk. There will be "beckoning hand" items about Norfolk and Norfolk's leaguers

The June 11th part will present information about the National Association meeting, to convene in July in California. There will be some interesting bits of history about the National Association, and information about California and Richmond,

where the meeting will be held. Then when the June 18th part of the Banner is "handed out" on Third Sunday, it will be found to contain facts about the National Woman's Auxiliary, and about the missionary work being promoted by the women of the church. The part dated June 25 will be alive with information and high-lights of the National Sunday School Convention, which meets in August.

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NOTES AND QUOTES

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of God. I have heard people say: "I want to live in the center of God's will," and they were so stingy that they were robbing God every day.

"But this I say, he which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall also reap bountifully" (2 Cor. 9:6).

Where to Put the Lord's Tithe?

The distribution of the Lord's tithe is a great question with many. I have been asked: "How to make the distribution?" Well, if you are a member of a church that has a budget, I think the best way is to take your tithe to the Lord's house and place it in the church treasury. If every church would do that, there would be no use for collections to be taken every time we get to a Union meeting or a convention or an Association. But due to the fact that there are so few churches that have a budget, and so few members who live in the credit side of God's ledger, that every time we get together for any special meeting, we have to plead for the various causes. If every Free Will Baptist in the United States had lived square with God and had kept His ordinance instead of giving 43 cents per capita last year, we would have given \$17.00 per capita. This low estimate of \$17.00 puts the weekly wage of every Free Will Baptist at \$10.00 per week, however, our weekly pay roll is much more than \$10.00 per week.

What a nation of God robbers are we. Brother, do you keep books with God?

Because I have never served a church that brought all the tithes into the house of the Lord as a worshipful offering, I distribute mine as the Holy Spirit directs, among the various causes and institutions of our church and denomination. But every one should take it to the church and then vote it out to the Lord's cause as directed by the Spirit.

I went to a church for the orphanage. There was no offering made. At the close of the service the church treasurer handed me a check for

\$50.00. This check was above the average for the itinerary. They said "We take our offering Sunday morning and take no more offerings. I was informed that every member of that church tithed. Why not all the churches do that?"

We have no right to pray, "Lord open the windows of heaven and pour us out a blessing" unless we tithe.

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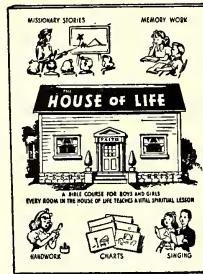
Our Thanks to God

Ben L. Byer

In spring the leaves come out so green,
And many a lovely flower,
God causes them to grow and bloom
By sending sun and shower.

The birds return to bring us cheer,
And sing their happy songs,
And we should bring our thanks to God,
For praise to Him belongs.

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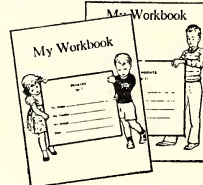
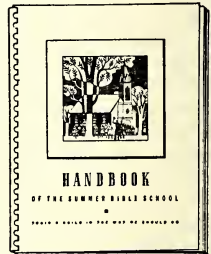
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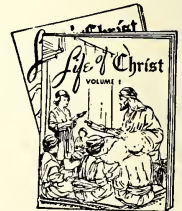
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Rev. O. M. Hilburn, Pro. Sec'y, Piedmont Assn.

HOLINESS

Mrs. Mattie E. Smith

What about holiness? Do we really believe in holiness? I mean we church members. I have heard some church members say, "I don't claim to be holy, for I am no saint."

But what is Jesus coming back to earth for, if it is not for God's holy people, the saints? Surely, he is not coming back for the sinners, for he will cast them into outer darkness. The Scriptures tell us to follow peace will all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord (Lev. 20:7). We find this command in the Bible: "Sanctify yourselves, and be ye holy: for I am the Lord your God." Holiness is a separation from sin, for God wants his people to come to the knowledge of his will. He commands us to be holy. A holy life is the only life which will bring peace to the soul.

The Apostle Paul lived a holy life (I Timothy 2:10). We know that God is holy and that heaven is a holy place for the saints to dwell. We speak of the Bible as the Holy Book, and do not expect to get to heaven unless we are holy. We are told in God's holy word that holy men shook as they were moved by the Holy Ghost (II Peter 1:21).

There are church members who, if a preacher preaches holiness, they do not want to hear him any more. That is the very thing that preachers should preach. Isaiah spoke of a highway which he said shall be called the way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it" (Isa. 35:8). Let us not try to shun any term in the Bible, for we are not to add, neither take away anything from the Scriptures. If we do this we will miss our heavenly home in the end.

We want to be with God's holy people, so let us pray that we will not be among those who will be cast out with the unholly persons. We read in Psalm 93:5, "Holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, forever." In I Cor. 3:17, we are told that the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are. We are to be holy in all manner

of conversation (I Peter 1:15). We should be holy and without blame before the Lord (Eph. 1:4).

I have heard some people say that they believe any one can live here and not sin, but what did Jesus say? When he healed the impotent man, he told him: "Thou art made whole; sin no more lest a worse thing come upon you" (Jon. 5:14). He also told the woman who was caught in the act of adultery to go and sin no more. Now, if we believe Jesus, we will believe that we can live here and not sin. I don't believe Jesus would have told his people to do a thing that was impossible to be done. Jesus said, "Follow me." If we really follow him do we think he will lead us in sin? Surely not, for he did not sin.

Jesus said, "Search the scriptures." But do we do that? I am afraid that some of us do not. It might be that we had rather read the papers and get the news which is very little good to us; just to keep us wondering about things, and they keep our minds off the Lord. Jesus said, "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Lu. 6:46).

Telegram from India

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—Lloyd

Reply to Miss Lloyd's Telegram

This message was received from Miss Lloyd during the recent annual session of the Foreign Missions Board.

After prayerful consideration of this request from Miss Lloyd the board voted to grant her request and send her the following message:

"Released by your request—letter to follow."

I'm sure that you join with us in prayer that Miss Lloyd may be used of the Lord in her new field of labor which she has chosen.

Sincerely yours,
Rev. Raymond Riggs, Chm.

Dear people, we will have to meet the Lord without spot or blemish, if we are to be saved. We will have to accept the whole Bible, for if we fail in one part, we will miss our heavenly home. Remember, we are to follow Jesus.

Bootlegging Since Repeal

Propaganda of the wets would have us all believe that when we had prohibition the country was hopelessly entangled in bootlegging. The claim is that there was never the like in lawlessness before or since. Such incidents as the following give the lie to that kind of propaganda.

A Fulton County Grand Jury indicted virtually the entire Atlanta, Georgia, wholesale liquor business on December 27, 1949, on charges of selling bulk whiskey to non-licensed persons for a "valuable consideration." Most of the liquor involved in the alleged transactions presumably went into the illicit dry county trade.

Reports of dry county sales last August inspired an investigation of the Georgia liquor business. Three separate indictments were returned covering thirty-four counts. All charges for selling more than the two-quart daily limit to persons not holding retail or wholesale permits. All Fulton County wholesale liquor firms but one were indicted. It has often been said that there is no way found to make the liquor traffic obey the law.—The Watchman-Examiner.

Nashville, Tenn., May 5, '50

The Ladies Auxiliary met recently with Mrs. W. M. White, and Mrs. Thigpen led the devotional. Mrs. Rose Bowen presided over the meeting. Mrs. J. B. Smith, leader of the Y. P. A., was present and gave a very encouraging report on the young people's work.

It was decided to send cards to the veterans hospital, also a handkerchief shower to one of our sick members, who has been absent for sometime. We had sixteen members and five visitors present and one new member was added to the roll.

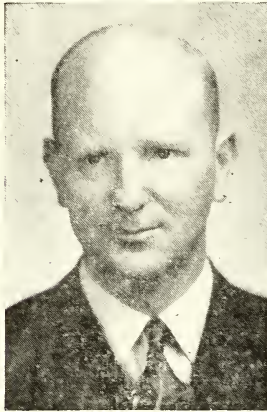
The meeting closed with prayer, after which Mrs. White served delicious refreshments.

Mrs. O. C. Briley, Secy.

Notice Please!

All Juniors, Intermediates, Seniors, and Young People Who Attend League and Sunday School in North Carolina, Also Local Leaders of Above Groups

You are urged to go to Cragmont Assembly, Black Mountain, North Carolina, June 19 through 24 for training, information, inspiration,



R. B. Crawford

and recreation. The directors for this week's encampment are: Rev. R. B. Crawford, Greenville, General Director, who will also be in charge of the Seniors and young people; Mr. James Earl Raper, Goldsboro, who will direct the intermediates; and Mrs. Rashie Kennedy, who will be director for the juniors.

The leaders for these groups who work in the local churches will receive much good if you will attend also. We urge you to come and to bring your groups to this encampment.

Parents, give us your co-operation in getting your children to Cragmont. We will promise you rich rewards for your efforts. Your child needs this week of Christian training, information, inspiration, and recreation. We are depending upon you.

Reverend James A. Evans, president of Cragmont Assembly, Incorporated,

has been giving you for weeks the "Cragmont News," dates and expenses of this encampment. Brother Evans is planning for chartered buses to take you to and from Cragmont. This bus will leave New Bern early June 19. You should write not later than June 1, to Brother Evans at Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Box 118, Black Mountain, North Carolina, and tell him to reserve for you a ride. Please do so.

Come on, let us all go to Cragmont, and get our God-given gifts greatly improved!

R. B. Crawford, General Director

NORTH CAROLINA MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE TO CONVENE AT CRAGMONT JUNE 5-9

The North Carolina Ministerial Association will hold their annual conference at Cragmont the first week in June. We are planning an interesting program and all ministers attending will have a part on the program.

It is the duty of every minister in the state to attend and enjoy the week of fellowship as well as make your contribution to the success of the conference.

Plan now to attend and be there for the opening services Monday evening. Each preacher in the denomination, in good standing, is entitled to membership in the Association.

Be present, don't stay away. You will enjoy the week.

R. N. Hinnant, Pres. of the Association

Greenville Revival and Homecoming

The Greenville Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, N. C., will start a series of revival services May 14, 8:00 P. M. These services will continue for one week. Rev. Floyd B. Cherry, Durham, N. C., is to be the evangelist. Brother Cherry is one of the outstanding Bible preachers of our denomination. We want you to be present for this revival, if at all possible, if you aren't present please pray for a glorious revival.

Home coming Day for all members and former pastors of the church is May 21. Come prayerfully and spend the day, enjoying great inspiration and fellowship.

R. B. Crawford, Pastor

Graham Speaks to Congressmen

"If I were running for any political office this year, I would speak out strongly for the Lord Jesus Christ in my campaign addresses."

This was what Dr. Billy Graham, noted evangelist, proclaimed to an assemblage of national congressmen in the Nation's Capitol on April 27, 1950. He was the speaker at a breakfast gathering in the Vandenberg room.

Citing that our past methods have intensified, rather than solved, our problems, Dr. Graham said that the American people are today hungry to know God's message for them.

"We have deified man and humanized God, and we have worshiped science. And today we find ourselves on the brink of a disaster which threatens to wipe out civilization." Dr. Graham told the thirty-five representatives and one senator that the only answer to the dilemma was to return to God. He struck a comparison between the conditions set forth in the first chapter of Isaiah and those of our current society. He called upon the leaders of the country to repent of sin and declare faith in Jesus Christ.—N. A. E.

Peace They Say

And now it's peace to be released
Upon this world of sorrow.

No wars to be
On land or sea;
No need to have this horror.

Who will believe and be deceived
That wars can now be ended?

It's not until
All lust is still
And man with Christ is blended.

No freedom can descend from man,
Though he may make the offer.

He's speaking through
His hat to you.
To me he's just a scoffer.

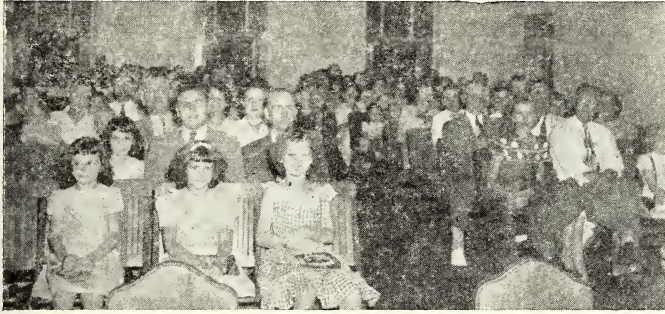
All peace must come through God's own
Son.

And the wicked cannot possess it.
Cessation of war
Cannot restore;

It's through God's own Son we merit.

—George C. Clark

Just One More Month!



The F. W. B. L. of Fairmount Park Church invites you to attend the

Third Nationwide F. W. B. L. Conference

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

JUNE 13-15, 1950

and growing irreverence. And also one of ever-increasing perplexities and perils.—Selected.

What of the Future?

"I know not what awaits me,
God kindly veils mine eyes,
And o'er each step of my onward way
He makes new scenes arise.
And every joy He sends me comes
A sweet and glad surprise.

"One step I see before me,
'Tis all I need to see,
The light of heaven more brightly shines
When earth's illusions flee,
And sweetly through the silence comes
His loving 'follow me.'"

O blissful lack of wisdom,
'Tis blessed not to know;
He holds me with His own right hand,
And will not let me go.
And lulls my troubled soul to rest
In Him who loves me so.

So on I go, not knowing,
I would not if I might;
I'd rather walk in the dark with God
Than go alone in the light;
I'd rather walk by faith with Him
Than go alone by sight.

When it seems hardest to pray, pray
hardest.

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Signed:

The Board of Trustees

"BY THE MIGHT OF MINE HAND"

Statesmen, politicians, publicists, economists, captains of business and industry, labor leaders and all kinds of other people are trying to tell us what is wrong with the United States and the world at large. Now let us consider the words of the Lord:

"For the Lord thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills; A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates . . . A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack anything in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass. When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the Lord thy God for the good land which He hath given thee. Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God . . . Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein: And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied; Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the Lord thy God. And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of

mine hand, hath gotten me this wealth. But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant, which He sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the Lord thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day, that ye shall surely perish." —Deut. 8:7-19.

Do not most of us nowadays say, "My power, and the might of mine hand, hath gotten me this wealth?" Do we not say our American genius, our matchless industrial establishments, our superior economic and political systems, are responsible for our enjoyment of greater abundance than any other people on earth? And of course, these are the means by which we have achieved our prosperity. But who gave us the means?

The people who built this nation were a reverent and God-fearing people. They did not say "by the might of mine hand," but "by the grace of God"—and meant it. And they prospered mightily.

It is no secret that this machine age, this age of astonishing scientific progress, is also an age of widespread

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O wad some power the giftie gie us
To see ourselves as ithers see us!
It wad frae monie a blunder free us,
And foolish notions.

—Robert Burns.

BALLARD RESIGNS FROM NEW BERN CHURCH

Will Devote Major Part of Time to Writing and Editorial Work

Rev. L. E. Ballard, who for the past three years has edited Free Will Baptist League quarterlies and "Youth's Banner" for the Free Will Baptist Press, has resigned from the pastorate of Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church of New Bern, North Carolina, effective September 30th, in order to devote more time to work on these publications and other religious writings, and because of the fact that the New Bern church has reached the stage where a full-time pastor is needed to promote the work of the church. Mrs. Ballard, who has served for over three years as Educational Director at St. Mary's, will relinquish this work also at the same time.

The St. Mary's church is in excellent condition, both financially and in membership and attendance in all branches of the work. The church has a large and progressive Sunday school, with modern facilities; the Woman's Auxiliary is operating splendidly with four circles; the F. W. B. L. has recently shown quite a bit of renewed life; and the attendance at the morning services of the church stands near a full capacity congregation, with the evening attendance gratifying. Quite a number of new members have been added to the church during the past year, not only through evangelistic services, but from Sunday to Sunday through the regular services. The church offers an excellent opportunity for some minister who is not burdened with other responsibilities, to lead on to great achievements for the cause of Christ.

Rev. and Mrs. Ballard plan to move either to Greenville or Ayden, and will be available for pastoral or denominational work which will not handicap Mr. Ballard's editorial work. Their permanent mail address is Box 86, Ayden, North Carolina.

Do you read your church papers?

LITTLE BETHEL CHURCH AUXILIARY NEWS

The Ladies Auxiliary of Little Bethel Church held its regular monthly meeting April 27, 1950, at the home of Mrs. Austin Stone with 17 members present, and one visitor, Mrs. Norman Stone.

We opened our meeting by singing a hymn which blended with the program. Then a prayer was offered by Mrs. Liston Miller.

The president, Mrs. Vernie Stone, turned the program over to the program leader, Mrs. Allen Baxley, who rendered a very interesting program. Our subject was Advancing with Christ through the Training of Youth.

Following the completion of the program the president took charge and called for the business of the circle.

The first was calling of the roll and reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Then we sang a hymn and offered the benediction.

The hostess, Mrs. Austin Stone, and Mrs. Merdock Stone served delicious refreshments which were enjoyed by all.

Our next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Lindon Powell, on Thursday, May 25, 1950.

Mrs. Clifton Lysterly, Cor. Secy.

May the blossoms of liberty never be blighted by the frosts of disloyalty.

Chartered Pullman Car

Attend the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Richmond, California, July 11-14, 1950.

Arrangements are being made for a chartered pullman car leaving Wilson, Friday, July 7, 10:35 A. M. Arriving Richmond, California, Monday, July 10, 6:20 P. M. Return trip, Friday, July 14, 11:30 A. M., arriving in Wilson, Monday, July 17, 4:23 P. M.

FARES FOR TRIP

Clergy fare (on permit) round trip \$123.34.

Laymen round trip \$199.01

Pullman car \$92.00 per day

Estimated cost of parking pullman car for four days \$78.00

Total estimated cost of transportation and sleeping, clergy fare, \$178.87.

Laymen \$254.54 (estimated)

Meals will be extra.

The above rates are based on a minimum of eighteen passengers. Reservations will be open until May 15.

For further information write to James A. Evans, 1108 South Tarboro Street, Wilson, North Carolina.

The Committee on Transportation
M. L. Johnson S. A. Smith
J. A. Evans

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: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

SUMMER ENCAMPMENTS

Summer Encampments, or Summer Bible Institutes, are becoming more and more assemblies of great interest and value to Free Will Baptists in the various states. For example, Cragmont Assembly, Black Mountain, N. C., is receiving much publicity at this time, and many of the church people are looking forward to attending these institutes which will be held this year during the months of June—August. The programs have been already arranged for the different groups to attend these assemblies. The ministers will hold the first institute, and the others will follow in order of arrangement by the different directors.

Other states, as Georgia, Texas, and others will hold their Bible Encampments for their different groups at specified camps or suitable places for the institutes to be conducted. Both the adult people of the church, as well as the children and the youth, will have a part in those encampments for the study of the Bible, and other allied studies which will be a great advantage to the leaders of the church and the local church organizations.

We think these summer encampments are becoming more and more useful to those who attend them, because they receive information, training, and inspiration in religious matters which will be of much good to them in filling their places back home in their local churches, Sunday Schools, the Woman's auxiliary, and also in the Young People's League. It is hoped that a great many more of the church people will this season make use of the opportunity to attend these encampments, and thereby be greatly benefitted in a spiritual way.

CONTRIBUTORS TO THE BAPTIST PAPER

We frequently receive communications from subscribers of the Baptist paper, and also from others, asking for more original messages in prose and poetry, for more church news of value to the readers, and also for more worthwhile reports of church improvements and progress among the local churches of the different states. Those interested inquirers are desirous of being able to read in the Baptist paper more worthwhile and interesting things, setting forth in clear language what the churches and the church people are accomplishing.

Alfred's Prayer

"Mamma," said Alfred one night, as he was going to bed, "I prayed that God would keep us children from quarreling, but he has not answered that as yet, for sister Daisy and I quarreled dreadfully to-day."

"Ah, my son, you will have to help the Lord to answer that."

"Help the Lord, mamma? Can't He do everything?"

"He won't make you good against your will. If you choose to be a naughty boy, God will be sorry for you, and when Satan tempts you to quarrel if you turn right to God for strength to resist him, and then fight like a good little soldier to keep down the naughty temper, then God will give you victory. But He won't do the work for you."

"Oh, I didn't understand," said the little boy.

Let this be the cue for some good writers to mail to us some good sermons, poems, religious essays, etc. Let those churches that have put on building programs, and have enlarged the entire church plant take note and write for the Baptist paper a short history of the new accomplishments. Let the church organizations make known through the columns of the Baptist the success that they have been making in their endeavor programs in their district and state bodies. This will be a good way to stimulate a greater interest in the denominational work, and also in getting more copies of the Baptist paper in the different Free Will Baptist homes of the United States.

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BOOSTING YOUR CHURCH

It is said to be a natural thing for successful business men to boost their business; to be optimistic, and work toward certain definite goals for greater business.

One minister said not long ago to this editor: "I seek to boost by church people when they do some noteworthy thing for the church. I find it pays." After thinking over what that minister said, we believe he was right. The Lord's disciples rejoiced greatly whenever they met with great success in winning the lost to Christ. They told others about it, and kept on preaching the Word of the Lord. Wherever Paul went and established churches, he let others know that people were accepting the gospel plan of salvation.

Some evangelistic campaigns may be boosted too much in some cases; but, when pastors and lay-leaders of the churches move forward with gratifying success in the work of the church, we think those who had a hand in the achievements should be praised, and the work boosted in the light of joy and happiness because the Lord's work had been advanced for the glory of God.

Yes, pastors, boost the work; encourage both the old and the young in your churches; and stand by them in their efforts and sacrifices to greatly improve the church activities in their localities. Boost the young people and they will do more for the cause of Christ. Praise the older people of the church and they will give more of their time, talent and money for the advancement of the church and community.

"Yes, my dear," continued mamma, "you have something to do yourself, when you pray such a prayer, to help God to answer it, you must watch and pray, and fight against temptation; and if you do this, you will be able, by and by, to come and tell me that God has answered all your prayers."—Kind Words.

Listen to God's Word, love Him and obey Him, first, last and always.—L. L. K.

Middlesex Orphanage

May Is Orphanage Month

We would like to remind our many friends that May has been designated as Orphanage Month in our United Program. Your generous offering during this month will enable us to continue to operate our home during this crucial period without borrowing money.

During 1949, each dollar that you contributed helped care for more children in our orphanage and bought more food, clothing, and educational advantages for them than in 1948. We shall continue to provide the many needs of our children, as they develop into useful men and women, as economically as possible.

Your contribution to our orphanage during May is needed and will be greatly appreciated.

Mail your contribution to: Free Will Baptist Orphanage, Middlesex, N. C.

R. McLeod, Asst. Supt.-Treas.
Walter McD. Croom, Supt.

LETTER—

from the Superintendent

Dear Patrons:

We are pleased to have this opportunity to write you in regards to the progress of our work here at the Orphanage. Since May has been set aside as Orphanage Month in our State United Program, we feel that you would like to have first-hand information about what we are doing here, so that you can present this to the members of each church in which you are serving as pastor.

During 1949 it cost \$8,750.00 less to operate the orphanage than it did in 1948, a reduction of approximately 15%. We not only reduced operational cost during 1949, but we also cared for an average of five more children. We believe that you and your congregation will be interested in knowing that we have cut expenses at the Home and are endeavor-

ing to operate as economically as it is possible to do on a sound basis.

We are again operating the 140 acres of cleared land here with our boys; the girls are helping at times. It appears now that we will have a reasonable good harvest of wheat, oats, barley and crimson clover. Approximately forty acres of corn have already been planted and most of it has come up good. Our livestock are in fine shape—all are feeding on good pastures—but our milk supply is still low because we do not have enough milk cows. We are in need of six more cows quite badly to insure an ample supply of milk for the children each day.

Some of our children have had colds and a few have had measles and mumps during the winter, however, at the present time, all of our children (78) are enjoying reasonably good health. The children taking music are progressing well and we are in the process of setting up our sewing course here at the home.

Approximately one-third of the brick have been laid on the Albemarle Cottage (Boys). We are hoping to complete the building by the fall or early winter. We have recently painted the roofs of a number of the buildings and have been endeavoring to make the lawn more attractive.

January, February, March and April have been rather trying months here at the Home from a financial standpoint. We have, however, been able thus far to operate without borrowing any money. For several years prior to this year it has been necessary to borrow money with which to operate the Orphanage during the first three or five months of the year.

Our ministers and people have cooperated wonderfully with us during this trying period of financial need and we believe that you will continue to do so.

The battle of need has not been won here at the Home yet and all of us must continue to work together

if this phase of our Master's work continues to progress. We believe that you would like to give our Orphanage your full support during the month of May and endeavor to send a contribution to our Orphanage from each of your churches. We, the administration and children will appreciate your support during this month and may the Lord bless you in His Service.

Sincerely yours,
Walter McD. Croom,
Superintendent
Ralvin McLeod, Treas.

BLASPHEMY AGAINST THE HOLY GHOST

"All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme: But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation" Mark 3:28, 29).

These words of Jesus were spoken to the scribes and Pharisees who had gone down from Jerusalem to the place where he was preaching, and healing a blind and dumb man who was possessed of a devil. Christ had cast out the devil, and had given speech and sight to the man. Those scribes and pharisees declared that Christ had cast out the devil by Beelzebub, the prince of devils. They were blaspheming against the Holy Spirit when they accused Christ of casting out the devil by Satan, the chief of devils, because they attributed that divine power of the Holy Spirit of God, by which Christ cast out the devil, to have come from none other than Satan himself.

Christ told them that Satan cannot cast out Satan, lest his kingdom fall. Then, how can the Son of God perform miracles by Beelzebub, when he is free from any contamination of Satan? If Christ were possessed with the evil powers of Satan, then how could he stand as the true Son of God—pure and holy, spotless and clean?

Note: "Even personal reproaches, revilings, persecutions against Christ, were remissible; but blasphemy, or impious speaking against the Holy

Spirit was to have no forgiveness: i. e. when the person obstinately attributed those works to the devil, which he had the fullest evidence could be wrought only by the Spirit of God. That this, and nothing else, is the sin against the Holy Spirit, is evident from the connection in this place, (Matt. 12:31) and more particularly from Mark 3:28,29,30."—Adam Clarke's Commentary.

"The unpardonable sin is neither less nor more than ascribing the miracles Christ wrought, by the power of God, to the spirit of the devil." But all who sincerely believe in the the holy mission of Jesus Christ can't commit this sin, for as long as they believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit as the Holy Trinity, possessing the supreme power, grace, mercy and love for all mankind, they will never claim that the miracles of Christ were performed through the evil influences of Satan.

A person may speak, in the vilest terms, against Christ, against his followers, or even curse God with bitter words, and be forgiven by repentance, confession of his sins, and acceptance of Christ as his personal Saviour. But to say, deliberately, the power of the Holy Spirit originated from and rests in Satan, the prince of devils, is to blaspheme against God's Holy Spirit.

—Anonymous.

Cragmont News

The Dates for opening have been set, and you are ready to go, we hope!
Ministers Conference—June 5-9.

Sunday School Superintendents—June 12-17.

Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors—
and Young People—June 19-24.

Summer School for Christian Workers
June 26—August 4, Inclusive.

Young People—Aug. 7-12.

Woman's Week—Aug. 14-21.

Special Groups—August 21--Sept. 1.

Registration fee—\$2.00 per Institute

Room and Board—\$2.00 per day

Campers Insurance—\$.50 per week

For other information write, Registrar
or Director.

Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, N. C.

James A. Evans, Pres.

"THE BREAD OF LIFE"

Tom Johnson

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life." He spoke these words in the synagogue in Capernaum unto the congregation assembled before him. In this discourse on the bread of life, our Lord meant that he was the spiritual bread which gives spiritual life, and preserves the human soul from eternal death. This bread of life was from heaven, because he came down from heaven, as the Father had willed for the purpose of giving eternal life unto as many as would believe on him.

Christ told his audience that "Our fathers did eat manna in the desert and are dead." He said that it was not the true bread, because it was only a type of the true bread from heaven. Those Jews considered the manna as the bread from heaven which Moses gave to their forefathers. It was not the heavenly nourishment, but the bread that nourished the bodies of their fathers. God sent that bread as a special provision for his people while they were on their wilderness journey to the Promised Land.

Our Lord told them that those who would go unto him he would not cast out. All that the Father gives to him he gives them this bread of life. All who are drawn by the Father, that is, who are influenced by His Spirit, and who yield to the Spirit's call are called the children of the Father (Rom. 8:14).

Jesus is the bread of life to nourish sinsick souls, to calm broken hearts, and to bind up gaping wounds. He is the balm of Gilead, the consolation of troubled minds, and the living water of life. All who come unto him can, therefore, rejoice and be glad, for he will in no wise cast them out.

Eating of the body of Christ and drinking of his blood means that all who take him as their personal Saviour, and are washed, cleansed from their sins, by his shed blood on the cross, are spiritually being nourished and given new life in Christ. As bread and water are taken into the body for strength and nourishment

to the physical man, so the accepting of Christ as that spiritual life means new strength, and new power for the soul of man. It means the dwelling of the heart of man in the blessed Son of God, and He in him. It means unity, peace and love between God's Son and the saved individual. Here is a striking quotation on this point: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, that unless you receive the body of the Son of man as the bread of life, ye have no life in you."

It was the will of the Father that His Son should come into the world, and be offered on the cross for the sins of the world. His life, therefore, was given as a ransom for everyone.

Talking about Gangsters

They say that the anti-prohibition gangsters in Chicago killed 500 citizens of similar stripe when prohibition was the law of the land. It's quite true.

What about this Master Gangster today? On the highways alone, he kills certainly no less than 8,000 men women and children every year and maims between 200,000 and 300,000 good citizens—men on their way to work; women on their way to market; little children on their way to school. He leaves their bloody and broken bodies entangled in the wreckage of their vehicle and gives it no thought. And this is only a fraction of the mortality due to alcohol.

Alcohol is the Gangster of Gangsters. He is operating throughout the land and for that matter, in every land.

A Wise Choice

A child in Burma was permitted by his parents to go to a mission school, because they wished him to learn to read. By and by they found he was losing faith in the idols. This made them feel very bad. So the father took him to one of the gayest of the temples, and showed him the idol covered with gold and silver ornaments, surrounded by flowers and candles and fragrant incense. "Here," said the father, "is a god you can see, but the Christians cannot show you their God." "Yes," said the child, "we can see your god but he cannot see us. We cannot see the Christian's God, but He sees us all the time."

N. C. STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION

PROMOTER OF THE N. C. STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION

There are some things that you need to know concerning our youth program, the F. W. B. League Organization. The Sunday School teaches the word of God and endeavors to acquaint you with Bible knowledge through the ear, eye, and mind. Surely we cannot underestimate the value of the teaching ministry. The preaching service is designed to lead every worshiper into the presence of God with a thus saith the Lord concerning his relationship with God and eternity. It is to warn the people against sin and of the coming judgment of a righteous God for failure to yield their lives unto God. The evangelistic services are designed to preach Jesus to sinners with the necessary respect to the Word of God and the Holy Spirit which convicts of sin and brings Godly sorrow for sin. The Women's Auxiliary is designed to enlist the women into active services in the interest of missions, benevolences, social service, Christian education and to provide a substantial backing for all the activities of the general church organization.

The Free Will Baptist League organization is to train workers for all church services. It helps new converts get a hold of themselves and learn to pray in public, make talks, sing specials, teaches them how to rightly handle the Word of God, and creates a desire on the part of the worker to become a soul winner for Christ. There are many, many things which make the League one of the most attractive programs of the church for young people. Good leaders are badly needed. Our church can always depend on a good League organization to sponsor things which promote the cause of Christ through all phases of the work, take care of things others in the church forget or neglect, and it provides clean wholesome entertainment for youth activities.

Our first League (or youth) organization was begun in 1915 at St. Mary's church in New Bern, N. C. It was first known as the B. Y. P. U. (Baptist Young People's Union) and since this name belonged to the young people of the Missionary Baptist church it was necessary for us to find a new name. In 1917 the name "Mutual Endeavor Union" was introduced and this lasted for three years when in 1920 the Rev. J. L. Welch gave to us the present name "Free Will Baptist League or F. W. B. L. which has been used ever since.

A dream of a general organization for our youth throughout the nation began many years before it became a reality. It was not until the year 1922 that the General Conference in session at Marshall, N. C. voted to become responsible for the insti-

gation of such an organization. Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, Prof. A. R. Flowers and Rev. L. E. Ballard were appointed to the task of drawing up plans for the proposed organization. It is interesting to know that all three of these persons are still alive and are still interested in the youth program of our church. In 1933 the work was revised and brought up to the needs of the people. Since that time the Leagues have grown in leaps and bounds. The years of the World War II caused an upset and the work has been lagging behind ever since in North Carolina. It is our prayer to God that He will give us new inspiration and courage to go forth again in this great cause.

How It Struck the Manager

The desirable position that every boy, who has his own way in the world to make, is early in search of goes frequently to the odd candidate in some odd way or for some odd reason. In a case in mind, not a month old, with Brooklyn as the locas, it went right over the heads of every youthful candidate for the position and was offered to an unsuspecting lad who had not the remotest idea of applying for it.

He was a small boy of 14; he had given days of his vacation to earning some money that he needed in temporary messenger work in a branch office of a large corporation; and when he received his pay he found an unwarranted deduction from his earnings, against which he had duly protested, exacting a promise of proper adjustment. He was indignant at the ensuing delay, but he was not a boy to give way to indignation in a way to imperil the collection of the amount of his claim. Neither had he any mind to go again personally to the main office with its besieging crowd of boys applying for positions.

So, with his mind bent on going straight to the mark in the fewest possible words, he penned a letter, as he had undertaken the work, without the advice of anyone. It was couched in English that would have done credit to any business man of the city, and it was written in the vertical hand that reads as easily as print. He mailed it and awaited a reply with misgivings as to its tenor. He hadn't long to wait. Promptly came the following and astounding reply from the manager himself:

"If the attached letter was written by you, and it is a sample of your usual handwriting, I have a place in this office for you as clerk, helping me in light-office work, where there is a fine chance for promotion."—New York Commercial.

Elizabeth City Has Good Revival

On Monday night April 10 the Rev. B. L. Sawyer began a revival meeting in Saint Paul's Free Will Baptist church, and continued through the 16. Brother Sawyer preached some very good messages and it did our hearts good to hear him. There were 3 confessions and one of those came to take membership with the church.

We were happy to have with us on Sunday night friends from the Mount Tabor Church near Creswell, N. C. They rendered several beautiful selections in song and we did appreciate this very much. We do believe that Brother Sawyer is a God-called minister. We wish we had more ministers who are not afraid to stand behind God's sacred desk and preach the word as he does. He is now pastor of Saint John's Free Will Baptist Church in Portsmouth, Va. Let us pray for, and encourage him in every way we can.

Miss Sudie Copeland

ON WHICH SIDE ARE YOU?

James Russell Lowell well said:
They are slaves who fear to speak
For the fallen and the weak;
They are slaves who dare not choose
Hatred, scoffing and abuse.

Rather than in silence shrink
From the truth they needs must think.
They are slaves who dare not be
In the right with two or three.

"Is it the right road Home?"
"Yes, child, this very path I trod.
The clouds were dark for me,
The stony path was hard to tread,
Not sight but faith can see
That at the end the sun shines bright,
Forever where there is no night,
And glad hearts rest from earth's fierce
fight.

But always the question is "Why?" Could not the Lord take us some way where there are fewer stones and thorns? and fewer hills and clouds?

No doubt He could. But He is not only making a way for us but the best way. When we are saved He could at once hurry us off to heaven. But the trouble about that is that earth, with its hardships and steep grades and all the rest we do not by nature choose, offers an atmosphere and topography for the development of certain Christian graces—fortitude, patience, faith, hope, and charity—far better than the perfect conditions of that heavenly City and Country. In fact, some things in Christian character we must get in this life or never.

And while we are taking the hard things let us remember that declaration of Paul, "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

From the Free Methodist.

-:- Department of Foreign Missions -:-

REPORT NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER

Receipts by states during the month of April, 1950

Brought forward from March	\$2,520.90
Receipts during April as follows:	
North Carolina	\$1,278.17
Michigan	785.61
Tennessee	446.86
Missouri	300.73
Oklahoma	256.10
Illinois	143.75
South Carolina	140.56
Florida	130.85
Georgia	59.92
Alabama	57.78
Texas	53.06
West Virginia	49.38
Kentucky	16.00
Nebraska	10.00
New Mexico	10.00
California	5.00
Ohio	2.00
National Auxiliary Convention	101.50
Sale of books	2.00
Cuban Ass'n on loan	75.00
Total	\$3,924.27
Grand total	6,445.17
Disbursements during April	5,070.15
Balance in treasury May 1, 1950	1,375.02

Winford Davis, Treasurer

RAISE THE MERCURY ON YOUR MISSION CHARTS

You will please raise the mercury on your foreign mission charts according to the figures given below. These figures given as of April 30, 1950.

North Carolina	\$9,739.29
Missouri	5,530.67
Michigan	3,784.08
Oklahoma	3,625.23
Tennessee	3,477.82
South Carolina	1,639.70
Georgia	1,352.61
Illinois	967.86
Texas	778.99
Virginia	705.28
Alabama	682.99
West Virginia	475.97
Arkansas	324.45
Kentucky	291.70
Florida	273.14
Mississippi	156.06
New Mexico	65.00
California	51.60
Ohio	25.75

We greatly appreciate your cooperation with the missionary charts.

Thanking you,
Winford Davis, Promotional Secy- Treasurer

THE GENTLENESS OF LOVE

A. B. Simpson

When things seem hard and trying, it is just another class in the school of discipline, another opportunity to put on Jesus Christ and learn the patience, the long-suffering, or the gentleness of love.

An injured bishop was once complaining to Francis de Sales how a brother had wronged him, lied about him, and tried in every way to defame him. The good saint listened and assented, saying, Yes, my brother, it's all true; it's very wrong; it's very unkind; it's very unjust; it's very cruel." Then he added, "But there is another side to it."

"But," said the bishop, "do you mean to say that there is any excuse or reason to justify this?"

"Not on his part, my brother; but there is on the other side of the question a still higher reason for it, and it is this: God has let all this happen to you and all this to be said about you, to teach you the lesson that is worth more to you than even your good name, and that is to hold your tongue when people talk about you, which is very evident you have not yet learned."

The good bishop saw the lesson and silently received it. Would to God that we

might see in everything our Master's hand, our Teacher's lesson, our Father's love. Life should become to us a school of love, and so sweetly perfected in this highest grace that nothing could hurt us; but above the hand of every enemy we should see the hand of love more richly blessing us, and making even the wrath of man to praise God and minister to our perfection.

Then, perhaps, we should some day be able to say like one of the medieval saints, "It is so sweet to love my enemies that if it were a sin to do so, I fear I should be tempted to commit that sin; and if it were forbidden by the Lord, I fear it would be the greatest temptation of my life to disobey that commandment."

God give us the love of the Spirit and say to us afresh the new covenant, "Love one another as I have loved you."—Sel.

How God Answered Prayer

"Dear Jesus, make me patient!" prayed a little child once—and God sent a little cousin to stay with her. She was so tire-some. She would pull Elsie's toys about, and she would take so long to wash and to dress that sometimes Elsie would feel almost in despair. Then she would pray

again, "Lord, help me to be patient!" And God did help and strengthen her to be with her little cousin, and not be vexed.

But not until a long time afterward did Elsie understand that God sent the little cousin to bring into her own heart the beautiful gift of patience, because, at the time, she could see only the dark things.

A teacher once said to me, "We were very poor when I was a child, but I have been so thankful since, that it was so. We learned to be careful with our things, and to be content with little, and to feel that our daily bread came direct from the hand of God. We were much happier at home than many a richer family around us. And we loved our mother so much, for the way she toiled for us."—Unknown.

Who Wants the Boys and Girls?

God wants the boys, the merry, merry boys,
The noisy boys, the funny boys,
The thoughtless boys;
God wants the boys with all their joys,
That He as gold may make them pure,
And teach them trials to endure;
His heroes brave,
He'd have them be,
Fighting for truth and purity,
And purity;
God wants the boys!

God wants the happy-hearted girls,
The loving girls, the best of girls,
The worst of girls;
God wants to make the girls His pearls,
And to reflect His holy face,
And bring to mind His wondrous grace,
That beautiful
The world may be,
And filled with love and purity,
And purity;
God wants the girls!

A PRAYER

Our dear Lord and Saviour I pray
For thy assistance every day,
Send me safely in paths of right,
Dear Lord, I ask and pray tonight.

Sometimes the way is dark and drear,
But sure Thou'll gently lead me home.
Near to Thy side I crave to be,
And kneeling there, be close to Thee.

Here in this world of care and strife
Sorrow and heartache touch each life,
We need so much Thy tender care,
A plea of refuge with you there.

So much thy loving heart did't beam
While on the cross suffering there
And dying in deep agony
That all mankind thru you might live.

Ere long our life on earth will end,
We'll meet you face to face, dear friend,
You'll guide us to a place on high—
A lovely mansion in the sky.

Beatrice W. Wallace



Micah's Hope of God's Salvation

(Lesson for May 28)

LESSON: 4:1-5; 5:2-4; 7:18-20.

GOLDEN TEXT: Micah 7:18.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

1. From our Scripture references we learn that God has a plan for a time of universal peace upon the earth. And many of the other writers of the Books of the Bible corroborate and expand the truths that Micah presents in his prophecy (Ps. 72; Is. 2:2, 3; 9:6, 7; 11:1-16). This is a big subject, and it can be approached from many angles.

2. Why had more progress not been made in the realm of peace? It looks as if we were going in the opposite direction. We boast about our enlightenment, knowledge, progress and wisdom, and this century has been the bloodiest in the history of the world. And sober thinking and observing people see little prospect of peace in the future. To come to the point, we believe that the world has been seeking after peace as the Jews in Paul's day sought after righteousness. "For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God" (Rom. 10:3). Read "peace" instead of "righteousness" in that text.

3. In the first place before we can have peace among men, there must be peace between men and God. God had a controversy with men (Jer. 25:11; Hos. 4:1; 12:2; Mic. 6:2). Man is a rebel at variance with God and His laws. Man is alienated from God in his mind and by wicked works (Eph. 2:12; 4:18; Col. 1:21). And while this state lasts there is no prospect of peace anywhere (Is. 57:20, 21). Man needs to be reconciled unto God and at peace with Him, and this

is where the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ comes in.

4. Next to having peace with God, we need to have peace within our own hearts. And this peace comes thru the ministry of the Holy Spirit, dwelling within, and the truth which He makes known to us. It is only after the Spirit enlightens our minds that we begin to realize the sinfulness of our fallen nature, and this knowledge will disrupt our peace. But the sacrifice of Christ has taken into account our evil nature. Judicially it is dead. It is for us to mortify the deeds of the body and to surrender ourselves to the Lord. "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:7).—Selected.

5. The expression "latter days" has to do with the latter days of Israel and the days when the Star will come out of Jacob and the Scepter will arise out of Israel (cf. Num. 24:14, 17). To those who glibly quote, "They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks," as though it had reference to this dispensation, we would say that God's Word also says, "Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears" (Joel 3:10).

Micah is talking of that day when out of Zion shall go forth the law, the word of Jehovah shall be given from Jerusalem (v. 2). He refers to that time of which Isaiah says, Jehovah "will judge between the nations, and will decide concerning many peoples" (Isa. 2:3, 4). The day is coming, thank God, when the Prince of Peace will come, and then this troubled world will know peace.—Moody Monthly.

6. Micah is here foretelling the birth of Christ who is to be the King of that kingdom about which he had been speaking to the people. The little town of Bethlehem was predicted as the birthplace of the Savior. The prophecy was fulfilled in the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. The story is very beautifully related in both Matthew 2 and Luke 2. Bethlehem Ephrathah is used to distinguish it from Bethlehem in Zebulun. It was

a very small town among the many other towns of Judah, yet it was chosen to be the birthplace of the eternal King of Glory who is from everlasting to everlasting.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

7. God will have mercy, he will forgive, for he will not retain his anger always against his people. It is he who has established his moral and spiritual laws of the universe; it is he who is ever long suffering and kind; and it is he who will pardon and reward all who turn unto him in faith and trust for divine guidance. (Read Psalms 71:19; 77:14; 86:8; 89:7; 86:4; 97:9.)

As far as the east is from the west, so God would separate their iniquities far from them. Dr. Hight C. Moore says, "He will purify from our iniquities, subduing our sins, scrubbing them off, washing them away, sinking them into the very sea bottom." No sinner, however vile or wretched, should doubt for one moment God's forgiving power, nor should he hesitate to submit his case to the Lord in full surrender.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

II. The Lesson Illustrated

Make Jesus King!

When Queen Victoria had just ascended her throne she went, as is the custom of Royalty, to hear "The Messiah" rendered. She had been instructed as to her conduct by those who knew, and was told that she must not rise when the others stood at the singing of the Hallelujah Chorus. When that magnificent chorus was being sung and the singers were shouting "Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth," she sat with great difficulty. It seemed as if she would rise in spite of the custom of kings and queens, but finally when they came to that part of the chorus where with a shout they proclaim Him King of kings suddenly the young queen rose and stood with bowed head, as if she would take her own crown from off her head and cast it at His feet. Let us make Him King and every day be loyal to Him. This is the secret of peace.—J. Wilbur Chapman.

HIGHLIGHTS

Of State Sunday School Convention-Institute

The tenth annual session of the North Carolina State Sunday School Convention-Institute was a glowing success in many respects as the 1950 sessions closed recently at Hugo F. W. B. Church near Kinston. More Sunday schools than ever were represented, more enthusiasm was manifested in youth activities, six point record system, Field Representative, and Cragmont Assembly, Inc. The president, Mr. R. T. Sasser, states that more interest was manifested in the organization of district conventions. Every Union Meeting district should and must have an individual district convention if they are to make the desired progress. The Third Union Meeting of the Western Conference of which the writer is a member has already set the machinery in action to organize during the sitting of the next Union Meeting which convenes with the Calvary church in Durham the fifth Saturday in July.

The state convention-institute in annual sessions at Hugo April 23, 24, elected the following officers for the year: President, Mr. Raymond T. Sasser, 207 W. Broad St., Wilson, N. C.; Vice-President, Mr. Albert T. Coats, Smithfield, N. C.; Mrs. A. T. Coats, Smithfield, Secretary; Mr. Milton Wiggs, Smithfield, treasurer; Director, Miss Hazel Dawkins, Rockingham; Organization, Mr. D. B. Sasser, Wilson; Denominational Enterprises, Rev. R. B. Crawford, Greenville; Records and Reports; Rev. L. E. Ballard, Ayden; Literature, Rev. Rashie Kennedy, Goldsboro, Field Secretary Program; and Rev. R. P. Harris, Durham, Publicity Director.

The officers of the State Sunday School Convention-Institute are anxious to serve you in whatever capacity is needed. All local Sunday Schools should copy down the names and addresses of all the officials of the Convention-Institute and file them where you may refer to them at any time. You should urge your district to organize a district conven-

tion. You should request your local Sunday School to call in the director which you need to help you become a better Sunday School. As director of publicity, I shall welcome an opportunity to give your individual Sunday School or your district Convention all the publicity I can. You must send me all the facts concerning what you want publicized and I will give it my careful attention and have it published in the Baptist paper under the proper caption. Miss Hazel Dawkins will be glad to come to your church and assist you in getting properly organized. Any of the other directors also anxiously await the opportunity to serve you. In general, you may write to the president, Mr. Raymond T. Sasser, for any information you need and he will be most happy to help you.

It is not too early for you to begin thinking about the National Sunday School Convention and planning to attend. We will give you more information about this later. Perhaps our national work will be publicized by our national director in the Baptist paper. If not I shall attempt to get the desired information and have it reach you as early as possible by the same method.

There is a need for a state or national Sunday School bulletin. If there is enough interest shown and if enough subscribers to such and editorial is received, the publication will be forthcoming. Watch this column from week to week and keep abreast of the news.

Rev. R. P. Harris,
Publicity Director,
Box 1265, Durham, N. C.

Twelve Things to Remember

1. The value of time.
2. The success of perseverance.
3. The pleasure of working.
4. The dignity of simplicity.
5. The worth of character.
6. The power of kindness.
7. The influence of example.
8. The obligation of duty.
9. The wisdom of economy.
10. The virtue of patience.
11. The improvement of talent.
12. The joy of originating.

—Marshall Field.

Report of First Union of Western Conference

We the committee appointed by the First Union Meeting District of the Western Association, convening at Mount Zion church, on April 29, 1950, to digest the funds sent to the union and reports of activities of the various churches represented, submit the following report:

There being twenty three churches represented from a list of twenty-four in the First Union Meeting District sent in the following:

Donations to Union Meeting, \$134.50.

Money raised for Missions, \$495.15.

Funds raised for Education, \$115.02.

Funds raised for Orphanage, \$397.13.

Funds raised for Superannuation, \$49.40.

State Promotion Service, \$29.86.

Funds raised for local purposes, \$14,336.72.

Total number enrolled in Sunday Schools, 3378.

Funds raised for Cragmont Assembly, \$79.71.

Motion was carried that a copy of this report be sent to the Free Will Baptist Press for publication.

L. A. Renfrow,
Mrs. Luther Kirby,
Fred Pittman, Comm.

Summer Bible Training at Moody

Summer Bible training for business and professional people, as well as high school and college students, is offered again this year at Moody Bible Institute.

An intensive four-week course will begin June 13 and continue through July 14. Those unable to remain for the entire period may register for the first two weeks on June 12, or come for the last two beginning June 28.

Instructions will be by regular members of the faculty and will include Bible doctrine, Bible synthesis, Bible story telling, personal evangelism, voice and other related subjects.

Do you read your church papers?

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

The Fatal Temptation

Some years ago a young man entered one of our colleges to pursue a course of study. He had been thoroughly prepared, was a brilliant student, and easily took and held the head of the class. The son of wealthy parents, he had been much in society, and was affable and graceful in his manners. No man was more popular in the entire college. His class-mates idolized him, and the faculty of instruction regarded him as one of the most promising young men that had ever been enrolled.

He had one weakness; in the somewhat gay, social life to which he had been accustomed at home, he had acquired a taste for drink. He knew this weakness, however, and was doing his best to master it. For months he had not tasted a drop of intoxicating liquor, and the appetite for it was fast leaving him. It seemed to those who knew him and the gallant struggle he was making to control himself, that he was sure of success, and would, in a little while, be as safe and strong as he was brilliant and good.

Toward the close of his second or sophomore year, he was invited, in company with several other students, to an evening party. At this party there was a young lady whom he had known for some time and for whom he felt a strong attachment. During the course of the evening, he was offered wine, but refused again and again. Some of the friends of the young lady came to her and told her of their failure to induce him to drink.

"I will see whether he will dare to refuse me," she said. Filling a wine-cup and going up to him with her most winning manner, she said to him, "Mr. —, I have brought you this wine to drink my health. Surely you cannot decline to do that for me?"

One of his friends who stood near says that when the young lady presented the wine-cup, he turned and looked at him and saw what a terrible struggle was going on in his mind. His hand shook and his whole frame trembled; the perspiration started upon his forehead. Rallying all his strength he begged to be excused. But the young lady was persistent. Her pride was aroused, and she was determined to show her lady friends her power over this brilliant and popular student. She urged until at last he yielded, and, taking the cup from her jeweled hand, drained it to the last drop.

Eighteen months from that time he was carried to a drunkard's grave. The demon of appetite woke up within him and asserted its right to rule. His will to resist was

powerless against this. The pleadings and sympathy of friends proved of no avail. Forced to leave college, he sank so rapidly that those who knew him and loved him best were glad when death came and ended his blighted life.

Thus the life of a gifted spirit was quenched, and a soul destroyed by the folly and madness of one who should have done her utmost for his sake as well as for her own, to save and strengthen him. As it was, she not only shortened his life, but filled her own with anguish. Let every young lady remember that it may be fatal to play the part of the tempter, and that it is written "Woe to him that putteth the bottle to his neighbor's lips."—Our Young People.

The Faithful Child

I can not do great things for Him
Who did so much for me,
But I would like to show my love,
Dear Jesus, unto Thee.
Faithful in every little thing,
Dear Saviour, may I be!

There are small crosses I may take,
Small burdens I may bear,
Small acts of faith and deeds of love
Small sorrows I may share.
And little bits of work for Thee
I may do everywhere.

And so I ask Thee, Give me grace
My little place to fill,
That I may ever walk with Thee,
And ever do Thy will,
And in each duty, great or small,
May I be faithful still!

—Julia Balch

Words

Keep a watch on your words, children,
For words are wonderful things,
They are sweet like the bees' fresh honey;
Like the bees, they have terrible stings.
They can bless like the warm glad sunshine
And brighten a lonely life,
They can cut in the strife of anger
Like a cruel two-edged knife.

Keep them back if they are cold and cruel,
Under bar and lock and seal
For the wounds they make, dear children,
Are always slow to heal.

May peace guard your lips forever,
From the time of your early growth,
May the words, that you daily utter
Be only the words of Truth.

—Unknown.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

Mrs. Josie Lee Kent Passes

In loving memory of our dear mother, Mrs. Josie Lee Kent, Jacksonville, Florida, who lost her life in Fort Worth, Texas, flood, May 17, 1949.

Today recalls sad memories
Of a loved one gone to rest,
And those who think of you today
Are those who loved you best.

Those days were once enjoyed
When we were all together,
But oh, how changed it all is now
Since you have gone forever.

The blow was hard, the shock severe
We little thought your death so near,
Only those who have lost can tell
The pain of parting without farewell.
By daughter, Mrs. G. M. Nipper, 538 Organ Street, Jacksonville, Florida.

Mrs. Nancy Fulghum Passes

Great was the shock and grief to the family, and friends of our sister in Christ, Nancy Fulghum, when on November 28, 1949, she suddenly passed away into the great beyond. She was born on February 17, 1877. She took membership with March Swamp F. W. B. Church during the revival meeting which was held at our church in September 1919. The Reverend S. H. Styrton was pastor at that time.

She loved her Lord, and her church, and proved herself a true and loyal member as long as she lived. The funeral services were held in Nobles Chapel by her pastor, Rev. M. L. Johnson, assisted by Rev. Charles Carrol. She was laid to rest by her husband Cannon Fulghum in the church cemetery.

Although our church's loss is great, her gain is greater.

"Think of stepping on shore
And finding it heaven!
Think of taking hold of a hand,
And finding it God's hand,
Of passing from storm and tempest
To perfect calm!
Of waking and knowing
I'm Home!"

A good thing to remember,
And a better thing to do,
Is to work with the construction gang
And not with the wrecking crew.

STONES

By Herbert Lockyer

Have you ever asked yourself the question, Why did Jesus not roll the stone away from the grave of Lazarus? If He had power to raise the dead, surely with a word He could have commanded the stone to move from its socket! But no, Jesus said to His disciples, "Take ye away the stone."

Jesus allowed the disciples to take the stone away because He will never do for us what we can do for ourselves. Rolling a stone away was a human act, which the disciples could easily perform, so they were left to do it. Often when we pray for certain things, the Lord leaves us to answer our own prayers. Further, the Lord's working depends upon the accomplishment of our part of the task. Christ did not raise Lazarus until the disciples rolled the stone away. The miracle reveals a blessed co-operation. We have the privilege of coming to the help of the Lord.

The application of John 11 is not hard to make. All around us are multitudes, buried in the graves of sin and lust. Christ the Resurrection and the Life stands ready to quicken the spiritually dead, but ere He can pronounce the all-commanding "Come forth!" we have our part to play. We must take away the stone. We cannot function as channels of blessing if our lives are not in full harmony with the Master's mind and will.

Take Away the Stone of Prayerlessness

The Church was born in a prayer meeting, and its life can only be maintained in the same atmosphere. Ceasing to pray, she helps to keep many a Lazarus in the grave. Mighty triumphs came the way of the early Church because she lived on her knees. Giving herself to prayer and the ministry of the Word, she saw the world around her turned upside down.

And today, it is only as the Church travails in prayer that she can bring forth. If the impact of God is to be felt by a needy world, the Church must organize less and agonize more. But the old-time, well-attended prayer meeting has almost vanished! In many churches the Supper Room has been substituted for the Upper Room, with the accompanying result of spiritual death.

Take Away the Stone of Criticism

How can Christ raise those who are dead in sin if some groups in our churches are hotbeds of criticism, gossip and mere idle tittle-tattle? Nothing can blast the work of the Spirit and ruin a spiritual atmosphere like hostile, bitter criticism of others. Everybody is wrong except ourselves. And so often our finding fault with others springs from jealousy, and such jealousy as is cruel as the grave.

What a positive hindrance to spiritual progress jealousy is among pastors, evangelists, choirs and church members! All of us should stand in fear of jealousy, seeing that it crucified our Lord. "For envy the

Jews delivered Him." Jealousy is indeed a large stone preventing many a spiritual resurrection.

Take Away the Stone of Worldliness

If we are to lift the world nearer God we must be separated from it. Worldly compromise hinders the effectiveness of any Christian or church. The deeper the separation, the more powerful and fruitful are we in our appeal to those who are dead in sin.

Is it not a tragedy that so many places of worship are only religious amusement clubs? So much is countenanced within the sacred precincts. Our spiritual bankruptcy is due to our worldly-mindedness. This stone must be removed if Lazarus is to come forth.

Other Stones

One could go on and write of other stones that must be gathered out. Stones of Dis-

union, of Inconsistency, of Sin, of Unlawful Habits, of Disobedience. Each of us is conscious of his own stumbling blocks to success in soul-winning.

We read that when the disciples took away the stone from the place where the dead lay that Jesus could say, "Lazarus, come forth!" And out he came! May grace be ours to take the stone away! No matter what a complete, unreserved surrender to God may cost, let us be willing to banish all hindrances and give Him right-of-way through our lives. Around us there are countless numbers who need His life-giving touch, and if we fail Him, He had no other plan for saving the lost.

He dropped a penny in the plate,

Then meekly raised his eyes,
Glad the week's rent was duly paid
For mansions in the skies.

Friend, Be Sure and Read This!



Everything Will Be Looking to the Future

in the big "Nationwide Special" June edition of Youth's Banner.

The first part (to be distributed June 4) will highlight the Third Nationwide F. W. B. L. Conference, which is the big denominational event of the month of June. There will be a special story written by one of our Free Will Baptist story writers, intitled "Through the Rain to Tulsa Sunshine," which, while looking back to last year, should inspire last minute decisions to go to Norfolk. There will be "beckoning hand" items about Norfolk and Norfolk's leaguers

The June 11th part will present information about the National Association meeting, to convene in July in California. There will be some interesting bits of history about the National Association, and information about California and Richmond,

where the meeting will be held. Then when the June 18th part of the Banner is "handed out" on Third Sunday, it will be found to contain facts about the National Woman's Auxiliary, and about the missionary work being promoted by the women of the church. The part dated June 25 will be alive with information and high-lights of the National Sunday School Convention, which meets in August.

For this great special edition, there will be

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and, of course, some of the same kind of fine stories Youth's Banner presents in every number.

Order a special bundle of the Banner to distribute throughout your church. You can have copies of all four thrill-packed weekly parts for only 5c per set, if you order at least ten sets. Get your order in by May 15, so we will know how many extras to print. Address to F. W. B. Press, Ayden, N. C.

Woolworth's Seven Rules

There is an article about Frank Woolworth, the famous five-and-ten-cent-stor-t man, in a recent issue of the "American Magazine." The writer, in talking of Woolworth, says:

"These are his deductions from forty-three years as a merchant organizer, and builder of one of the world's tallest structures:

1. Of course you will be discouraged. But keep on.

2. If you believe in an idea give it a chance. Some of my first stores failed because I hadn't studied the situation thoroughly. I placed my stores in the wrong part of the town. There's a right place. Find it.

3 Everyone likes to make a good bargain. Let him. Small profits on an article will become big profits if you sell enough of the articles.

4 I believe in doing business by and with cash. I had been in business several years before I knew how to make out a check. Large credit is temptation to careless buying.

5. Supervise details, but don't allow them to absorb you. Don't waste time of a high-priced organizer on a clerk's job.

6. I prefer the boy from the farm to the college boy. The college man won't begin at the bottom and learn the business.

7 There are plenty of opportunities for the young men of to-day. Many fail because they are not willing to sacrifice. No one ever got far who was in bondage to the body. You can't build a business on thoughts of having a "good time."—The Boys Friend.

That Boy

"Charles," said a mother in England to her son, some ten or twelve years old, "Charles, I have trained you in righteousness. Your father and I have set you right examples. We have taught you the Gospel. We have shown you the way of peace. My son, if you do not live a Godly life I will stand before God in the day of judgment and bear witness against you!" No wonder that Charles Spurgeon became the foremost preacher of the nineteenth century, or of all the centuries since the Apostles' day. A home where such things are said make safe homes for boys.—Trumpet Call.

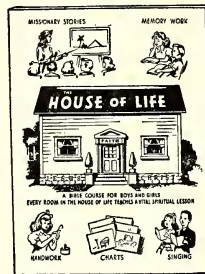
Movies and the Crime Wave

J. Edgar Hoover shows his wisdom when he turns upon this money-mad industry:

"Today's movies, many of them dealing with crime, exert a tremendous influence upon pliable young minds. Law enforcement files are replete with stories of juvenile offenders who confess to have derived the ideas for their crimes from motion pictures. After having seen a particularly atrocious crime picture which had been skillfully exploited as the enactment of a 'public enemy's life,' four teen-age boys emulated the examples.

"Their car ran out of gas; they needed money, so one of the group snatched a purse. In another instance, two boys, nine and ten, were caught throwing lighted matches into the gas tank of a car. They said they got the idea from the movies. Still another case—the arrest of four boys, ages fifteen and sixteen, solved a wave of burglaries. Each boy had a good school record and came from a family of good repute; each boy said he got the idea from the movies."

Parents, the Lord is going to hold you responsible for allowing your children to be poisoned by the movies.—The Baptist and Reflector, Nashville, Tennessee.



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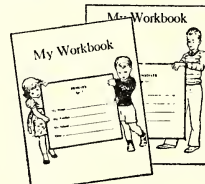
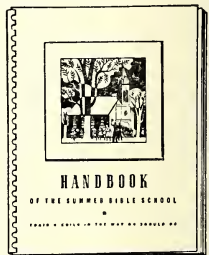
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The Heart's Proof

Do you ask me how I prove
That our Father, God, is love?
By this world which he hath made,
By the songs of grove and blade
By the brooks that singing run,
By the shining of the sun,
By the breeze that cools my brow,
By fresh odors from the plow,
By the daisy's golden head,
Shining in the fields I tread,
By the chorus of the bees
In the flowering willow trees,
By the gentle dews and rain,
By the farmer's springing grain,
By the light of golden eyes,
By the sheen of forest leaves,
By the sweets of woodland springs,
By the joy right-doing brings—
By a thousand, thousand things!

—James Buckham

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Notice

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

HOME-COMING CELEBRATION AT OAK GROVE CHURCH

Oak Grove F. W. B. Church in Wilson County will celebrate their home-coming day on the fourth Sunday in May. The people are invited to come and be with us for this occasion. We hope to have with us some of our former pastors, and also many others who would like to enjoy the day with us.

Rev. Dee Bissette, Pastor,
Mrs. Hillie Sumerlin,
Clerk and Treasurer

Mottos

- A vain man's motto is, Win gold and wear it.
- A generous man's motto is, Win gold and share it.
- A profligate's motto is, Win gold and spend it.
- A broker's motto is, Win gold and lend it.
- A gambler's motto is, Win gold and lose it.
- A wise man's motto is, Win gold and use it.

Do you read your church papers?

N. C. STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION

PROMOTER OF THE N. C. STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION

Say, fellows and girls, I asked you to send me news items of interest for publication under the caption of this column. Can it be that you have not read the Baptist paper? Can it be that you do not care to publicize things of vital interest to our youth? Or, can it be that you just aren't interested? I know that other young people would be delighted to know just what you are doing by way of promoting the cause of Christ among the young people of your group. The things you do may seem feeble and of little importance to you and yet they may be the very things that will cause others to sit up and take notice.

I am urging you once again to write out all the facts concerning your programs, socials, outing, etc., and send them to me. I will be glad to re-write them and give them to our young people through the column of the Baptist paper. This will cause the young people of other districts and states to begin working and re-viving their programs for better work.

Young Christians

All young Christians need the training offered them through the League organization. It may be that you are filling a very important place in your church, but you still need the training this organization offers you. The field is white unto harvest and few there be who go and labor. Prayers need to be sent up to God daily for more and more young Christians to assume the responsibility of service through the field of Christian education and training. There is a great future for young people in the training service of the church. Many young people need to enter full time Christian service. If you do not let the Lord have His way in your life you will, no doubt, miss your calling. The Bible says "Make your calling and election sure." God is ready to give you a place in his service and will guarantee you all necessary things for your prosperity both materially and spiritually. You

cannot go wrong in entering Christian service.

The League helps you to get acquainted with the Bible and teaches you to pray, both of which are essential to service for the Lord. You learn how to speak in public, understand one another, discover the needs of the lost in the world, and prepares you for efficient church offices.

These developments are met in many ways. Because your spiritual needs are met you can go on to mental and social progress which tends toward a deeper and better understanding of the doctrines, of missions, evangelism, and the development of Christian leadership.

The League teaches you to die that you might live. You will lift your eyes and see great fields of conquest. There will develop a passion for lost souls and a desire to establish them in the faith so that they will go on to victory in Christ Jesus.

R. P. Harris

TEXAS DISTRICT LEAGUE RALLY

The district League Rally of the Texas Association convened with Youngblood F. W. B. Church near Beckville, Texas, April 11, 1950. The sponsor, Rev. T. L. McDonald, led the opening prayer. The singing was led by Miss Nell Waldrop, which was followed by an inspirational devotion led by Albert Smith.

Miss Julia Mae Hill won in the Sword Drill contest which was directed by Mrs. Claude Tompkins. A committee was appointed to decide who should deliver the evening message. The Reverend J. M. Goode was chosen for this message.

Youngblood directed an enjoyable program, following which Rev. Goode brought an inspiring message on the subject: "Have You Found Grace in the Sight of the Lord?" Following the message, the new officers were elected. They are as follows: June Goode, president; Jane Perry, vice-president; Geneva McDonald, recording secretary; Mary Jane Tompkins, corresponding secretary-treasurer. Reverend J. M. Goode was appointed as the new sponsoring minister.

Our next League Rally will be held at Dirgin Church, on July 11, 1950. The rally closed with the benediction being offered by Mrs. Duran.

Jane Perry Cor. Secy.-Treas.

A BAD BUSINESS

H. Pipkin, Mt. Olive, N. C.

The liquor business is a bad business. The late General John J. Pershing is quoted as saying: "Those who make it or sell it should be punished as traitors with death, if necessary, to suppress it." Whether that be true or not, it has influenced our lawmakers to put every woman, man and child in North Carolina under a threat that if you don't have a liquor store in your county, you can't have the full protection of the law against the ravages of the bootlegger. This premeditated, diabolical arrangement is to encourage bootleggers in dry counties and scare the people into voting for its legal sale. Such government is neither by the people nor for the people, nor is it true democracy and sounds more like Russia than America. Those responsible for such government are described in the Bible as hypocritical scribes who bind heavy burdens grievous to be borne and lay them on men's shoulders and refuse to move them. Matthew 23.

There is no way to estimate its deadly work and no language to describe it. There are more than forty references in the Bible that speak against it and not one for it. Church people who pray, "Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil," and then vote for men knowingly who would legalize beverage alcohol, and tempt the people to sin, make a mock of their profession and are a stumbling block to the world. You cannot serve two masters. Matthew 6:24.

Good people cannot afford to vote for it or indulge in it. Church people are commanded not to touch it. Second Corinthians 6:17. To withdraw from everyone that walketh disorderly. Second Thess. 3:6. And have no fellowship with the work of darkness but reprove them. Eph. 5:11.

Relative to this subject, I am quoting below two of the several articles I wrote for the "Forum" in the News and Observer. I include them here

for your consideration and may our loving heavenly Father help us in choosing between good and evil, to vote like we pray and use our influence to bless the people and glorify God, for after all these things will come the judgment, and who shall be able to stand, not everyone that sayeth "Lord, Lord" shall enter in, but he that doeth the will of my father which is in heaven" (Matthew 7: 21).

"Has any reader seen a woman lying out all exposed, naked, bruised and dead, murdered by three men that were drunk on booze which they bought at a legalized liquor store in North Carolina? Or a little girl lying in a casket all dolled up with paints and powder to cover the bruises inflicted by a father because he was drunk?

"Or a little baby girl lying in a hospital all torn and bleeding, raped by a man because he was drunk? Or a kitchen and dining room spattered with blood where a man murdered his wife and children because he was drunk?

"Or an automobile turned upside down and the blood oozing out of the crack in the door and heard the prayers and screams of those who were trapped and dying on the inside and another automobile nearby with no windshield and a man's hat under the steering wheel where the man had been, with the fender all spattered with blood and brains and a stretcher standing by with part of what had been a man on it, with a deep gash where an eye had been and the end of a bone sticking out at the shoulder where an arm had been and a foot all crushed and mangled that would never move again, all because a man was drunk?

"Did you ever stand by a graveside and see a mother and father almost cry their hearts out because their boy had died drunk? Have you ever seen and heard these things?

"Somebody has and thousands of others as bad. All because somebody was drunk.

"How would you account for using

your influence to make this business legal? After all, are we not to some extent our brother's keeper?"

"Since the imperfect and much abused prohibition law was repealed, beverage alcohol has been the world's champion killer and troublemaker. Under the protection of the law, it has had a hand in almost every calamity that has befallen the people of this nation and affected practically every institution in the land from the humblest home to the highest courts of justice. It respects no person or place. It has made its bloody trail around the world that cannot ever be erased. It has squirmed its way through our training camps to Pearl Harbor, where it killed our men and destroyed our ships. You can find its trail in France, where an otherwise mighty army staggered under its influence to surrender to the Germans. In India, China, Great Britain and every other nation, you can find its deadly trail. It has had a place at practically every conference table in the world where the destiny of nations and the peace of the world was at stake and contaminated everything it touched where it went. Under its influence, we have compromised with every ism and false doctrine in search for peace and have not found it.

"Today our relations with Russia is a nightmare to the whole world, and there is no place of refuge satisfactory to men except those who know God. In him alone can we find peace. Our danger is not in the fact that Russia has the atomic bomb but that America has too much liquor. A man under its influence is liable to push the wrong button, pull the wrong cord or curse the wrong man, which, in either case could start something that would leave mankind without a hiding place in this nation. So let us turn to God, since man and strong drink have failed us, for God will not fail us."

And now I quote from Psalm 1, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly nor standeth in the way of sinners nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful, but his delight is in the law of the Lord and in his law doth he meditate day and night."

NEWS FROM GEORGIA

GEORGIA NEWS

On April Second 1950 It was our happy privilege to meet with Pine Level Church in Dodge County near Chester, Ga. to organize a woman's auxiliary. Brother Harvey brought a short message, his subject being: "The Wemon of Bible Times." Then Mrs. Harvey took charge, giving a few words as to what a woman's auxiliary is. We organized as follows:

Mrs. Wylene Butler was selected as President; Mrs. Alvin Butler as First vice-President; Mrs. Florence Nobles, second vice-President; Mrs. Lucile Ammerson, third vice-President; the fourth vice-President was Mrs. Ola Ramage, and Mrs. Grace Mullis, Fifth vice-President. Mrs. Mae Long was elected as secretary. Mrs. Mable Estise is to assist her. We then read and adopted by-laws. As others join our auxiliary we are to appoint all committees.

We ask the prayers of all who read this for this auxiliary, as they are young in the work. They seem anxious to learn, so be much in prayer that they may go forward with Christ.

Mrs. C. J. Harvey

MINISTERS' INSTITUTE AND BIBLE CONFERENCE OF GEORGIA

Dear Fellow Minister:

We feel that it is of utmost importance that we take time and plan now to attend the Ministers' Institute and Bible Conference at Mt. Bethel, Ashburn, Ga., the week of June 4-9, 1950.

The Institute will begin on Sunday evening, June 4, 1950. The Camp will be open for receiving visitors by at least 3 or 4 p. m. that afternoon.

Refreshments will be served and services conducted in the camp chapel.

The cost is in reach of all and every minister can afford to come. \$1.00 per day or \$5.00 for the session is the amount needed.

You need to take with you a pillow and case, sheet, towel, soap, etc.

We hope to create a deep compassion for Missions, Christian Education, Fellowship and Unity, and good will for the cause of Christ.

"Come ye apart and rest a while," said Christ.

We feel that we need a revival of interest among our people. If you have problems, come let us reason together that God will give us understanding hearts.

The personnel consists of Dr. J. P. Barrow, of the National F. W. B. Bible College; Rev. E. C. Morris, Promotional Sec-

retary of the Georgia State Association; Rev. T. B. Mellette, the originator of the Conference; also Rev. J. C. Harvey, who is to see after the business part of the meeting.

Deacons and laymen are also invited, and any Christian woman who wishes may attend.

Brother, we are praying that God will give us a great victory and the conference will be a great success.

Be sure to come for the whole session; if not on Sunday evening come Monday.

Yours for the cause,
T. B. Mellette

GEORGIA CAMP NEWS

The following events are to take place at Mt. Bethel Free Will Baptist Youth Camp, 4 miles north of Ashburn, Ga., on Route 41.

Ministers Institute and Bible Conference, June 4-9.

Encampment for our youth, First session, June 18-30.

Encampment for our youth, Second session, July 23-28.

Encampment for our youth, Third Session, August 13-18.

You need to carry your bed linen and anything you want for personal use.

Fee \$1.00 per day or \$5.00 per week.

We will have the following instructors:

First week—Rev. Joe Fort, Rev. K. V. Shutes. Second week—Rev. T. B. Mellette, Rev. Joe Fort. With the Little folks 2 weeks Miss Betty Jo Fort. Second session, Rev. E. C. Morris and Rev. K. V. Shutes. Third session, Rev. I. J. Blackwelder and Rev. C. R. Houston.

On July 30th through August 4th the State Woman's Auxiliary will hold Institute. Mrs. K. V. Shutes will act as instructor.

If there ever have been a time when we need trained and qualified leaders, its for the battle just ahead.

For any other information on these activities write or see C. J. Harvey, Camp Manager.

My Aim

I will follow the upward road today,
I will keep my face to the light;
I will think high thoughts as I go my way,
I will do what I think is right.
I will look for flowers by the side of the road.

I will laugh and love and be strong,
I will try to lighten another's load
This day as I fare along.

—Mary S. Edgar.

PROGRAM FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

of

Marlin Association

to convene with

Colquh F. W. B. Church

May 28, 1950

Morning Session

Devotions to be conducted by Mrs. Mary Brown

Welcome address by Mrs. Alma McDonald
Response by Mrs. Robert Williams
The enrollment of Sunday Schools
Eleven o'clock message by Rev. H. L. Cattrett
Lunch

Afternoon Session

Devotions by W. R. Barber
Program by the various Sunday Schools
Round-table discussions on the subject:
"The Importance of the Sunday School," by Mr. O. F. Everson
Program Committee:

Mrs. J. L. Daniels,
Mrs. W. L. Cleveland,
Mrs. Effie Kimbrel,
Mrs. W. R. Barber,
Mrs. Alma McDonald

BETHANY "GO TELL" CIRCLE

The young ladies of the Bethany community have just organized a "Go Tell Circle." They started off with 18 members. The first meeting was held at the home of Miss Winnie Lou Vause, our hostess. The subject was "Prayer." The Scripture was given by Miss Annie Dell Jones. Then the group sang "Sweet Hour of Prayer." A reading on prayer was given by Mrs. Ruby Hicks. A trio "Do You Ever Think to Pray" was sung by Miss Joan Cusaac, Larna Welch and Ruby Jean Cusaac. A reading, "Your Mother Still Prays for You," was given by Annie Ruth Lee. We also sang another song and closed with sentence prayers. The hostess served ice cream and cookies as refreshments.

Annie Ruth Lee,
Timmonsville, S. C.,
Route 3

Jesus said: "I am the Resurrection, and the Life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. Believest thou this?" (John 11: 25, 26).

Missionaries to Work in Texas



Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery, graduates of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, to do Foreign Mission itinerate work in Texas.

MISSIONARY ITINERATE IN TEXAS

Dear Texas Free Will Baptists:

We are indeed grateful to the Lord for His many blessings unto us and are glad that He had placed upon our hearts a burden for the foreign field of service. Our thoughts are constantly on the call that He had given us for the foreign field, but it does not prevent us from laboring in the home field, because we feel that the Lord would have us to serve Him wherever we are.

Between June 4 and July 23, we are planning to visit every Free Will Bap-

tist church in Texas in behalf of foreign missions. Every pastor will receive a card from us which suggests a date for the service at his church. If these cards are promptly answered it will help us very much in completing the arrangements for the itinerary.

The service will consist of special music, testimony, a missionary message and an offering will be taken for foreign missions. Pray for us as we attempt to serve our Lord thru these services.

In Christ,

Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery

"BE YE SEPARATE"

Hazel Beauchaine

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? Wherefore,

come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing: and I will receive you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" (II Cor. 6:14, 17, 18).

Paul, speaking specifically to the Corinthian church, admonished them at great length what the will of the

Lord was concerning their walk. This, that they might glorify Him and be vessels meet for His use. The one requisite was that they separate themselves from the corruption of the world about them.

All through the ages the Lord God has called His people "out." We have but to refer back to antiquity and find Abraham, father of the faithful. He was born and raised among idols and idol worshippers, yet when God spoke to him he obeyed. "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing" (Gen. 12:1, 2). To preserve a line down through which the Saviour would come to earth and bless a lost race in redeeming grace it was necessary that the chosen people separate themselves from other nations and peoples.

Along with the command to "come out" came the precious promises to Abraham, "I will bless thee, and make thy name great, and thou shalt be a blessing." There is great reward in a walk with God when we live for Him alone and with an eye single to His glory.

The faithful of iniquity looked forward to the coming Messiah in faith believing. Today we look back over the avenue of the ages to Calvary where the Messiah who did come gave His life a ransom for many. We as God's children are recipients of the showers of great blessings that were promised Abraham. His lovely promise, "and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed," is literally fulfilled each day. We have a Saviour strong and true, a mighty rock, a strong tower. And today He is verily the shadow of a mighty rock in a weary land. The blind are made to see, the lamb leap like a hart, and the dumb are made to speak His praises!

Again, when Israel was in Egyptian bondage the Lord God led them out by the hand of Moses. In overruling providence, God made a way for His children to be delivered from slavery and bondage. This way Is-

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The National Directory

GENERAL OFFICERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

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Cuba		
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Rev. and Mrs. Robert Wilfong		
India		
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You have no more right to consume happiness without producing it than to consume wealth without producing it.

—G. B. Shaw

WHAT SELF DID FOR THE SHEPHERD BOY

Rev. A. L. Sellers
1008 W. Lafayette St.
Quitman, Georgia

David's testimony to Saul when he was preparing to meet that great gaint, should convince us that David had been taught in early life that there was a God that would do to trust, for when Saul tried to discourage him about meeting the giant he said, "Thy servant kept his father's sheep and there came a lion and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock; and I went after him, and smote him and delivered it out of his mouth; and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote and slew him. Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear; and this uncircumcised Phillistine shall be as one of them (seeing he had defied the armies of the Living God. He will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine)" (I Sam. 17:34-37).

David's statement here shows that he did trust God for his success and protection in the wilderness with his father's sheep, and he did not fail him; also he gave him victory over the great giant of the Phillistines, and a wonderful victory over the armies of the Phillistines. As a soldier he was always careful to have the Lord's approval of what he undertook and he was successful. As a king, he was anxious for the Lord to lead for a while, and was a success because of his attitude toward God, and his faith in God. But one day he let self get between him and God, and Satan took the advantage of that, and showed him another man's wife over in her home bathing, and how fascinating it would be to take her for his woman. Without consideration, he yielded to the temptation, and committed adultery, then to hide the crime he had her husband killed. There he was then an adulterer, and a murderer before God, and the penalty for either one of them was death. He thought he had the crimes hid.

We don't hide things from God. That has been proven often. I imagine about the time that David began to think that he was going to get by

unpunished, Nathan came to see him, and told him about two men living in one city; one rich and the other poor.

The rich man had many flocks and herds, and the poor man had only one ewe lamb and it was unto him as a daughter. There came a traveler to the rich man, and he spared to take his own flock, to dress for the way-faring man that was come unto him; but he took the poor man's lamb and dressed it for the man that had come to him. David's anger was greatly kindled, and he said the man that had done this shall surely die. To my mind here came the saddest message that ever entered David's ear. "Thou art the man." He had passed sentence on himself.

Dear reader, you want to justify yourself for not being what God said you ought to be? We are told that David was a man after God's own heart (II Sam. 12), and notice carefully what his punishment was to be. If you will read and study the rest of his life, you will find that it came as Nathan said it would come. David was a criminal who had acted unmerciful, but God being a merciful Father forgave him. But that did not undo his crime. He had sown the seed of adultery and murder, and he had to do the harvesting. Whatever a man soweth that he shall reap. This shows what Satan will do if we let self get between us and God. May God bless you, dear reader, with a greater vision of not letting self get between you and God. It is the most dangerous thing, in my estimation, that we can do.

NOTICE!

The State Mission Board of North Carolina will meet Thursday, June 1st, 1950, at the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C., at 10:00 A. M. in its quarterly business session. By request of the Chairman, Rev. J. A. Evans.

Alice E. Lupton, Secretary

If you ever find happiness by hunting for it, you will find it, as the old woman did her lost spectacles, safe on her own nose all the time.

—Billings

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

A WORD ABOUT ORDERING LITERATURE

The time is drawing near for the ordering of Sunday School and League literature for the third quarter of the year. We are asking that the secretaries place their orders for their needed supplies earlier than usual, so that the office force here at the Press will not be cramped for time to book and mail out the orders to the different Leagues and Sunday Schools.

During the shipping of literature bundles for the past quarter, the office received hundreds and hundreds of letters per day which rushed the force very much to keep the orders filled as fast as they arrived. If the secretaries will place their orders earlier this time, it will be greatly appreciated by those who book, wrap and mail the hundreds of orders for the literature.

DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL LITERATURE

Since we do not have on hand, sometimes, all the Daily Vacation Bible School materials our patrons ask for in their orders, we have to send for them at the publishers. This requires time, therefore we are asking that those who are planning to hold Bible schools this summer,

and who are planning to place their orders with us for their materials, that they place their orders several days earlier than they will need them, so that if we have to secure part of the materials from the publishers for such orders, we will have time to serve our patrons in a good way, and they would receive their materials in time for their schools.

SONG BOOKS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

During the summer and fall seasons, a great many churches throughout the country hold their revivals. In a great many instances they need additional, or new song books for their meetings. This being the case with many churches, we wish to state that the Press has on hand a goodly number of different kinds of hymn books with songs suitable for regular church services and revival meetings.

We shall be glad to serve the church people by filling all orders sent to us for any of these song books. In the event we do not have the particular hymnal you desire, we will secure them from the publisher, and then mail yours to you without extra cost.

CHURCH RECENTLY ORGANIZED WARSAW, NORTH CAROLINA

This is to inform the Free Will Baptist people of North Carolina that during the month of April we conducted a revival in the town of Warsaw, N. C., and organized a Free Will Baptist church with thirty-five members.

We held the services in the Episcopal church which is now for sale, and we have the free use of the building for three months. The building is located in a fine and public place of the town, which is on the main thoroughfare from Wilmington, N. Carolina, to Goldsboro, after the new road is completed. The lot is 60 feet by 150 feet. The building is in fine shape except it needs a little repair on the roof, and a coat of paint, but it is in a fair usable condition at the present. The size of the building is about 30 feet by 50 feet. Our people now have a Sunday School in operation in the building

This property can be bought for the sum of three thousand dollars, which would cost more than seven

or eight thousand dollars if it had to be built from the beginning. Our local group of Free Will Baptist members are working and raising funds to purchase this property, if possible, when the three months are ended.

We are recommending this group of our people, and this project to our people of the state of North Carolina, and are asking all churches and Sunday Schools to try to help them in a financial way to be able to purchase this property, so that they may have a place to worship, and to conduct a Sunday School.

We thank you in advance for the help you may feel led to give to this worthy cause. You may send your donations to Mrs. W. H. Byrd, Warsaw, N. C., General Delivery.

Yours for the Kingdom,

David W. Hansley,
Ayden, N. C.

There is nothing so well known as that we should not expect something for nothing—but we all do and call it hope.

—E. W. Howe

BOOK REVIEW

Barnes' Notes on the Old Testament
Job, Two Volumes

Publisher: Baker Book house, Grand Rapids 6, Michigan

Price for the two volumes: \$6:00

Edition, 1950

These two volumes by Dr. Albert Barnes on the Book of Job are comprehensive, giving extensive comments and explanations of difficult passages of scripture.

These two volumes will be most helpful to ministers, Sunday School teachers, and Bible Students in their search for a greater understanding of the Book of Job.

Orders will be filled either at the F. W. B. Press, Ayden, North Carolina, or at Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Michigan.

READY FOR SERVICE

L. E. Styron, a ministerial student at the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn., is open for evangelistic services during the summer and fall months. Those interested in securing the service of this young man can address him at 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tenn., or after June the first, address him at 1409 N. Pastor Street, New Bern, N. C., c/o. Rev. J. C. Griffin.

THIS IS IT!

The Important News for Which You've Been Waiting Is Contained in This Special Bulletin.

READ EVERY WORD OR YOU'LL MISS THE MESSAGE!

This is important news for you and every Free Will Baptist member. The news will thrill you beyond words, because it's something for which you've been waiting.

Watch the mails closely. There's more coming.

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This is another reminder that there is something in store for you. You can't afford to miss it. Be sure and keep watching, for something's about to happen.

There's no doubt about it. You will want to have a part in this.

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BE READY TO ACT AS GOD DIRECTS!

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THAT WONDERFUL NEWS!

The Home Mission Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists presents to you, the Free Will Baptist people, this bulletin, with the hope that it will help to inspire each of you to do something about the Home Mission program. Perhaps you have all realized that we needed to do something and perhaps you've wondered why something hasn't been done. You won't have to spend any more time wondering—we are ready for action and by the Grace of God, we are going to work at once.

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DID YOU KNOW?

. . . That our denomination has churches in only twenty-two states of the union . . . That there are twenty-six states in which we have no representatives so far as we have been able to determine?

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. . . That we are not supporting an active program of gospel preaching through a Home Mission program? We have done very little as far as actual Home Missions is concerned.

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. . . That the Word of God is just as emphatic in its teaching about Home Missions as it is on the Foreign Mission obligation? (Mark 5:19)

. . . That we gave less than one-half of one cent per capita for the Home Mission cause last year?

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Your Home Mission Board is composed of: Rev. J. B. Bloss, Chairman; Rev. C. B. Dees, Sec.-Treas.; Rev. Harry Staires, Rev. Willard Day, Rev. James Evans.

The mailing address is: National Home Mission Board, Rev. C. B. Dees, Sec'y., 505 Low Street, Flat River, Missouri.

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Here's what your Home Mission Board

proposes to do as rapidly as it becomes possible, through your support.

1st—Evangelize. We believe that this is the prime object of any missionary program.

2nd—Operate a church extension program and establish Free Will Baptist Churches in localities where there are none.

Here are some definite prospects which the Board has and with which they will work during the coming days:

MISSOURI

Farmington Steeleville

ALABAMA

Fayette Jasper Hamilton

TENNESSEE

Lewisburg Pulaski

NEW MEXICO

Hobbs

TEXAS

El Paso

We want to put a full time Home Missionary on the field, preferably to work among Spanish speaking people in our border and harbor towns. There are also grand opportunities for mission work in the remote mountain areas in our homeland, as well as among the Indians on the reservations in several states.

We are also working with the Promotional Department in an endeavor to revive and reclaim the Free Will Baptist work in Nebraska and along the eastern seaboard.

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HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO.

You can pray for the success of this great venture by the Home Mission Board. Great victories have been won and can be won through prayer.

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You can use your influence to urge the whole-hearted support of this Home Mission program, especially among Free Will Baptist people.

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Of course, you wouldn't want to challenge some one else to do something that you weren't doing. So you can support Home Missions with your offerings.

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Sit down right now—don't wait until tomorrow—and put your offering in the enclosed envelope and drop it in the mail. You don't even need to bother with affixing a stamp—we'll pay the postage. Let this offering be the first of many more—sent regularly to your Home Mission Board.

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If you know of a good prospect for a new Free Will Baptist Church, notify the Home Mission Board.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF WE SUPPORT THIS CAUSE

? * * *

We will be able to reach more of the lost and win them to Christ. This is our main goal.

We will be able to organize new Free Will Baptist Churches and revive the weaker ones. Thus, we will increase our membership at home.

All the other phases of our denominational program will feel the impact, for as we increase and strengthen the home front, so we proportionately strengthen the entire program.

The Foreign Mission cause will profit. God's blessing cannot be on us as it should because we are sinning by failing in our obligation at home. If we preach in "Jerusalem" God will bless our efforts in "The Utmost Parts."

We will be overwhelmed with a denominational-wide revival.

Every Free Will Baptist will become a better steward.

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

National Association of F. W. B. 3609 Richland Ave. Nashville, Tenn.

Disgraceful Deficiencies

It is a disgrace: To half do things. Not to develop our possibilities. To be lazy, indolent, indifferent. To do poor, slipshod, botched work. To give a bad example to young people. To have crude, brutish, repulsive manners.

To hide a talent because you have only one.

To live a half life when a whole life is possible.

Not to be scrupulously clean in person and surroundings.

To acknowledge a fault and make no effort to overcome it.

To be ungrateful to friends and to those who have helped you.

To go through life a pygmy when nature intended you for a giant.

To kick over the ladder upon which we have climbed to our position.

To be grossly ignorant in these days, of the usages of good society.—Success.

It Pays to Advertise

There was a man in our town,

And he thought he was wise,

He swore it was his policy

To never advertise;

But then, one day, he advertised

And thereby hanks a tale—

His ad was set in six-point type

And headed "Sheriff's Sale."



Alabama News

Edward B. Ledlow,
Editor
Talladega, Alabama

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

TALLADEGA CHURCH

We had a wonderful convention this year at the Talladega Free Will Baptist Church. Five Sunday Schools had part in the convention. Our Theme was "The Sunday School and Missions." Theme song was "Loyalty to Christ." I feel, and I am sure that everyone who has attended our conventions feels that it was the best one held thus far. The Sunday School plays were very inspiring and were enjoyed by everyone.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the good ladies of Talladega Church for serving the fine dinner.

We hope to have a better program for our young people at our 1951 convention.

REPORT OF ALABAMA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

FOR MONTH OF APRIL, 1950
Paid Out

Salaries	\$ 457.50
Feeds and groceries	303.85
Blue Cross Hospital Insurance on Children	38.75
Alabama Power Co.	25.23
Telephone bills	13.46
Shoe repairing	12.50
Postage and office supplies	24.14
Janitor supplies, Dewitt Supply Company	36.96
Dr. bills	8.00
Drugs	12.75
Live stock	15.00
Payment on adding machine	13.10
Delaney's Butane Gas Co.	21.21
Total expenses	\$ 982.45
Amount received during month	\$1,205.55
Brought forward	9.31
Total	\$1,214.86
Expenses	982.45
Balance on hand	\$ 232.32

OTHER THINGS DONATED

Bro. Nathan Staggs, Sox	\$ 10.00
Mt. Zion Church, Pell City, Ala., supplies	48.00
Macedonia Church near Millport,	

supplies	66.25
Leeds Church, cement	44.05
Dilworth Church and community, food	92.77
Aux. Highland Park, Michigan, clothing	8.00
Liberty Church by Bill Bozeman, supplies	29.50
Mrs. Mattie Thornboro, hay	10.00
Jr. Class of Northport Church, clothing	10.00

Total value of things donated\$318.57
Sale of coupons applied to furniture
fund

.....\$24.15
A small number of the churches of Alabama are rallying to the support of the Children's Home. We trust that each of them will get the Home on their hearts and help support it. We want to say THANKS to Georgia and Mississippi, and also the help that we get from the state of Florida. CORN? HAY? FEED? Yes, we need some and foods, such as you use, we need here. Ask your church to send us a donation.

We plan a big tent meeting to be conducted on the Home Campus, beginning on JUNE 18. Keep this meeting in mind and come over and help us. It will run ten days.

REMEMBER THE STATE CONVENTION IN CORDOVA JUNE 1 THROUGH 3, 1950.

DONATIONS TO THE CHILDREN'S HOME

For the Month of April, 1950	
Senior S. S. class Sulphur Spring Church	\$ 5.00
Union Chapel Church, C. S. Col- lins	5.00
Mrs. Harvey Welborn	2.50
Piney Grove Church, by Oma Owens	2.50
Pleasant Hill Church, Mrs. O. Aaron	10.00
Friendship Church, Pell City	17.63
Auxiliary of N. Birmingham Ch. Fair View Church, R-2, Trussville	21.00
Mr. J. Floyd, Frederick	10.00
Union Hill Church, Mrs. O. S. Bolin	5.00
Union Grove Church, by Marion Pate	10.00
Pleasant Grove Church, J. D.	

O'Donnell	10.15
S. S. Convention, Progressive As- sociation	102.50
Mrs. C. H. Howard, Starrett, Ala.	17.50
Alabama Unified Program	21.01
Union Hill Church, R-1, Hackle- burg	3.20
Lindburgh Church, Roy Kuyken- dall	42.00
Pina Grove Ch., J. M. Chafin	12.00
Sunday School of Townley Church Barnett's Chapel Ch., by Albert Adair	2.50
6.54	
Union Springs Church, Leonard White	5.00
Pleasant Valley Church, Mrs. Hod- gens	20.00
Range Church, by W. T. Lewis	10.00
Macedonia Church, R-1, Cullman	5.00
Rev. Clarence O'Donnell	5.00
S. S. of Mt. Pleasant, Clovis Chandl	1.00
Winfield Church	13.09
Dilworth Church	52.91
Mrs. Lorene Ryland	2.00
Auxiliary of 1st Church, Syla- cauga	5.00
Adult S. S. class of Sulphur Spgs. Mothers Home Church, Ga.	13.00
Mrs. Merle Dyer	1.00
Offering at grand old Singing Con- vention	25.00
Meadow's Chapel Church, Bloss- burg	12.00
Solitude Church, G. J. Farrell	2.50
Sunday School of Hickory Flat Church	2.00
S. S. of Mt. Joy Church	2.18
S. S. of Shady Grove Church, Rev. H. L. M.	15.00
Sulphur Spring Ch., Ola Mullinax Pleasant Hill Church, Ezra Mar- tin	2.00
25.00	
Goodwater Church, G. C. Deese	3.18
Thompson Church, Colquitt, Ga.	12.32
Union Hill Church near Haleyville	10.00
Quarterly Meeting of Jasper As- sociation	16.63
Auxiliary, Hammock Springs Ch. Georgia	2.50
From Relatives of children	69.57
Cordova Church	50.00
Sardis Church, G. D. Skelton	5.00
Mrs. Ola Mae Robertson	1.00
Rev. J. C. Baxley, Parrish	10.00
Brilliant Church	10.00

Mr. Ernest Taylor	5.00
1st Church of Sylacauga	15.00
Louis Tacker	5.00
Russellville Church	5.00
S. S. Laodecia Ch., Hanceville ..	3.35
Loyal Chapel, Columbia, Tenn. ..	16.13
Liberty Church, Hill Bozeman ..	2.00
1st Church of Aliceville	31.32
Shilo Church, Gardendale	20.00
North Birmingham Church	27.00
F. W. B. Church, Collinwood, Tennessee	7.88
East Thomas Church	50.00
Zelma H. Vanderhoeven, N.D. ..	10.00
Townley Church	5.15
Malone Church, Alabama City ...	40.00
Carbon Hill Church	5.51
Ben Brown	1.00
Clifford Ford	1.00
Christine Halcomb	5.00
Wyman Halcomb	10.00
J. A. Graham	5.00
W. M. Fields	1.00
Mrs. Billingsby Vernon	1.00
Albert Elliot	1.00
Oscar Elliot	1.00
Sister M. E. Carpenter	1.00
Paschel Yerby	1.00
Edgar Turner	1.00
Springfield Ch. and League	5.00
G. W. Owens, Florida	1.00
Mrs. Lydia Blake	5.00
Leeds Church	5.00
Mr. John H. Moore	10.00
Mr. M. G. Carter	5.00
Mrs. O. W. Sellers, Ga.	1.00
Macedonia Church, Millport	46.76
Trinity Church, E. Gadsden	6.98
Mt. Willing Church	5.00
Friends of C. R. Craig, Tenn. ..	5.00
Mt. Zion Church, Pell City	10.00
Talladega Church	6.50
Rents	12.50

Total receipts\$1,205.55

Please let us hear from you during this month. Ask your church to do something in a financial way for your Children's Home.

Remember the big tent meeting to be here at the Home June 18-23.

Sincerely yours,
W. H. Ryland, Supt.

PROGRAM

of the

Alabama State Sunday School and League Convention

to convene with

Cordova Free Will Baptist Church

June 2-3, 1950

REV. J. D. O'DONNELL, President

THEME:

Every Free Will Baptist a Good Steward
TEXT: 1 Corinthians 4:2.

10:00—Theme song and prayer

- 10:15—Opening address by the president
- 10:25—Welcome address by Mrs. Lavelle Short
- Response by Mrs. Murle Dyer, Samantha, Ala.
- 10:45—Reading letters and seating the delegates
- 11:10—Special singing by the Cordova Trio
- 11:20—Stewardship in My League by Jewel Strickland
- 11:30—Convention Message on Stewardship, Rev. H. A. Pitts
- 12:00—Lunch (Offering for College before lunch)

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Devotional by Rev. J. W. Marlow, Birmingham
- 1:15—Stewardship and Our Money, Rev. Chester O'Donnell, Ashville
- 1:30—Organization Prospects by Rev. N. A. Patterson, Guin, Ala.
- Special singing
- 1:45—F. W. B. L. Value to the Church by Rev. Rufus Hyman, Slocumb
- 2:05—Our Prospects in Our Young People, Rev. Billie, Glasgow
- 2:15—Business session
- 2:40—Stewardship in the League by Rev. J. T. Quick, Pell City
- 3:00—Adjourn

Friday Night Session

- 7:00—Devotional by Rev. Milton Dutton, Leeds
- 7:30—Our National Mission program, by Rev. R. K. Franklin, Gardendale
- Offering for Missions
- 8:00—Evangelistic Message by Rev. Luther Gibson

Saturday Morning Session

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

- 9:30—Devotional by Rev. Wilburn Beasley, Winfield
- 9:50—Welcome address, Mrs. Lorene Ryland
- 10:00—Response, Miss Annie Lou Shel-nutt
- 10:00—A Forward Look with Our Sunday School Work, Rev. A. J. Lambert
- 10:30—Reading letters and seating delegates
- 10:50—Short talks by S. S. superintendents present
- 11:10—Stewardship in Loyalty to Sunday School, Mrs. Essie Collins
- 11:25—Offering for the Children's Home
- 11:30—Convention Message, Rev. Damon C. Dodd, National Prom. Secy.
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Free Will Baptist and Publicity, Edward Ledlow, Tladega
- 1:20—S. S. and good Stewardship, Rev. Charles Thigpen, College Teacher
- 1:40—Special singing
- 1:50—Sunday School, the Chief Teaching Agency, Mrs. Willodean O'Donnell

- 2:10—Daily Vacation Bible School in S. S., Mrs. Charles Thigpen, College
- 2:30—Music in the Sunday School, Mrs. Damon Dodd
- 2:45—Business session
- Adjourn
- Saturday Night Session*
- 7:00—Devotional by Rev. Leander McAdams, Ethelville, Ala.
- 7:30—Report on Our Nat. F. W. B. L. and S. S. Work, Rev. Clarence Bowen
- 8:00—Evangelistic Message, Rev. Luther D. Gibson

This program will be subject to any necessary change by the President.

Be sure that your S. S. and League have delegates and letters to represent in this state meeting. This is the first state-wide meeting to be staged in the state of Alabama.

With your letters and delegates, send \$10.00 fee to the convention. THURSDAY, JUNE 1 is Woman's auxiliary day. FRIDAY, JUNE 2 is F. W. B. L. day. SATURDAY, JUNE 3 is Sunday School day. Be sure to plan now to attend this great convention. TO MEET WITH CORDOVA CHURCH, CORDOVA, ALA.

Middlesex Orphanage Report

APRIL RECEIPTS FOR 1950

(NOTE: Receipts have been mailed to each individual auxiliary or person contributing but totals here are shown for all amounts from each church, regardless of organization through which it came for the period covered. Our books and files are open at all times for inspection or checking for any particular receipt. Receipts reaching our office later than Monday, May 1, 1950 will appear in the report.)

GENERAL FUND

Eastern

Smith's New Home	\$ 8.00
Mt. Zion, Onslow County	2.00
Rock of Zion	4.74
Roe	6.00
Warden's Grove	9.75
Arapahoe	96.37
Mt. Olive	3.84
Davis	12.50
Ruth's Chapel	7.73
Auxiliary Convention	30.00
Friendship	13.08
Beulaville	24.16
St. Mary's	19.23
Dublin Grove	9.79
Core Creek	29.00
Antioch	18.00
Wintergreen	1.00
Union Chapel	38.80
Kinston	32.00
Folkstone	5.12
Oriental	3.49
Whaley's Chapel	4.78
St. John's Chapel	10.00
Snead's Ferry	3.69

Total Eastern\$393.07

Piedmont

Cramerton	\$ 25.00
Wayside	25.00
Stanley	5.00
Total Piedmont	\$ 55.00

Rockfish

Highland Pines	\$ 20.01
Union Meeting	11.00
Total Rockfish	\$ 31.01

Albemarle

Free Union, Beaufort County	\$ 3.75
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Western

Orphanage Memorial Chapel	\$ 6.06
Stoney Creek	30.00
Pleasant Grove	33.42
District Auxiliary Convention	32.79
Micro Branch Chapel	26.91
Total Western	\$156.88

Central

Elm Grove	\$ 7.99
Auxiliary Convention	100.58
Hull Road	14.00
Harrell's Chapel	5.00
Rocky Mount	2.25
King's Cross Roads	2.57
Dilda's Grove	7.50
Marlboro	3.60
Greenville	41.35
Winterville	16.00
Gum Swamp	7.46
Reedy Branch	10.00
Farmville	1.50
Rose of Sharon	2.00
Rose Hill	13.98
St. Delight	1.44
Aspin Grove	8.00
Total Central	\$245.22

Cape Fear

Pleasant Grove	\$ 5.00
West Clinton	1.95
Goldsboro	34.00
Powhatan	5.00
Lee's Chapel	25.16
Riverside	5.00
Robert's Grove	6.00
Prospect	1.00
Oak Grove	4.26
St. Paul	10.23
Total Cape Fear	\$ 97.60

French Broad

Beaverdam	\$ 5.00
Hazelgreen	28.50
Horney Heights	5.00
Canton	20.00
Cedar Hill	10.74
Avery's Creek	5.49
Total French Broad	\$ 74.73

Pee Dee

Auxiliary Convention	\$ 5.41
White Oak	25.00
Total Pee Dee	\$ 30.41

Miscellaneous

Mr. & Mrs. D. K. Sawyer	\$ 25.00
Parents and relatives	197.40
Refunds	159.52
The Duke Endowment	2,977.75
A Friend	10.00
Cash sales, farm, dairy, etc.	45.00

Young People's Friend Sub.	8.00
J. W. Bowen	17.00
W. K. Ballentine	30.00
H. M. Mallard	10.00
Ralph Talton	10.00
Leder Brothers	50.00
Total	\$3,539.67

STOVE FUND

Eastern Auxiliaries

Sarecta	\$ 10.00
Smith's New Home	10.00
Cabin	10.00
Holly Springs	10.00
White Oak Grove	10.00
Total	\$ 50.00

CHAPEL FUND

Edgemont (Western)	\$ 50.00
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REFURNISHING GIRL'S BUILDING FUND

Bethany Auxiliary (Central)	\$ 8.40
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CLOTHING FUND

Eastern

Cabin Auxiliary	\$ 30.00
Kinston Auxiliary	30.00
Whaley's Chapel Auxiliary	30.00
Carteret County S. S. Convention	30.00
Macedonia Auxiliary	30.00
Total	\$150.00

Cape Fear

Hopewell Circle Nos. 1 and 2	\$ 30.00
Casey's Chapel Auxiliary	30.00
Lee's Chapel	30.00
Total	\$ 90.00

Western

Pine Level Auxiliary	\$ 30.00
Willing Workers S. S. Class, of Shady Grove	5.00
Kenly Auxiliary	60.00
Wilson Auxiliary	30.00
New Sandy Hill Auxiliary	30.00
St. Mary's Auxiliary	30.00
Union Grove Auxiliary	30.00
Sherron Acres Auxiliary	30.00
Micro Auxiliary	30.06
Selma Auxiliary	30.00
Pleasant Grove Auxiliary	30.00
Total	\$335.00

Albemarle

Auxiliary Convention	\$ 30.00
Mt. Tabor	30.00
Total	\$ 60.00

Central

Friendship, Greene County	\$ 35.00
Black Jack Auxiliary	30.00
Fidelia S. S. Class, Ayden	30.00
Daniels Chapel Auxiliary	30.00
Antioch Auxiliary, Wayne County	30.00
Marlboro Auxiliary	26.00
Ayden Auxiliary	30.00
Reedy Branch Auxiliary	30.00
Free Union Auxiliary	30.00
Total	\$271.00

French Broad

Canton Young Married Ladies Class	\$ 12.00
Walnut Auxiliary	30.00
Homers Chapel Auxiliary	30.00
Total	\$ 72.00

Rockfish

Hickory Grove	\$ 14.71
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Miscellaneous

Mrs. W. T. Rose	\$ 30.00
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MUSIC FUND

Smithfield Auxiliary (Cape Fear)	\$ 5.00
Grimley's Auxiliary (Central)	1.58
Mrs. W. H. Rice	40.00
Little Rock Auxiliary (Western)	5.00
Total	\$ 51.58

ALBEMARLE COTTAGE FUND

Auxiliary Convention	\$ 35.00
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TOTALS

General Fund	\$4,627.34
Clothing Fund	1,022.71
Stove Fund	50.00
Refurnishing Girl's Building Fund	8.40
Music Fund	51.58
Albemarle Cottage Fund	35.00
Chapel Fund	50.00
Grand Total Receipts	\$5,845.03

BUDGET RECEIPTS

Eastern Conference	\$ 7,772.46
Central Conference	6,390.16
Western Conference	5,942.64
Cape Fear Conference	3,407.61
Albemarle Conference	753.98
Jack's Creek Association	626.27
French Broad Association	870.53
Piedmont Association	727.77
Pee Dee Association	416.63
Rockfish Association	131.05
Toe River Association	5.00
Western Yearly	5.00
Total Budget	\$27,049.10

R. McLEOD, Treasurer

DONATED COMMODITIES

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Sarecta Auxiliary, food	\$ 18.65
Edgemont, Auxiliary, clothing	12.50
Pleasant Plain Auxiliary and Intermediate S. S., household	25.00
N. C. Markets Division, Dept. of Agriculture, food	\$ 47.90
Total Value	\$104.05

WALTER MCD. CROOM, Superintendent

NEW SALEM CHURCH TO HAVE HOME-COMING AND MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

This is to announce that we will hold our home-coming day celebration and memorial occasion at New Salem F. W. B. Church, Miller County, Georgia, on first Sunday in June, 1950. Every one is invited to attend these services on that day.

We will also hold a dedication service for the new church during the day. A program is being arranged for this occasion. We invite those who come to bring well filled baskets of food to be spread at the lunch hour on the church grounds.

By a member of the committee

Do you read your church papers?



HABAKKUK TEACHES TRUST IN GOD

(Lesson for June 4)

LESSON: Hab. 1:1-4, 12, 13; 2:1-4; 3:17-19.

GOLDEN TEXT: Hab. 3:18.

I. Heart of the Lesson

1. We know very little about the personal life of Habakkuk. In the absence of such information in the Bible, we had best omit the conjectures of men. It is not so much where a man comes from, who his parents are, or what worldly experiences he has had that matter when God lays hold of a life. If he is responsive to the Lord and obedient to the light of God, the Lord can use that man, whatever his past.

It is suggested that Habakkuk's name means "embrace" or "ardent embrace."

His first question is, "How long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear?" (v. 2). Here we have the problem of unanswered prayer. Surrounded by strife and contention, the prophet cries to God. Meanwhile, God seems not to hear; He seems to be unwilling to save. Habakkuk looks in vain for righteousness and justice among God's people. Because they seem to go on in their iniquity, the prophet cries, "Therefore the law is slacked, and justice doth never go forth" (v. 4). What one of us has not had such thoughts in his mind? With Isaiah, we would cry out that God would bare the heavens and come down.

But God's time is not necessarily our time. Who can understand the patience of God, or who can stand before His fury when once it has been aroused? Let us not become discouraged, but hold on to God with impurity, so long as we know we are praying in His will. The day will come when God will bare His arm

and overcome the oppressor.—Moody Monthly.

1. It is a great blessing to know that the God who is from everlasting is my God (Hab. 1:12).

2. Our assurance of eternal life is based on the fact that our God is the eternal God (vs. 12).

3. The only One who has a right to exercise judgment over men is the eternal and holy God (vs. 12).

4. It is impossible for the holy God to look upon sin with favor at any time (vs. 13).

5. God knows when men deal treacherously, but He does not punish at once because of His forbearance (vs. 13).

6. By watching and praying we will become able to understand much that otherwise seems mysterious (2:1).

7. What God has revealed to us regarding His plan of salvation should be read and then carried to all the world (vs. 2).

8. God has appointed definite times for the completion of all the details of His program (vs. 3).—Selected.

9. We do not know how long the prophet waited for God's answer after he set himself to watch, but when he received it he was commanded to write it plainly upon tablets. The clause, that he may run that readeth it, seems to infer that the message was to be carried hurriedly to all the people.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

10. This is a great assertion by the prophet, because he says that he will rejoice, though pestilences should come, and near-starvation should befall beast and man. Though drought and dearth do their worst in the land yet the prophet declares he would not doubt God. Never! He would rejoice, he would have faith, he would ever trust God. Like Job, he would have faith and trust in the Lord. "Yet will I exult in the Lord; I will rejoice in my victorious God!" (Smith). The prophet teaches us a great lesson of patience, faith and trust in God's divine will toward men. When calamities come upon us, then the prophet would have us to remember his words, and for us to look to God for consolation and victory. God is man's

refuge and strength in time of trouble and deep sorrows, for he will ever comfort and give strength to the broken hearts of those who call upon him.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

II. The Lesson Illustrated

Faith Versus Presumption

Dr. Elsie Storrs Dow, who was the writer's teacher of English back in our college days, told the following incident concerning her sister and her brother-in-law, who was a Sunday school missionary in the Black Hills. The sister received word that another sister (who was also, of course, a sister of Miss Daw) was dead, and she desired to go to the funeral. But they were without sufficient funds. Indeed, a serious financial emergency had developed. Two bills of considerable size, one unlooked for, had been received, and in addition another bill had come from the livery stable which supplies the missionary with horses and a vehicle for his work. The bills from the livery were received irregularly.

Like the prophet Isaiah, this Sunday-school missionary resorted to prayer and laid the three letters before the Lord. He prayed until he felt that he had prayed through, and was confident that the emergency would be met, though he had no idea how. Coming from his place of prayer, he told his wife to pack her trunk. There was no train until the next forenoon.

The next morning there came a letter from a man whose daughter had been seriously ill. He had asked this Sunday-school missionary to pray for her, and now upon her recovery he felt impeded to send him a thank offering. The letter contained a check just large enough to meet all the pressing needs and no larger. The wife took the forenoon train.

Said Miss Dow: "It would be presumption to prepare to take a train without money in sight merely because one had asked for it. But if the answer had been received, the act is not presumption but faith." Here was an example of the "invincible faith" of which our lesson topic speaks.—Arnold's Commentary.

"BE YE SEPARATE"

(continued from page five)

rael would become a strong nation on a very high plane. Then she would be enabled to help pull other nations up to her level. But never while she was dispersed among the nations and heathen on their low level could she be a powerful nation through which the Lord God could show and manifest His power.

In Canaan Israel fought her fiercest battles, but was followed and obeyed their leader as he followed God. The heathen were forced to confess that Israel's God still lived and answered prayer.

Samuel erred when he made his sons judges over Israel, for they "walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment" (I Sam. 8:3). The dishonesty and avarice of these men made the people disgusted and dissatisfied, opening the way for them to manifest what had really been in their hearts a long time.

The elders of Israel in coming to Samuel said, "Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations." God had chosen Israel out of all the nations of the earth to be His special representatives. He had made a covenant with them and placed them on a pinnacle above all other peoples. There they were to stay and try to lift other nations to their level. They were not to sink back again, lose their identity and become like all the other nations.

Samuel, being the man of God that he was, took the matter to God in prayer for his heart was grieved and well nigh broken. Samuel is reminded that it is not he that has been rejected but God Himself. The Israelites were glad to have the Lord for their Deliverer from Egyptian bondage but they did not want him to be their King ruling and controlling their lives in thought, word and action.

This great danger threatens the lives of Christians today. Living too close to the world with scarcely a line of demarcation brings its perils and is certainly not conducive to the deeper spiritual life. We lose ground

when we resent and refuse to be peculiar or different from those among whom we are thrown. God does not want us to be like others, but like Christ. In adopting worldly methods and practices and customs we become worldly. There should be a very marked difference in the words and manner of the life of God's children as compared to the world. Otherwise, how could they be recognized as God's peculiar people?

In this modern Babylon in which we find ourselves today, how is our walk before God? Does the modern music of the radio tickle our ears or grate on our nerves and depress our spirits? Is there time to beautify the external when there is scarcely time to visit the sick or time to pray for a lost world? Is our strength expended for purely monetary gain when it should be given also to His service?

Are we living where God may draw on our talents for the good of others, the edifying of the saints and His glory? Is there time for reading the trashy, questionable literature of the world with its moral rot and degradation when we should be searching for the hidden treasure in His Word? Do we find ourselves intrigued by the foolish, God-forbidden fashions of the day? Do we find it easy to furnish every conceivable excuse under the sun why we did not attend the means of grace, the regular church service? Is our worldliness, (spiritual adultery and fornication) causing the contempt of the world as they cry, "Where is your God?"

"For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God and they shall be my people" (II Cor. 6:14, 16). Let us truly be that earthen vessel that our Lord may use to water His garden. There is much parched ground that needs refreshing. There are words of comfort and encouragement to be spoken. There are deeds of kindness to be performed. Errands of mercy for consecrated feet to run. Ah, Christ needs that consecrated vessel today, His peculiar treasure to perform His many deeds of love and mercy. But it must be separated,

peculiar unto Himself. He cannot share with another this earthly tabernacle. He must be sovereign King of kings and Lord of Lords.

If we are truly that vessel meet for the Master's use. He shall one day say, "Come up higher; well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord."

"Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord" (Isa. 52:11).

—Christian Digest.

NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS

Matthew, Mark, Luke and John
The Holy Gospels wrote,
Describing how the Saviour died—
His life and all He taught.
Acts shows the Holy Spirit's work,
With signs in every place,
And Paul in Romans teaches us
How man was saved by grace.

The Apostle in Corinthians
Instructs, exhorts, reproves;
Galatians shows that faith in Christ
Is what the Father loves.
Ephesians and Philippians tell
What Christians ought to be,
Colossians bids us live for God,
And for eternity.

In Thessalonians we are taught
The Lord will come from Heaven;
In Timothy and Titus
A pastor's rule is given.
Philemon shows a Christian love,
Which only Christians know;
Hebrews reveals the Gospel
Prefigured by the Law.

James teaches without holiness
Faith is but vain and dead;
And Peter points the narrow way
In which the saints are led.
John, in his three Epistles,
On love delights to dwell;
And Jude gives awful warning
Of judgment, wrath, and hell.

The Revelation prophesies
Of that tremendous day
When Christ, and Christ alone, shall be
The trembling sinner's stay.

—Selected.

"One drop of rain is not much. Yet the greatest storm that ever raged began with just one drop. One little habit or sin does not seem much to a boy or girl. Yet the farthest wanderer from the paths of right may have begun with just one little fault."
—Selected.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

YOUR HEART

F. L. FRENCH

Wise King Solomon in Proverbs 4:23, warns us, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues (that is, the source) of life." This is true of our physical body, for "the heart is a perfect engine, working every moment to keep us alive and well." When the heart stops beating life has gone out of the body. It is the center of all life and health.

God likens our mind to a spiritual heart, by which we learn of Him and of His Way of Salvation; He speaks of it as our heart, the center of all spiritual life and health. As our body must have good food in order to make pure blood, which our natural heart may send to every part of the body to give it life and health, so we are to open our mind to the Word of God in order to know what He has to say to us. The Lord Jesus warns us, "Take heed *what* we hear * * take heed *how* ye hear." If our mind is stored with foolishness and evil, we will have a foolish and evil life. If it is stored with the Word of God, it will make us Godly in our life and ways.

Again Solomon tells us, speaking for God, "My Son, let thine heart keep My commandments. Keep them in the midst of thine heart." God says, "Ye shall lay up these My words in your heart," that is, your mind. God says, "My son, give Me thine heart" (Prov. 23:26). If He has our heart our life will be right. How may we have God's Word in our heart? We should,

HEAR IT
EXAMINE IT
ACCEPT IT
REJOICE IN IT
TRUST IT

"Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Rom. 10:13). To call on Him we must believe in Him. To believe in Him we must have heard the Word of God. This Word is nigh us. Most people in our country may secure a copy of the Word of God at a very low price, and if one cannot afford the money for a Bible, it may be supplied free. As God has given us His Divine Word where all may read it, all are responsible to know what He has said to us. You are responsible to God. Do you read His Bible?

How shall we hear the Bible, the Word of God?

"Blessed are they that hear the Word of God, and keep it." "Today if ye will

hear His voice, harden not your heart." EXAMINE IT.

The Lord Jesus said, "Search the Scriptures." Study to rightly divide the Word of Truth. Meditate on these things. ACCEPT IT.

It is God's Word to you, and worthy of all acceptance. "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

REJOICE IN IT.

"The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart." "My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped, therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth." "Thy testimonies * * are the rejoicing of my heart." "Singing and making melody in your heart unto the Lord."

TRUST IT.

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." He has revealed Himself to us in His word; as we trust it and believe Him we are saved.

One thing more about our heart. It has a door, a door which we may open to let the Lord Jesus come in and abide; or which some boys and girls keep closed, and shut Him outside. He pleads with all—"Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear My voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me" (Rev. 3:20).

May your answer be:

"Into my heart; into my heart;
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus;
Come in today, come in to stay;
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus."

Have you heard His voice and opened your heart to let Him in?—*The S. S. Visitor.*

"JESUS CAN" and "JESUS WILL"

E. N. ELEY

I cannot make this black heart white,
But Jesus can.

I cannot make my life a light,
But Jesus can.

I cannot beat back every foe,
Nor make my naughty temper go,
Nor wash my robes "whiter than snow,"
But Jesus can.

Not only "Jesus can," we say,
But "Jesus will."

Jesus can wash my sins away,
And Jesus will.

This heart I ask Him to renew,
And fill with all that's good and true.
More than I ask Jesus can do,
And Jesus will!

—*The S. S. Visitor.*

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Lillian Powell passed into her heavenly reward March 14, 1950. She was a most worthy and faithful member of Mosley's Creek F. W. B. Church.

She leaves to mourn her loss, a husband, a small daughter, many relatives and a host of friends. Although, we feel a keen loss in our church and community, we feel that our loss is His eternal gain.

We, the members of the church, do hereby resolve:

First; That we bow in humble submission to God's holy will;

Second; That we wish to extend to the family our heartfelt sympathy and commend them to the Heavenly Father who doeth all things well; and

Third; That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy sent to the F. W. B. Press for publication, and a copy be recorded in our church minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Bett Ormond,
Mrs. Viola White,
Committee

Chartered Pullman Car

Arrangements are being made for a chartered pullman car leaving Wilson, Friday, July 7, 10:35 A. M. Arriving Richmond, California, Monday, July 10, 6:20 P. M. Return trip, Friday, July 14, 11:30 A. M., arriving in Wilson, Monday, July 17, 4:23 P. M.

FARES FOR TRIP

Clergy fare (on permit) round trip \$123.34.

Laymen round trip \$199.01
Pullman car \$92.00 per day
Estimated cost of parking pullman car for four days \$78.00

Total estimated cost of transportation and sleeping, clergy fare, \$178.87.
Laymen \$254.54 (estimated)
Meals will be extra.

The above rates are based on a minimum of eighteen passengers. Reservations will be open until June 15. For further information write to James A. Evans, 1108 South Tarboro Street, Wilson, North Carolina.

A deposit of \$100.00 will be necessary, but will be refunded in case the trip is not made. The deposit should be made to one of the Committee listed below.

The Committee on Transportation
M. L. Johnson S. A. Smith
J. A. Evans

Attend the
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
Richmond, California
July 11-14, 1950

BEARING WRONGS PATIENTLY

Mrs. Nat Cox

None of us are going through life without some wrong committed against us on the part of somebody. We should not count on anything else. Criticisms and reproaches, false accusations and mistreatment in different ways, and by different means, will come to us from time to time, or at least occasionally. This seems to be unavoidably true. The best of people across the centuries of time have met with such, and we are going to meet it. However, the way and manner we meet wrongs that come our way, and deal with them means much. Herein is where we win or lose. Herein is where we will rise or fall, in a very large measure. We cannot help what others may say and do against us, or the reproach they may heap upon us, but we are responsible for the way and manner we act in the meantime.

One of the mistakes that is easy to make, and which is made sometimes by even good people is by firing back when we are fired at, or by acting impatiently, or returning evil for evil. Sometimes it is done by seeking some means of defending ourselves in a carnal way. Usually the wrongs which we have to meet in life are brought against us will amount to very little if we will bear them patiently and gently. God will undertake for us even until we do need to undertake for ourselves steps of defense.

If we are lied about we may realize that a lie usually breaks its own neck. If we will let it alone, and trust God to see us through. The mistreatment that we meet usually falls fruitlessly about us, if we will go on with our Lord, and seek no revenge. Vengeance belongs to the Lord anyway. We have no right as Christians to deal out vengeance. If we do, then we are doing wrong.

We should never do wrong because the other fellow does it. But it is great to be able to bear wrongs with patience. When we do this, then we come out more than conquerors thru Him who loved us and gave himself for us.

Christians can meet wrongs with a clear conscience and a bright face, if we are not in the blame, and knowing that we shall triumph gloriously. The face of sainted Stephen shone like that of an angel, as he met the shower of stones with the spirit of a true martyr. God's grace will enable us to shine also if we bear it patiently and for His glory.

SALINE DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS

The Annual Sunday School Rally was held with North Crossett Church, April 30, 1950. We had a wonderful time. There were eight Sunday Schools present with a fine program. Dallas Jones, president, was master of ceremonies. The churches represented were North Crossett, Harmony, Pleasant Valley, Pine Hill, Macedonia, Spring Hill, York Town, and Mt. Pleasant. Lunch was served at the church picnic style. Every one enjoyed the fine occasion. There were some wonderful blessings from the young children's parts on the programs.

After the rally, one hour was spent in song service. The service was in charge of Nollen Jeffress of Crossett. Everyone enjoyed it very much.

J. D. Jones,
Route 4, Box 383-A
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

ILLINOIS FREE WILL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOLS HOLD SEMI-ANNUAL CONVENTION

We had another wonderful Sunday School Convention on April 22nd at the Harmon Free Will Baptist Church at Benton, Illinois.

We were happy to have as visitors from the college, Rev. and Mrs. Charles A. Thigpen, Lucy Wisheart, Maurice Edwards, Billy Morris, and Ronald Creech. Roger Reeds, Norma Burcham, and Margaret Dodd were visiting from Missouri.

The program for the convention was as follows:

- 9:30—Devotional, Miss Lucy Wisheart
- 10:00—Business Session
- 10:30—Building Report, Rev. C. J. Ketteman
- 10:45—Recess
- 11:00—Morning Message, Rev. Charles Thigpen

Noon

- 1:00—Congregational singing, Ronald Creech
- 1:30—Reading, Mrs. Charles Thigpen
- 1:45—Program, Hazel Dell Sunday School

Evening Service

- 7:30—Song, Roger Reeds
 - 7:45—Reading, Billy Morris
 - 8:30—Program, Oak Grove Sunday School
- For four years we have been thinking about building a tabernacle. Now something is being done. Rev. C. J. Ketteman, Chairman of the Building Committee, was given power to sign with a contractor and go ahead with the work. We expect to have enough done so that we may have a Youth Camp there this summer. I know this can be done if we trust the Lord. The lack of funds have held us back somewhat, but pray for us that we may say, as the Apostle Paul, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4: 13).

Wallace Malone, President,
Patricia Norris, Clerk

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

The following is the report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the N. C. State Convention of Free Will Baptists for April, 1950.

Receipts

Balance on hand April 1, 1950 ..\$1,373.82
Receipts for April 75.36

Total to account for\$1,449.18

Disbursements

Paid to Superannuated
Ministers\$292.50
Operating expenses 27.55
National Board 11.95

Total disbursements 332.00

Balance May 1, 1950\$1,117.18
Allocations already approved for
balance of year\$2,262.50
Needed to meet the demands for
balance of year\$1,145.32

Receipts Itemized

Rocky Mount S. S.\$ 1.00
Friendship\$ 1.00
2nd. Western Aux. Conv.\$ 3.00
New Sandy Hill Aux.\$ 1.00
Davis\$ 5.00
Stancil's Chapel\$ 7.40
Goldsboro\$17.00
Reedy Branch S. S.\$ 5.00
Greenville\$19.02
St. Delight Leagues\$ 1.44
Prospect S. S.\$ 1.00
Marlboro Leagues\$ 1.50
Robert's Grove S. S.\$ 1.00
Gum Swamp S. S.\$ 3.00
Core Creek S. S.\$ 6.00
Free Union Leagues\$ 2.00

Signed:

M. L. JOHNSON,
Chairman-Treasurer

PLAYING POLICEMAN

The children weren't being good one snowy morning, and it made mamma's head ache so hard she wondered how she could get through the forenoon. They were noisy, and they were so careless about tracking up the floor when they came in from outdoors; and as for caps and hats and mittens, the "lower shelf," as Aunt Mattie called the floor, seemed to be the only one they had ever heard of.

It was Aunt Mattie who thought of a way to help, and at the same time make the children happy.

"Did you ever play 'policeman'?" she asked in a moment's lull of noise and confusion.

"How is it?" they all asked, lining up in front of her.

"You choose one of you to be policeman, and the rest have to look out that he doesn't catch any of you doing anything out of the way."

"Oh, that's a splendid game! And what'll he do to us?"

"March you off to jail in the back entry."

"If we do what?"

"If he sees anybody's cap on the floor, or a stray mitten round anywhere, or a bit of paper on the sidewalk—that's the floorpace on the edge of the rug, you know—or any wet or muddy tracks when you come in from errands. He's a terrible fellow, but it's a good game if you play it right."

"And supposing you make a noise?"

"He doesn't mind pleasant noise, but bickering or loud outdoor noise is against the law."

"Say!" cried the children, "let's play Aunt Mattie's game. Robbie can be policeman; he's biggest. Will you lend him your belt, Aunt Mattie?"

"Yes, and here's this long pastebord picture roll to hang on it. That will do for a 'billy.' And at five o'clock precisely all good citizens who haven't been in jail, or not more than once, can come to a banquet in my room. There will be peanuts and chocolate fudge."

"O Mattie, you are a blessing!" said mother gratefully, that evening after the "banquet." "My head did ache so dreadfully all day. If only

they would 'play policeman' every day!"

Robbie was copying his lesson at the desk. The little children had gone to bed, but he was older, and had to have a study hour every night. He looked up at mother quickly, and saw how pale her face was.

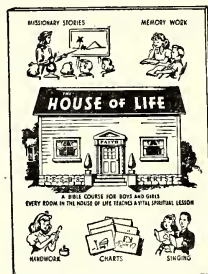
"Would it help, mother?" he asked quietly. "I suppose I could make 'em behave a lot, if I tried; and they never would know they were's playing!"

"Big brothers and sisters can al-

ways help," said mother, kissing him. "Especially when they make a play of it into fun, the way you did."—Child's Hour.

"God make my life a little hymn
Of tenderness and praise:
Of faith—that never waxeth dim—
In all His wondrous ways."

"Look, look, look and live;
There is life in the look
At the 'Crucified One';
There is life for this moment for thee."



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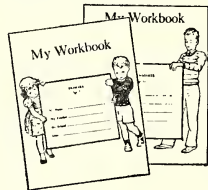
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A Call to Pentecost

Full nineteen centuries have passed since then,
How changed, for us the world since that blest
hour;

The church was born through Pentecostal power,
When the Holy Spirit filled the hearts of men.
Disciples, once so weak, waxed bold and strong,
Christ's witnesses, with one accord, they prayed;
They shared their joy, all conquering, unafraid;
Christ's name was glorified in prayer and song.

So may we, Lord, bear witness, as of old,
Filled with His Spirit, let "dumb tongues unloose,"
Let brotherhood drive out all greed and hate;
The "fires of God" can warm and melt and mould,
The "gales of God" can bear us on in love,
Dynamic guide of all, we pray, we wait.

—Inez M. Tyler

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Notice

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

SECOND UNION MEETING OF
CENTRAL CONFERENCE, N. C.
MET WITH PINEY GROVE
CHURCH, PITT COUNTY,
APRIL 29, 1950

The Second Union Meeting District of the Central Conference met with Piney Grove church on April 29. We were blessed with a good congregation and a good meeting. The uniform theme for the program was Christian Education.

The moderator, Rev. C. J. Harris, opened the meeting. Brother Clarence Little led in devotions.

Ministers attending the union were Revs. C. J. Harris, Clarence Little, R. B. Crawford, D. W. Alexander, W. B. Nobles, W. A. Dail, J. E. Wooten, M. A. Woodard, Allen Bryan and Roland C. Cherry. Visiting ministers were Rev. J. C. Griffin, R. N. Hinnant and Rev. H. R. Hines.

Brother C. J. Harris took part on the program speaking on the subject: "The Relations of Christian Education to the Local Church." Brother Hinnant rendered a special song, "Breathe on Me," and also he spoke on "How to Have Better Church Music." Brother Hinnant says if we can't sing a tune we must make a joyful noise to praise God.

Rev. J. C. Griffin preached the Union

Sermon. His topic was: "Educating for Christ." Brother Griffin emphatically told the attentive congregation to deny the virgin birth of Christ is to blaspheme against the Holy Ghost.

We were dismissed for lunch but reassembled at 1:15. Rev. M. A. Woodard led in devotions. Prayer by Rev. R. B. Crawford. Mrs. Alma Worthington explained the subject: "How the Home, Sunday School and League May Contribute to Christian Education."

The treasurer's report was accepted as follows:

Total received in treasury,	\$217.60.
Paid out as follows:	
To clerk -----	\$ 10.00
To needy Ministers -----	66.00
To Orphanage collection -----	38.26
To Orphanage Approp. -----	40.00
To Cragmont Assembly -----	10.00
To Christian Education -----	10.00
To Mission F. and H. -----	10.00
To Superannuation -----	10.00
To Church Finance Assn. -----	10.00
To State Promotional Work -----	10.00

Total Paid out -----\$214.26
Balance in Treasury -----\$ 3.34

Marlboro church invited the union to meet with them next time. The union voted to accept their invitation. A motion was passed to extend to Piney Grove church a rising vote of thanks for their kind hospitality shown the union.

Mrs. Glen Gaskins was present and spoke on the subject: "Christian Education thru Prayer Meeting." Mrs. Heber Briley talked on: "Christian Education through Our Women's Auxiliary."

The union adjourned to meet with Marlboro in July.

Rev. C. J. Harris, Moderator
Mrs. Guy Corbett, Clerk

Ruth's Chapel Building S. S. Rooms

I want to state that I truly do enjoy reading the Free Will Baptist paper. It is a Christian paper worth reading, and I do wish more of our people would subscribe to it.

I wish to make a report on the work of Ruth's Chapel, located in Woodrow, near New Bern, North Carolina. We began building Sunday School rooms to our church on Saturday before Easter. Our Primary Sunday School class used a temporary room Sunday, May 7. We do not have the rooms complete as yet, but we are working. Please pray for us that we may reach our goal very soon.

We are asking that if there are some who would like to help us by sending us a donation, it will be greatly appreciated. It will greatly bless us on this work of completing our Sunday School rooms. Please send your donations to Rev. J. C. Griffin, our pastor, 1409 North Pasteur Street, New Bern, North Carolina. Any amount

of a donation will be appreciated very much.

William B. Glover
Route 2
New Bern, N. C.

A LIVE COUPON CAMPAIGN FOR THE ORPHANAGE

The New Sandy Hill Woman's auxiliary is now in the midst of a coupon campaign for the Middlesex Orphanage. We are finding ourselves enjoying this work very much. Our auxiliary is divided into two teams. Miss Shirley Creech is the captain of one team, and Miss Geraldine Williams is the captain of the other. We have collected nearly three thousand coupons to date. Think how much that would mean if every aid would send just three thousand to the orphanage!

We have not finished as yet with our campaign. We are planning to close the contest in June. Then the losing team will entertain the winners. We have had much fun during this contest, and we are urging others to try this plan for raising coupons for the Orphanage.

We have prepared a chart of the teams, and a star is placed beside each name as they collect one hundred coupons. Mrs. Jennie Lee Sherrod is leading the list with eleven stars to her credit.

Mrs. Oelie Davis, Reporter

CONCERNING DESIGNATED MONEY FOR MISSIONS

In the recent sitting of the Foreign Missions Board in its annual meeting, which was held in Nashville, Tennessee, the following resolution was adopted as relating to money sent to the treasury earmarked for certain purposes:

"On motion we ask Bro. Davis to write to our church publications reminding our people that the Board is held responsible for the allocation of all funds, therefore the funds earmarked for special purposes will be used where, in the judgment of the Board, it is most needed."

We trust you will take special notice of this resolution. The Board is supposed to know where money is most needed and is responsible for placing it accordingly.

We are happy to report that we are now caught up with our obligations on both fields, India and Cuba. However, in only a few days the regular allotment will be due again. We are hoping we can meet them. Thank you for all your support in the past, and for what we trust you will continue to do in the future.

Winford Davis,
Promotional Sec.-Treas.

"SO GREAT FAITH"

Tom West
Plymouth, N. C.

Christ said, "I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel."—Luke 7:9.

Here we see that Jesus is the Saviour of all who will accept and obey him. Here was a man of great responsibility and he had many servants to wait upon him. He was a man who loved and respected those who were servants of his. One of these servants was sick and he was troubled. He was not one of God's chosen people, yet he had come to live among them, because he had heard how God had taken care of his people. But he had heard that salvation was only for the Israelite people.

This man had heard of Jesus and the great things which he had been doing. He sent elders of the Jews to seek Jesus for him. When they met Jesus, they told him about this man who loved God's people. They told Jesus that the man was worthy of consideration, because he is a friend to all of us and has built for us a synagogue.

Now, we notice Christ who is always ready to go and do for those who will give him a chance to do something for them. So, when Christ was not very far off, this man went to meet him, and he called Him Lord, and said, "I am not worthy to trouble thee, but just speak, and my servant will be healed." Then note Christ's reply to this man: "I have not found so great faith no, not even in Israel."

But think how different it is with some of our people today? Instead of being humble and obedient unto the Lord, and being willing to say, "I am not worthy of God's blessings, many of them act as if God does not exist. Too many are unwilling to present their bodies as a living sacrifice, which should be completely surrendered unto the Lord. We should seek to be more humble, and therefore be able to render a greater Christian service unto our fellow men. We cannot serve God unless we are willing to

serve our fellow man, for Christ said that the greatest among you shall be servant of all.

The Lord taught a great lesson at the Last Supper when he humbled himself and washed the disciples' feet. Then he told them that they should also wash one another's feet. We should be possessors of His word, and doers of His holy will. If we will heed his warning, he will do for us just what he did for the centurion's servant. He will heal our physical bodies, but most of all he will do for us what David asked. He will have mercy on us and heal our sin-sick soul.

FAITHFUL LION

M. A. Snyder

Lion was the name of a big dog that lived in the country with a family who had small children. The father was a preacher and had to be away from home a great deal. Many times the mother went along to his meetings, so the children were left in charge of the oldest boy, Billy, who felt proud to be trusted with them. He always took very good care of them. Lion also was very fond of children and was as faithful in doing his part and helping to take care of them as he could be.

You may say, How can a dog take care of children? It was like this; at night when the parents went off. Lion came into the house. The little children loved him and played with him. They crawled all over him, pulled his ears, pushed him around, and what not? Lion did not get cross at them. He did not even look displeased or give them a push, but he seemed to enjoy it all, and often he would sit near the cradle where the little baby lay sleeping and faithfully watched over it.

Billy was never afraid to stay alone at night and take care of the children when Lion was around. Lion did not only watch over the children, but just as soon as he heard a noise

outside he went to the door and in dog language asked to go out. Billy understood Lion and opened the door. He bounded out as fast as he could, went all the way around the yard and after a short while came back in and again helped to take care of the children. Strangers could not get near the house at night when Lion was around. He had become such a friend to the children that he was like one of the family.

One morning Lion was missing. The children became alarmed and said to each other, Where is Lion? They went on the search and found him, but he was dead. Oh! how they cried when they found out faithful Lion could no more take care of them. It was like a funeral at their house that day; to them it seemed as if a dear friend had died. This was only a dog, but not an ordinary dog; he was faithful to his trust and never looked displeased when he was to mind the children, but showed great pleasure by looking friendly and wagging his tail.

Let us learn a lesson from Lion. Whatever we are asked to do, let us do it cheerfully and gladly. Billy is not a young boy any more, but he never forgets the dog that so faithfully played his part in their home.

REVIVAL AT SATILLA CHURCH HAZELHURST, GEORGIA

On the fifth Sunday night in April, Rev. Ralph Lightsey of 1680 Nekoma Street, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia, began a series of meetings which lasted a week at our church. These services were very profitable. The church was revived, the members being drawn closer to God and to one another. In addition to being a revival, it was an ingathering of souls. There were sixty-nine additions to the church, sixty-four of them uniting by baptism. We praise the Lord for the victory.

Brother Lightsey preaches the Gospel without compromise. His preaching includes God's greatest love as well as His most severe wrath. Along with his preaching goes the admonition to keep God, to Whom he gives all the glory, in the top of our minds and the bottom of our hearts.

Great crowds of people attended the services. Extra pews and chairs were put in all the aisles and other available space; yet, there were people who could not find seats.

I say again it was a great meeting.

T. E. Harrison, Clerk

ARE YOU SELLING YOUR BIRTHRIGHT?

MRS. M. J. BRIGGS

"And Jacob sod potage: and Esau came from the field, and he was faint: therefore was his name called Edom.

"And Jacob said, 'Sell me this day thy birthright.'"

"And Esau said, 'Behold, I am at the point to die, and what profit shall this birthright be to me?'"

"And Jacob said, 'Swear to me this day;' and he sware unto him, and he sold his birthright unto Jacob."

"Then Jacob gave Esau bread and potage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up and went his way: thus Esau despised his birthright."

Esau being the firstborn had a Divine promise, and for all he knew the satan bruiser and the earth blessing might be embodied in himself, but he, being faint with hunger forgets the promise, forgets everything but his immediate wants.

To be sure if he dies with hunger then all these blessings will come to naught anyway, and that mess of greens looked good to him. He lacked the faith that God could and would supply all his needs.

Jacob, whose very name indicated that he was inclined to take any advantage he could get, had faith in the fulfillment of those promises, and he wanted them to be fulfilled in himself. Here was an opportunity too good to lose, and not having a very tender conscience, he proceeded to make the most of it.

Our sympathies may be with Esau, the weaker brother, but in many ways a more noble man than Jacob, but I wonder if we are not living over again this old story daily. God does not waste words, there is no long dissertation on the mean advantage that Jacob used, He simply says, "So Esau despised his birthright."

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is" (1 John 3:2).

Are we going to let such a glorious promise "get by" us because some one else does us a crooked deal?

It does not matter to us how crooked or dishonest or hypocritical some Jacob may be, if we do not watch ourselves, or if we lose faith in God's promises, and if we do not properly value our birthright some one else will surely get it from us.

The only reason why Esau lost his birthright and with it the blessing was because he could not see beyond his temporal needs. Our only business is to "look diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled; lest there be any fornicator, or profane persons, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright" (Heb. 12:15, 16).

Don't you like your pastor? Be careful

he does not get your birthright. Has a brother in the church done a crooked deal? Be careful he does not get your birthright, too. If some one steps on your toes are you going to let him have your birthright also? Surely all these minor things may be overlooked, forgotten, if we are looking towards the glorious appearing when we "shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is."

SHUT THE DOOR

What we want to see is a great revolution in the praying habits of God's people. We cannot pray by proxy—that is, another doing it for us—no more than our bodies can thrive by another taking food for us. There must be individual closet work. The prayer meeting will not suffice us, blessed privilege though it be. "Thou, when thou prayest, ENTER INTO THY CLOSET, and when thou hast shut the door, pray" (Matt. 6: 6). How many there may be who have gradually left off secret prayer, until communion with God has been as effectively severed as if for them there were no God at all!

We do not speak by random. Any one who does a little in coming and going among saints will have discovered this by experience.

That God has His praying ones we believe—yea, we rejoice to know. He is never without faithful ones—remnant though they be, who cry day and night unto Him. Yet the terrible downward current of these last days is carrying the many before it; yea, the many even of God's people; and the great enemy of souls could not have hit upon a more deadly device for making merchandise of the saints than by stopping the supplies at a throne of grace. When closet prayer languisheth, "the whole head is sick and the whole heart faint."

The lack of secret prayer betrays a lack of heavenly appetite. It implies a positive absence of desire for the presence of God. Those who are strangers to the closet fall an easy prey to temptation. Satan gets an advantage of them at every turn. Nothing comes right; everything happens in an untoward way, for

"Thorny is the road

That leads my soul from God."

On speaking to one as to how it fared with him for the kingdom of God, he surprised us by saying he was a backslider. He had tasted of the heavenly joys; but had gone back to the world. His backsliding had commenced with the neglect of secret prayer. "I missed prayer by a time," he said, "and then I missed it oftener; and things went on in this way until, somehow everything SLIPPED THROUGH MY FINGERS, and I found myself in the world again." We fear this is true of many. Little by little, neglect eats in, until they waken up to find they have not even the desire to go

into their closet to meet with their God. How different it is with those who watch with jealous care that the Lord has always His portion, whoever may have to want theirs. Their going out, their coming in, their whole manner of life declares that they have been where the heavenly dew has been falling. Their Father, who saw them in secret, is rewarding them openly. They carry about with them, although all unconscious of it, the serenity of the secret place, where they have been communing with God as friend with friend. But these are reckoned "peculiar;" and it is to be feared their number is few, few, compared with the many who are hurrying on, strangers to the closet and the hour alone, with God.—*Author Unknown.*

TOWN AND COUNTRY SCHOOL TO MEET AT A & M COLLEGE

The Town and Country School of Texas, consisting of all major denominations, will meet for its fifth annual meeting this summer from June 26-30 at A & M College Station, Texas. Pastors and laymen are cordially invited to attend this school.

The school is again fortunate in securing specialists of agricultural institutes and rural leaders from various denominations as speakers for the school. Among the topics to be discussed are: "Reaching the Unchurched in the Rural Community"; "Organizing the Community Around the Church"; "Developing a Rural Church Program"; "The Rural Church Serving the Farmer"; "A Religious Education Program"; "Developing Rural Leadership"; "A Health Program for Rural People"; and many other topics of great interest to rural pastors and laymen.

Two afternoons have been set aside for panel discussions. One panel discussion will be under the able leadership of some outstanding laymen and is entitled, "What Farm Programs can mean to the Church and what the Church can mean to the Farm Program. Another afternoon has been set aside for a panel discussion for the various denominations represented for their group discussions.

Pastors and laymen are requested to send in their registration early to Dr. Daniel Russell, Department of Rural Sociology, A & M College, College Station, Texas. A registration fee of \$1.50 will be required to defray expenses of printing and mailing programs, etc. Rooms can be had in the college dormitories at one dollar per night, linen furnished by the college. Meals are to be had at a reasonable rate on the college grounds. The total expense will be about \$12.50.

Congregations interested in this school will do well to consider the possibility of giving pastor and a layman scholarships to this school.

REV. A. J. MOHR, *Chairman,*
Bellville, Texas

GEORGIA CAMP NEWS



MOUNT BETHEL

By J. B. Lovering

Progressive minded Christians in the Free Will Baptist Church throughout South Georgia had been waiting anxiously for the day when we would have a youth camp of our own for the training of young people for Christian service. This had been the vision of a few for a number of years. Beside the talking and planning there had been some effort put forth for the building of such a camp.

Finally, things began to look brighter for the faithful few and others became interested in the matter. Mr. G. C. King of Shingler, Georgia, gave a plot of land about four miles north of Ashburn, Georgia, on which was to be built the long dreamed of camp. Without the loss of time, a board of trustees elected by the State Associa-

tion bought a few more acres adjoining this land and started building on this very beautiful location. After several months of hard work and sacrifice, things were far enough advanced for the announcement of plans for the summer. So, during the summer of 1949, three sessions of our youth training program were held at the new home, "Mount Bethel."

On Sunday, July 17, young people began gathering from every direction for their first week together, in this sacred place: Sacred because Mr. King had dedicated it to God before he was acquainted with our youth training program. Now, as boys and girls come, there seems to be a spirit of reverence in the very atmosphere. Fifty five were registered for the first session. Rev. C. J. Harvey served as general director: Rev. Floyd B. Cherry taught Bible Doctrine and Evangelism and J. B. Lov-

ering taught Sunday School and League Administration. During the first week two very interesting factors impressed me very keenly. First, was the fine spirit of every one on Wednesday evening when we ascended to the top of a high hill to play games and enjoy a wiener roast together. Then, perhaps the most striking thing was the ability of Rev. Cherry to grasp the attention of his pupils with amusing and witty remarks and send them on toward God before the interest could drop. The hours for preaching were divided between Brother Cherry and the writer and the results were very gratifying.

It seemed ages before the beginning of the second session on July 24. The enrollment wasn't as great as before, but it seemed as if heaven just came down to us. The same instructors served in every session for

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The National Directory

GENERAL OFFICERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

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WINNED PETITIONS

Why is it that have some people are always getting their prayers answered? The reason is that they are answered in such intimate

touch and fellowship with God as to know His mind. They are withheld by Divine impression from asking what is foreign to the thoughts and intentions of their Heavenly Father. Their petitions are winnowed. On the other hand, the Holy Spirit informs them beforehand of the things which are in the mind of God to bestow. The Spirit makes intercession in them and for them according to the will of God.

Take John Wesley's experience as an illustration. Nothing was considered too great or too small to lay before the Lord. Prayer was offered on one occasion when the sun was intolerably hot on his head. He says, "I found if it continued long I should not be able to continue speaking, and I lifted up my heart to God. In a minute or two it was covered with clouds, which continued till the service was over."

We could recite many such cases in which God has graciously met the personal requests of His children, which indicate His understanding, sympathy, and tenderness.—F. B. Meyer.

Special Call to N. C. Auxiliary Women!!

The North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention met last Thursday at Shady Grove Church. It was well attended and a most enjoyable convention. Every phase of the work was represented by an interested person or persons, and the work showed a great deal of improvement.

We were so sorry to have missed some of you and hope you will strive to be present next time. These conventions are a source of inspiration to us, and we need to attend them.

The convention elected a delegate to go to the National auxiliary convention which meets in California this time. It will cost around \$300.00 to pay the expenses of a delegate to go. The convention appropriated \$75.00 to help this delegate's expenses and voted to ask each of the auxiliaries in the State to send a contribution to the treasurer. Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Winterville, N. C., right away to help defray the expenses of such a delegate. If you are not financially able to send as much as five dollars, just ask your pastor if he will ask, or let you ask your church to help you pay this. I am sure he will help you to make it possible to send at least one delegate.

We can send as many as ten delegates, but it is too far and too expensive to ever consider sending that many. So you see if we get more than it takes to send one we can help to send two. So don't hesitate to send as much as possible.

Please get your contribution to Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Winterville, N. C., right away. The delegate will have to leave around the first of July.

Mrs. J. C. Moye, State President

TRACT SOCIETY REPRINTS BOOKLET HELPFUL TO ALL CHRISTIAN WORKERS

One of the most searching and helpful messages ever addressed to those who would be used in bringing people to Christ, Words to Winners of Souls, has just been reprinted in an attractive modern format by the American Tract Society, 21 West 46 St., New York 19, New York, as the second in a series of helpful booklets.

Written by Horatius Bonar, the noted Scottish preacher and hymn writer, this impassioned appeal to Christian workers is as timely today as it was when it first appeared. Addressed primarily to ministers, its pungent paragraphs apply with equal force to all who engage in personal work.

The booklet would make an excellent gift for a pastor, a Sunday School teacher, or a young person in Bible School. The new edition contains 48 pages, has a brightly colored paper cover, and retails for 30 cts. It contains a preface by Dr. Samuel M. Zwemer, veteran missionary to the Near East, and is printed in large, clear type, with generous use of subheads for the sake of readability.

RULES FOR "DECLAMATION CONTEST" OF THE NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION

At the 1949 session of the National Woman's Auxiliary Convention, these details of the Declamation contest were placed under the supervision of the National second vice-president. Therefore, the following rules have been set forth:

Participants are to be between the ages of 12-18. Each state in our convention may represent with one speaker. The declamation must be on Stewardship. It may or may not be original. The time limit will be 10 minutes. Five points will be deducted for each minute or fraction thereof over the allotted time. The contestants will be judged on the following basis: Presence (poise and sincerity)—25 points; Composition (accuracy and effectiveness)—50 points; Oratory (powers to thrill, quicken and compel)—25 points.

Attention state second vice-president: any state that will be represented, should mail the contestant's name and the title of the declamation, to the National second vice-president not later than June 15th.

A medal will be given to the winner, also the runner up.

2nd Vice-Pres. of W. N. A. C.
Mrs. Verdun Bingham,
1922 North Lewis St.
Tulsa, Oklahoma

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

"WANTING TO GO HOME"

There is a sense of sacredness in these words. A certain saint of God in a little country church in Eastern North Carolina wrote this editor these words in a letter which she had addressed to him a few years ago. She said, "I am now growing old. My husband has long since been gone to his peaceful rest. My children are all grown and living away except the least one and her children who live with me. I am growing tired, and I long for heaven. I want to go home. I want to be with Jesus."

Yes, there have been others who longed to go home. They longed for heaven and to be in the presence of God, and to be with loved ones in glory. What a joy in their hearts to long for the heavenly rest!

The Apostle Paul often thought of the sweetness of heaven, and wanted to depart and be with the Lord. But he was willing to stay a little longer, if it were God's will. That was a noble spirit in Paul. He was willing to suffer a little more, be it God's will, in the service of the kingdom. Yes, resigned to the Lord's holy will, to do a little more for lost humanity, and then go on into the paradise of God.

One of our church members a few years ago called us to his bedside for prayer. We went to console with him and to pray for him. He had become old, and had been suffering for months with a fatal disease. But he was calm as we talked with him; his mind was clear; and his soul was dwelling on spiritual things.

He said, "Brother Spencer, I want to go Home to be with my Lord. There is nothing more here for me. Will you pray to God and ask him to take me out of this life? I want to go Home." We said, "If that is your sincere desire from the heart, we will." Then we prayed, asking God to take his spirit home to heaven. That was Sunday afternoon. That Sunday night Brother W---- departed to be with the Lord. We preached his funeral the next day.

POPLAR HILL CHURCH TO HOLD REVIVAL

We wish to state that our revival meeting will begin at Poplar Hill F. W. B. Church, located at Hemingway, South Carolina, on June the eighteenth. The Reverend T. G. Hamilton of Pearson, Georgia, will be the speaker, or evangelist.

We the members of this church wish to extend a cordial welcome or invitation to the public to attend these services. We feel sure that one and all will be pleased to hear this great man of God proclaim the gospel during the revival meeting. We believe everyone will receive a blessing from the Lord by attending these services.

Those who live near the church, come,

and take part in the services. Make it your meeting, and remember the date, June the eighteenth. We shall be expecting you to come and have a part in the meeting. The church is located about one and a half miles out of the town of Hemingway, and on the Georgetown Road. Come one and all.

Rev. H. W. Richbourg, *Pastor*

KEEP SHINING

"Twenty-eight years, on and off." It was the reply of a man to the inquiry of a preacher, "How long have you been a Christian?"

"On and off." It spoke of lukewarmness,

It is a joy to the saints of God to want to go home. But, oh, the teeming millions of earth who are not prepared for the Home-coming, and who are little concerned about the great eternity!

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THE NATIONAL LEAGUE CONFERENCE

The National League Conference of Free Will Baptists of the United States will convene in its third annual session in the city of Norfolk, Virginia, at the Fairmount Park Free Will Baptist Church on June 13 through 15 inclusively. This annual meeting of the youth of the Free Will Baptist Church bids fair to be the greatest in the history of the Young People's League work of the denomination.

The program, and special features of this F. W. B. L. Conference will be given space in the columns of the Baptist paper for the issue, June 7. Conference officials have the assurance that we will reserve in the Free Will Baptist paper adequate space for the publicity of this National League Conference.

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REVEREND L. E. BALLARD TO GIVE MORE TIME TO HIS EDITORIAL WORK AT THE PRESS

Brother Ballard is planning to move to Ayden in the near future, and to give more time to his editorial work at the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina. He realizes that the work of the preparation of the League quarterlies, and also the editing of the Youth's Banner requires more time than he has been able to give them. He is planning to make improvements in the work during the coming months for the benefit of all concerned, and is hoping for a greater circulation and use of the same by the youth of the denomination. He will be editor of the Primary Sunday School quarterlies which Brother J. E. Wooten is giving up.

of instability, of unfaithfulness. He felt his life had been unsteady. He had been a true believer on the Son of God, but he knew that being a Christian really meant being a follower of Christ.

We are set to be constantly shining for Christ. What would be the value of a lighthouse with the light variable, sometimes shedding its warning beams and sometimes not. No one would be able to depend upon it and ships might well be lost through its uncertainty.

"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

—Scattered Seed.

Do you read your church papers?

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

Editor

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON

801 Pollock Street
New Bern, N. C.

LADIES AIDE WEST END FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

We are still meeting at the church on Wednesday afternoon, though our attendance for the past few weeks has dropped off considerably. Now that the weather is so pretty we feel sure more ladies will be able to help us.

We are still selling crocheting, and some very beautiful work has been done by our ladies. The demand for aprons having slackened we purchased material and patterns, and have cut, stamped and are embroidering pillow cases. These are cut and stamped, given to the members and they embroider and sell them.

We are planning a dinner for this week and hope to sell one every week or two, as long as the weather permits. We were very successful with dinners last year and hope to have as much success this time. The proceeds from these dinners and our other projects are going for new benches for our church. We have contributed to the building fund and hope to be able to add more.

We desire your prayers that we may do more and better work.

—Reporter

FOURTH UNION AUXILIARY REPORT

Mrs. DAVID GAY, *Secretary*

The Fourth Union Meeting District Auxiliary of the Central Conference of North Carolina met with Spring Branch Church on Sunday, April 30, 1950. Rev. Allen Baker had charge of devotions. The welcome address was made by Mrs. Wallace Mercer and response given by Mrs. Paul Thiipgen. We were privileged to have the assistant superintendent of the Orphanage with us, who made a few remarks concerning the orphanage and several selections in song were given by a group of children accompanying him. A collection was taken for the orphanage which amounted to \$66.29.

Rev. R. C. Proctor delivered the morning message, which was an inspiration to all who were privileged to hear this sermon. Following the appointment of committees by the president and special music by the Tyson Quartet and the Daniel's Chapel Quartet, we were adjourned for lunch.

Miss Janie Dildy had charge of the afternoon devotions. We were again favored with special music by the Daniel's Chapel Quartet.

The business session was entered into with minutes of the previous meeting being read and approved. A motion was made and carried that this body represent at the next meeting of the State Sunday School Convention.

The Banner Committee decided that the Ladies Aid Banner should go to Saratoga and the Sunday School Banner to Watery Branch. The Treasurer's report was given and accepted.

A program was given by Spring Branch Church which was enjoyed by all. Since we were favored with several groups of singers, the program was turned into a singing convention.

Concluding a very enjoyable day, we were adjourned to meet in July with Saratoga.

MOUNT ZION AUXILIARY HOLDS MEETING

The Woman's auxiliary of Mt. Zion F. W. B. Church met in the home of Mrs. Jessie Batten on April 26, 1950. Mrs. Ressie Johnson read the scripture lesson from the 39th Psalm, followed by prayer, and the songs sung were as follows: "Jesus Calls Us," "Onward Christian Soldiers," and "In the Sweet By and By."

The program for April was: "Advancing with Christ through the Training of Youth." Those taking part on the program were Mrs. Clarence Johnson, Mrs. Argo Brewer and Mrs. James Crocker. There were eleven members present, and we had one new member. Cards sent to the sick were 2; visits to the sick, 15; Bible chapters read, 60; members attending the Week of Prayer, 14. The offering taken amounted to \$3.00.

The meeting closed with all present joining in repeating the Lord's Prayer.

Mrs. R. A. Brewer

Black River Auxiliary Holds Meeting

The Woman's Auxiliary of Black River Free Will Baptist Church met on Wednesday night, May 10, in the home of Mrs. Margaret Powell with 11 members present. Our subject of our lesson was: "Advancing with Christ through Stewardship Study." After our lesson and business period, delicious refreshments were served by the hostess. We are asking the prayers of all Christian people for our auxiliary and church.

Fourth Vice-President,
Mrs. Roy Mixon,
Andrews, S. C.

Youth Rally, Greenville, N. C., June 7, 3:00 P. M.

Please do not forget the Youth Rally which will be held in Greenville, North Carolina, on June 7, at 3:00 P. M. It will be at the Third Street School Park. Make your plans now to attend this meeting, where old friends will meet and new friends will be made.

There will be recreation for all. Games of all types and for all ages will be available for everyone to participate in for wholesale enjoyment. There will be competent leaders to take care of all ages, from three years old and up. It is a large place in which to play, so come and bring your leaguers with you.

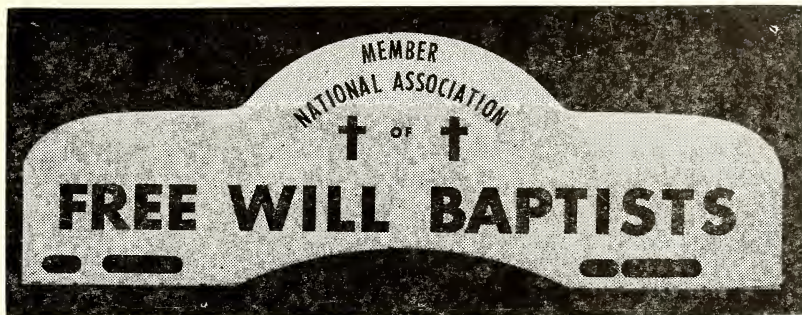
If your church does not have a league, bring your young people with you, and let them see the interest which young people have in their own leagues. The recreation period will last from 3:00 P. M. until 6:00 P. M. Then, at this time we will spread our supper out on the grounds and enjoy a feast. Yes, bring your own baskets of food. We will really enjoy playing and eating together.

At 7:30 P. M. everyone will assemble at the Greenville F. W. B. Church, and have special singing and reports from the different associations, and also from the second Union and Albemarle League districts. We are expecting to have with us different choirs from all over our district, and probably some from outside to bring special music.

Don't forget the date, please, June 7 at 3:00 P. M., at the Third Street School park in Greenville, North Carolina. You can ask almost anyone on the streets as to where to find Third Street School. Be sure to bring a basket of food for the picnic supper to be spread picnic style at 6:30 P. M., and we will have a grand time in the name of the Lord.

Rev. Graham Baker,
Field Worker,
Second League District.

We need to become like little children, willing to let our Heavenly Father guide us without imposing upon Him any conditions.—*Tauler*.



Boost National Home Mission Program

Get a Tag for Your Car! Don't Delay! Do It Now!

This is a picture of the plate which the National Home Mission Board is selling to car owners. It fits on your car license tag, and looks swell.

The National Home Mission Board is selling the tag for one dollar each for you to use on your car. We want every Free Will Baptist who drives

a car to buy a tag and put it on your car. The purpose is to raise funds for the treasury of the National Home Mission Board.

The need for home mission work among Free Will Baptists is greatly needed in the towns and cities, and also in the rural districts of this country. Mission points need to be established in a great many places. New churches can be established in the cities and in the country if only we had sufficient funds to carry on the work. We are, therefore, re-

questing our church people to buy a tag and to urge others to do the same.

Simply enclose your dollar for the tag in your letter, and address it to Rev. J. B. Bloss, Route 5, Columbia, Tennessee. Be sure to put your correct address on your letter when you mail to us your money for your tag.

Your brother in Christ,
Rev. J. B. Bloss
Route 5
Columbia, Tenn.

A SPLENDID MOTHER'S DAY PROGRAM AT TURLOCK CHURCH

A NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED

Turlock Free Will Baptist Church has again been blessed by the mighty hand of God. We enjoyed a wonderful Mother's Day program. Brother Huddleston, our beloved pastor, presented bouquets to three mothers: one for the oldest, and one for the youngest, and one for the mother whom God has blessed with the most children. A flower service was enjoyed by all. Everyone present for the service received a great blessing from the Lord.

We convened the service early Sunday night, and the Junior Leaguers and the Junior Sunday School class, with the Intermediate Sunday School class, gave a short program. Brother Evans from Porterville brought a wonderful message. God has really been good to Turlock church.

Another new church at Hughson, California, has been organized from the Turlock church. We are earnestly praying for that little group of members. May the Lord greatly bless them. A new parsonage is now being completed, and we are thankful to God who has blessed us so wonderfully well here in California. We are praying that we shall continue in the manifold grace of God.

We are asking all Christians everywhere

to pray for us here at Turlock, and for the Free Will Baptist work in the State.

Humbly in the service of Christ,
Ella Mae Foster, Church Reporter

A LITTLE CHILD

"Suffer the little children to come unto me."—Mark 10:14.

A little child came to me one day
And leaning on my knee,
Said "Tell me a story of Jesus,
What sort of man was he?"

"Was he a wee man like Zacchaeus,
The Bible does not say,
And when I had thought of it a bit,
I could not tell at all.

"I can not tell you how Jesus looked,
The Bible does not say,
But I can tell you what Jesus said,
And what he did each day."

I told her about the widow's son,
Who died one day in Nain,
And how that our Saviour pitying her,
Restored his life again.

He spoke of the lad with five small loaves,
And how the host was fed,
With only the lad's two fishes small,
And the five loaves of bread.

We talked of the children sweet and fair,
Who gathered at his knee;
Of how that we all must be like them,
If heaven we would see.

"Now what do you think of him dear child?"

She softly answered me;
"—Why he is the very dearest friend,
That any one can be."

John W. Beaman,
Walstonburg, N. C.

You cannot detain the eagle in the forest. You may gather around him a chorus of the choicest birds; you may give him a perch on the goodliest pine; you may charge winged messengers to bring him choicest dainties; but he will spurn them all. Spreading his lordly wings, and with his eye on the Alpine cliff, he will soar away to his own ancestral halls amid the munitions of rocks and the wild music of tempest and waterfall. The soul of man, in its eagle soarings, will rest with nothing short of the Rock of Ages. Its ancestral halls are the halls of heaven. Its munitions of rocks are the attributes of God. The sweep of its majestic flight is Eternity! "Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations!"—*John R. Macduff.*

Cragmont Summer School for Christian Workers

BLACK MOUNTAIN, N. C.

FIRST YEAR COURSE

BIBLE, SUNDAY SCHOOL METHODS,
CHURCH MUSIC, CHURCH ADMIN-
ISTRATION, PASTORAL THEOLOGY
AND EVANGELISM

PURPOSE

Cragmont, Summer School for Christian workers, is the result of a conviction that there should be functioning in our state, during the summer season, while our Bible College is closed, a denominational school where ministers, teachers, students, Sunday School workers, and others who are engaged during the regular school year, may study under the direction of an efficient faculty, chosen from among our available leaders, who are consecrated and qualified to teach the courses needed for Christian work.

OPPORTUNITIES

This is a great opportunity for young people who may want to enter college with Bible credits, for pre-ministerial students, for pastors who want refresher courses during summer vacation, and for officers and teachers who may want to better equip themselves for work in the local church.

For the benefit of pastors who are preaching each Sunday, classes will be arranged to begin at 1 p. m. Monday and close at noon Saturday, giving them an opportunity to go up on Monday and return on Saturday for week-end appointments. Special work in Bible and Homiletics will help ministers in the preparation of sermons.

The unit certificates that any of your present workers may have in Teacher Training, as awarded by the Evangelical Teacher Training Association, will be honored in this Sum-

mer School toward your teacher's certificate.

CALENDAR

Registration: June 26, 9:00 to 5:00

Instruction begins June 27

Commencement, Friday, August 4

CREDITS

A unit certificate will be awarded for each unit in Bible and Sunday School methods; and, when the six units of the course are completed, a certificate will be awarded for the entire course. Credits for this work will be honored by the Free Will Baptist Bible College. A certificate will be awarded for work completed in the other courses.

This summer school is planned on a six-weeks basis, and credits will be awarded at the end of the term for all work accomplished. However, courses will be arranged so that a student may finish in one year by staying six weeks, in two years by staying four weeks; and in three years, by staying two weeks.

INSURANCE

Each student will have liberal accident and sick benefits, including doctor's bills, hospital expenses, nurse's fees, etc., from the date he leaves home until his return, for the sum of 50 cents a week from The Brotherhood Mutual Life Insurance Company.

TUITION

Tuition will be paid on sustaining basis by sponsoring organizations, namely: Original Free Will Baptist State Convention, Sunday School Convention, League Convention, and the Woman's Auxiliary Convention. See free scholarships.

EXPENSES FOR SIX-WEEKS TERM

Registration fee, \$5.00; Room and Board, \$80.00; Linens, \$2.00; Insurance, \$3.00; Total, \$90.00.

Text books and supplies will be extra and may be purchased in our Cragmont Book Store.

ADMISSION TO COURSES

Those who want to come to Cragmont during the summer school on

vacation, and sit in on the classes for inspiration, are welcome.

ENROLLMENT

Students above fifteen years of age may enroll for full credit. Only those, however, may receive college credit for the work done in the summer school for Christian workers.

Students, whose educational advantages have been limited, are invited to apply for admission as special students. These students will be assigned such subjects as they may desire, special consideration being given to their abilities.

VESPER SERVICES

Vesper services, Monday through Friday night, will be conducted by members of the faculty, student body, or invited guests. Visitors are welcome.

WEEK-END SERVICES

Faculty and students will work out schedule to visit churches in the area.

FREE SCHOLARSHIP

Churches, Sunday Schools, Leagues, Auxiliaries, and individuals are being requested to furnish scholarships worth \$100. These may be furnished in \$25, \$50, \$75, and \$100 units. Your very best way to help Cragmont is by investing a Scholarship in some worthy young person for special training in Christian work. Write for information.

LIBRARY

A library and reading room will be convenient to all students. Books have been donated by friends and the Free Will Baptist Press, consisting of several volumes. These books will be helpful on studies in preaching, teaching, and evangelism. The management would welcome additional copies and volumes of suitable books for study and research.

RESERVATIONS

Campus reservations will be adequate for taking care of a limited number of students without families. Parking space is available for those desiring to use a trailer. Living quarters for families are available near the campus.

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State Sunday School Convention

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T. Sasser, Mrs. L. E. Ballard, and
Revs. A. L. Reynolds and R. B. Spen-
cer.

State League Convention

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enbark, Rashie Kennedy, Mrs. Hub-
ert Dickens, and Mr. Oscar Webster
and R. L. Godley.

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These two volumes by Dr. Albert Barnes
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What Is It?

Youth Rally

Where? Third Street School, Green-
ville, N. C.

When? June 7, 1950

Time: 3:00 P. M.

Why? To prepare for the National
League Conference which will
convene a week later at Fair-
mount Park F. W. B. Church,
Norfolk, Va.

Rev. Graham Baker

"When Christ Controls"
is League Conference
Theme at Norfolk, Va.

Emphasizing stewardship through-
out the program, the theme for the third an-
nual nationwide League conference will
be "When Christ Controls," Rev. C. F.
Bowen, secretary of the national League
board has announced.

The conference will be held June 13-15
at the Fairmount Park Free Will Bap-
tist church, Norfolk, Va.



FAIRMOUNT PARK CHURCH

This youth meeting has drawn a larger
attendance the two years it has been held
than any other national meeting. Nearly
1,000 attended last year's session at
Tulsa.

"From 1,000 to 1,500 are expected this
year at Norfolk," Rev. Bowen said in
a preview folder of the conference.

Speakers will include Rev. Damon
Dodd, national promotional secretary;
Miss Laura Belle Barnard, missionary to
India; Rev. Henry Melvin, chairman of
the national league board, and others.

God In the Tomorrows

The Oriental shepherd was always ahead
of his sheep. He was in front. Any attempt
upon them had to take him into account.
Now God is down in front. He is in the
tomorrows. It is tomorrow that fills men
with dread. But God is there already, and
all tomorrows of our life have to pass
before Him before they can get to us.—F.
B. Meyer.

I will commit my way unto the Lord.



ZEPHANIAH CALLS TO REPENTANCE

(Lesson for June 11)

Lesson: Zephaniah 1:12-18; 3:1-5, 16-20.

Golden Text: Zephaniah 2:3.

I. Heart of the Lesson

Zephaniah's name means "The Lord hath hidden." His field of public service for the Lord was the land of Judah and the city of Jerusalem. In the work of reform, his associates were Jeremiah, Nahum, Habakkuk, and the good king Josiah. The moral and spiritual condition of Judah and Jerusalem was bad. He prophesied unto the people the things that would soon come upon them because of their great transgressions. He also told them that God would later bring them together at the end of the captivity, and would greatly bless them in many ways. He encouraged the people to turn unto God, to have hope, faith and courage, and to look to the future for a brighter day to come.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

1. When God begins to search out men, there will be no one able to hide from His light (Zeph. 1:12).

2. Callous indifference and smug complacency are just as obnoxious to God as violent opposition (vs. 12).

3. It is painful to lose valuable earthly possessions, but it will be far more painful to lose one's soul (vs. 13).

4. It is pleasant to hear God's voice of love, but terrible to hear it in wrath (vs. 14).

5. The brightness of the Lord's Coming must of necessity be preceded by the darkness of judgment in order to purify a place for Him (vs. 15).

6. Real "freedom from fear" is guaranteed by a much greater character than that of any earthly nations (3:16).

7. The Lord always chooses to appear in the midst of His people, for then He is equally near to each one of them (vs. 17).

8. It is well known to the Lord whether or not we are concerned about His service and worship (vs. 18).

9. The honor and praise which the Lord gives is far better than any acclaim or applause of men (vs. 19).

10. When God restores, He so overwhelmingly fills with blessing that all the sorrows of the past are forgotten (vs. 20).—Selected.

11. The word repentance is the translation of two Greek words in the New Testament. One of these is *metamelomai*. This word occurs but five times in the New Testament. The word means sorrow for something done, but sorrow after the deed, regret. The regret may be of a Godly sort leading to true repentance, or it may be a regret that leads to no moral change (II Cor. 7:9, 10; Luke 18:23; Matt. 27:3).

The other New Testament word that is translated repentance is *metanoia*. The word means a change of mind, a change of thinking, a change of conception. It means that a new direction is given to the moral life. Paul, in his defense before Agrippa, gives us a good illustration of what repentance is. He declared: "I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the Name of Jesus of Nazareth. Which thing I also did in Jerusalem." (Acts 26:9, 10). Paul was conscientious in his belief (22:3). But on the way to Damascus Jesus appeared to him. Paul got new light, knowledge and insight. He changed his mind about Christ, and His people. His whole life was revolutionized.

12. A further illustration of the meaning of repentance as a change of mind is found in the Book of Romans. In the eighth chapter Paul shows that there are two "minds" that can dominate the life of a person. They are the mind of the flesh and the mind of the spirit. We are subject to either one, depending on our choice. And the word mind here means a moral choice and purpose. It is the word that is used in Phil-

ippians where it says: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (2:5). We are born with the mind of the flesh. When we repent and change our minds we have the mind of the Spirit. The Apostle goes on to show the nature and the direction that these minds take. "For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally (fleshly) minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the Law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God (Rom. 8:5-8). The need for repentance cannot be stated more clearly or cogently. It is a matter of spiritual life or death.

13. God allowed Israel to be invaded and the people to be punished, but He never approved mistreatment of them after they had been subjected by their enemies. He chastised them according to His own will, but He never allowed their enemies to afflict or persecute them further without bringing them to account for their deeds. (3:19)—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

II. The Lesson Illustrated

Painting the Pump

Reformation is no more the whole of Christianity than cultivation constitutes the whole of successful farming. A farmer may plow and harrow his ground every day of the summer and will not permit a single weed to grow; that would be a high state of cultivation; but if he plants no seed in his field he will gather no crop in the autumn. Simply ridding your life of the weeds of undesirable habits, without planting the seeds of Christianity in your heart-garden, is as great a folly as for a farmer to cultivate his ground all summer and sow no seed. Repentance pulls up the weeds now growing and plants the seeds of righteousness. The man who attempts to improve by reforming is whitewashing his life, and there is a vast difference between the two processes. Morality can never save anybody. Painting the pump

does not kill the typhoid germs and purify the water in the well.—O. A. Newlin D. D.

MOUNT BETHEL

(continued from page five)

League and Sunday School administration. The other instructors for the second week were: Church music, Mrs. Chester Pelt; Church Leadership and Doctrine, Rev. E. C. Morris; Evangelism, Rev. J. O. Fort; Miss Betty Joe Fort was a special teacher for Children.

On Tuesday evening the Lord visited in a very real sense during the worship service. Young Christians began pleading and praying for those who were unsaved, and they worked until the entire group professed faith in Jesus as Saviour. There was no possibility of reaching a greater height. The climax had come unexpectedly. The great concern of those in place of leadership was how to hold the mountain peak. That was beyond the reach of man, but lives were now full of the Spirit and, "My strength is made perfect in weakness," said the Lord to Paul. The entire group seemed to fairly "walk the clouds," until the Thursday evening service, when the message had been delivered and the invitation was extended for surrendering for special service every boy and girl came at once. They seemed to "return," to the earth willing to be used of Him in meek and lowly service.

On another hill, some two hundred yards behind the main Camp ground, is a very beautiful bed of rock. Early in the week, Rev. J. O. Fort led the group in building an altar of stone on this hill where we met each evening at sunset for vespers. Perhaps here is where God gave the needed refreshing of grace to keep us on the mountain peak so long; and made it possible on the last day for the ringing testimony of youth to lead older people to a richer and sweeter experience with the Christ. Those who were present will never forget "The Rock." Jacob built an altar like it and "Called the name of that place Bethel"—"The House of God." The campers named that rock

Bethel. And God surely lived there that week.

One accomplishment of this very busy week was to organize the "Andrew-Aids" using as a slogan—"And he brought him to Jesus." (Jno. 1: 42) The "Andrew-Aids" are young people who are organized to work together in seeking the lost for Jesus. We hope to hear more of them later.

Only one week and we gathered again for the third and last session of the summer: it is now August 7. Some changes were made in the faculty. Like the teacher for F. W. B. L. and Sunday School Administration, the same General Director served for the entire summer. Other faculty members are: Doctrine and Evangelism, Rev. E. C. Morris; Church Music, Mrs. Chester Pelt; And in the first session one young lady had done such a splendid job with the children until now she is given that place on the faculty, Miss Willie Clyde Johnson.

Most of those present were Christians making the work and atmosphere somewhat different for this last week. We returned again to "The Rock Bethel" for vespers. Every one settled down to real work on the very first day. From the standpoint of real study the accomplishments of the last week equalled and possibly excelled both the first and second sessions combined. The fellowship of the student body was the sweetest ever. One thing in particular caught and held my attention. Where the group had been dividing up in small groups at meal time now they all clutter together. No one seemed to want to separate from another. "With every rose there is a thorn," but this week had so many roses we could hardly find the thorn.

A Word for the Faithful

The faithful aren't always mentioned in bold headlines. There were those in every session of the Camp who played a great part and yet they stayed in the background. Mrs. C. J. Harvey, Mrs. Margie Hudson, Mrs. Sally Woodard and Mrs. Hay did a fine job seeing that no one went hungry. Then on Thursday evening of the last week, Rev. H. L. Knighton was responsible for a fine fish supper.

CAMPING TIME IS NEAR

Five weeks of encampment have been planned so far for the summer at Mt. Bethel. One week for the ministers and four weeks for the young people. There may be other groups to meet for a period of time during the camping season that we have not heard about.

Ministerial Institute First

This will begin Sunday evening June 4 and close Friday June 9. There will be refreshments served Sunday evening and then a worshipful and fellowship service. If you cannot get there Sunday evening come Monday morning. The cost will be \$1.00 per day or \$5.00 for the session. Dr. J. P. Barrow, Dean of our Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, will be there, nothing preventing. It will be well worth your time and the cost to hear Dr. Barrow teach Church and Bible doctrine. Rev. T. B. Mellette, the originator of the Institute will teach Christian education and Rev. E. C. Morris, your Promotional Secretary, will teach Church History. All ministers are urged to attend. All interested laymen, both men and women are cordially invited. Don't forget, you are to bring along your pillows, linens, towel, soap, etc. You will have furnished at the camp three meals per day, a bunk to sleep on and running water. You need not bring a bathing suit. There will be no public bathing at the Camp.

Beginning Sunday night, June 18, the young people from all directions will be gathering at the Camp for the first session of this group for the season. This first session will be held two weeks. The second session will be held July 23-28 and the Third session will be August 13-18. Young people, you could not spend four weeks this summer at a better place than Camp Mt. Bethel in the heart of South Georgia. But, if you cannot attend all four weeks then select the sessions that you can most conveniently attend. Sunday schools, Leagues, or any other organization of your church will do well to send campers to the camp for a week or more.

Some of the directors this year will

include Revs. J. O. Fort, C. R. Houston, I. J. Blackwelder, K. V. Shutes, E. C. Morris and T. B. Mellette and probably others not yet selected. Rev. C. J. Harvey will serve as Camp Manager for all sessions. For further information about the Camp, write the Manager.

We will need provisions for the Camp. Any you can give, bring or send.

E. C. Morris, Promotional Secy.

A NEW YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE ORGANIZED

Union S. S. Supper at Harper's

At a joint meeting at Harper's Grove Church on May 7, 1950, we organized a Young People's League. The officers were elected as follows: President, Edward Birdwell; vice-president, Lawrence Jarrell; secretary-treasurer, Jimmy Dan Jarrell; group captain, Jo Ann; Bible Study group, Mrs. T. T. Megason; "Go Tell" group, Mrs. Katherine Pool, teacher; chairman, Mrs. Bessie Birdwell. Reverend Troy L. McDonald, Pastor.

The Harper's Union Sunday School sponsored a community-wide chowder supper at the church on April 15, 1950. Following this outdoor supper, and the good period of sweet fellowship together, we then listened to a good message from Rev. Noah Tuttle.

Rev. Troy L. McDonald, Pastor

Chartered Pullman Car

Arrangements are being made for a chartered pullman car leaving Wilson, Friday, July 7, 10:35 A. M. Arriving Richmond, California, Monday, July 10, 6:20 P. M. Return trip, Friday, July 14, 11:30 A. M., arriving in Wilson, Monday, July 17, 4:23 P. M.

FARES FOR TRIP

Clergy fare (on permit) round trip \$123.34.
 Laymen round trip \$199.01
 Pullman car \$92.00 per day
 Estimated cost of parking pullman car for four days \$78.00
 Total estimated cost of transportation and sleeping, clergy fare, \$178.87.
 Laymen \$254.54 (estimated)
 Meals will be extra.

The above rates are based on a minimum of eighteen passengers. Reservations will be open until June 15. For further information write to James A. Evans, 1108 South Tarboro Street, Wilson, North Carolina.

A deposit of \$100.00 will be necessary, but will be refunded in case the trip is not made. The deposit should be made to one of the Committee listed below.

The Committee on Transportation
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 July 11-14, 1950

CHILDREN'S STORYLAND



THE SPELLING MATCH

Leroy C. Brown

In the playground a group of schoolboys and girls were talking about the spelling match they were going to have that afternoon.

"Stella Davis, you think because Lloyd Williams is captain of your team you will win!" declared John Herman.

"We won the other time, didn't we?" teased Stella.

"But not this time," boasted John. "We shall win today, won't we, Skeeter Boy?"

"Hope so—time will tell," grinned Skeeter Boy, whose real name was Sheldon Boyes. He got the nickname "Skeeter" when someone said he looked like a big mosquito.

At two o'clock the teams lined up on opposite sides of the rural school room for the spelling match.

Lloyd Williams was captain of one team, and John Herman was captain of the other. They were spelling "by the last letter"—that is, when a word was spelled the next speller had to spell a different word beginning with the last letter of the word that had been spelled. Lloyd started by spelling "book." Then John had to spell a word beginning with the letter "k." He spelled "kettle." Then Jane Smith spelled "ear." Each word had to be spelled correctly and no words could be repeated.

As the match continued, pupils on each side went down. Everyone who could do so was ending the words with the letter "y." Of course no one was permitted to use a word ending with x or z, but y was allowed. It was hard to think of more words beginning with that letter. Everybody except Lloyd and John went down!

Lloyd spelled y-e-i-l-d. No one noticed that he misspelled this word, which of course should have been spelled y-i-e-l-d. John continued by spelling "danger."

On and on they spelled. Then John spelled "canopy."

Y again! What could Lloyd spell? He glanced at the wall. There was a little poster which read, "Yield not to temptation." Yield—he had spelled that word. "But I spelled it wrong," flashed through his mind.

Then Lloyd thought of a word that had not been used—y-e-a-s-t.

D-a-n-d-y—would John never stay away from those Y's? Yield—Lloyd thought of that troublesome word again, but he spelled "yearning."

The match continued. It seemed that neither boy could down the other. But something was worrying Floyd. How he had wanted to win that match! John Herman was such a boaster—how he would boast

if he won! No one had noticed that "yield" had been misspelled—why mention it? Lloyd glanced at that sign again. "Yield not to temptation!"—how it glared back at him. The boy knew well where that commandment was from.

After a pause, Lloyd spoke. "Nobody noticed it," he said, "but a while ago I misspelled a word. I spelled y-e-i-l-d instead of y-i-e-l-d."

"But how do you know you misspelled that word, Lloyd?" asked the teacher.

"I saw the correct spelling on that sign on the wall," said Lloyd.

John did not boast over winning that match. He was thinking of Lloyd's honesty. A few days later he said to Lloyd, "I want to be a Christian like you."

And later when the school was asked to enter someone in a spelling contest at the County seat, the pupils chose Lloyd. "It's because we know you will be a credit to the school," smiled John.

"Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men" (II Cor. 8:21).

REPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FROM JANUARY 17, 1950, TO MAY 24, 1950

Balance on hand January 17, 1950 _\$ 83.56
 Women's Auxiliaries

St. John's (Cape Fear) ----- \$ 13.00
 Total receipts from Auxiliaries ---\$ 13.00

Sunday Schools

St. Delight, Ormondsville (Central) -\$ 2.00
 Reedy Branch (Central) ----- 5.00
 Pleasant Plains (Western) ----- 2.00
 Roberts Grove (Cape Fear) ----- 1.00
 Albemarle S. S. Convention ----- 12.50
 Rose of Sharon (Central) ----- 3.00
 Fifth Eastern S. S. Convention --- 10.00
 Pleasant Plains (Western) ----- 2.00
 Lees Chapel (Cape Fear) ----- 1.00
 Prospect Church (Cape Fear) ----- 1.00
 Marlboro (Central) ----- 3.12
 LaGrange (Central) ----- 3.80
 Rocky Mount (Central) ----- 2.25
 Pleasant Plains (Central) ----- 4.00
 Marlboro (Central) ----- 2.65
 Prospect (Cape Fear) ----- 1.00
 Reedy Branch (Central) ----- 5.00
 Roberts Grove (Central) ----- 1.00
 Prospect (Cape Fear) ----- 1.00
 Albemarle District S. S. Conv. ----- 12.50
 St. Delight (Central) ----- 2.00
 Black Jack (Central) ----- 2.00
 Second District S. S. Conv. (Cen.)- 8.00
 Rose of Sharon (Central) ----- 3.00
 Total receipts from S. S. -----\$ 90.72

Free Will Baptist Leagues	
Pleasant Hill Intermediate (Cen.)	\$.50
Rose of Sharon Intermediate (Cen.)	1.00
Piney Grove (Central)	1.59
Sound Side Adult (Albemarle)	.50
Piney Grove (Central)	2.24
Marlboro Senior (Central)	1.50
Kings Cross Road Senior (Central)	1.77
Kings X Road Intermediate (Cen.)	.80
St. Delight (Central)	1.44
Grace Brock Treasurer (Central)	1.50
Free Union (Albemarle)	2.75
Maury (Central)	1.50
Rose of Sharon Intermediate (Cen.)	1.00
Pleasant Hill Intermediate (Cen.)	.50
Total Receipts from F. W. B. L.	\$ 18.59

Union Meetings

3rd Union Eastern (R. Sumler Fund)	\$ 15.00
3rd Union Eastern (P. Creech Fund)	15.00
5th Eastern District (Eastern)	15.00
2nd District (Central)	9.67
Carteret Co. District (Eastern)	10.00
Albemarle District (Albemarle)	26.75
5th Eastern District (Eastern)	25.00
1st District (Central)	5.00
3rd District (Western)	25.15
1st District (Western)	15.00
Cape Fear District	15.00
3rd District (Eastern)	15.00
Carteret Co. District (Eastern)	10.00
1st District (Western)	5.00
2nd District (Central)	10.00
Total Receipts from Union Meetings	\$216.57

CHURCHES

First Church Goldsboro (Cape Fear)	8.50
Marlboro (Central)	2.72
Marlboro (Central)	2.95
First Church Goldsboro (Cape Fear)	17.00
Greenville, N. C. (Central)	44.39
Total Receipts from churches	\$ 75.56

CONFERENCES

Albemarle Conference	\$ 2.00
Total Conferences	\$ 2.00

Grand Total Receipts

Total from Jan 17 to May 24, '50	\$416.04
Balance on Hand Jan. 17, 1950	83.56
Grand Total Receipts May 24, 1950	\$500.00
Sent to General College Fund	\$352.59
Sent to Students from Fund	\$ 30.00
Operating Expenses (Stamps and Milage of Members of Board)	\$ 36.24
Tot. Disbursements (Jan 17-May 23)	\$418.83

Balance on Hand

Balance on Hand May 24, 1950 --- \$ 81.17

Grand Totals

Total Receipts Oct. 18, '49-May 24, 1950	\$1282.27
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We are asking all churches, Sunday Schools, F. W. B. L. and Auxiliaries to remember that June is Christian Education month. As you can see by the figures above, we are a long way from even coming up to the figures of last year. You raised for Christian Education last year nearly \$5000.00, and you are to be commended for this sum, but as the college

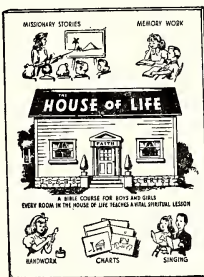
physical facilities are constantly being expanded and the number of students are constantly increasing in number the need for more funds are increasing. We had some twenty-two students from North Carolina this year, this being the largest number from any state in the U. S. of Free Will Baptists. So you can see the reason that North Carolina should increase its giving for Christian Education.

I have been asking that we in North Carolina try to raise ten thousand dollars this year for Christian Education. Although we are a long way from that amount I believe if all that have been giving will double that amount and all

these that have not been giving any thing will begin to raise some amount for this great and worthy cause we will by the end of the Conventional Year come reasonably close to raising the amount above mentioned. Hoping in the name of Christ we go over the top for Christian Education.

Rev. David W. Hansley, Treasurer
P. O. Box 178, Ayden, N. C.

Without confessing, "Father, I have sinned," the Christian life cannot begin.— E. H. Maynard.



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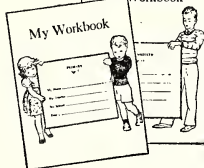
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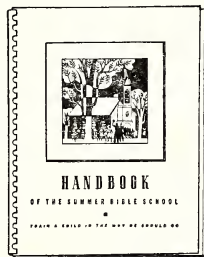
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My Heart Is Resting

My heart is resting, O my God;
I will give thanks and sing:
My heart is at the secret source
Of every precious thing.

Now the frail vessel Thou hast made
No hand but thine shall fill—
The waters of the earth have failed,
And I am thirsty still.

I thirst for springs of heavenly life.
And here all day they rise;
I seek the treasure of Thy love,
And close at hand it lies.

And a "new song" is in my mouth,
To long-loved music set—
Glory to Thee for all the grace
I have not tasted yet.

I have heritage of joy
That yet I must not see;
The hand that bled to make it mine
Is keeping it for me.

There is a certainty of love
That sets my heart at rest;
A calm assurance for to-day
That to be poor is best.

A prayer reposing on His truth,
Who hath made all things mine;
That draws my captive will to Him,
And makes it one with thine.

—Anna Letitia Waring

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Notice

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

ANSWER TO A PUZZLE- "GUESS WHO?"

(A poem published in the Baptist Paper, May 3, 1950)

God made you before the man,
But did not let you stay on land.
Your dwelling place is wide and deep,
Where one a prisoner you did keep.

You gave him shelter from the storm,
And keep him safe from death and storm;
The will of God you did obey,
And relieved the captive one day.

For lamps and heat you furnish oil,
To capture you stronge men do toil;
Christ said in hell you would be found,
But there you'll only be a sound.

In Micah first we find your name,
Though it isn't meant to mean the same.
Many ships above you sail,
The first man Adam called you whale.

Once you had a living soul,
Because you swallowed Jonah whole.
And now all know the answer to,
The puzzle that was named "Guess Who."
Julia Shackelford Hyers
Norfolk, Virginia
3319 Verdon Avenue

HONOR ROLL

Table listing names and locations of members contributing to the Honor Roll, such as Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, Deep Run, N. C., and W. H. Calvert, Belmont, N. C.

Building of God's House

By Mrs. Edward E. Hyers

One of the most beautiful stories in the Old Testament is the building of the Tabernacle, as recorded in the Book of Exodus—a house of worship designed by God Himself. The Israelites had been protected in a marvelous way, for God had led them out of the land of Egypt, where for many years they had been in bondage to Pharaoh. Now that they were no longer slaves, driven by cruel taskmasters, but were free to serve the God of their fathers, God spoke unto Moses, their leader, saying:

"Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: Of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering, and this is the offering ye shall take of them, gold and silver and brass, and blue and purple and scarlet and fine linen, and goat's hair, and ram skins dyed red, and badger skins, and shittim wood, oil for the lights, spices for anointing oil, and for sweet incense, Onyx stones, and stones to be set in the Ephod, and in the breast plate, and let them make me a sanctuary: That I may dwell among them."

Much material and many workmen were needed to build the tabernacle, whose architect was God, and who could have erected a magnificent temple at every mile of the Israelites' journey had He so desired, and without the slightest effort on their part the people could have gone in and worshipped the Lord.

But God wanted them to show their love, and their gratitude to Him by giving with willing hearts the things that were needed for His house, and by working with willing hands to build it. It is human nature to value most highly the things one obtains by work and sacrifice than that which one receives without pay.

Those who have no part in God's House except to go to church and listen to the sermon are missing the greatest joy of all, for God has a special blessing for those who make

their tithes and offerings with willing hearts, and who labor with willing hands to build His House.

We are building God's House when we give as He would have us give to support the work of Christ's Kingdom. We are building God's House when we are engaged in active service in His church. Christians who have learned to work together in love and unity in the church are doing the best building of all.

For it is only through the united efforts of God's people that the church moves forward.

"And all the women that were wise-hearted did spin with their hands, and brought that which they had spun, both of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine linen" (Exodus 35:25).

Women have a great part in the building of the church. The woman who is wise-hearted does not spend her time in idle gossip, which tends to destroy the very foundation of the church. But she is busy weaving a pattern with threads of gold that will adorn the temple, even after she has passed on.

She is willing at all times to be of service, and is faithful to whatever task is assigned to her, whether it is teaching a Sunday School class, spinning cloth for the curtains, or sweeping the floor.

She is never envious of another who holds a higher office than herself, but is willing to step aside if one more capable is found to take her place.

The wise-hearted women are the greatest builders of all.

NOTES AND QUOTES

TO BE AT ST. MARY'S GROVE

According to promise we art to begin a series of revival meetings at St. Mary's, Johnston County, Sunday night, June the 11. Brother J. B. Ferrell is the pastor. We are asking that those of you who pray take this meeting to the Lord with an "unfeigned faith," asking Him to use us for His glory and the salvation of those who have never found the Lord Jesus and the building up of the believers into great-

er efficiency in the work of the Lord. We praise God for this invitation to do service for our Christ, at, and in the community of St. Mary's Grove.

COMMUNISM IS ANTI-CHRISTIAN

Whenever you hear any person say, "A man can be a Communist and a Christian at the same time," he is either unacquainted with facts about both Communism and Christianity, or he may be a Communist, or a fellow-traveler—a "red sympathizer."

Recently, I read where the Bishop of Canterbury said that he was a Christian and a Communist. But we are sure that the bishop is a tool of the Communists, and being used by the devil to make more Communists. Here are the reasons, or at least some reasons that make it impossible for a Communist to be Christian.

These organizations move in opposite directions. They are just as far from each other as the East is from the West, as far as God is from the Devil. There is no mixing. They cannot abide in the same house. Christ said, "A house divided against itself cannot stand." Here is what Dr. Paul S. Rees, pastor First Covenant Church, Minneapolis, Minn., a competent analyst of Communism, says; "Christianity and Communism are as inherently opposed to each other as light and darkness. Christianity is derived from the Word of God. Communism would destroy the Word of God. Christianity affirms God as Creator, Redeemer, and Judge; Communism attacks God as folly, folklore and falsehood. Christianity is materialistic enough to recognize the valid claims of the body and its needs, yet spiritual enough to assert the priority and God-imparted dignity of the human spirit; Communism is exclusively naturalistic, deluding man of that which makes him most distinctively human—his capacity for commerce with the eternal world of the spiritual and supernatural. Christianity envisages man as a creature, who by reason of sin, is a curious mixture of hunger motives, which are other-regarding, yet who, by reason of redeeming grace, may be organized into a new pattern in which the love motives are triumphant; Communism on the other hand, sees man, as essentially a stomach in which hunger motives are forever the sole arbiter of conduct and the single incentive to progress. And now reverse the order of contrast; Communism is a system of organized resentment and calculated hatred; Christianity is a fellowship of redemptive good will and love that never seeks less than justice, but rather more."—United Evangelical Action.

Saturday evening, May 27, in Antioch Free Will Baptist church, as speaker for a "Youth Rally for Christ," Rev. Gene Bream, evangelist from Ohio, said "Communism is a deadly enemy of Christianity. Communism is anti-Christian." He read from an official bulletin, or some periodical, many statements where it is proven that a Christian cannot be a communist.

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REMEMBER CRAGMONT, JUNE 19-24, 1950

This week will prove to be most helpful to all Leaguers, and Sunday School students: Juniors, Intermediates, Seniors, and young people. The teachers and directors of the above groups are urged to be present. Mrs. Rashie Kennedy of Goldsboro has planned to instruct all Juniors, and their teachers in Methods, Means, and Inspirational materials for League and Sunday School.

Brother Raper has planned for the Intermediate group. Rev. Crawford will be the General Director, and will teach classes in S. S. Administration, F. W. B. League Manual, Courses in Missions, Evangelism, and Stewardship.

The night services are planned to be highly inspirational and enjoyable.

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Quite matchless are her dark brown iiiii,
 She talks with perfect ceeee;
 And when I tell her she is yyyyy,
 She says I am a ttttt.

The true test of civilization is not the census, nor the size of the cities, nor the crops, but in the kind of men the country turns out.—Emerson.

Do you read your church papers?

:-: Department of Foreign Missions :-:

REACHING OUT FOR SOULS IN CUBA

Thomas H. Willey

In my regular round of visits over the field I touched at Martines de Remates where Pepe Romeu is doing an excellent work. The house was packed with interested people and fully forty people stood outside. There is a great amount of interest in the Gospel, but very limited space. We must have more ample quarters.

On my way back on the train, I met one of the faithful members of Brother Hipolito Pina's congregation from Alta de Guane. I have always had a great desire to be a help and blessing to our dear friends and wished for a better or closer tie of fellowship. I have had for some time a deep sense of the leading of God to go as far as Dimas. How marvelously God does work. We can be and we need to be in all our plans directly led of the Spirit of God, then we make no mistakes.

The results were that an invitation came at once from Brother Pina to accompany him. On Saturday morning we left for Alta de Guane and went on that afternoon to Mantua and Dimas. We met a precious group of believers. The public school teacher, a very fine cultured man, invited me to have dinner with him. After dinner we had a wonderful service. I have never seen people so hungry for the Gospel.

Explaining the plan of salvation step by step, I gave the invitation to those who wished to accept Christ, repent and follow Him. One of the grown sons stepped out saying, "I want to be converted." His brother and another man came with him. What a time we had! Before the meeting was over there were eight surrendered their hearts to the Lord. This was one of the most unusual meetings.

There was an invasion of misqui-

toes. They were so thick that I could not preach and fight mosquitoes at the same time. One dear brother thoughtfully fought and killed the mosquitoes on my face while I preached earnestly. While I slapped the devil, the brother slapped the mosquitoes on my face.

After the service we returned to Alta de Guane over one of the worst roads I have ever seen in Cuba. We arrived at 2 a. m. That afternoon Reverend Robert Wilfong preached and then we returned to Montesuelo to visit with these families that we have known for several years now.

That night we had one of the greatest meetings since I have been in Cuba. A great and very fine crowd, mostly young people, were present. During the preaching of the Word there was wonderful attention and conviction. We were laboring under the same difficulty of an invasion of mosquitoes. When I called for seekers it seemed like they fell upon their knees to pray. There were about twenty fine young men and women who came forward. In the midst of the seeking the mosquitoes suddenly left us. This meeting has lingered with me all this week and the faces of those dear ones have come back to my memory many times.

Brother Pina very clearly expressed his desire that we have a more close cooperation with the work. The work was founded by the old missionary, W. W. Jaffer, and knowing his background I can more fully sympathize with what has been an example of great faithfulness on the part of Brother Pina and his wife. These are people of prayer. They pray till corns are formed on their knees. I have a great hope for a people who pray much. Brother Pina and his people can count on our cooperation.

These fields represent a challenge. Our hearts go out to those yet un-

saved. There is one predominant heart cry, "Lord, give us souls." We exist only for this.

THE MISSION WORK GOES FORWARD IN NORTH INDIA

Talk about being "tuckered out" that is me. Just as we sat down at the table for lunch, a man came, panting for breath, unable to talk at first. He finally said that he had run three and a quarter miles for me to go with him. Just think of a three and a quarter miles for me to run in this hot season, in the plains of tropical India! Of course, I said, "Nahin ho sakhta," it is not possible.

These days my only trips by bicycle is to a village where we visit twice each week to conduct services where we plan to organize a church, God being willing, in about a month. They are Hindus, but several have already shown unmistakable signs of having met the Lord, and having had their sins washed away by his blood.

Now back to the man who came for me. A tiger had just attacked a man in his village, and had seriously wounded him. The tiger had killed two oxen the day before. I knew that I had no business out in the noonday sun, but I could not refuse the man. He had twelve wounds which I dressed in Jesus name. Unless complications set up, he should, by the grace of God, be O. K. in a few weeks.

In April we treated 800, and even more sick people at a cost of Rs200. The people contributed Rs300; the Mission Rs50 and friends Rs200, so we had some for our new brick and concrete floor for the tent which we shall use as a dispensary, as soon as we move into our new house. This we hope to do before we leave for Kotagiri in July.

The Mission will soon have property here, worth between Rs 30,000 and Rs 50,000 (\$10,000), without the Board to date giving a cent toward either the purchase price, the building program, the orchard which will

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History proves that Communism has fought the Church of Jesus Christ and all other religions. Churches were and are still being destroyed by communists in nations who have sold out to Satan and let Communism take over. To deny that Communists have fought every move that is Christian is only to get the accounts as given out by those who know not truth, or by "fellow-travelers" and those who are ready to sell the United States to the Communists in order to get political power. Of course, a Communist who wants to be elected to power, or one who wants to filter into responsible government positions would not come out and own that he or she is a communist. They would be defeated at present, for there are not enough Communists in the United States to come out and elect public leaders who would like to run on a Communist ticket. Therefore, the Communist, or fellow-traveler who wants to get his position certainly will deny his fellowship; but with the trend as it is going now, in a few more years when strength can be secured to that degree, you will see men running for the high elective offices of State and Nation on "THE COMMUNIST TICKET." Thus we are brought to the fact that a Communist cannot be a lover and supporter of a DEMOCRACY. Christianity is the mother of Democracy and since a Christian cannot be a Communist, a Communist cannot be a supporter of Democracy.

May we notice these facts. May we guard against the evil of Communism. It makes no difference what one says. Can you trust the word of a man who hates God and the Lord Jesus Christ? What is his oath worth? It means nothing!

They have been indicted in the United States Congress for perjury. They will swear that they are not Communists, when the evidence is against them. Christians need to rise up with a mighty strong arm, locked in the Lord Jesus, and put the brakes on Communism in the United States. This can be done by Christians loving God more than money; loving God more than politics; loving God more than carnal pleasures; and by loving God so much as to present their bodies a living sacrifice unto him. Such a person will be "known by his fruits."

To stand out against the socialistic and communistic trend of today is to place one's self in a position to be dubbed as a capitalist or an enemy of the working man. Communistic ideology is a principal that sets labor at variance with the Capital and the Capital against the laboring man, thereby making enemies one towards the other. Communism cannot solve the labor problems, neither can they build for us a Democracy, but they can and are destroying the cause for which our forefathers fought and died to give to us that Freedom which

we hear so much about and know so little of during these days when communistic ideas have penetrated both church and state.

Rev. J. Elvin Wright, LL. D., in his book, "Death in the Pot," says in speaking of the Federal Council of Churches: "The Federal Council's political activities have occasionally been commendable. On the other hand, it has often espoused causes which have justified the charge that those who are politically radical, anticapitalistic, and even Communistic are high in its councils."

Thus, according to Dr. Wright, the Communists have a great pull in and with the Federal Council of Churches. Christ said that a grain of mustard seed would grow into a great tree so that fowls of the air would come and lodge in its branches (Luke 13:19). Notice that these fowls are not a part of the tree. They only lodge in it. Fowls are destructive to seed. Communistic principles are church devourers. It starts out with a socialistic gospel—a gospel of materialistic values. It finally winds up in a godless and anti-Christian gospel. Such is Communistic ideology. It rules by propaganda as far as possible, when their tongue cannot win, then they resort to

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RULES FOR "DECLAMATION CONTEST" OF THE NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION

At the 1949 session of the National Woman's Auxiliary Convention, these details of the Declamation contest were placed under the supervision of the National second vice-president. Therefore, the following rules have been set forth:

Participants are to be between the ages of 12-18. Each state in our convention may represent with one speaker. The declamation must be on Stewardship. It may or may not be original. The time limit will be 10 minutes. Five points will be deducted for each minute or fraction thereof over the allotted time.

The contestants will be judged on the following basis: Presence (poise and sincerity)—25 points; Composition (accuracy and effectiveness)—50 points; Oratory (powers to thrill, quicken and compel)—25 points.

Attention state second vice-president: any state that will be represented, should mail the contestant's name and the title of the declamation, to the National second vice-president not later than June 15th.

A medal will be given to the winner, also the runner up.

2nd Vice-Pres. of W. N. A. C.
Mrs. Verdun Bingham,
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Tulsa, Oklahoma

The only way in which one human being can properly attempt to influence another is the encouraging him to think for himself, instead of endeavoring to instill ready-made opinions into his head.—Sir Leslie Stephen.

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

We have learned that some churches are raising special donations for their pastors that they may be better able to attend Bible conferences and summer institutes for study, rest, recreation and Christian fellowship with other ministers. This is a splendid idea; it encourages those pastors to pursue for a few weeks courses of study which will benefit them in pastoral work; and it will be the means of leading other churches to do likewise for their pastors.

In the work of the ministry, there is always opportunity for educational advancement, spiritual growth, and for the betterment of the local church and community. Pastors and lay-leaders of the church and the Sunday School deserve every consideration which the church can offer for their educational and spiritual improvement. Bible conferences and summer institute courses of instruction, through lectures and class study, are designed to greatly benefit those who will avail themselves of those opportunities.

The North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, in its recent annual session, took a forward step, when it went on record to send a delegate to the National Woman's Auxiliary Convention, convening in July, and to become responsible for the delegate's expenses to that convention. It was a good move, and each district and local auxiliary in the State is given the privilege of sharing in this expense of the delegate to the National Convention. The cost will be three hundred dollars for the round trip to the Convention in California and return.

It is expected that other states will make similar provisions for some of their delegates who have been elected to attend this National convention in California. Some churches are raising funds to help share their pastor's expenses to the National Association in July. Char-

tered buses are being arranged for in some states to take many of the delegates to these National bodies, and thereby enabling them to make the trip with least expense.

The youth will follow. They are following good Christian leadership in the churches whenever they are given opportunity to manifest their concern for Christ and the betterment of their church and community. In a great many places they are taking the lead in Youth Rallies, Youth Bible Study course, Summer Institutes, and the like. They are becoming more and more interested in learning more about the Bible and the way they should live before the world.

With this good thing before the ministry and the church, pastors, Sunday School superintendents, Woman's Auxiliary workers, and other lay-leaders of the church should encourage, assist, and offer financial help to the youth in their endeavors to grow, and to become better qualified to do Christian service in the local church and community. With proper guidance, and opportunities offered to them, the youth will make the spiritual life of the church much more felt and appreciated by the older people of the church.

A great many pastors are learning this truth. They are consequently making provision in their churches for youth activities of the church and community. They know that it pays to give the youth something to do for Christ. Other pastors and churches are taking notice of this move of the young people for God, and they are looking forward to giving their young people in their churches opportunities to organize and become workers for the cause of Christ. And may the good work of the youth of the church spread, move forward in the right direction, and bring forth spiritual fruit for the glory of God.

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force. Thus the Communists of the United States are seeking to destroy true American, Democratic, and Christian principles, by first creating government ownership and destroying private industry. Step by step has been the way with the Communists in countries where they have taken over. They wait until the time is ripe and then they strike.

The principles have been and are being taught in our public schools, colleges and universities. It is in a great many schools. It is taught secretly by fellow-travelers and "red" sympathizers. Finally, it comes to such power that there is no way to prevent its teaching. A teacher was reprimanded by the Educational Board of a certain school

and her position condemned, but she stayed right on and taught.

A young man attended a leading North Carolina institution of learning. When he came home at Christmas he said to his father who was a minister, "Papa, I have learned that there is no confidence to be put in the so called miracles of the Bible." From whom did he learn these new things, things that deny the inspired Word of God? He learned them from a professor who was being paid by tax money from the parents.

A young preacher, who was attending a certain religious college, said to me: "Preacher, if you will throw away the Book of Genesis we can agree pretty well." If we throw away the beginning where can we begin? As Christians, let us be careful where we send our children to school, and how we live and whom we support in poli-

tics in every way of life. Let us be true to God and His church, and then we will be true to man in every respect.

ROBERT E. LEE

A gallant foeman in the fight,
A brother when the fight was o'er;
The hand that led the host with might
The blessed torch of learning bore.

No shriek of shells nor roll of drums
No challenge fierce, resounding far,
When reconciling wisdom comes
To heal the cruel wounds of war.

Thought may the minds of men divide,
Love makes the heart of nations one,
And so, thy soldier grave beside,
We honor thee, Virginia's son.

—Julia Ward Howe

Nation-Wide League Conference

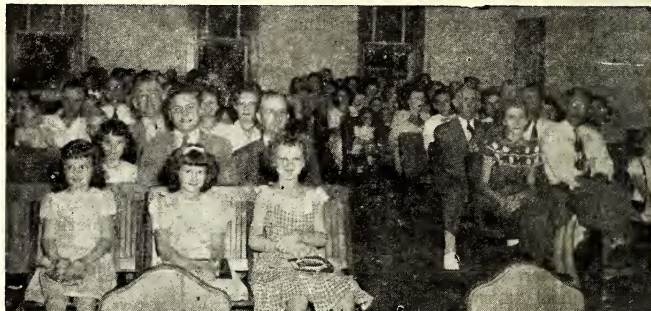
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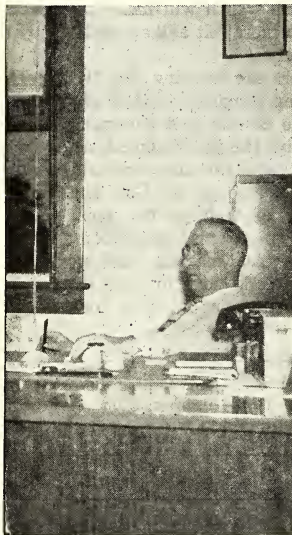
Welcomes You to the
Third Nationwide Conference

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

JUNE 13-15, 1950



Host Pastor



Rev. W. A. Hales, Pastor, Fairmont Park Church

Brother W. A. Hales and his church members extend a most hearty welcome to leaguers, pastors, missionaries, auxiliary workers, and all visiting friends to Fairmount Park F. W. B. Church for the Third Nation-wide League Conference. They wish for each visitor a joyous good time while in the city of Norfolk during the three-day convention.

PROGRAM

KEYNOTE—*When Christ Controls*

SCRIPTURE—*"I plead with you therefore, brethren, by the compassion of God, to present all your faculties to Him as a living and holy sacrifice acceptable to Him—a spiritual mode of worship"* (Romans 12:1 Weymouth)

SONG—*Trust, Try, and Prove Me*

Tuesday, June 13

TUESDAY EVENING

Presiding, REV. C. F. BOWEN

"Christ's love . . . controls me"—II Corinthians 5:14 (Goodspeed)

PLACE—Municipal Auditorium, Ninth and Granby Streets

7:30—"It Is Good to Sing Praises unto Our God"—Billy Melvin, Mrs. Alice Roberts, Mrs. W. M. White, and James Benny Smith

Features—Hymns, Gospel Choruses, College Chorus directed by Mrs. Sterling Sawyer, Fairmount Park Junior Choir, College Girls' Quartet

8:00—A Salute to the Third Nationwide League Conference—Rev. W. A. Hales

8:15—"Christ Controls This Conference, Welcome!"—C. W. Roughton

8:20—"Mighty Army of the Young"—College Girls' Quartet

8:30—Missionary Drama—"Go Ye." Given by Fairmount Park Leaguers, Directed by Mrs. Frances Pike and Jimmy Hales

9:15—Pleasant Dreams—Norfolk Style!

Wednesday, June 14

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Presiding, REV. W. S. MOONEYHAM

"Stewardship is what happens to mine because of what happens to me"

PLACE—Fairmount Park Free Will Baptist Church

8:45—"Christ Controls Our Councils"—Discussion Groups Meeting by States.

9:45—"Praise Ye Him, All Ye Hosts"—Mr. Melvin, Mrs. Roberts, and Loyce Marshall

10:00—"Praise Ye the Lord"—College Girls' Quartet

10:05—Solo, Jesse Hensarling

10:10—"Norfolk Welcomes You"—Honorable Pretlow Darden, Mayor; Rev. Paul Crandall, President Norfolk Ministerial Association.

10:15—"After One Year"—A Glance at Our Four-Year Program, Secretary C. F. Bowen

10:30—"Then and Now"—Rev. L. E. Ballard

10:45—Singspiration—Mr. Melvin, Mrs. White, and Miss Marshall

11:00—Broadcast Carried by Station WLOW, 1400 on the Dial

East Nashville Church Girls' Trio

Call to Worship—Organaires

11:15—Meditations—Dr. Leonard Earl Harris

11:30—"When Christ Controls Us, He Will Control Our Money"—Rev. Damon C. Dodd

12:00—Adjourn

Following adjournment, a luncheon for national and state leaders at Canary Room, Burrough's Restaurant

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

2:00-4:00—"Crowning Christ in Our Plans and Methods"—Simultaneous conferences meeting in four sections, all attending.

4:00—Motorcade to World's Largest Naval Establishment

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Presiding, REV. HENRY MELVIN

"Men live forever only if they give forever"

PLACE—Municipal Auditorium, Ninth and Granby Streets

8:00—"They Shall Sing in the Ways of the Lord"—Mr. Melvin, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Roberts, and Mrs. White

Features—Singspiration; Granby High School Chorus, directed by Mrs. Eleanor Walden; Offering for National League Board

8:15—Drama—"The Cloth of Sendony," Given by Students of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, Directed by Mrs. Charles Thigpen

9:30—Adjourn

Thursday, June 15

THURSDAY MORNING

Presiding, REV. R. B. CRAWFORD

"In a world in which money talks mammon, we are to talk Christ"

PLACE—Fairmount Park Free Will Baptist Church

9:00—"Sing Aloud unto God"—Mr. Melvin and Mrs. Roberts

9:15—"What Will You Do with Jesus?"—College Girls' Quartet

9:20—"What Can We Do about the Nationwide Stewardship Campaign?"—Group conferences in four sections.

10:20—"There's a City Four-Square"—College Boys' Quartet

10:25—Missionary Drama—Given by the Baptist Training Union of Trinity Baptist Church

10:55—"Jesus Shall Reign"—Congregation

11:00—Broadcast Carried by Station WLOW, 1400 on the Dial

11:05—"Jesus Reigns in Cuba"—Benito Rodriguez

11:10—"We Want to Go"—Voices of Future Missionaries

11:25—"Let's Do Something About It"—Laura Belle Barnard

11:50—"Ready"—College Girls' Quartet

12:00—Adjourn

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

2:00-4:00—"Crowning Christ in Our Plans and Methods"—Simultaneous conferences meeting in four sections, all attending.

4:00—Tour of Ocean View with Beach Dinner at Seashore State Park Promptly at Six o'clock.

THURSDAY EVENING

Presiding, REV. C. F. BOWEN

"This control is the power of God unto Salvation"

PLACE—Municipal Auditorium, Ninth and Granby Streets

8:00—"Sing, My Lovin' Brother!"—Mr. Melvin, Mrs. White, and Miss Marshall

The best singspiration of all, with gospel choruses, instrumental music, college chorus, and other special choral offerings

Organares—James Benny Smith

8:30—Solo—Jesse Hensarling

8:35—The Nationwide Intermediate Sword Drill

Contestants: Tennessee, Nadine Walker; Virginia, Virginia Harrell; Oklahoma, Lucille Bates; South Carolina, Vivian White; Texas, Emma Jane Leary; North Carolina, Jane Smith

8:50—"Lead on, O King Eternal"—College Chorus

8:55—"He Has Controlled Me in This Conference"—Testimonial service led by Ronald Creech

9:10—"All upon the Altar"—College Girls' Quartet

9:15—"Christ's Love Controls Me"—Service of Dedication led by Rev. Henry Melvin
Final Adjournment and League Benediction
Goodbye until Next Year!

SOUTH CAROLINA LEAGUERS HOLD CONVENTION

The Young People's Leagues of the Central Conference of Free Will Baptist churches of South Carolina assembled on Saturday, May 13, for their semi-annual convention at White Savannah F. W. B. Church. The convention was opened by devotional singing and prayer. Brother L. L. Cole of Little Bethel Church presided over the meeting. After the secretary gave his report, and the different leagues were recorded and given a hearty welcome, the Junior League of White Savannah Church rendered a beautiful program. Following this program, everyone present sang several choruses.

Little Star leaguers then gave their program which was very good, especially since she had just recently organized a League. Brother L. P. Brown, speaker of the morning, used for his subject: "Ephraim is a cake not turned" (Hosea 7:8). He substituted F. W. B. for Ephraim, thus reading, "Free Will Baptist is a cake not turned," and he brought a very inspiring message.

After the morning message, everyone enjoyed an hour for lunch and good fellowship on the church grounds.

At the beginning of the afternoon session, the devotional reading was taken from Philippians, the fifth chapter. Brother Cole delivered a short talk on the theme: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Following this talk, Little Bethel leaguers rendered their program. This was given by the seniors and adult leaguers.

A very much interesting part of the day's activities was the Sword Drill which was participated in by members of each league. Following this drill, a business period was entered into for the good of the convention. In the line of new business the Little Star Leagues were taken into the organization. Brother L. L. Cole and Brother Franklyn Eddy of Little Bethel Church were chosen as delegates to represent the Central Conference of Free Will Baptists at the Nation-wide League Conference

which is to be held at Norfolk, Virginia, June 13 through 15. The Constitution and By-Laws were read, discussed, and adopted. Following this the election of officers was as follows: president, L. L. Cole of Little Bethel; vice-president, M. C. Todd of Little Bethel; reading secretary, Ruby Johnson of Oak Grove; corresponding secretary, Iris Eddy of Lit-

tle Bethel; treasurer, Dora Lee Thompson of Little Star; chorister, Mildred Altman of Little Bethel; pianist, Norma Baxley of Little Bethel.

The next convention is to be held with Oak Grove church on Saturday, November 11, 1950.

Iris Eaddy, Cor.-Secy.

ternoon after each first and third Sundays of each month. This church is young, but we believe that the members are eager to do things for the building up of the kingdom of God in the community. Reverend Forest Sellers of Bainbridge, Georgia, is the pastor.

We are asking those who read this announcement to be much in prayer for the success of our church and auxiliary that we may go forward, and advance with Christ by our good works.

Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Harvey, Field Workers

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

Editor
Mrs. ALICE E. LUPTON

801 Pollock Street
New Bern, N. C.

Special Call to N. C. Auxiliary Women!!

The North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention met last Thursday at Shady Grove Church. It was well attended and a most enjoyable convention. Every phase of the work was represented by an interested person or persons, and the work showed a great deal of improvement.

We were so sorry to have missed some of you and hope you will strive to be present next time. These conventions are a source of inspiration to us, and we need to attend them.

The convention elected a delegate to go to the National auxiliary convention which meets in California this time. It will cost around \$300.00 to pay the expenses of a delegate to go. The convention appropriated \$75.00 to help this delegate's expenses and voted to ask each of the auxiliaries in the State to send a contribution to the treasurer. Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Winterville, N. C., right away to help defray the expenses of such a delegate. If you are not financially able to send as much as five dollars, just ask your pastor if he will ask, or let you ask your church to help you pay this. I am sure he will help you to make it possible to send at least one delegate.

We can send as many as ten delegates, but it is too far and too expensive to ever consider sending that many. So you see if we get more than it takes to send one we can help to send two. So don't hesitate to send as much as possible.

Please get your contribution to Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Winterville, N. C., right away. The delegate will have to leave around the first of July.

Mrs. J. C. Moye, State President

GREENWOOD WOMAN'S AUXILIARY HOLDS MEETING

On May 18, 1950, the woman's auxiliary of F. W. B. Church convened for the regu-

lar monthly program. The theme for the day was: "Advancing with Christ through Stewardship Study." The meeting was called to order by the president, and the members sang, "Onward Christian Soldiers," for their opening hymn. Mrs. G. T. Harvey offered prayer, after which the program chairman took charge of the meeting, and led in the responsive scripture reading.

Those taking part on the program were: Mesdames Abbie Harvey, Dorothy Johnson, Clyde Harmon, and Mrs. J. V. Shutes. Following the discussion of the lesson, a chain of prayer was offered for the sick members, and for the church that it may grow to love one another more and more.

The members then entered into the business session by having the roll called and the dues paid. A motion was made to buy some flowers for one of our members who had been sick and in the hospital for some time. There being no other business to be transacted, the meeting closed to meet at Circle meeting the last of May.

Mrs. K. V. Shutes, President,

Mrs. C. J. Harvey, Program Chm.

NEW AUXILIARY ORGANIZED AT FATHER'S HOME CHURCH NEAR HOPEFUL, GA.

On May 14, 1950, it was our happy privilege to meet with Fathers' Home F. W. B. Church in Mitchell County, Georgia, near Hopeful, for the purpose of organizing a woman's auxiliary. After some discussion, it was organized with the following officers.

Mrs. Francis Wishum, president; Mrs. Bernice Wishum, first vice-president; Mrs. Louise Baily, second vice-president; Miss Eiron Holmes, third vice-president; Miss Hilda Holmes, fourth vice-president; Mrs. J. E. Wishum, fifth vice-president; and Miss Bernice Wishum, secretary-treasurer.

We have 17 charter members in this auxiliary. We are hoping to gain many new members in the very near future. We agreed to hold our meetings on Friday af-

LEE'S CHAPEL AUXILIARY AND BIBLE SCHOOL

Lee's Chapel auxiliary convened on Thursady night, May 18, in the home of Mrs. M. M. Stone, with 19 members present, and one honorary member, Mrs. John Smith. Mrs. J. H. Elmore directed the program, "Advancing with Christ through Stewardship." Many helpful thoughts were given in the discussion on how we should tithe our time, talent, and love, as well as money.

A report was given concerning the prayer meeting, and also concerning one to be held on Tuesday night with Mrs. Lula Sills who has been sick for some time.

Our Bible School will be held during the second and third weeks of June. We are hoping that everyone will plan to attend this school. Pray for the success of our auxiliary, that it may become more spiritual and grow in grace.

Mrs. J. E. West,
Dunn, N. C.

YEAR'S WORK OF "GO-TELL AUXILIARY"

The fifth of May, 1949, Mrs. Annie W. Boyd met at Shiloh Church, with a group of nine girls and organized its first "Go-Tell Auxiliary" with nine members present. We met in the church every first Saturday afternoon for a while. Then it was decided to meet in the homes of its members, which proved to be successful. Our auxiliary has gone forward in its work. We have raised with our dues about \$30.00

We are using the Year Book of Programs for the Go-Tell Auxiliary. Our last meeting being our meeting ending our first years work, seemed to be enjoyed very much. With twelve members present and four visitors, we met in the home of Miss Peggy Harrison. We were favored with a special number at the meeting by the hostess and her cousin, Miss Peggy Harrison, and Miss Lois Biggs. The Title: "Dust on the Bible" which was beautifully done. We now have 16 members present. They all are interested in the work of the Lord. Pray for our success.

Mrs. Annie W. Boyd, Leader
Hattie Rae Chambers, Pres.
Judy Foreman, Secy.
Thelma Lee Boyd, Treas.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Dear Co-Workers:

At the North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention on May 25, Mrs. L. E. Ballard, was appointed delegate to National Convention in California in July. The Convention voted to ask the various auxiliaries to send in a liberal donation immediately to help defray the expenses of the trip. The money is to be sent to our State Treasurer, Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Winterville, N. C.

Your help in this matter will be appreciated. News of the convention will appear in the Baptist in the near future.

Yours for Service,

Mrs. James A. Evans, Secretary
N. C. State Woman's Auxiliary Conv.

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Mrs. E. A. Taylor, Manager

(All services at 8:00 p. m. unless otherwise noted.)

Eastern Conference

Day	Date	Church
Monday, June 5	—May's Chapel	
Tuesday, June 6	—Indian Springs	
Wednesday, June 7	—Snow Hill	
Thursday, June 8	—Long Ridge	
Friday, June 9	—Gray Branch	
Saturday, June 10	—Christian Chapel	
Sunday, June 11	—Woodington	
Monday, June 12	—Beulaville	
Tuesday, June 13	—Sandy Plains	
Wednesday, June 14	—Bethlehem	
Thursday, June 15	—Pearsall's Chapel	
Friday, June 16	—Mt. Zion, Onslow County	
Saturday, June 17	—Verona	
Sunday, June 18	—Sneads Ferry (11:00 a. m.)	
Sunday, June 18	—Holly Springs (8:00 p. m.)	
Monday, June 19	—Morehead City	
Tuesday, June 20	—Russell's Creek	
Wednesday, June 21	—Edwards Chapel	
Thursday, June 22	—Free Union	
Friday, June 23	—Bridgeton	
Saturday, June 24	—Arapahoe	
Sunday, June 25	—Bethel	
Monday, June 26	—Rock of Zion	
Tuesday, June 27	—Warden's Grove	
Wednesday, June 28	—Ephesus	
Thursday, June 29	—Oak Grove	
Friday, June 30	—Macedonia	
Saturday, July 1	—Sts. Delight	
Sunday, July 2	—Gethsemane	
Monday, July 3	—Core Creek	
Tuesday, July 4	—Friendship	
Wednesday, July 5	—Kinston	
Thursday, July 6	—Spring Hope	
Friday, July 7	—White Oak Grove	

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Miss Bonnie Farmer, Manager

(All services at 8:00 p. m. unless otherwise noted.)

Eastern Conference

Day	Date	Church
Monday, June 5	—North East	
Tuesday, June 6	—Grants Chapel	
Wednesday, June 7	—Rooty Branch	
Thursday, June 8	—Daileys Chapel	
Friday, June 9	—Piney Grove	
Saturday, June 10	—Deep Run	
Sunday, June 11	—Smiths New Home	
Monday, June 12	—Whaleys Chapel	
Tuesday, June 13	—Cabin	
Wednesday, June 14	—Sarecta	
Thursday, June 15	—Lanier's Chapel	
Friday, June 16	—Jacksonville	
Saturday, June 17	—Folkstone	
Sunday, June 18	—Sneads Ferry (11:00 a. m.)	
Sunday, June 18	—Sound View (8:00 p. m.)	
Monday, June 19	—Beaufort	
Tuesday, June 20	—Welcome Home	
Wednesday, June 21	—Davis Shore	
Thursday, June 22	—St. Johns Chapel	
Friday, June 23	—St. Mary, New Bern	
Saturday, June 24	—Oriental	
Sunday, June 25	—Trent	

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Miss Mary E. Talton, Manager

(All services at 8:00 p. m. unless otherwise indicated.)

Day Date Church
Rockfish Conference

Monday, June 5	—Mt. Moriah	
Tuesday, June 6	—Highland Pines	

Piedmont Association

Wednesday, June 7	—Aleo	
Thursday, June 8	—Mt. Beulah	
Friday, June 9	—Wayside	
Saturday, June 10	—New Hope	
Sunday, June 11	—Mt. Calvary	
Monday, June 12	—Robbins Circle	
Tuesday, June 13	—Arrington Heights	
Wednesday, June 14	—Gobles Chapel	
Thursday, June 15	—Mabel Avenue	
Friday, June 16	—Ben Avenue	
Saturday, June 17	—Mt. Zion	
Sunday, June 18	—West Over	
Monday, June 19	—Cedar Grove	
Tuesday, June 20	—Bogger City	
Wednesday, June 21	—Lowell	
Thursday, June 22	—Tabernacle	
Friday, June 23	—Mt. Holly	
Saturday, June 24	—Stanley	
Sunday, June 25	—Belmont	
Monday, June 26	—Goshen Grove	
Tuesday, June 27	—Cramerton	
Wednesday, June 28	—First Gastonia	
Thursday, June 29	—Washington Street	
Friday, June 30	—Fifth Avenue	
Saturday, July 1	—Caroleen	
Sunday, July 2	—Roberson Creek	
Monday, July 3	—First Church Marion	

Tuesday, July 4—Ridgeway
Wednesday, July 5—Rocky Pass

French Broad Association

Thursday, July 6	—Old Fort	
Friday, July 7	—Burgin's Chapel	
Saturday, July 8	—East Black Mountain	
Sunday, July 9	—Homers Chapel	
Monday, July 10	—Swannanoa	
Tuesday, July 11	—Howell's or Oakley Tabernacle	
Wednesday, July 12	—Sweeten Creek	
Thursday, July 13	—Avery's Creek	
Friday, July 14	—Horne Heights	
Saturday, July 15	—Beaver Dam	
Sunday, July 16	—Canton	
Monday, July 17	—Hyatt's Creek	
Tuesday, July 18	—Hazel Green	
Wednesday, July 19	—Cedar Hill	
Thursday, July 20	—Mountain View	
Friday, July 21	—New Bridge (Asheville)	
Saturday, July 22	—Union Chapel	
Sunday, July 23	—Union Valley	
Monday, July 24	—Ray's Chapel	
Tuesday, July 25	—Barnardsville	
Wednesday, July 26	—Paint Fork	
Thursday, July 27	—Pisgah Forest	

THIRD UNION REPORT

The Third Union of the Eastern Conference met with Jacksonville Church April 29, 1950. Devotions were conducted by Rev. A. L. Reynolds, the union was opened for business by the moderator, Rev. J. R. Davenport. Temporary committees were appointed. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. List of ministers were called with 13 present. List of churches were called with 100% attendance. Contributions were in the amount of \$267.38.

The new Free Will Baptist church of Warsaw joined this union. By motion that each church in this union send some amount of offering other than the regular offering to the next union for the district assembly ground. After song and prayer. The union sermon was preached by Rev. R. C. Kennedy. An offering was taken for the Warsaw church, \$36.00. We were then dismissed for dinner.

After enjoying a fine dinner, we reassembled for the afternoon session. Reports of various boards were adopted. Petitions for the next union were taken by majority vote. The union will meet with North East Church, July 29, 1950. Rev. A. L. Reynolds was selected to preach the union sermon, with Rev. Alton Hill, Jr., his alternate.

There was memorial service held for Brother A. J. Taylor who has been an officer of this union several years. The service was conducted by Rev. D. W. Hansley. By motion that a rising vote of thanks be extended to this church for their kindness shown this session of the union. By motion we adjourn. The union was closed with song and prayer.

Rev. J. R. Davenport, Mod.
Lemmie Taylor, Clerk



MALACHI PLEADS FOR WHOLEHEARTED RELIGION

(Lesson for June 18)

Lesson: Malachi 2:10-17; 3:7-12; 4:5-6.

Golden Text: Malachi 2:10.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

Malachi wrote his small book of only fifty-two verses during a time of religious declension of Israel. He belongs to the period of the closing half of the fifth century before Christ. His name means "my Messenger." During his time, the people of Israel were sinful, careless of their temple worship, and openly disobedient unto the Lord. Some of their worst sins were a depraved priesthood, alien marriages, neglected tithes, and the quarrels among the most vile people of the nation. The Old Testament closed with a dark and gloomy picture to the prophet, and a period of around four hundred years intervenes before the coming of our Lord.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

1. All men have one common Creator, believers also have one common spiritual Father (Mal. 2:10).

2. It is necessary to return to the Lord in exactly those things in which we have gone away from Him (3:7).

3. Withholding from God what properly belongs to Him is the same as taking it away from Him (vs. 8).

4. A nation that neglects its obligations to God is doomed to loss and failure (vs. 9).

5. God wants a dedication in which there is no reservation, mental or otherwise (vs. 10).

6. Though man has sinned against God, it is God who calls him to come back (vs. 7).

7. If we fear those who rob men should we have any fellowship with those who rob God? (vs. 8).

8. If robbing men is subject to punishment by men, does it seem strange that robbing God brings a curse from God? (vs. 9).

9. The tithe is a token and a test of obedience to the Lord (vs. 10).

10. God sent a special messenger to announce the coming of Christ, and He has many messengers today proclaiming His Name (4:5, 6).

11. Our lesson text is short, but our lesson title and topic bring to our attention a subject that is inspiring indeed. If there is anything in the wide world about which we ought to be wholehearted it is our religion. But the sad fact is that multitudes devote nearly all their time and strength to their own selfish pursuits and give religion little place in their lives or none at all. This was true in Malachi's day, and it is true yet. One test of wholeheartedness in religion is the keeping of the ordinances of God. Malachi complains that the Jews had departed from these ordinances even from the days of their fathers. One flagrant example which he discusses in an unprinted part of our lesson (2:11-17) is the putting away of their wives that they may marry other women. This was indeed a grievous sin, which caused the Lord to say, "I hate putting away" (2:16 RV). And we may be very sure that God still hates this evil, which is distressingly common in our own day.—Arnold's Commentary.

12. **Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.** Isaiah 40:3 and Malachi 3:1 clearly indicate that John the Baptist was chosen and sent of God to become the forerunner of Christ when He came first. There were Jews at that time who believed that John the Baptist was Elijah who had returned to the earth. Some Bible readers today are of that same opinion. But we find in Matthew 11:10 and John 1:21 that John the Baptist was not Elijah. We are told here very definitely that Elijah is to come before the **great and dreadful day of the Lord.** "As Moses in verse 4 represents the law, so Elijah represents the prophets. The Jews always understood it of the literal Elijah. Their saying is, 'Mes-

siah must be anointed by Elijah.' As there is another consummating advent of Messiah Himself, so also of His forerunner Elijah: perhaps in person, as at the transfiguration (Matthew 17:3; cf. 11, 'Elias truly shall first come and restore all things': cf. Acts 3:21, 'the times of restitution of all things,' which proves that the time of the second coming is referred to). He in his appearance at the transfiguration in that body on which death had never passed, is the forerunner of the saints who shall be found alive at the Lord's second coming. Revelation 11:3 may refer to the same witnesses as at the transfiguration, Moses and Elijah."—A. R. Fausset—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

II. The Lesson Illustrated

Danger of Covetousness

A shepherd boy, of small experience, was one day leading his little flock near the entrance of a mountain cavern. He had been told that precious stones had often been discovered in such places. He was, therefore, tempted to leave his charge, and turn aside to explore the dark recesses of the cavern. He began to crawl in, but as he proceeded his face took on a veil of cobwebs, and his hands mittens of mud. He had not gone far when he saw two gems of a ruby glow lying near each other. He put forth his eager fingers to seize them, when a serpent bit him. In pain and fear he crawled quickly back to the light of day, and ran home to the chief shepherd to obtain some remedy for the bite. The good man, who was also his elder brother, sucked the poison from the wound, and applied to it a healing balm. Never afterwards did that shepherd covet the treasures which may lie concealed behind mountain rocks.—Hervey's Manual of Revivals.

PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to advise that I will be available for pastoral services for the coming year on the second and fourth Sundays. I will be also available for evangelistic meetings during the summer and fall.

I shall be glad to communicate with any church desiring my services.

Rev. J. H. French
Fuquay Springs, N. C.

The Mission Work Goes Forward In North India

(continued from page five)

soon number 50 trees, the fence which surrounds more than three acres of land, and the tent which is 40 feet by 18 feet, or our oxen. Nor yet the two houses under construction, or the little Indian school house which we are building for our Girls' School.

Of course, Miss Barnard has given largely from our Indian Mission Fund at the sacrifice of our other work. They have given indirectly. My immediate family had contributed many hundred rupees. We have given some, and friends have sent some. Thus, for the first time, the Free Will Baptist have a plant of their own in India, and plans are completed for their first church. Too much praise cannot be given to our Indian Director who has supported the effort in every way.

The Cronks are directly and indirectly responsible for quite a bit of the work. In the first place, they sent us their first convert who is in charge of the building program, and is helping us in both our medical work, and in our evangelistic efforts. In the second place, the group who have forsaken Hinduism first learned of us through a brother of the leader of the group who became acquainted with the Cronks in Kishan-ganj where he was working.

Be much in prayer for the above items. We realize that without your prayers and support they could never have been started. We have recently learned that several copies of our books have not yet been sold, due to the economic conditions particularly in Va. Remember that now, since the cost of the publication has been paid, every cent from the sales of the books will go to the Orphanage. Our second book about India has been given to the Woman's Auxiliary to whom it was dedicated.

May God continue to bless your every effort for his kingdom.

The Woolseys
Sonapurhat
Purnea
Bihar, N. India

LETTER CONCERNING MISSIONS

Dear Friends of Missions:

The Missionary Prayer Band greets you again in the name of the Lord Jesus.

We have had many wonderful experiences at our College this year. One of the high lights was the Bible Conference which was recently held under a tent on the campus.

We have also heard from our mission work in Cuba. Brother Damon C. Dodd was there recently for their annual convention and graduation exercises. He brought back an inspiring report of the work.

However, what we believe will interest you most is the news brought us by Miss Laura Belle Barnard, director of our mission work in India. She told us of the work there and also of some definite needs. She gave us some very special requests and we would like to quote them to you:

One of the greatest needs is for sixteen new missionaries. Eight new stations in unevangelized territory are now open to us for immediate occupation.

Twenty thousand dollars is needed for the purchasing of new property in Kotagiri and the completion of the Woolsey's home in Purnea. These are most urgent because the building in Kotagiri which is being used (and has been for the past fourteen years) is outgrown and the owner is requiring its use, and in Purnea the rainy season starts in June and the Woolseys live in a tent.

Two pioneer missionaries, John-roju and wife, Sundri, have gone from Kotagiri to Purnea. This is a big step for these newly-weds since it was a fifteen-hundred mile trip and their first time away from home. Pray for them as they study the language and adjust themselves to the new and strange conditions.

Pray for a new convert, Mr. Singh Gill, who is hoping to go into full-time Christian service. Pray for his wife and family as he witnesses to them seeking to win them to Christ.

Recently there have been about ten new converts who are awaiting baptism, please pray for them. Also about fifteen or twenty others who are asking to be baptized, but in whose lives we are waiting to see clearer evidence of a work of grace.

Under the new government in India, new regulations have been inaugurated respecting the entrance of missionaries into the country. Pray that the door will be kept open for Miss Barnard's return, also for the entrance of these sixteen new missionaries into the country for whom we are calling.

Pray for the whole Indian Christian Church that it may be revived and become a witnessing church and evangelize its own people.

Our mission work is in greater need of prayer and money now than ever before. The monthly checks of our missionaries

have been late several times. They are entirely dependent upon us for support.

God will hold us accountable if our missionaries suffer on the field for the lack of financial support. Will you do your part in praying and giving so that the above needs may be met?

In Him,
Missionary Prayer Band
Free Will Baptist Bible College

REPORT OF PROGRESS OF NEW CHURCH AT MALONE, FLORIDA

We haven't been in the news yet, but we wish to let you Free Will Baptist people hear what we are doing in our church here in Malone, Fla. Our church was organized September 25, 1949. The following Sunday, we organized a Sunday School. On November 7, 1949, we organized a woman's auxiliary under the direction of our pastor, Rev. Chester A. Huckaby. We had an enrollment of ten members. We meet twice a month in our church. We meet on Monday afternoon after the first and third Sundays. We have sponsored the program on "The Light of Stewardship," which is in our Year Book, at four churches. Our young people took active parts in the program which, we feel, gave them an inspiration in the work.

This led us to organize a girls' auxiliary, of which we are extremely grateful. We have also organized a woman's auxiliary at Pleasant Ridge Church.

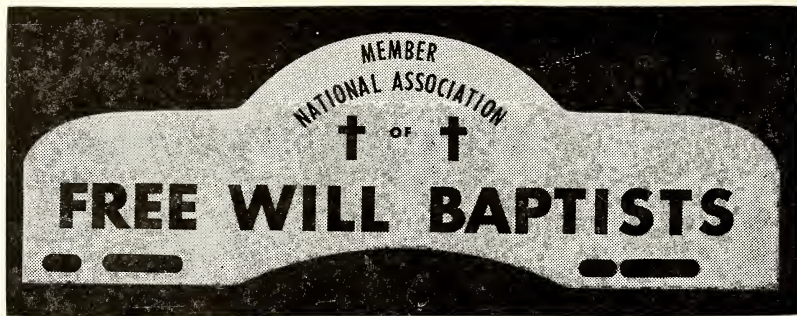
We have sponsored one chicken supper and we are now working on a quilt. We have in the treasury around seventy-five dollars. We have made numerous sick calls, took trays, made floral offerings, and sent five dollars for the car fund, after we held our week of prayer.

Together with Brother Huckaby we are doing well in our new church. We have bought benches and have paid for our piano. We have a Sunday School with 56 on roll and a league with 56 on roll. We have midweek prayer services, and, of course, two auxiliaries, one for the women, the other for our young girls. We have twenty church members. Brother Huckaby is doing a wonderful work here in Malone. We are thankful that God has sent us a fine Christian person like Brother Huckaby.

We are asking all Christians everywhere to pray that we may go forward as Christian soldiers in the advancement of Christ's work.

Thelma Grondin
Malone, Florida

A student came home from college in his sport sedan. His father asked if he passed everything, and the son replied, "All except two Studebakers and one Pierce-Arrow."



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This is a picture of the plate which the National Home Mission Board is selling to car owners. It fits on your car license tag, and looks swell.

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a car to buy a tag and put it on your car. The purpose is to raise funds for the treasury of the National Home Mission Board.

The need for home mission work among Free Will Baptists is greatly needed in the towns and cities, and also in the rural districts of this country. Mission points need to be established in a great many places. New churches can be established in the cities and in the country if only we had sufficient funds to carry on the work. We are, therefore, re-

questing our church people to buy a tag and to urge others to do the same.

Simply enclose your dollar for the tag in your letter, and address it to Rev. J. B. Bloss, Route 5, Columbia, Tennessee. Be sure to put your correct address on your letter when you mail to us your money for your tag.

Your brother in Christ,

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WARREN LEE CLOUD PASSES

It is painful to thus give the news that on February 24, 1950, the death angel called my brother to his eternal home, to sleep until Jesus comes for his own.

Brother was born on April 21, 1894. He joined Damascus Free Will Baptist Church while he was in his early teens. He was a faithful member in this church for the remaining days of his life. He will be sadly missed, as he was a well known and a likable man in his church and community.

He leaves, besides his friends, to mourn his passing the following members of his family: the widow, Annie Mae Cloud, six daughters, Mrs. Katie Lee Simmons, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Mrs. Myrtle Rhea Blackman, Ft. Myers, Fla.; Mrs. Ruth Sexton, Panama City, Fla.; Mrs. Edna Mae Henderson, Pensacola, Fla.; Mrs. Ollie Vie Rehburg; and Miss Louise Cloud; and two sons, Robert R. Cloud, Marianna, Fla.; and Warren L. Jr., of the U. S. Navy, in Sicily. He

leaves also his aged father, W. J. Cloud, Marianna, Fla.; and one brother, G. W. Cloud, Jacksonville, Fla.

Tearfully submitted by his only brother, G. W. Cloud.

BROTHER LUKE GRADY CALLED TO REST

The passing of Brother Luke Grady of Lenoir County on January 31, 1950, brings to a close the work of a faithful church worker.

He was born in Wayne County, North Carolina, near St. John's F. W. B. church. His parents moved to Lenoir County while he was quite young. Brother Grady joined Daily's Chapel F. W. B. Church while he was in his early twenties. He was married twice: first to Emma Rolins, and his second marriage was to Miss Suddie Dale. He was the father of six children, and lived to be 73 years old.

He started a prayer meeting at Daily's Chapel, and worked hard to keep it going for the upbuilding of God's kingdom. Many of his testimonies are still dwelling in the hearts of the people of Daily's Chapel. He would say, "Do the most good, and the least harm to everybody."

Mrs. Jerrie Herring

SNOW HILL CHURCH TO HOLD HOME-COMING DAY CELEBRATION

Snow Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Duplin County, North Carolina, will observe the annual home-coming day service on Sunday, June the eleventh, 1950. There will be the regular church service in the morning, and singing in the afternoon by different choirs. All former pastors and members are extended a very special invitation to be present for this meeting. The public is invited to come and bring well-filled baskets of food for the noon hour. Dinner will be spread on the church grounds at that time.

Mrs. J. D. Kornegay,
Mrs. Carl Powell, Comm.

REV. FLOYD CHERRY TO HAVE PART IN TEXAS A. AND M. TOWN AND COUNTY CHURCH CONFERENCE

The Reverend Floyd B. Cherry, pastor of Edgemont F. W. B. Church, Durham, North Carolina, will appear on the program of the Fifth Annual Texas A. and M. Town and County Church Conference. He will be on the program June 28, at 7:45 P. M. The conference will continue from June 28 through June 30, 1950.

Those desiring information concerning this conference are asked to write to Dr. Daniel Russell, A. and M. College, College Station, Texas.

By Reporter

Do you read your church papers?

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

WHERE DID THEY GO?

Beulah Myers

Donald Burrows turned the radio on Saturday morning to see if the fishing would be good that day. Presently he heard a deep voice saying, "Saturday and Sunday excellent for fishing!"

"Hurrah!" Don shouted, dashing for the back door. "Mon, I'm going to get Billy and head for the creek. Hope I catch a whopper today!"

In no time at all they had a can full of big fat worms and were heading for Miller's Creek. And the man on the radio must have known what he was talking about—for both the boys caught a long string of fish before noon!

They hurried home and had a fish fry in Don's kitchen. About two o'clock they went back to the creek and caught another string of nice fat perch!

Don exclaimed on the way home, "Fishing is the best I ever saw, and the worms are so easy to find. And, just think, it is going to be this way again tomorrow! Wish tomorrow wasn't Sunday! I sure would like to come back."

Don woke early the next morning. When he remembered about the fishing he jumped eagerly out of bed—then he remembered it was Sunday.

"I don't want to go to Sunday School," he exclaimed gloomily to himself, as he thought of the big fish waiting with open mouth to grab the fat worm on his line. "I'll slip over and see if Billy will go fishing with me today."

However, Billy firmly refused to go fishing on Sunday morning.

"But the radio said the fishing would be good again today," Don argued. "Just think how much fun we'd miss."

Billy shook his head. "I'm going to Sunday School anyway," he said.

Don knew his mother would not let him go, if she knew—so he had to wait until after nine, then slip off dressed in his best clothes.

The old shovel with the broken handle was still lying by the rotting stump where where he had found such large worms Saturday. He grabbed it and began to dig industriously, turning over the rich, black soil and scratching carefully through it. But, strangely, the worms did not seem to be there today! He dug several other places, but found only two skinny ones.

Maybe he could do better nearer the creek. He picked up his fishing pole and the shovel and walked on. It was not so much fun without Billy. But anyway it would be fun pulling the fish out, and Billy

would be sorry he had not come when he saw his nice string of perch this afternoon.

Down by the creek, he dug and dug, but the worms were scarce there too. Where could they have gone? He was tired and panting for breath from the long walk and all the hard work. "They must have gone clean to China!" he exclaimed in disgust, leaning against a tree trunk to rest.

He finally had enough to start with, so he baited his hook and threw the line out over the water. As he sat patiently holding the long pole, he wished for a sand-wich. He was awfully hungry. Usually he brought something to eat, but had not dared try to get out with anything today.

Let's see—Sunday School would be about over now. Somehow, he almost wished he had gone. Suddenly he remembered it was Missionary Sunday. Now, he would not get to put his missionary offering in one of the little envelopes and write his name on it! And he really liked to do that too.

Seems like, there was something else too—oh, yes! They were learning the Ten Commandments, and he had learned them all. Now, why should that one about "Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy," suddenly have to pop into his mind? He certainly did not want anything to spoil his day.

Suddenly, as Don sat quietly on the creek bank, he remembered that the fish were not biting as they had Saturday! Why, he had not even had a nibble!

He moved to another place where he had caught several the day before. After waiting patiently for fifteen or twenty minutes, he still had not had a bite. He had to be so careful about his new clothes. He could not afford to get them muddy.

Finally something yanked his line sharply. Don perked the pole eagerly, jumping up in his excitement. Then his feet were slipping on the muddy incline, down toward the slimy water. He screamed, threw his arms out wildly, but nothing could save him. He slid down the steep bank and—kersplash—into the water.

Poor Don! He was an awful spectacle as he dragged himself shamefully home to face his mother—and without a fish too! Then, to add to everything else, just as he crossed a clearing near his own barn lot, some of the boys were passing along the road on their way home from church. And they saw him! He hid as quickly as possible, but their loud amused laughter told him that they had seen him.

It was awful for his mother to scold all the time she was bathing him, but it was worse when she made him answer the phone when his Sunday School teacher called, and tell him that he had gone fishing.

Late that night he was still wondering

what had become of the fish, and the worms. Maybe they had gone to Sunday School, Don thought to himself with a sob of regret and shame. And if Jesus would only forgive him, and let him live to see another Sunday, he would go to Sunday School too.

REV. DAVID HANSLEY HOLDS
GOOD REVIVAL

Reverend David Hansley, of Ayden, North Carolina, was the evangelist who held the revival meeting recently at Oak Grove F. W. B. Church in Bladen County. The meeting began on Monday night, May 1, and continued through Tuesday night, May 9. He was ably assisted by our pastor, Rev. C. B. Hansley.

We feel that Brother Hansley is a very consecrated man of God, and a bold and fearless preacher of the Word. He dug deep down into the scriptures, and preached uncompromisingly the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. He is just the preacher that we need today.

Some of the subjects which he used are as follows: "The Simplicity of the Gospel;" "The Foundation of the Church;" "The Second Coming of Christ" and so on.

We hope to be able to have him with us again. We pray for the success of his labors.

Yours in Christ
Mrs. W. G. Wilson

CONCERNING DESIGNATED MONEY
FOR MISSIONS

In the recent sitting of the Foreign Missions Board in its annual meeting, which was held in Nashville, Tennessee, the following resolution was adopted as relating to money sent to the treasury earmarked for certain purposes:

"On motion we ask Bro. Davis to write to our church publications reminding our people that the Board is held responsible for the allocation of all funds, therefore the funds earmarked for special purposes will be used where, in the judgment of the Board, it is most needed."

We trust you will take special notice of this resolution. The Board is supposed to know where money is most needed and is responsible for placing it accordingly.

We are happy to report that we are now caught up with our obligations on both fields, India and Cuba. However, in only a few days the regular allotment will be due again. We are hoping we can meet them. Thank you for all your support in the past, and for what we trust you will continue to do in the future.

Winford Davis,
Promotional Secy.-Treas.

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Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;
Thou savest those that on thee call;
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We taste thee. O thou Living Bread,
And long to feast upon thee still;
We drink of thee, the Fountain Head,
And thirst our souls from thee to fill!

Our restless spirits yearn for thee
Where'er our changeful lot is cast,
Glad, when thy gracious smile we see,
Blest, when our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay;
Make all our moments calm and bright;
Chase the dark night of sin away;
Shed o'er the world thy holy light.

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Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

**Cabin Church Holds
Vacation Bible School**

The Daily Vacation Bible School began at Cabin Church May 29 and continued through June 2, 1950. The enrollment was 93, which was divided into five classes, namely: Beginners, Primaries, Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors.

The Beginners' class had an enrollment of 27. The teachers of this class were Mrs. Norwood Norris and Mrs. Bland Nobles. The enrollment of the Primary class was 24, and the teachers were Mrs. Roland Calahan and Mrs. Otis Miller. The Junior class had 21 members, and the teachers were Mrs. Roland Thomas, and Mrs. Foy Kennedy. There was an enrollment of 10 in the Intermediate class, with Mrs. Marvin Rhodes as teacher. The Senior class had an enrollment of 11. The teachers were Mrs. Walter Rhodes and Mrs. Frank Rhodes. This class was called the Mercer class, because all were Mercers except one. The teachers were Mercers before their marriage. It was a very helpful and enjoyable week, and we had a very nice commencement and supper to mark the closing.

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WHAT I EXPECT OF MY PASTOR

(This is an address delivered at the Midway Quarterly Association at Bethlehem Church, Shellman, Ga., April 21, 1950, and is sent to be published in the "Baptist" by urgent request.—E. C. M.)

"See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant" (Jer. 1:10). Just as the prophet is declaring here that his office was to be exercised over nations and kingdoms, so should the pastor officiate over his church and congregation. Just as the prophet's work was divided into two parts, so is the pastor's: (1) To discourage evil, that is, "root out, pull down, destroy and throw down." (2) To encourage good, that is, "build and plant." The Church is God's House—God's Building—and the pastor is appointed to pull down the rubbish and together with God build a good foundation. The Church is also God's Garden, and the pastor is appointed to work in it, that is, to root out weeds and plant good fruit. Since this is God's command, I expect my pastor to pull down and root out evil and then build and plant good.

Because the office of pastor is laden with endless anxieties, great responsibilities, and rare opportunities, one must be capable of handling the job. The basic requirement is that he be called of God and properly ordained. Unless he meets this one fundamental, his work will amount to nothing. "Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the Lord" (Jer. 23:1).

After a preacher has received a definite calling, the first thing I expect of him is the command given in 2 Tim. 4:2, "Preach the word." Since the blind cannot lead the blind, there are certain essential qualities for one to preach the Word. First, a definite experience is needed. One must be able to say with Paul, "I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I

By Mrs. Martha H. Everson
Colquitt, Ga.

have committed unto Him against that day." Or to exclaim with the blind man, "I was blind, now I see." One must be converted and live a holy life. Just as the telegraph wire must be insulated before it can carry the electric message, so the pastor must be insulated from his old life of sin before he can carry the gospel message to lost souls.

A love for souls is needed, along with a realization that souls are lost, and he might be held responsible for them. J. C. Penney, Eddie Rickenbacker, Branch Ricky, and Lowell Thomas are among a group of prominent laymen who have organized because they realize the need of a religious revival in America today. These men, who call themselves "Guidepost, Inc.," distribute religious tracts and literature as well as sponsor lectures and other religious activities. Our pastors should become sin conscious, too, and preach the Word wherever they may be. Christ never failed to teach no matter where he went—in the synagogue, on the mountainside, in a boat, or wherever He was. Our pastors should be equally zealous in carrying the Word.

A working knowledge of the Bible is very necessary. One must be persistent in the study of God's Word in order to teach the spiritual truths found there. He must spend much time in prayer—asking for divine guidance, so that he may preach the Word of God faithfully.

I want to hear the pure unbiased gospel regardless of whom it hits. Too often our preachers let the people, rather than God, make them and even tell them what to preach. One clergyman went to one of the leaders of his Church to apologize because he was afraid that he had offended the man in his message that morning. But the layman was wiser than the minister; for he very politely replied, "My dear sir, it is a very poor sermon that does not hit somebody."

Preachers should do what God says rather than what man says.

Therefore, I believe a pastor should have: (1) a definite experience, (2) a love for souls, (3) a message to carry, no matter where he goes, (4) a working knowledge of the Bible, (5) fear of no man but always showing obedience to God; then I expect him to "Preach the Word."

The second thing I expect of my pastor is leadership. To be a good leader, one must love his church members. Jesus said, "The good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep, but the hireling fleeth." So the good pastor loves his people and works under great difficulties sometime to lead them into better and greater paths.

He leads his people in soul winning by bringing souls to Christ himself and stressing the fact that every Christian should be a soul winner. He leads his people in stewardship by practicing, as well as preaching, righteous living, tithing, and good character. He leads his people in right thinking by encouraging Bible study, family altars, and religious literature.

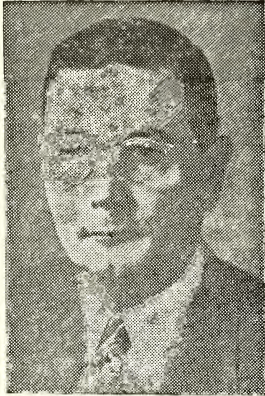
He leads his people in prayer. True prayer is a spiritual experience. Conversation with God should be a constant habit, not a maddened plea when one is at wit's end. And, it is to a Father, not a Santa Clause, that we must learn to speak in trust and obedience. The supreme model was given in the Gethsemane prayer, "Not my will, but thine be done." Man prays not only that God should remember him, but also that he should remember God. Men habitually use only a small part of the power they possess. Therefore, the pastor should lead his people in exercising the power of prayer because prayer is power.

Thomas E. Dewey has said that our most important shortage today is a lack of faith. The pastor leads his people in faith by being entirely dependent upon God for his daily bread. Christ told the apostles to

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**1950 SESSION OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
TO CONVENE IN RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA
JULY 11-14**

The coming session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists to be held in Richmond, California, will be one of the most important meetings of this kind to be



Rev. George McClain, Pastor

held in recent years. Many items of importance to the program will be presented for consideration. The various Boards will propose their budgets for the coming year, the Stewardship Commission will report for the first time, the revived Christian Workers' Institute set-up will be introduced nationally, a new and workable Home-Mission plan will be presented, the Foreign Mission Board will have a revitalized plan of work—in fact,—so many things of importance will be happening that every Free Will Baptist will want to be present.

The city of Richmond, California is situated on the east coast of San Francisco Bay and has a population of 104,000. Pastor George McClain of the Free Will Baptist church there has secured the co-operation of the Chamber of Commerce and other Civic organs, and the city is ready to officially extend a welcome hand to F. W. B. from everywhere. Special sight-seeing tours are being arranged and other surprises are in store for those who attend.

The National F. W. B. Radio Com-

mission will offer a thirty minute program which will be broadcasted over one of the San Francisco stations directly to the National Association in session.

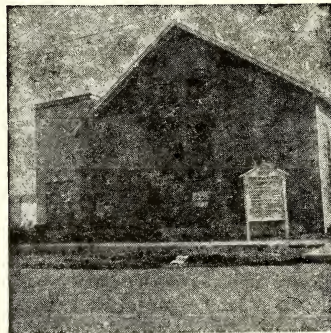
The Free Will Baptist Bible College Board of Trustees will have some definite reports and proposals relative to expanding the college.

The Promotional Department will present a unified five-year program of Spiritual Advance for Free Will Baptists.

New fields for operating Home Mission enterprises will be presented and action taken when the Home Mission Board reports.

All of this, plus much more, will be interspersed with preaching, singing, and Bible discussion based on the theme "Stewardship." It is hoped that each department will prepare displays for the association.

Delegates and visitors to the National Association will find accommodations in the following Hotels and Motor Courts:



F. W. B. Church, Richmond, California

Motor Courts

El Rancho San Pablo, 3150 San Pablo Ave., Ph. Beacon 2-4102.

Motel Richmond, On highway 40—East Bay.

Freeway Motel, 1907 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, Cal., U. S. 40. \$4.00 for single, \$6.00 for double. Ph. Beacon 4-5581.

Natives of Missouri and Washington States Phone Beacon 2-4102.

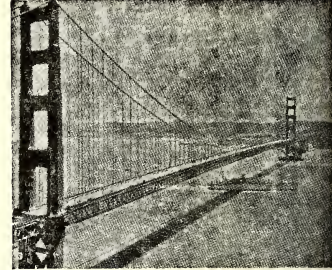
Hotels

Hotel Don—single, \$3.00 - \$4.00; double, \$4.00 - \$5.00.

Travelers Hotel, 500 W. McDonald, single, \$2.00; double, \$3.00.

Homes

There will also be a limited number of homes available for those who want them. Write to Rev. George McClain, 440 S. 24th, Apt. 1-B, Richmond, California, for reservations in the homes.



Bridge across San Francisco Bay

Meals

Arrangements have been made for meals to be served by the Methodist church at 85c per meal for the noon and evening. Breakfast can be had at one of the local cafeterias at a nominal cost.

P. S.—If you plan to attend this session in Richmond, Calif., please notify the pastor, Rev. Geo. W. McClain, stating what kind of arrangements you desire, and he will be glad to get them for you. His address is 440 S. 24th St., Apt. 1-B.

PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to advise that I will be available for pastoral services for the coming year on the second and fourth Sundays. I will be also available for evangelistic meetings during the summer and fall.

I shall be glad to communicate with any church desiring my services.

Rev. J. H. French
Fuquay Springs, N. C.

THE DARK HOURS

I never knew night so black
Light failed to follow on its track.
I never knew a storm so gray
It failed to have its clearing day.
I never knew such bleak despair
That there was not a rift, somewhere.
I never knew an hour so drear
Love could not fill it full of cheer!
—John Kendrick Bangs

Four Things that Constitute a Progressive F. W. B. Church

FIRST—FULL TIME PASTORATE

Rev. O. M. Hilburn
Darlington, S. C.

John 4:35, Jesus said: "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

There are forward steps taken in many localities, even in rural districts, to put our Free Will Baptist churches on full-time basis. Once we get a vision of the rapid progress being made in so doing, we will never be satisfied to drop back on the old drag type of one fourth, or one half time service.

No pastor can successful pastor more than one church at the time, and do justice to himself, and the church which he is serving.

I Peter 5:2 says, "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind."

If God is furnishing the feed, and the pastor is the medium by which the flock is to be fed, he is only able to make his round once in a whole month, though he may be freighted with a good feed from the Chief Shepherd. It may have the proper vitamins for the soul; it may have all the calories that belong to a God-sent heavenly meal, but he bids his flock good bye, and does not see them in a month. If we were to treat our physical bodies in that manner, somebody would be called upon to conduct a funeral.

We marvel at even the thought of Free Will Baptists frequenting the movies, swimming holes, ball parks, road houses, cocktail lounges, and even dens of vice on Sunday. There is a reason; they find the church doors closed on the Lord's Day. The Devil's play houses are air conditioned, and every thing running in full blast. And idle minds are the Devil's work shop, and they at once become a sequel to the Devil's folly, and soon become members of Vanity Fair. Churches sometimes try to plead poverty, by saying that they are not able to go on a full-time basis. That may be true; but we Free Will Baptists generally do any thing we want to do. If we want a new car we buy it. If we want a house, and lot we buy it, and if we want a new set of furniture we get it.

Haggai 1:4 says, "Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your ceiled houses, and this house lie waste?"

Old Deacon Jones says that our aim is to go on full-time basis, as soon as we get to where we can support our pastor. That statement makes sense, but we are getting in any better shape financially? It has been said of our Jewish Brethren, if there are ten families in a colony, they call for them a priest, and set up a synagogue.

God has given us the best financial sys-

tem under Heaven: namely, the Tithing system.

Matt. 23:23, "Woe unto you, scribes and pharisees, hypocrits! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought you to have done, and not to leave the others undone."

If we Free Will Baptist would preach and practice the system of giving tithes and offerings, we would soon be able to put our churches on a full-time basis, build our pastor a parsonage, and take care of Him. If ought is a binding command, we feel quite sure we are in keeping with the word of God as we consider John 13:14, where it says, "Ye also ought to wash one another's feet." Then we, in conclusion, take the ought in Luke 11:42, to be just as much a duty, when Jesus said, "Ye ought to pay tithes." Paul the great Apostle in Acts 20:28 said, "You pastors, are overseers;" so if the Holy Ghost hath made us overseers, our duty is to feed the church of God. Jesus said, Matt. 24:45, "give them meat in due season."

If a church is in need of a pastor, and the matter comes before you, as a prospect, then give them to understand, to begin with, it will be on one condition, namely: full-time basis.

It may look like a slow go to begin with, and we may have to pinch pennies, and stir soup thin to get by, but if we will work, and pray, and take the Lord with us in our feeble efforts, it will eventually pay off, for our souls will be like watered garden.

SECOND—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

It has been said that Sunday Schools are the "plant beds" of the church. The life of a church is generally estimated by the activity of the Sunday School.

If you want to see a Sunday School die with the dry rot, have the time set to begin at 9:45 A. M. and come dragging in about 10:30 A. M.; then as soon as Sunday School is dismissed, walk right out from under the pastor's nose, and not stay for preaching, after the humble man of God has been on his knees for a week, grappling with the throne of God, to try in his weak way to prepare a message that will be soul food for his flock, and they not have respect enough for the humble servant of God to stay and hear him deliver his sermon. They are next seen at a Sunday ball game, or some honky tonk place of amusement. The next Sunday come back and take their place as officials in Sunday School; and, being looked upon as leaders, to point

sinners to the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world.

We need consecrated men and women as officials of our Sunday Schools; true, we want men, and women, boys, and girls in all walks of life in our Sunday Schools; but they need to be taught by precept, and example. Education is a wonderful blessing, and we should encourage it by all means in every respect by going down deep into our pockets to put it over, but education, with no salvation, will never run a successful Sunday School.

Last, but not least, we find some Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools teaching other types of literature in their classes. We do not mean to say that there are not other good Sunday School Literature available; but, if I were a farmer, and went over to my neighbor's farm to borrow a tool, it only means that I have not got the tool that I stand in need of to turn out a better job. Personally, I don't think our Sunday School literature is second to any.

THIRD—WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES

A church may exist, but it will never be at its best without a Women's Auxiliary. A pastor may think his church is on the mountain top, but if he has not as yet caught a vision of what it would mean to his church to have an Auxiliary organized in it, he would be gladly surprised at the wonderful results cropping out of a real wide awake Women's Auxiliary.

The Board of Deacons may be qualified in every respect; they may work in harmony with the church, and the pastor. The church may be making progress, yet, if you do not have a Women's Auxiliary organized in your church, it is more, or less like a bird with a broken pinion, and the pastor is the first one to feel the effects of it. We will have to agree, that the Woman's auxiliary is the most complete organization in our Free Will Baptist body. First, the Local President; second, the District President; third, the State President; fourth, the National President. All of them are good, consecrated, and qualified women, and each of them with their staff of wide awake workers. The first Vice-president, on the alert, is ever reaching out to secure new members, and promote the great work for the master. The second vice-president is to work with the young people, the Y. W. A.; G. A. and the G. T. auxiliaries; and cooperate with the Sunday School Superintendent, and the pastor in conducting vacation Bible Schools in our churches. The third Vice-president carries along with her other duties a study course. She keeps a keen eye on the mission progress that is being made, and is deeply concerned about stewardship, and

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"Provide neither gold nor silver nor brass in your purses, nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves; for the workman is worthy of his meat." A preacher who thinks he cannot devote full time to his pastoral work because he must earn a living demonstrates a lack of faith. The apostles ordained deacons to look after the business of the early Church so that they, the apostles, could give their full time to the ministry. And, I believe the same holds true today. God calls preachers for full time work. Christ wants men to have faith in Him.

Since the pastor must be the leader, a few of the things he should lead his people in are: (1) Love for Christ and fellowman. (2) Soul winning. (3) Stewardship. (4) Right thinking. (5) Praying. (6) Faith. The good shepherds sets good examples before his flock.

The last thing I expect of my pastor is **service**. I expect him to serve willingly and faithfully. God's chosen servants must yield Him absolute subjection. What God bids, they must do; where He sends, they must go. Ministers of Christ must be willing to accept His demands entirely and without question; to lay themselves out for any service which may be for the good of their people; to spend and be spent in the Master's service. Self-sacrificing obedience to God enforces its lesson on others. People will heed consecrated lives though they may ignore eloquent words. A living sermon has vast power. I expect my pastor to love people and serve them rather than grudgingly do with a "What will I get out of it?" mood. You know some preachers are cisterns while others are wells. Cisterns are anxious but wells are peace. Cisterns are good so far as they go; but their reserves are limited; and they cannot stand a long drought. Artesian wells run deep—they never run dry. "In Him who strengthens me, I am able for any thing" should be the sentiment of every pastor. Then more and greater service for

God and his fellowman would be rendered.

One thing that most pastors shun today is visiting in the community through the week. This seems to be especially true in the rural churches—and country churches make up our association. Many pastors do not even attend the midweek prayer service. The importance of visiting cannot be overlooked. I read about a rural Church in Maine that the State Board wanted to close because it was not being used, and then, too, it had only five members. But these five people called a retired minister to this Church; and in a very short time, the membership had grown to almost one hundred, and the spiritual atmosphere was remarkable. How did the other ninety get interested enough to go to Church? The old preacher had responded when the five challenged him, "What kind of a man are you if you can't help us save a church?" He had gone out in the highways and hedges and ask them to come. This Church gives the credit for its attendance to their pastor's visits. I believe every pastor should devote part of each week to visiting in the community where he preaches. He should not only visit the sick in the Church, but the community at large—the church members who are neglecting church services as well as the non-church members. Many times a family visit and an invitation to Church from the pastor proves to people that he is truly a shepherd of God and is seeking lost sheep. Usually this causes people to think of their own spiritual welfare.

Then, a pastor should be a peacemaker. He should be one who can help to settle difficulties peaceably—one who is truly an ambassador for Christ. He should be steadfast in serving God—one that his church members can always depend on to carry his share of the work through; one who is eager to spread sunshine and help those who are in need, not necessarily with money, but as Peter did when he healed the man at the gate of the Temple that had been lame since birth, telling him, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have I give thee." Now, I don't mean

that I expect my pastor to perform miracles of healing; but I do expect him to help heal the souls of people just as his own soul has been healed through Christ Jesus. Christianity is contagious, and a true minister wants to share it.

A pastor should always be ready to offer comforting words to those who are bereaved; to encourage his church members in their Christian work; to help the various organizations and auxiliaries in all religious activities; to carry the gospel wherever he goes, warning sinners, encouraging Christians, comforting those that mourn and rejoice with those that are happy. He should truly be a minister for Christ.

One of the best illustrations of service that I know is the story of the good Samaritan that Jesus tells about in Luke. The traveler from Jerusalem to Jericho had been beaten and robbed. He needed help. Do you remember whom Christ declared his neighbor? It was not the priest or the Levite, both of whom passed the wounded man, but rather the Samaritan who bound his wounds and helped him to shelter. Like the man of Samaria ministered unto the needy man, so should the pastor be a true neighbor to those around him and minister to their needs.

Some of the things I expect my pastor to do in the way of service are: (1) Be willing to do whatever God might want him to do. (2) Have the strength and courage to hold out. (3) Visit among the people in his Church community regularly. (4) Be a peacemaker. (5) Be dependable. (6) Serve as a physician to help sick souls find a remedy. (7) Be ready to comfort and cheer. (8) Be ready to warn. (9) Be ready to encourage. (10) Be a neighbor. In other words, a pastor should be a true friend—a comrade—to his people. His life should be one of service.

"Has some one seen Christ in you today?"

Pastor, look to your heart, I pray; The little things you have done or said—

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: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

This is gratifying news. Most every week we receive news of new woman's auxiliaries having been recently organized in churches where there never had been one. These reports state that the women of the churches are becoming interested in doing work for the Lord through such an organization, as the women of other churches have been working through their well established auxiliaries for sometime.

These new auxiliaries will add greatly to the work of the local church, and also to the effectiveness of the District and State Woman's Auxiliaries in their work, because they will join in with the district and state work, and help to move forward the religious activities of the whole church. However, there are still a great many churches throughout the denomination that do not as yet have Woman's Auxiliaries established in them. They should get busy and fall in line with the other churches that have them. They cannot afford to lag behind in the battle for Christ.

This issue of the Baptist paper contains some worthwhile messages for those who read our church paper. Bro. O. M. Hilburn of Darlington, S. C., has said some good things concerning whole-time pastorates for the progres-

sive and strong rural churches. His line of thought is worth careful consideration by the pastors and the members of those churches. Progress in religious thinking and real Christian service constitute the essential thing in this modernistic and strenuous age of the world's history.

Mrs. Martha H. Everson, of Colquit, Georgia, in her article on "What I expect of My Pastor," has given for the readers something worth studying, and accepting as truth needful today for the good of the church, and those who are standing in need of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. Read and take to heart what she "expects of a pastor."

For those who are hoping to attend the National Association in July, there is no time to delay in making plans to take the trip to California. Some will go by chartered buses, others by air, and some by private cars.

From this section of North Carolina, plans are being made by several ministers and delegates to go on cars and buses, and their arrangements are to take an early start on the long trip to the city of Richmond, California, where the Association will convene, July 11 through 14, 1950.

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Did they accord with the way you prayed?
Have your thoughts been pure and words been kind?
Have you sought to have the Saviour's mind?
The world with a criticising view Has watched; but did it see Christ in you?
"Has some one seen Christ in you today?
Pastor look to your life, I pray;
There are aching hearts and blighted souls
Being lost in sin's destructive shoals.
And perhaps of Christ their only view
May be of what they see of Him in you.
Will they see enough to bring hope and cheer?
Look to your life !does it shine out clear?

—Author Unknown

Now, summarizing my statements:

In addition to the fundamental requirement that my pastor receive a definite call from God, I expect him to (1) preach the gospel, (2) lead his flock and (3) serve his people.

I challenge every pastor in the Midway Association to be a pastor rather than a mere preacher. If every minister in our association would do this, we would see a definite improvement in all of our churches. Will you give all your talents, all your time, and all your self to Christ and His Church for the rest of this year? I dare you, pastors, to do this!

PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to advise that I will be available for pastoral services on the third Sunday for next year, and also for revival work during the months of July, September, and October. Those interested in having my services may write to me, or call to see me.

Yours in the service of the Lord,
Rev. Willet L. Moretz, Box 414
Raleigh, North Carolina

"God works through homes."

Published for Information

The following letter was received and approved by the State Mission Board of North Carolina, in its quarterly session at Ayden, N. C., June 1, 1950. A copy was ordered published in the Free Will Baptist paper for information. It follows:

"State Mission Board of Free Will Baptists of North Carolina. Greetings:

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Raleigh, N. C., in a called meeting May 28, 1950, voted for the cancelling of the application for further pastoral help for our church, at present, from your Board.

The church is progressing very nicely at present, and we want to thank you for your assistance in the past.

Done by order of the church, May 28, 1950."

Herman Wooten, Pastor

This report from the Raleigh Church will, no doubt, be very gratifying to all who are interested in the progress of the church. May we pray for continued progress of the work in Raleigh, as it pertains to the growth of our church there.

James A. Evans, Chairman,
Alice E. Lupton, Secretary
N. C. State Mission Board

There is nothing so well known as that we should not expect something for nothing—but we all do and call it hope.

—E. W. Howe

"BEHOLD MY HANDS AND MY FEET"

Scripture: Luke 24:36-48
By Fred John Meldau

THE MOST ASTOUNDING MIRACLE of all time is the bodily resurrection of Christ. A few other people in the history of the Bible have been raised from the dead by the voice of a prophet, apostle, or by the Son of God Himself. But the Lord Jesus Christ, after being dead for three days, came back to life, in a glorified, resurrected body, without the voice of command from without. He had said, "Destroy this temple (His body) and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:19). In similar vein He had said, "I lay down My life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from Me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again" (John 10:17, 18). Consider well those important words. They tell about a miracle so unbelievable, so vast, so incomprehensible, that it is only possible to God Almighty. This is what our Lord said. "The Jews are going to kill Me; they will destroy this temple, this body of mine. And yet, it will be by my permission. I, myself, will lay down my life. Then, without any one helping, I Myself will raise Myself from the dead." The only way that is possible, of course, is to recognize this fundamental fact: Jesus Christ was more than mere man; He is the eternal God. Once you see that and admit that, it is obviously possible for Him to both permit His body to be nailed to a cross and later to raise it, by His own infinite power, from the dead.

If we were to demand full proof of a resurrection, we would insist on these three things: (1) There must be full proof that the man died, that he was really dead. Otherwise, a clever deception might be practiced, and death be faked. Then, of course, there would not be a genuine resurrection. (2) There must be full proof that the once-dead body is now really alive, and gives the customary, well-known evidence of life, such as speaking, walking, eating, etc. (3) There must be full proof that there

was not a substitution of bodies—the putting of a live man in the place of the dead man. Such a swindle, of course, must be avoided.

It is a remarkable fact that the closer one studies the account of the death and resurrection of Christ the more the honest investigator is convinced it is a real resurrection, with no fraud or swindle involved. Let us face the facts as presented in all four Gospels, and give special attention to the record as given in Luke 24:36-48.

In the first place, it is evident that Christ, after Crucifixion, was dead; really dead. His body, pierced by five wounds, could not hold blood; and a bloodless man cannot live. It is worthy of note that the Roman soldier pierced His side after He was dead. (See John 19:33, 34). This huge wound in His side, by the Ro-

man spear, would have been enough to kill Him. So, in a sense, one might say He was doubly dead.

In the second place, let us see if the risen Lord gave full proof that He was alive, after His death. This proof we find in the four gospels, much of it in the passage we are considering. Note, He spoke unto them: "Jesus saith unto them, Peace be unto you" (Luke 24:36). Then He invited them to "handle Him" and so make sure He was not a spirit, but a MAN, in the flesh. To further convince them, He ate before them—"broiled fish, and of an honeycomb" (vs. 42, 43).

In the third place, let us be sure there was not a substitution of bodies, the putting of a live man in the place of the dead man. So, the Lord definitely said to them, when they

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who is, and who is not paying tithes, and offerings into the church to which she belongs.

The fourth Vice-president is a great publicity booster. She wants to know if you are taking our denominational periodicals, and if not, why not. She is keeping the weeks of prayer ever before her ladies circle, and other gatherings of like nature. The fifth vice-president is one of the most deeply consecrated women in the entire set up. She is a good mixer, very graceful in her appearance, she is ever mindful of the orphanage work, superannuation, making sick visits, with garments, trays, baskets of commodities, Bibles, good literature. In spirit, the women's auxiliary carries the spirit of Dorcas of old (Acts 9:36, and 39) looking for an open door of opportunity, that they may drop a little ray of sunshine in some body's pathway. All of these good women working together in perfect harmony, like perfect clock work, with one aim, which is to please their Lord, and to hear it said: "She has done what she could."

FOURTH—LEAGUE WORK

Every Free Will Baptist church is in great need of a wide awake League. Some years ago it was called the Young Peoples League; but now it is called the League, for it has a place for the young, and the old, for there is no age limit, all are invited to membership in the League. It is the greatest local training that we can offer to our church today. It is properly organized into groups, namely: the Junior Group, the Intermediate Group, the Sen-

ior Group, and the Adult Group; it is sometimes suggested that the Seniors and the Adults be in the same group, and that the adults have recognition as "honorary members," but do not be granted the power to cast a vote. In other words, just a bench warmer, then they begin to feel like they are in the wrong pew, they may excuse themselves, slip out the back way, and not be seen hanging around any more.

Place each group within the age limit, see the F. W. B. L. Manual, and she or he will feel more at home, and the efforts put forth will be a pleasure.

It has been said of some that they did have an organized league in their church, and it turned out to be a play house, and a courting parlor for the young folk, and they decided it was best to close it down.

Well, if that has been the trouble in your church, there is a reason you, by all means, should put Christians in office, as leaders of the various groups, and they should be very consecrated men, and women, boys, and girls. They need to be trained for religious service. The pastor and his Board of Deacons want to be present at each League service, and by so doing, everything will be carried out in a more graceful manner. Prov. 29:2, says, "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked rule, the people mourn."

When a church is put on full-time basis, and it has a good Sunday School, a wide-awake women's Auxiliary, and a well-organized League, with good Christian leadership, and by all means, people with some age, and experience, then it is like the well developed, physically fit babe that visits the home, give it the attention that is required, and the proper nourishment that nature demands, with good environment, and watch him grow.

supposed they had seen a spirit, "Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself" (v. 39). Why did He select His hands and His feet, and show them to the disciples especially? Because they were nail-pierced. THERE WAS THE INESCAPABLE PROOF THAT HE WAS THE VERY SAME ONE WHO HAD BEEN CRUCIFIED. No, there was no swapping of bodies, no putting up a live man to take the place of the dead man: THIS WAS THE VERY SAME MAN: the nail holes proved it.

Yes, it is glorious reality: JESUS THE SON OF GOD, the One who was raised on the cross to die for our sins is the very same one who was raised from the dead. HE LIVES!

Having assured ourselves, from indisputable facts, of the resurrection of Christ, let us now face some important lessons that the living Lord gave to His disciples at that time.

1. Our Lord explained to them that the things which happened to Him in His death and resurrection are the very things He said would happen, to fulfill the predictions concerning Him in the Old Testament. "And He said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the Psalms, concerning me" (Luke 24:44). The one great theme of the Old Testament is not Jewish history, it is not Jewish religious customs, it is not primarily the biographies of men and women; the one great theme of the Old Testament is CHRIST. Woven in the narrative is the main message: the coming Messiah.

2. Christ is not only the chief subject of Scripture, He is the chief Interpreter of Scripture: "Then opened He their understanding, that they might understand the Scriptures" (v. 45). We understand the Word, not by intellectual power only, but by being taught by God. A person must be born again, and then be enlightened by the Holy Spirit, to properly understand the Word (I John 2:27).

3. The main reason why Christ had to suffer and die and rise from the

dead the third day was "that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem" (vs. 46-48). The death and resurrection of Christ are the GOSPEL, that is, the "good news" that He died for our sins, that men might be saved by trusting HIM. And this "good news" is so vitally important its acceptance means eternal life to all who hear and accept it!—Christian Victory.

A LETTER FROM MISS ZALENE LLOYD

To my friends and co-laborers with Christ: "Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Our triumphant God has led from victory unto victory. Unto Him be all glory and honor and praise for the accomplishment of His Grace. I have been filled with amazement, as I've seen the performance of His wonder working power in guiding me to know and do His will.

No doubt, it is well known now that I am on the staff of a large Anglo-Indian Orphanage in Kalimpong, West Bengal. I thank the Lord for opening this door of service for me. It is an interdenominational work and offers a great scope for Christian witness. I trust that you will not feel that I have forsaken the Free Will Baptist Church. I am still a staunch Free Will Baptist, and always will be. I love our Church and all it stands for. It was there that I learned to know and love the Lord Jesus as my personal Saviour. Yes, I am still a Free Will Baptist, but first of all I am a Christian—a child of God. I have been commissioned by Him, and I must carry out His orders. "Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it." I have heard His voice saying to me, "This is the way, walk ye in it." I have no other choice, nor do I desire any other choice but to follow Him. My life is in God's hands, and I do not believe He would have me turn away from a door that He, Himself, has opened.

I am very happy in this new work, and praise the Lord for the numerous opportunities I am having each day to minister in His Name.

I came up from Calcutta on May 5, with two other new workers and fourteen new children. Since the trouble with Pakistan, train travel north of Calcutta has been very difficult and we were not able to get even seat reservations. Arrangements were made for a special plane to accommodate our party as there were too many of us to get passage on any one of the regular daily flights, at least for week to come and we could not wait indefinitely with the children. Among the number were two babies,

one of whom was sick before we left Calcutta. Most of the others were sick during the two hour flight. The Steward was most sympathetic and helpful. We were met at the airport and a bus brought us the remaining fifty miles to Kalimpong.

There are nearly five hundred children here in this institution. Not only are there Anglo-Indian and Indian, but there are also children from Nepal and Tibet, which, as you know, are now closed to the Gospel of Christ. We pray that this may prove to be an avenue through which the Light and Life of Christ may reach them.

Kalimpong is located about five thousand feet in the mountains near the border of Nepal. When it is clear enough, beautiful snow-clad peaks can be seen looming high above the mountains in the distance.

At the present I am sleeping at one of the girls' cottages and working down at the nursery during the day. Things come to life at five o'clock in the morning when the girls start the fires and prepare breakfast. After breakfast I make my way down the hill to the nursery where there are thirty five children from five years downward. We now have three bottle fed babies, their ages being six weeks, two months and six months. Upon my arrival at Lucia King, for that is the name of the nursery, the children have had their breakfast and are in the process of being washed. For the next two hours I am busy inspecting each child to discover any ailment which might have occurred since the day before. I remove the splinters from little feet, doctor scratches and bruises, bandage cut fingers and stubbed toes. The little bodies are examined for rash or infected mosquito bites, and sore throats are painted. Anything of a more serious nature is treated at the hospital here on the campus. This work is a privilege that I treasure. A great measure of love goes out to each child as I minister to its need in Jesus' Name. One's work is not done at close of day when little prayers are said and little ones tucked in bed, for there are the twelve student nurses who need supervision in the evening's activities. These nurses are girls from sixteen to eighteen years in age who have grown up in this Institution, and are training in child care. Oh, what a great and white harvest field God has led me to enter!

I trust that you will continue to pray for me in my new work, that God will use my unworthy life to win many souls for Him. My thoughts and prayers are ever with you and for you. I pray that you will ever feel that I am your friend and fellow soldier of the Cross. Praise be to our victorious God who causes us to triumph in Christ!

Yours in His victorious love,
Zalene Lloyd, Kalimpong,
West Bengal, India

Do you read your church papers?

Tennessee Personalities and Events

C. F. Bowen

The Rural League Union, composed of leagues in the rural churches of the Cumberland Association, met recently at Head's Church with approximately 400 in attendance. The program, directed by Rev. William Mishler, pastor of the host church, high-lighted a sword drill with contestants Duane Scott, Bonnie Herron, and Faye Langford; and a consecration service leading to the dedication of six young people. The Union was organized January 14, 1950 at New Hope Church. The board of directors are Mr. Mishler, chairman; Mrs. L. C. Raymer, secretary-treasurer; and Frank Murphy. They meet quarterly.

Four well-appointed Sunday school rooms have been added to the church at Head's. The Senior league is launching a building program that includes the building of a vestibule to the front of the church building.

Rev. Ralph Lightsey, former instructor at the Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, was the commencement speaker at recent graduation exercises. There were twelve graduates, many of whom plan to return for a third year. The college has launched a four-year course leading to the B. A. degree. Next year, according to President Johnson, the first B. A. degrees will be awarded to four-year students.

Rev. Damon C. Dodd has recently closed a successful revival at Cofer's Chapel. Rev. J. L. Welch is pastor. Rev. Charles Thigpen assisted Rev. Walter Reynolds, pastor, at Sylvan Park Church in a series of meetings sometime ago.

More than fifty leaguers from Tennessee plan to attend the Third Nationwide League Conference at Norfolk, Virginia. About forty of these will leave from the Nashville area.

Rev. N. Bruce Barrow to Leave Bryan in August

N. Bruce Barrow, Pastor of Bryan Free Will Baptist Church, has resigned effective August, 1950. He has been with us since January, 1948, and has rendered unselfish and valuable service to the church and for the cause of Christ.

The indebtedness on our church property has been paid during his ministry. The balance of approximately \$1,600.00 has been raised in cash and pledges, and the debt will be retired and the mortgage burned on June 18, 1950.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Gaston Clary

HOW MAY I KNOW I AM SAVED!

Lizzie Owens
Fountain, N. C.

When God sent His Son into the world to die for our sins, He did it so that we may be saved and know we are saved. Really, we would not get much joy from something which were not quite certain we had.

If an unregenerated person were to ask you this question: "How do you know you are saved?" What would be your answer? Would you really know what to say? The purpose of this article is to give five definite answers which you could give concerning this question. But first, let us see what it is that so many people lack this real assurance of eternal life.

The very first reason is the lack of faith in what God says in His holy Word. They are afraid to trust the promises of God. We must really believe in Him; and, by believing in Him, we believe what He tells us in His Word. In the next place, some people have never been born again. They have substituted religious ceremonies, or similar things, for a vital experience with God. There are some persons who are dumb enough to think that being in church every Sunday will save them, but there are many people who attend church every Sunday and they are not saved. They will find themselves in hell unless they become saved persons.

After a person is saved from sin, he will have a desire to be in church with other Christians. But merely going to church will not do much good, if a person does not take in what he hears there in the church.

In the third place, some are seeking salvation through their own self-righteousness, or their own good works. They seem to forget that salvation is by grace alone; it is a gift from God. Now we will try to answer the question: "How may I know I am saved?"

First, I may know that I am saved by the witness of the Spirit. After you have been saved, there comes a feeling that something definite has been transacted between you and

God. But it is hard to describe it, nevertheless we know it is there.

Second, I may know I am saved by the testimony of God's word. To me this is the most important one of all. By believing on the Lord Jesus and believing what He promises in His word, we are saved.

Third, I may know I am saved by my love toward the brethren. A great many people who, before they accept Christ, they hated the Christians, but declare that later they accepted Christ, they love the fellowship of other Christians. It is said that Cain hated his brother Abel because his own deeds were evil. In other words, if his deeds had been righteous, he would have loved his brother.

Our fourth reason of assurance is the fact that I may know I am saved by my desire to keep God's commandments. Salvation is like wind. We cannot see the wind, but we can see the results of it. We cannot see salvation itself, but we can see the results of it. First, we would mention **repentance**, a real turning from sin. We cannot keep God's commandments without God's help. That is impossible.

Last is the fact that I may know I am saved by the transformation of my life and my desires. After we are saved, we change our opinions about many things. Some unsaved people sympathize with us simply because they think we are tied up, bound about with bars, when the truth is we are free to do anything that we think is pleasing to God.

SLIGHTLY CONFUSED

And old lady walked into court and said to the judge, "Are you the judge of reprobrates?"

"I'm judge of probate," he replied.

"Well, I guess that's it. You see, my husband died detested and left me several infidels and can I be appointed their executioner?"

ODE TO THE TREASURY DEPT.

The Ides of March are over,
And now I can relax;
I've met my obligations,

I've paid my income tax.
Tho' Junior doesn't know it,
He raised the wherewithal;
For his Piggy Bank was Peter,
And Uncle Sam was Paul.

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Mrs. E. A. Taylor, Manager

(All services at 8:00 p. m. unless otherwise noted.)

Eastern Conference		
Day	Date	Church
Wednesday, June 14		Bethlehem
Thursday, June 15		Pearsall's Chapel
Friday, June 16		Mt. Zion, Onslow County
Saturday, June 17		Verona
Sunday, June 18		Sneads Ferry (11:00 a. m.)
Sunday, June 18		Holly Springs (8:00 p. m.)
Monday, June 19		Morehead City
Tuesday, June 20		Russell's Creek
Wednesday, June 21		Edwards Chapel
Thursday, June 22		Free Union
Friday, June 23		Bridgeton
Saturday, June 24		Arapahoe
Sunday, June 25		Bethel
Monday, June 26		Rock of Zion
Tuesday, June 27		Warden's Store
Wednesday, June 28		Ephesus
Thursday, June 29		Oak Grove
Friday, June 30		Macedonia
Saturday, July 1		Sts. Delight
Sunday, July 2		Gethsemane
Monday, July 3		Core Creek
Tuesday, July 4		Friendship
Wednesday, July 5		Kinston
Thursday, July 6		Spring Hope
Friday, July 7		White Oak Grove
Monday, June 26		Mt. Zion, Pamlico Co.
Tuesday, June 27		Dublin Grove
Wednesday, June 28		Core Point
Thursday, June 29		Union Chapel
Friday, June 30		Palmetta Chapel
Saturday, July 1		Antioch
Sunday, July 2		Ruths Chapel
Monday, July 3		Wintergreen
Tuesday, July 4		Pilgrims Home
Wednesday, July 5		Moseley's Creek
Thursday, July 6		British Chapel
Friday, July 7		Bethel, Kinston, Cape Fear Conference

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Miss Bonnie Farmer, Manager

(All services at 8:00 p. m. unless otherwise noted.)

Eastern Conference		
Day	Date	Church
Wednesday, June 14		Sarecta
Thursday, June 15		Lanier's Chapel
Friday, June 16		Jacksonville
Saturday, June 17		Folkstone
Sunday, June 18		Sneads Ferry (11:00 a. m.)
Sunday, June 18		Sound View (8:00 p. m.)
Monday, June 19		Beaufort

Tuesday, June 20—Welcome Home
 Wednesday, June 21—Davis Shore
 Thursday, June 22—St. Johns Chapel
 Friday, June 23—St. Mary, New Bern
 Saturday, June 24—Oriental
 Sunday, June 25—Trent

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Miss Mary E. Talton, Manager

(All services at 8:00 p. m. unless otherwise indicated.)

Day	Date	Church
Rockfish Conference		
Monday, June 5		Mt. Moriah
Tuesday, June 6		Highland Pines
Piedmont Association		
Wednesday, June 14		Gobles Chapel
Thursday, June 15		Mabel Avenue
Friday, June 16		Ben Avenue
Saturday, June 17		Mt. Zion
Sunday, June 18		West Over
Monday, June 19		Cedar Grove
Tuesday, June 20		Bogger City
Wednesday, June 21		Lowell
Thursday, June 22		Tabernacle
Friday, June 23		Mt. Holly
Saturday, June 24		Stanley
Sunday, June 25		Belmont
Monday, June 26		Goshen Grove
Tuesday, June 27		Cramerton
Wednesday, June 28		First Gastonia
Thursday, June 29		Washington Street
Friday, June 30		Fifth Avenue
Saturday, July 1		Caroleen
Sunday, July 2		Roberson Creek
Monday, July 3		First Church Marion
Tuesday, July 4		Ridgeway
Wednesday, July 5		Rocky Pass
French Broad Association		
Thursday, July 6		Old Fort
Friday, July 7		Burgin's Chapel
Saturday, July 8		East Black Mountain
Sunday, July 9		Homers Chapel
Monday, July 10		Swannanoa
Tuesday, July 11		Howell's or Oakley Tabernacle
Wednesday, July 12		Sweeten Creek
Thursday, July 13		Avery's Creek
Friday, July 14		Horney Heights
Saturday, July 15		Beaver Dam
Sunday, July 16		Canton
Monday, July 17		Hyatt's Creek
Tuesday, July 18		Hazel Green
Wednesday, July 19		Cedar Hill
Thursday, July 20		Mountain View
Friday, July 21		New Bridge (Asheville)
Saturday, July 22		Union Chapel
Sunday, July 23		Union Valley
Monday, July 24		Ray's Chapel
Tuesday, July 25		Barnardsville
Wednesday, July 26		Paint Fork
Thursday, July 27		Pisgah Forest
Friday, July 28		Laurelton Chapel
Saturday, July 29		Shady Grove
Sunday, July 30		Marshall
Monday, July 31		Red Hill
Tuesday, August 1		Anderson Branch
Wednesday, August 2		Fugate

Thursday, August 3—Barnard
 Friday, August 4—Walnut
 Saturday, August 5—Shoal Hill
 Sunday, August 6—Laurel Fork
 Monday, August 7—Mt. Zion
 Tuesday, August 8—Mt. Bethel

A NOTE OF THANKS

This is to express to the friends and churches our many thanks for the cards, letters and gifts which they sent to me while I was in the Blue Ridge Sanatorium Virginia. We were greatly appreciative of every token of sympathy and good wishes for us to get well.

I am now back home with my family, at 3709 Huntington Avenue, Newport News, Virginia, but I am confined to my bed. Please pray for me that I may get well again. Anyone wishing to write or to visit with us, are earnestly requested to do so at any time.

George Johnson and family
 3709 Huntington Avenue
 Newport News, Va.

Do you read your church papers?

RULES FOR "DECLAMATION CONTEST" OF THE NATIONAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION

At the 1949 session of the National Woman's Auxiliary Convention, these details of the Declamation contest were placed under the supervision of the National second vice-president. Therefore, the following rules have been set forth: Participants are to be between the ages of 12-18. Each state in our convention may represent with one speaker. The declamation must be on Stewardship. It may or may not be original. The time limit will be 10 minutes. Five points will be deducted for each minute or fraction thereof over the allotted time.

The contestants will be judged on the following basis: Presence (poise and sincerity)—25 points; Composition (accuracy and effectiveness)—50 points; Oratory (powers to thrill, quicken and compel)—25 points.

Attention state second vice-president: any state that will be represented, should mail the contestant's name and the title of the declamation, to the National second vice-president not later than June 15th.

A medal will be given to the winner, also the runner up.

2nd Vice-Pres. of W. N. A. C.
 Mrs. Verdun Bingham,
 1922 North Lewis St.
 Tulsa, Oklahoma



JONAH LEARNS GOD'S MISSIONARY PURPOSE

(Lesson for June 25)

Lesson: Jonah 3:3-6; 4:1-11.

Golden Text: Jonah 2:9.

I. Heart of the Lesson

We do not know whether the incidents described in the book of Jonah occurred prior to Assyria's battles against Israel or not. If Jonah's ministry and the experience related in his book occurred somewhere between 800 and 780 B.C. (II Kings 14:25), then there is evidence that Assyria had already, in some measure at least, dealt with Israel. Shalmaneser II fought against some of the soldiers of Ahab of Israel in connection with his attack upon Hamath in 854 B. C. While Assyria's hostility against Israel would be no reason for disobeying the known will of God, nevertheless, it is not difficult to see that the patriotic Israelite would have some question about going to those who were the pronounced enemies of his people with a message which possibly would result in their salvation. In any case, Assyria had already come upon the horizon as a great nation, and Israel could readily understand that here was a power with which she would have to deal in years to come.

Note that Jonah's message was evidence that God's purpose was for Israel to reach out to the Gentiles of her own day with the message of God.

Our lesson does not deal with Jonah's disobedience, nor what happened to him in connection with his voyage to Tarshish, but that material is certainly the background for the text selected for our study. Of course, there is no question as to the historicity of what occurred. After

all, our Lord put His seal of approval upon these incidents (Matt. 12:39-41).—Moody Monthly.

1. There is not a single city which would not deserve destruction, except for the mercy of God (Jon. 3:3).

2. Whenever God fixes a time limit for the coming of His judgment, it is possible for men to repent and to escape from it (vs. 4).

3. God knows whenever the repentance of men is insincere, and also when it is sincere (vs. 5).

4. It is well for that city or nation whose ruler heeds the words of God's messenger and repents of his sins (vs. 6).

5. It is strange and very wrong when a servant of the Lord is displeased because men have repented of sin at his preaching (4:1, 2).

6. It is very wrong for anyone to pray for death because he has had a disappointing experience (vs. 3).

7. It is wrong for a Christian to sit by and wish for God's judgment to fall upon repentant human beings (vss. 4, 5).

8. God can easily provide temporal comfort even for a servant who is peevish (vs. 6).

9. It is very easy to complain upon the loss of a comfort which had come to us without deserving it (vs. 9).

10. The God who is interested in Nineveh is interested in the salvation of the whole world (vs. 11).

11. The Book of Jonah is an illustration of how much God can say in a few words.—Selected.

12. Here is a strange thing: Jonah first winning the people of Nineveh to the cause of righteousness; and second, becoming angry because they turned unto the Lord by his preaching. Personally, Jonah had no good feeling for the heathen of Nineveh because they were not friendly toward the people of Israel. It is thought that Jonah did not want to see that pagan city, famous for its cruelty, spared by the mercy of God. "He was a Jew, a member of a race that feared the Assyrians, a people that would ultimately suffer much at their hands." — Peloubet's Select Notes.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

13. It was in perfect accord with God's just and merciful perfections that He should spare Nineveh for the sake of the 120,000 children, who, by their incapacity of reasoning, were free from actual, though not from original, sin.

14. This wonderful Book of Jonah has given us a picture of the human heart, not in its lowest degradation, but taught by revelation, restrained by conscience, influenced more or less by piety, but stripped of its disguises and company dress. God takes us behind the scenes to show us how in nature His hand and purpose are working by storm and sunshine, fish and worm, and so puts a window for us in the heart of man. Jonah speaks out to God, and acts out before us, and writes down for us to read, without suppression, palliation, or extenuation, the sinful thoughts which often men have, but do not make known. We have at once a picture of God's character, and a mirror in which to behold our own.—Homiletic Commentary.

II. The Lesson Illustrated Bad Advice

The story is told of a revival sweeping through the university at Princeton, New Jersey. Aaron Burr came to the president of the university and said: "Mr. President, I have made up my mind to consider the claims of Christ. Now, Mr. President, what would you do?" And the old president of the university gave him this advice: He said, "Burr, if I were you, I would wait until the excitement of the revival had subsided, and then I would think it out carefully." Aaron Burr bowed his head a moment, and then he said, "Mr. President, that is exactly what I will do." And, it is stated as a fact, that never again in his life did he express a desire to be a Christian, and they say he died without such an expression.—J. Wilbur Chapman.

Nationalistic Hatred

The late Dr. George Adam Smith, the Scotch scholar, told of the awful hatred of the "infidel" Turks by the Oriental churches in Turkey. He said: "For centuries they have had no spiritual intercourse with them;

to try to convert a Mohammedan has been for twelve hundred years a capital crime. Once I asked a cultured and devout layman of the Greek Church, 'Why, then, did God

create so many Mohammedans?' The answer came hot and fast, "To fill up hell!" In a lesser degree Johnah, with his strong nationalistic spirit, hated the Ninevites.

try to show you that you have been wrong in your religion, and that you are lost, if you do not accept of their interpretation of the Bible. Read your Bible for yourself. Let God interpret it for you. Give your heart to Christ. Get so fixed in Him that you are ready for any event. Be able to stand on the Word of God. You cannot lead a person off after false doctrines who knows the Bible and who is a Bible believing Christian. He is usually the man who is in a backslidden condition, one who is ignorant of God's truth who falls for these new modern cults. So be ready to say, "I know in whom I believe, and I am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." The Psalmist said, "I am fixed." Then he said, "I shall not be moved." Brother, get so fixed in Christ that you can hide away in God with Christ, and then you can sing of a truth "I Shall Not Be Moved."

NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

TO ATTEND NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

We are planning to leave New Bern the First Sunday in July, in company with Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Davidson and go to Darlington, S. C., where we are to be joined by Rev. and Mrs. Seldon Bullard and head for Richmond, Calif., to attend the National Association, if it is God's will this be done. Pray that it may be His will for us. Remember! the National Association begins proper on the 11th day of July. It is a long ways from the Atlantic to the Pacific, but no further from here there than from there here, so let us go and expect the people of the extreme West to come to the East some time. We expect to return home from the National Association about the 21st or 22nd of July, the Lord's will. We have no engagement week before the Fifth Sunday. Should any one want service that week, either in evangelistic or Picture-Lecture service, we will be glad to serve.

"THE BEST THAT I CAN"

I find many people who are puzzled, due to the conflicting preaching of many who call themselves Christians. Here is the argument that comes to me: "This new preacher comes along and he preaches that, unless you join his church you are lost."

Well, old Joe Smith, according to his word, got a special vision, and found something as good as the Bible, and then got the idea that as a "Prophet" he could write Scripture as good as the prophets of old. That is their teaching. Of course, the true church was lost a few centuries after the beginning, and all the hundred of years passed while the whole world lay in darkness, God chose to restore the work of the church "in Joe Smith," a man with several wives, thus plural wives was one of the beliefs of the new day. So it goes with every new religion: "Everybody else is headed for hell who does not believe in our way." Even the folk who say "there is no hell," if you don't go with them you are lost. If there is no Hell, where can you go? Of course, there are too many honest-thinking Christians in the world to swallow Russell "stock and barrel," and

turn all the churches into "Kingdom Halls," likewise Mormonism, Eddyism, Spiritualism, which is Devilism. When I say "Spiritualism" I mean that "ism" where you are told that on certain conditions you have communication with the dead. This "Spiritualism" is a long way from "Holy Ghost Power," as far as heaven is from Hell, as far as light is from darkness.

Not only is it claimed by these new "cults" that they are the only "pebble on the beach," but ever now and then some of those, called a regular church, get men in the field who claim, "If you want to be right, you had better take our name, or you had better drop all your theology and get right by coming to us?"

Brother! It is not your little church that saves. It is the Lord Jesus Christ. And are we saved because we join some church or because we are immersed in water, or because we have been christened? "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as our Personal Saviour." Join in with Christians who "believe as we do," and work for the glory of God, because we believe in Christ, having the knowledge that our sins are pardoned because we believe in Christ. "What must I do to be saved?" "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and all thy house."

God has caused to be written, "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that you have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God" (I. John 5:12, 13).

WHAT A RELIGION

I find people who change their religion. After this change comes, they will hardly look at the brother whom they worshipped with before the change. If it is a look, it is one of scorn.

Every now and then we find some fellow who has "out-grown his church," that is, he has just stepped up a little, and if he has not found something better he is looking for something he thinks is better. Often he lands with some cult, a church destroyer, a critic. He is one that puts his course on all churches, and he preaches as a "Come-outer." This fellow usually heads the gross path of sin and curses the "Lord's Day"—the Resurrection day of our Lord—and he goes under the law and disregards Grace altogether.

BE PREPARED

The way to keep these busy bodies who take false literature into your home, and

News from Marion, N. C.

We recently closed a wonderful revival at the First Church in Marion, North Carolina. There were 47 professions, and 14 addition to the church. Our pastor is the Reverend Marvin Dameron. There were four young men who accepted the call to preach the gospel, and three young girls who accepted the call to do missionary work. The ministers are: Johnnie Floyd, Jr., James Clayton, and Lewis Halmrick. The girls were: Betty Floyd, Joyce Harlerood, and Charlye Cuthleron.

There were 210 in Sunday School on May 14, Mother's Day. Everyone enjoyed a good time in the service. A floral service was held and flowers were given to the youngest mother, and to the oldest, and the one with the most children. The oldest mother was 80, Mrs. Hill Hawkins; the youngest, 20 years old, was Mrs. Jasper Finney; and the one with the most children was Mrs. J. E. Floyd, who had nine children.

Rev. James Clayton conducted the morning service and the Lord did certainly bless in the service. We had with us for this service the Reverend and Mrs. O. M. Hilburn of Darlington, S. C. They were with us for two weeks in a Bible study, and they were a blessing to us.

We wish to say that the Lord has blessed us with a consecrated girl who is now waiting and praying for the time when she will be able to go to the foreign field to do mission work. She is Miss Volena Wilson. Pray for her, for I know she desires your prayers.

We are asking that you pray for our pastor who has been in ill health. Our church needs your prayers also, and we need the prayers of those who love the Lord.

Mrs. Evelyn Wood
Clinchfield Station
Marion, N. C.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

JIMMY'S AIRPLANE RIDE

Dorothea Goodrich Boyd

"How would you like to go up in one of those planes?"

Jimmy jumped up and down and squealed with delight. "Oh, yes! I'd like to go up for a ride."

Father smiled. "O. K. Come on."

Father and Jimmy strutted out across the grass, past the big pumps and the flapping air sock, toward one of the yellow and red planes that were standing near the runway.

Jimmy watched one plane as it circled the field and came down toward the wind, then it taxied back toward them. This would be exciting.

Father got into the plane and the pilot helped Jimmy up high into his lap. There were only two seats in the small cabin, one in front for the driver and the one right in back of that where Jimmy and his father sat.

The plane roared and rolled down the field.

"We're going up, now," said Father.

Jimmy nodded. It hardly seemed as though they were going, until Jimmy looked out the side window and saw they were zipping over a big red barn and the tall trees.

"It makes an awful noise," he shouted to his father over the roar of the motors.

Father nodded.

The houses and barns down below looked smaller than those to his electric train set. The people were even tinier. It was pretty way up here in the sky. Everything looked so nice and clean and neat down below. You could see where the farmers had plowed in straight rows. It made a nice pattern of brown and green.

"There's our church," yelled Jimmy as they circled over the small town.

"That's it," said Father, Jimmy liked the way the church stood out white and tall, grander than anything else in town.

"It's pointing right up at us," said Jimmy. He was all excited.

"It points up to God," said Father. "Churches point the way to Heaven."

"Could we go right on up to Heaven now?" asked Jimmy. It sounded like such a wonderful idea.

"No. There is only one way to Heaven, and that is through the Lord Jesus Christ," Father answered.

"Oh!" Jimmy thought a moment and looked back down out the window.

"There's our house."

"Sure enough," laughed Father. "That's the tiny place we'll live in until we go to Heaven."

"Couldn't a rocket ship reach there?" "Where?" asked Father.

"Couldn't a rocket ship reach Heaven if it went real high?"

"No. It might sail out into space some day far, far away into the sky. But it could never reach God. Jesus said, 'No man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.'"

"Jesus is better than a rocket ship then, isn't He, Papa?"

"Yes. Jesus is better than anything because He created everything, Jimmy. He came down from God, died for our sins, rose, and went back to God. No one else could ever do that but Jesus."

Jimmy looked across into the clouds that seemed so very near and big. Then he looked up into the blue that stretched above. There seemed to be no end to the sky.

"Suppose Jesus can see us from way up there in Heaven?"

"Sure. He sees even the little birds." Jimmy looked down again. People were so small they looked like tiny black dots. Jimmy shook his head. "I can't hardly see people from here. Jesus might be so far away now that He can't see us and He'll forget us."

"No, Jimmy. Jesus said, 'I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.' You see, Jimmy, God's eyes are far superior to ours—even better than the best microscopes that we use to watch the tiny germs."

Jimmy sighed contentedly and settled back against his father. "I'm sure glad of that. I'd hate to have Him forget me cause then I might not get to heaven ever."

"Some day Jesus has promised to come down again in the sky and we're going to meet Him in the air." Father pointed out the window and Jimmy could almost see it.

The plane hit an air pocket and Jimmy got a funny thrill in his stomach as they suddenly dropped and then rose again.

"Will we go higher than this plane, Papa?"

"Higher and faster and safer," said Father.

Jimmy looked down at the pretty earth that was coming closer. "That surely will be keen. Wish we never had to go back down," he said.

"The Lord has left each of us a job to do down there on that earth. We must love Him and serve Him until He comes again."

They were flying low over the junk yard now. Jimmy scowled. "That junk doesn't look too pretty down close."

"Sin always gets worse as you get closer to it," said Father. "The Bible says, 'All have sinned.' Jesus is the only One who can clean up the sin in the world. That's

why it's so important that we stay and tell others the Good News."

The plane circled over the field and came drifting down as the motors were cut.

"I'd hate to see anyone missing out on Heaven," said Jimmy as they bounced over the ground. He handed the pilot a Gospel tract as they got out of the plane.

"Hope we see him in Heaven," said Jimmy as he and his father walked back toward their car parked next to the big hanger. "I was thinking. It surely is nice of the Lord to let us work for Him, isn't it?"

"It surely is," echoed Father.

PROGRAM

of the

N. C. State League Convention

July 3 and 4, 1950

Kenly, N. C.

Rev. R. P. Harris, music director

MONDAY EVENING

7:30—Worship service by Rev. F. B. Cherry who will also be master of ceremonies for the evening services.

8:00—State Sword Drill; Mrs. L. E. Ballard assisted by Miss Mary Francis Hobgood

8:15—Special music and "pep" talks by young people

8:45—Old-fashioned Youth Rally

TUESDAY MORNING

9:00—Registration

9:30—Executive Board in Conference

10:00—Devotional by the Kenly Leagues

10:15—President's Message

10:25—The Meaning of Christian Stewardship, Rev. R. B. Crawford

—The Stewardship of Personality, Miss Magdalene Jackson

10:50—Business period. Receive reports. General organization.

11:20—Special music

11:30—Convention Message, Rev. L. C. Johnson

12:00—Lunch

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

1:00—Worship Devotional by Selma Leagues

1:15—Our Stewardship in Society, Rev. J. R. Davidson

1:40—Report of National League Conference

2:00—Greeting from: State Convention of Churches, Women's Aux. Convention, State Sunday School Convention-Institute, by Presidents

2:15—The Stewardship of the Gospel, Miss Laura Belle Barnard

2:45—Final Business Session, Reports of Committees, Election of officers, Enlistments, etc. — Awarding of shields

—Installation of officers

3:30—Song, Benediction

Prepared by the committee

MISSIONARY TO INDIA NOW IN STATES

Glennville, Ga.
June 3, 1950

Dear Baptist Readers,

This is my first word to you through the Baptist columns since I returned to U. S. A., and the weeks are slipping by all too fast in view of all the deputation a missionary-on-furlough ought to be doing, and in view of the urgent calls that have been coming steadily. I take this opportunity to greet those whom I did not meet at the Nashville Conference and to assure all of you that I will do my very best by all your kind invitations to visit your churches. It has not been easy to say "No," and each time it has been with sincere regrets.

The India work is prospering, though shorthanded. God is giving us precious fruit, and is opening up new villages and new opportunities far beyond what we are prepared to undertake. This is a day of opportunity in India. While indeed many opposing situations meet us, nevertheless, minds are reaching out for some new and better teaching to meet the needs of a new day in India. The common people, too, are hungry. Communism and other "isms" are ready with their propaganda as usual, but these open minds will as readily receive our "Way of Life" if we reach them ahead of the false doctrines. Our missionaries and our Indian co-workers are zealously working to this end, with results that are humbling to us.

When I have recuperated better, I hope to give you better information about the work, about God's gracious rewards in fruitfulness, and about the future prospects.

Yours in Christ,
Laura B. Barnard

A WORD FROM CALIFORNIA

As I sit here with a borrowed copy of your paper before me, and read the good things that are written therein, I bow my head and humbly pray that God may grant you, and those who work with you more strength and power with which to carry on this good work. Words cannot say just how much I have enjoyed reading this paper.

I never had the honor of reading one of our Baptist papers until a few weeks ago, when a friend brought a copy of it to the church with her, and I had about five minutes to look it over. Well, the results were, I borrowed some of her back copies of the Baptist paper, and I am still busy reading them.

At last I have the price saved to buy a year's subscription for myself. The friend let me have about a dozen copies, and I have read most of them. There was not a thing in any of them that I did not enjoy.

We had an election in our church a few weeks ago, and re-elected Brother H. A. Lewis as our pastor for another year. Mrs. Rosa Duren was re-elected as clerk, and Brother Columbus Howard as assistant clerk. Brother Truman Mimms was elected as chairman of the Building Fund. Alta Watkins was elected reporter.

Our young people had a business meeting, and the following officers were elected: L. C. Crosswhite, president; Verdell Howard, vice-president; Onta Holloway, secretary; and Maxine Bernard, treasurer. A program committee was appointed by the new president, and Mrs. Watkins was retained as advisor for the program committee.

Mrs. Alta L. Watkins,
Box 781,
Saticoy, Calif.

Should anyone in the country, or in town desire my services, please write, or get in touch with me. I will be glad to go on week-ends. My services are free and I take no offerings, and ask for no money. I only desire a place to work.

Your brother in Christ Jesus
Rev. P. R. Williams
204 Lyon Street, Durham, N. C.
P. S.—My telephone number is: F-9463.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

MRS. BILL HESTER PASSES

On January 8, 1950, the death angel visited the home of Mr. Bill Hester of Bladenboro, North Carolina, and called to her reward Mrs. Alma Guyton Hester, wife and mother of the home.

She joined White Oak F. W. B. Church several years ago, and until her sickness prevented here from attending services, she was always in her seat at church. Those who associated with her daily loved her. The home feels a great loss, and the church does too, but we bow in humble submission to the will of the heavenly Father.

The funeral services were conducted from the church by her pastor, Rev. C. B. Hansley, and interment was made near by. The large crowd of people present, and the lovely floral offering attest in part to the love and esteem in which she was held.

To the family, the woman's auxiliary extends deepest sympathy, and may each one live close to the Lord.

Mrs. Troy Hickman
Bladenboro, N. C.

BESSIE JEAN AND DALTON WIGGS CALLED TO BE WITH THE LORD

It is with a sad heart that I attempt to write of the death of my brother, Dalton Wayne, age 8 months, 20 days old, and also Bessie Jean, age twelve years, 5 months, and 2 days old. They lost their lives in a fire which destroyed our home on March 5, 1950.

The funeral services were held at Edgewood F. W. B. Church. They were laid to rest beneath a beautiful mound of flowers at the Fountain Cemetery. They leave to mourn their loss their parents, Rev. and Mrs. P. C. Wiggs, two brothers, Billy and Phil, and four sisters, Ruth, Agnes, Gladys, Rachel, and Lynda Fay, several aunts, uncles, and three grandparents survive.

Though they are gone, they are not forgotten,

And never will they be;
As long as we live and our memory lasts,
We will always think of thee.

Beneath the flowers where they are laid,
Their memory lives while their flowers fade.

He took them away to be with Him on high,

So they could sing as angels in the sweet
bye and bye.

Written by their sister, Miss Ruth Wiggs,
Macclesfield, N. C.

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sooth,
The doing one's part, be it ever so small!
You, reaping with Boaz, I gleaning with Ruth,
Are honored by service, yet servants of all.

NO drudge in his corner but speeds the world's
wheels;
No serf in the fields but sowing God's seed—
More noble, I think, in the dust though he kneels,
Than the pauper of wealth, who makes scorn of
the deed.

IS TOIL but a treadmill? Think not of the grind,
But think of the grist, what is done, and to do,
The world growing better, more like to God's
mind,
By long, faithful labor of helpers like you.

THE BROOM, or the spade, or the shuttle, that
plies
Its own honest task in its own honest way,
Serves heaven not less than a star in the skies—
What more could the Pleiades do than obey?
—James Buckham

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Notice

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

ETERNAL LIFE

"Who His own self bore our sins in his own body on the tree" (I Peter 2:24). Bethlehem is the scene of God's greatest gift of all gifts—the sum and substance of all other gifts. Bethlehem is the scene of the angel's glad message, for he said, "Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2: 10, 11).

Is it any wonder that there is a universal celebration of the Saviour's birth. Nazareth is the scene of the only perfect life that ever lived on earth. The Word said, "He went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them, but his mother kept all these things in her heart." We are taught that Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.

But Calvary is the scene of the finished work of the Saviour of men. There the infinite price was paid for our redemption. It was paid in full on the cross. And what a price that was! By his blood we are saved through repentance, faith and baptism, for Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law. He was made a curse for us, for it is written, "cursed is every one that hangeth on the tree" (Gal. 3:13).

All the wealth of all the world, all the gold, silver, precious stones, all the products of man's brawn and brain could not purchase salvation for a single soul. It was necessary for the Lord Jesus to go to the tree, and die for you and me. It was our sin that took him there. It was on the tree at Calvary that the sin question was settled once for all. It was to God's entire and eternal satisfaction. The Lord Jesus is no longer on the tree, nor in the tomb. But he is risen from among the dead, in his triumph over sin, death and hell. He offers the wonderful gift of eternal life to everyone who will believe on him.

He is the most costly gift that was ever given to mankind, because the wages of sin is death, and without his sacrificial death on the cross, sin would prevail over everyone, and eternal damnation would be the lot for all. It is an ideal time for sinners to accept Christ, for it costs us nothing to receive him as our Lord and Master. This gift comes wrapped in all the love of the gracious heavenly Father. It is for you to receive, and to reap the blessings of salvation. Now is the time for turning to him. Remember, "as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe in his name" (Jon. 2:12).

Walter King,
Deep Run, N. C.
Route 1, Box 219

HOME-COMING AND REVIVAL AT NEW SANDY HILL CHURCH

The first Sunday in July will be homecoming day at New Sandy Hill Church. This church is located on highway num-

ber 581, and two miles south of Bailey, North Carolina.

There will be morning services and special singing in the afternoon. Dinner will be served on the church grounds in the old-fashion picnic style. A special invitation is extended to Christian people, choirs, quartets, trios, etc. Those who are interested in worship by song service and hymns of prayer and praise are given special invitation to come. Bring well-filled baskets of food for the noon hour.

The revival services will be held each night at the church for the week preceding home-coming occasion. The Reverend C. M. Coates of Selma, North Carolina, will do the preaching. Everybody is invited to attend these services, and it is hoped that each one will be greatly blessed. We desire the prayers of the Christian people for this meeting.

Mrs. W. P. Bun,
Sims, North Carolina

IF YOU SHOULD ASK ME WHY

WALTER E. ISENHOUR

If you should ask me why I smile
When others fret and pine,
And why I'm peaceful all the while
And do not fume and whine,

I'd tell you that within my soul
There is a well of grace;
That God holds o'er my life control
And keeps me in my place.

If you should ask me why I pray
When some would curse and swear,
And why my soul keeps sweet each day,
Though burdens great I bear,

I'd tell you that our God above
Has taken out all sin,
And so there is abundant love
That never fails within.

If you should ask me why I give
My talent and my time
To help my fellowmen to live
And seek the things sublime,

I'd tell you that the God I serve,
Who's worthy of my all,
Holds wealth for me in safe reserve
I'll get when He shall call.

PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to advise that I will be available for pastoral services on the third Sunday for next year, and also for revival work during the months of July, September, and October. Those interested in having my services may write to me, or call to see me.

Yours in the service of the Lord,
Rev. Willet L. Moretz, Box 414
Raleigh, North Carolina

Sowing and Reaping Wild Oats

Rev. R. W. Allman
Kannapolis, N. C.
Route 5, Box 853

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."—Gal. 6:7-8.

Every man has a field to sow, to cultivate, and to reap; and he will plant it with good or bad seed, and at best he will have some tares among the wheat, however he sows. Death starts upon the track of every man, and follows him idly through the period of his lusty planting, and when he turns in middle life or old age to reap his crop, death still follows and helps to gather his sheaves for the grave and the judgment. Sometimes the harvest is reached sooner, sometimes later; but surely the harvest will be reaped, and the grave will be reached.

Our text says: "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." The crop will correspond with the seed sown, and although, as in all planting, every seed will mature for the harvest. If we had no Bible, in the nature of things this text would be true, for we cannot sow without reaping, nor can we fail to reap in kind the crop we sowed, or else reap the kindred consequences or punishment attached to the planting of evil upon the field of life. However shrewd we may be, however much we may cover our tracks from others, however we may imagine ourselves fortified against results, however we may conceive that God has forgotten or that his law has been healed of its violations by time, or that nature has outgrown its evil crop by a better culture, it is nevertheless true that we shall reap that we have sown, either in kind, consequence, or punishment.

We cannot eradicate the scars upon conscience, the stains upon the heart, the blunt upon sensibility, nor can we recall blight and ruin we have

afflicted upon others. Punishment awaits every man, in some form or other, even the man converted from the error of his sowing. God can forgive our record, but he never reverses it. If we once wasted the fields of life by sowing wild oats, we must in due time reap them. To illustrate this truth; if I wreck my physical body, shatter my mind, regeneration cannot repair that loss, nor can it rid me of the regrets of the evils brought upon myself and others.

"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Jacob cheated Esau, and Laban cheated him. He deceived his father with the skin of a kid in order to get Esau's blessing, and his sons deceived him with the blood of a kid, into which they had dipped Joseph's coat of many colors. God and nature are sure to get even with us for every violation of law, physical, mental, or moral.

Stick your finger in the fire, and you will get burned. Hang around with the Devil's crowd, and you will soon be numbered with them. Our reaping is always more abundant than our sowing, some thirty, some sixty, some a hundredfold more than the sowing. No one can tell what one little seed planted in evil soil may bring forth in the long run of time. The oak comes from an acorn, and the Mississippi flows from thousands of little springs.

Again, we are much longer reaping than we are sowing. It doesn't take long to sow a crop of wild oats, but O how long we are in reaping the superabundant crop. It takes a long time to repair, if we ever do, and injury done to our fearfully and wonderfully made being, and nothing short of the grace of God can ever finally rid us of the consequences of sowing to sin and the devil.

Children, young men, and young women, why not sow now to the Spirit, and reap life everlasting? Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth. They who seek God early shall find him.

Ray up for yourselves treasures in

heaven, where the bank never fails and the cashier never steals, and where the gold never cankers. Instead of death upon your track, the angels of God will camp round about you upon the fields of life. Make not the field of life a drear desert, but make it a beautiful garden-spot, scattered with the seeds of kindness, blooming with the flowers of happiness, fragrant with the perfume of fruitfulness, rich with the harvest of eternal life.

Young man, young woman, if you have already started to sow wild oats, stop your sowing today. Ere long it may be too late to stop. Remember, before it is too late, the awful admonition: "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

NOTICE

I expect to leave Pensacola, Fla., for the National F. W. B. Association at Richmond, California, the morning of July 5th or 6th by new car. I will be able to carry 2 or 3 small to medium size passengers who are willing to share expense. I believe total expense of trip to run between 250 or 300 dollars for car load round trip or 75 to 100 dollars each passenger. I can pick up passengers at Bus stations at Mobile, Ala., Jackson, Miss., Houston, Texas, or at other places on route. Please contact me at once by wire or letter at P. O. Box 5287, Pensacola, Fla.

Yours sincerely,
W. E. Halley

BRYAN CHURCH TO HAVE HOMECOMING

Bryan F. W. B. Church, Bryan, Texas, will have homecoming observed on Sunday, June 25. On this date all church properties of said church will be cleared of indebtedness. The services will begin at ten o'clock a. m., and will conclude at 2:30 p. m.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services, and to enjoy the day with our church people.

Rev. N' Bruce Barrow, Pastor
Bryan, Texas

I will endeavor daily by thought, word, and deed to follow my Master.

NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

A True Servant

In Deut. 15:16, 17, we read these words: "And it shall be, if he say unto thee, I will not go away from thee: because he loveth thee and thine house, because he is well with thee; then thou shalt take an aul and thrust it through his ear unto the door and he shall be thy servant forever. And also unto thy maid servant thou shalt do likewise."

Let us notice some characteristics of a good servant:

1. *A True Servant Loves His Master*

Through the ages there have manifested the life of both good and bad servants. Evil servants have betrayed and even sold and destroyed their masters. While good servants have even laid down their own life for the cause of their master. Truly this is so in the church of Christ. Millions out of true love have given their all for the cause of the Christ and His church.

2. *A True Servant Loves the Church of Christ*

Those who are true do not only love the organism, the invisible, but we love the visible part of the church. This includes a church pride, which pride is built on the foundation of *Love* for Christ. I cannot believe that a person who loves Christ, can be satisfied when the church building where we worship is going down for lack of repairs. I believe that a true servant wants to see a church edifice built to meet the demands of the community. A building that is comfortable and complete in every part for the progress of the church as a whole. A man who loves his church will strive with sacrificial efforts to show his love for the church.

3. *The True Servant Loves to Go to Church and Perform Church Activities*

"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord" (Psa. 122:1). And again, "I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee" (Psa. 22:22).

A man who loves his church, and the Christ who bought us with his own precious blood can not be satisfied without attending worship at the stated time and place. To willfully stay away from church worship is a betrayal of Christ. How can anyone waste the day in foolish lounging around and needless visiting of places and people? If you love God and the church,

how can you neglect to worship Christ in the congregation of the righteous?

4. *A True Servant Wants to Obey His Lord*

"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works. Not the forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another" (Heb. 10:24, 25).

We disobey the commandment of the Lord when we absent ourselves from the worship of the Lord. To stay away from regular church worship is to disobey the Lord. God says, "It is better to obey than to sacrifice" (1 Sam. 15:22). "We ought to obey God rather than man" (Acts 5:29). "His servants ye are to whom ye obey" (Rom. 6:16). "His voice will we obey" (Josh. 24:24). Let us remember that God is not pleased when we disobey. To stay away from church worship is to displease God, because it is disobeying God's command. A true servant will obey God. King Saul was not obedient unto the Lord. So when we stay away from the worship of God willfully, we are the loser. Don't tell me that you love God and Christ, if you do not love to attend the regular worship of God. Don't tell me that you love your church, when you willfully stay away from its services. God's word is against you.

5. *A Good Servant Loves the Fellowship of Good Servants*

"A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if you have love one for another" (John 13:34, 35). "That which we have seen and heard we declare unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ" (1 John 1:3).

6. *Liberality the Mark of a True Servant*

"And they spake unto Moses, saying, the people bring much more than enough for the service of the work, which the Lord commanded to make" (Exe. 36:5). "Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have mine own proper good, of gold and silver, which I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house" (1 Chron. 29:3). "And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and one soul . . . Neither was any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them . . . "And distribution was made unto every man as he had need" (Acts 4:32-35). There is no place for a "tight-wad" in the service of our Christ. "God loveth a cheerful giver." The man that buried his talent was a "tight-wad." The poor widow who gave her little—her all—was a "cheerful giver." Ananias and Sapphira were "tight-wads." They had the goods for the Lord but lied about the price.

I heard of a man, who named his right pocket "the world," and when you asked him for money for the church he would say: "I haven't a cent in the world," and then slap his hand on his right pocket. "Not every one that saith unto me Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 7:21). It is the will of the Father that we give our TITHES AND OFFERINGS to support His Church. Why not OBEY God? This is God's only way. Man and the devil have concocted many ways and have said, "Just so you get the money, it is allright." But God does not say so. GOD SAYS, "TITHES AND OFFERINGS." Some folk dance and sell suppers and actually gamble, by a game of chance, to raise money for the church. God does not want such tainted, filthy lucre.

BIBLE SCHOOL AT PINE LEVEL

The Vacation Bible School was held in Pine Level F. W. B. Church the week of May 29 through June 2, under the direction of Mrs. John Crocker. Miss Freddie Hinnant served as pianist, and Miss Hilda Crocker as secretary and treasurer.

There were 103 students enrolled in the school, and 18 teachers. The average attendance each day was 100 present.

The teachers of the school were as follows: Cradle Roll, Mesdames Thaddeus Parker and Rudolph Peedin; Beginners, Mesdames Norman Peedin and Wade Crocker; Primary Class, Misses Mary Ann Oliver, and Magdalene Crocker, Mrs. Belvin Strickland, and Mrs. Wilbert Woodard; Junior Class, Mesdames Paul Pittman, Charlie Thornton, and John Crocker; Intermediate Class, Mesdames Tommie Garner, Roger Crocker, Person Pittman, and Dewey Crocker.

Each class was divided into four periods which consisted of Bible, music, craft, and recreation. The pupils were taught many useful things during the week, and everyone enjoyed being together in the work. The students and the faculty were served refreshments each day by the Woman's auxiliary of the church.

The closing exercises were held on Friday night with each class giving a short playlet of what they had been taught during the week, and a display of their craft.

Hilda Crocker, Reporter

PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to advise that I will be available for pastoral services for the coming year on the second and fourth Sundays. I will be also available for evangelistic meetings during the summer and fall.

I shall be glad to communicate with any church desiring my services.

Rev. J. H. French
Fuquay Springs, N. C.

Ministers Hold Annual Conference at Cragmont June 5-8



A highly successful conference has just been concluded by the Free Will Baptist Ministers at Cragmont. This was the fourth annual conference which the Ministerial Association has conducted. This year's enrollment was the largest yet, with 36 ministers enrolled for the week. Leading ministers from all parts of the state were in attendance. The inspiration and fellowship of the week greatly enriched the conference.

Rev. R. N. Hinnant, President of the Ministerial Association, directed the program which consisted of preaching and inspiration by the ministers in attendance.

The conference officially began on Monday evening, June 5, at 8 p. m., when Rev. J. C. Griffin preached the introductory sermon with the text: "As my Father has sent me, even so send I you." His subject was "COMMISSIONED ONES." The de-

votions for the evening service were conducted by Rev. Wm. Burkette Raper. Following the sermon Brother Griffin showed us pictures of previous Ministers' Conferences at Cragmont, followed by another picture entitled "The Open Door."

Tuesday

The program for Tuesday began at 9 a. m. when Rev. Wade Calvert conducted the morning devotions. A portion of the time was given to testimonies by the ministers, with nearly everyone testifying. It was a deep religious experience to share in the Christian experiences of our fellow ministers.

At 10 a. m. Rev. Hinnant began a presentation of the new discipline as it has been worked out by the committee appointed by the State Convention. The discipline was read and discussed.

Rev. D. W. Hansley preached the 11 o'clock sermon after the devotions had been conducted by Rev. Hinnant. Rev. Hansley was introduced by Rev. L. E. Ballard. "Our Needs" was the title of his message. A field for labor, a vision of our tasks, and faithfulness to perform them was the three-fold need pointed out by Brother Hansley. In meeting these ends the necessity of unity among our ministers was emphasized.

Dr. Daniel Russell, visiting minister from Texas A. & M. College, was the speaker at the 8 p. m. service. Dr. Russell was introduced by Brother Hinnant. He spoke on the areas of service wherein the rural church can function. He emphasized the importance of the rural church taking an active interest in better government for its citizens, providing

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Middlesex Orphanage

MAY RECEIPTS FOR 1950

(NOTE: Receipts have been mailed to each individual auxiliary or person contributing, but totals here are shown for all amounts from each church, regardless of organization through which it came for the period covered. Our books and files are open at all times for inspection or checking for any particular receipt. Receipts reaching our office later than Wednesday, June 1, will appear in the June report.)

CORRECTION: Last month we failed to list Saratoga of the Central Conference with an offering of \$4.50 in the General Fund.

GENERAL FUND

<i>Western</i>	
Friendship	\$ 7.38
Marsh Swamp	10.00
Elwood Lane	14.37
Orphanage Memorial Chapel	9.41
Wilson	42.65
St. Mary's	7.17
1st Union	100.00
Stancils Chapel	22.53
Union Grove, Wayne County	7.77
Pleasant Hill, Wayne County	20.00
Wilson	14.23
Mt. Zion, Nash County	28.81
Kenly	15.25
Branch Chapel	20.24
Watson's Grove	8.50
Rains Cross Roads	50.00
Total	\$378.31

Central

4th Union Auxiliary Convention	\$ 66.29
Hull Road	91.75
2nd Union S. S. Convention	9.75
Black Jack	10.00
Maury	1.50
2nd Union	78.26
St. Delight	8.00
Rose of Sharon	8.00
Little Creek	25.00
Sweet Gum Grove	30.36
Pleasant Hill .....	.50
Bethany	6.96
Grimsley	15.47
Owens Chapel	25.00
Greenville	24.27
Winterville	12.00
Saratoga	6.50
Rose of Sharon	20.00
Gum Swamp	26.29
Free Union, Greene County	49.25
Dilda's Grove	5.00
2nd Union District League Conv.	5.58
Rocky Mount	5.00
Spring Branch	10.00
Marlboro	3.58
Gum Swamp	4.86
Aspin Grove	10.00
Total	\$559.17

Eastern

5th Sunday School Convention	\$ 66.70
Mt. Zion, Pamlico County	30.00
Warden's Grove	8.40
Mt. Zion, Onslow County	3.50
Holly Springs	9.60
Davis	12.50
Beaufort	63.51
Ephesus	11.72
Ruth's Chapel	7.32
Dublin Grove	15.54
Wintergreen	2.00
Sneads Ferry	4.37

Juniper Chapel	8.50
Friendship	28.25
Lanes Chapel	5.00
Bethel	3.00
Brice's Creek	19.50
Christian Chapel	14.00
Folkstone	3.75
Carteret County Union	25.50
St. Marys	24.02
Kinston	35.00
Union Chapel	35.63
Beulaville	15.41
St. Johns Chapel	10.00
Gettsemane	20.00
Whaleys Chapel	4.75
Total	\$487.47

French Broad

Beaverdam	\$ 5.00
District Auxiliary Convention	5.00
Horney Heights	5.00
Asheville	10.00
Cedar Hill	8.00
Total	\$ 33.00

Cape Fear

Shady Grove	\$ 2.00
Corinth	25.00
Stevens Chapel	3.73
Oak Grove	7.70
Pleasant Grove	5.00
Powhatan	6.00
Robert's Grove	5.00
Bethel, Johnston County	6.00
Lee's Chapel	17.87
Total	\$ 78.30

Rockfish

Highland Pines	\$ 36.12
Union	39.00
Total	\$ 75.12

Pee Dee

Mill Rock	\$ 3.00
1st Union	16.33
Oak Grove	45.00
Total	\$ 64.33

Toe River

Millers Chapel	\$ 10.00
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Jacks Creek

Glen Alpine	\$ 11.00
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Albemarle

Piney Grove, Beaufort County	\$ 1.07
Sidney	12.00
St. Pauls	20.00
F. W. B. Mission, Washington	15.25
Total	\$ 48.32

Piedmont

Aleo	\$ 7.70
Pine Grove	37.00
Sunday School Convention	44.00
Caroleen	11.75
Total	\$100.45

Miscellaneous

Parents and Relatives	\$136.60
Refunds	27.31
Young People's Friend Subs.	32.50
Cash Sales (farm, dairy, etc.)	97.09
Coupons	35.46
Fletcher Vatteus	10.00
Josie Ecklin Alligood Will	100.00

A friend from Wilson	3.00
Mrs. R. W. White	3.50
Mrs. Mattie Barnhill	5.00
Refund on New Equipment	160.05
Total	\$610.51

CLOTHING FUND

Sarecta Auxiliary (Eastern)	\$ 30.00
Lee's Chapel Auxiliary (Cape Fear)	30.00
Total	\$ 60.00

ALBEMARLE COTTAGE FUND

Sunday School Convention	\$374.54
Union Meeting	92.77
Total	\$467.31

REFURNISHING GIRLS BUILDING FUND

4th Union Auxiliary Convention (Central)	\$ 5.00
Dawsons Grove Auxiliary (Central)	5.00
Total	\$ 10.00

STOVE FUND

<i>Eastern</i>	
Davis Auxiliary	\$ 10.00
Kinston Auxiliary	10.00
British Chapel Auxiliary	10.00
5th Union	175.35
Friendship Auxiliary	5.00
Deep Run Auxiliary	10.00
Total	\$230.35

Cape Fear

Smithfield Auxiliary	\$ 5.00
St. Marys Grove Auxiliary	5.00
Hopewell Auxiliary	10.00
Total	\$ 20.00

SEWING MACHINE FUND

Piney Grove Auxiliary, Pitt County (Central)	\$ 6.50
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MUSIC FUND

Kinston Auxiliary (Eastern)	\$ 5.00
Smithfield Auxiliary (Cape Fear)	5.00
Greenville Auxiliary (Central)	5.00
Holly Springs Auxiliary (Western)	5.00
Grimsley Auxiliary (Central)	1.00
Little Rock Auxiliary (Western)	5.00
Total	\$ 26.00

MATTRESS FUND

Core Creek (Eastern)	\$ 39.08
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PIG CHAIN FUND

Roberts Grove Sunday School (Cape Fear)	\$ 25.00
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TOTALS

General Fund	\$2,455.98
Albemarle Cottage	487.51
Stove Fund	250.55
Sewing Machine Fund	6.50
Music Fund	26.00
Refurnishing Girls Building	10.00
Clothing Fund	60.00
Mattress Fund	39.08
Pig Chain Fund	25.00
Grand Total	\$3,340.22

BUDGET RECEIPTS

Eastern Conference	\$8,564.36
Central Conference	6,965.33
Western Conference	6,330.95
Cape Fear Conference	3,565.91
Albemarle Conference	802.30
Jacks Creek Association	635.27
French Broad Association	903.53
Piedmont Association	828.22

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: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

ORPHANAGE CONCERT CLASSES ON THE FIELD

The North Carolina Orphanage at Middlesex has four Concert Classes on the field. They are being directed and supervised by competent class managers. This early in the season, the classes are visiting the churches chiefly located in the trucking belt of the state, and also in the mountain districts. A little later on, they will visit the churches chiefly in the tobacco belt of the State, and the extreme eastern sections where the fishing industry is in the full summer swing.

All pastors, church and Sunday School officials are especially requested to be on the alert when the Concert Classes are to visit their churches. They should have it announced ahead of the coming of the classes, and encourage the church and community people to attend the concerts to be held in their churches. Financial support is greatly needed at the Orphan Home during this season of the year when funds usually run low. It is hoped, therefore, that all churches visited by these classes this summer will make their offerings larger than heretofore. **Be sure** to make the offerings large this summer for the Middlesex Home.

The travelling manager, Mr. R. R. McLeod, dropped in our office a day or so ago, and gave us a splendid report of progress being made in the different departments of the Home. The farm crops, he stated, are looking prosperous, and the stock and poultry are doing well on the pastures. The children and the Home Personnel, Brother McLeod stated, are all feeling well, and keep busy all the while.

oooOoOoo FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST MINISTER AWARDED

Reverend Daniel F. Pelt, a leading Free Will Baptist minister of Florida, recently received a splendid award for his outstanding religious services as a rural pastor, and social-civic worker among the young people of the State. The award was given by the Progressive Farmer Magazine, and the School for Town and County ministers, Emory University, Atlanta.

Upon receiving a telegram, stating that he had been given this honor, Reverend Pelt said, "I have no idea why I was chosen . . . I did just what I thought best; . . . none of that was so outstanding." Pelt had given much time and thought during the past years to youth activities

in religious matters and community life. He, together with thirteen other ministers in as many Southern states, will receive a Scholarship to the Sixth Annual Town and Country School at Emory University, July 3 through 20, 1950. His untiring efforts, simplicity of manner as a rural minister, and devotion to the cause of the spiritual and educational aspects of the youth of his State, speak well for Free Will Baptists in the State of Florida. Heavenly blessings upon Brother Pelt.

oooOoOoo EVERETT, WASHINGTON, WITNESSES GREAT REVIVAL

The city of Everett, in Snohomish County, Washington, has experienced a wonderful revival. Forty churches were represented in the meeting. The Youth for Christ organization joined in as one great band of young people for the cause of Christ and the salvation of souls. Ministers and lay-leaders of the various Protestant churches of the city gave loyal support with their interest and prayers for the fourteen day meeting.

The evangelist was the Reverend Hyman Appleman, the well-known Jew Evangelist for Christ, who delivered stirring and convincing messages of salvation for lost souls. The report stated: "According to all reports, the meeting, with its many hundreds of decisions for Christ and the churches, as well as its great crowds, broke all records for Everett and Snohomish County, and left an indelible impression for Christ upon the entire community."

With Billy Graham, Appleman, Bob Jones and scores of other noteworthy evangelists of today, the day of revivals is not over. No, evangelistic campaigns did not end with Moody, Sunday, Sam Jones, and many other noted evangelists of a few decades ago. Christ is ever real to those who have the Word proclaimed to them with conviction, zeal, and the prospect of a better day to come. May the revival fires spread from city to city, county to county, and from state to state until all America shall arise to witness for God. May there come such an awakening for Christ as this country has never seen in all of its history. May all churches, Sunday Schools, Bible schools, etc., witness a yearning for God, as never before, by multitudes of people, the young and the old, the high and the low, the weak and the strong, turning to Christ. Let it come, Lord Jesus.

WHERE WERE YOU!

"I came to your church last Sunday, I walked up and down the aisle, I noticed your seat was vacant,"
Said the Master, with kindly smile.

"Yes, I was at home," I answered,
"Some folks from up Salen way

Drove down for a week-end visit,
So we stayed in the house all day."

Or, "I had an awful headache,"
"I had a roast in the pan,"

Or, "We overslept this morning,
But I go whenever I can."

The Master gazed at me sadly,
As He was about to speak,

"My child," He replied, "Are there not
Six other days in the week?"

I saw I had grieved my Master,
As slowly He turned away,
And I vowed He'd not find me absent
Again on His holy day!

—First Baptist Church Bulletin,
Hodgenville, Kentucky

MINISTERS HOLD ANNUAL CONFERENCE AT CRAGMONT JUNE 5-8

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better education and better roads for its people, offering recreational facilities to our young people, conservation of our soil and promoting medical aid to rural people. Yet, Dr. Russell hastened to point out that the fundamental task of the rural minister was the preaching of the Word. A proclamation of the Gospel, he emphasized, must be the foundation upon which the program of the rural church is to be built. Special music was furnished for the evening service by Miss Betty Floyd and Mr. and Mrs. John Floyd of Marion. John, the son of Rev. J. E. Floyd of Marion, is a young man twenty-two years of age who plans to enter the ministry.

Wednesday

Rev. R. N. Hinnant conducted the morning devotions at 9 a. m., after which Rev. L. B. Manning preached from the text "Be strong in the Lord." (Ephesians 6:10). The conviction of Brother Manning was that we needed "more agonizing and less organizing" in our church. The importance of prayer and a study of the scriptures was stressed if one is to be strong in the Lord.

The new discipline was taken up again at 10 a. m., and this time the presentation and discussion was led by Rev. James A. Evans. A friendly and lively discussion was carried on.

Rev. S. A. Smith who preached the 11 o'clock sermon was introduced by Rev. C. D. Hamilton. "The successful ministry" was the title of Brother Smith's sermon. The ingredients for a successful ministry are cooperation, unity and evangelism, Brother Smith iterated.

The annual business session of the Ministers' Conference was held at 1 p. m. The treasurer's report revealed that there was \$150.16 on hand. In addition to room and board it was voted that the Ministerial Association pay to Cragmont Assembly \$35 as overhead expenses for the past two years. A motion was made and carried that each registered minister at this year's conference and each

year hereafter be issued a membership certificate in the Ministers' Association. These certificates will be mailed shortly. It was decided that for next year's program for the ministers' week at Cragmont that a speaker shall be a Free Will Baptist. He is to be selected by the Executive Committee. It was voted that next year each minister in the state be mailed an invitation, by the Ministers' Association, to attend our conference at Cragmont. The program for the conference is also to be enclosed with the invitation. The following officers were elected:

President, Rev. R. N. Hinnant, re-elected

Vice-President, Rev. Roy Rikard, re-elected

Treasurer, Rev. J. C. Griffin
Secretary, Rev. Wm. Burkette Raper.

Rev. Roy Rikard conducted the devotions at the 8 p. m. service and introduced Rev. Wayne W. Smith from the French Broad Association who brought the evening message. His text was Matthew 4:1-11. Brother Smith reminded us that the same "slew-footed monster" who tempted our Lord is still at large.

Thursday

The 9 o'clock devotions were conducted by Brother Rikard after which Rev. Walter Jernigan preached a very inspiring sermon on faith.

At the 10 o'clock hour the study of the new discipline was led by Brother Evans, and each minister present expressed the thought that a new discipline was a good idea.

Rev. Raper preached the 11 o'clock sermon on the title of "Having an Experience with God." It was pointed out that the minister has no right to preach beyond that which he has experienced. The text was drawn from The Transfiguration of Jesus.

The Ministers' Conference was formally concluded at the evening service when Rev. R. C. Ambrose conducted the devotions and Rev. M. L. Baxley preached on the subject "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever." At the close of the service another testimonial service was held. Those that partici-

pated in this service included the employees at Cragmont during the week of the Ministers' Conference. The special music was furnished by all of the employees. Misses Lois Harrell and Ernestine Sasser rendered two duets and Miss Dorothy Rae Boykin a solo.

Much more could be written and said about the heavenly discourse which we had at Cragmont. It was a week which those of us who attended will not soon forget. We had fellowship and sight-seeing, but most of all we had communion with our Lord. Truly, it was good that we went, for our souls were fed and our spirits were nourished.

Among our visitors for the week were Charles David Hansley, son of Rev. D. W. Hansley, the wife of Rev. Paul Jenkins and their son, Richard, Mrs. Wayne W. Smith and daughter, Miss Betty Floyd, Mr. and Mrs. John Floyd, and Brother Arthur Kennedy.

The employees at Cragmont performed a marvelous job in making our stay pleasant and comfortable. Mrs. C. G. Pope with her kitchen help, Lorraine Evans, Earnestine Sasser, Lois Harrell, and Mr. Kenneth Raper, made each meal a bountiful repast. It seemed as though everything were perfect.

Mr. Edgar Raper and his son, Kenneth, who were repairing the roof during the week of the Ministers' Conference were very pleasant guests.

Miss Dorothy Rae Boykin, Secretary at Cragmont this year, perhaps deserves special recognition—at least one of our ministers thought so!

Following are the names of the 36 ministers who registered for the Ministers' Conference this year at Cragmont: J. E. Floyd, R. N. Hinnant, Charles Brown, Noah Brown, Charles Manness, Willie Stillely, K. W. Kaskill, R. C. Ambrose, S. A. Smith, Steve English, W. H. Willis, W. B. Carter, W. R. Millard, Arthur Kennedy, W. Burkette Raper, D. W. Hansley, L. E. Ballard, W. H. Calvert, Ray Rikard, E. R. Tyner, C. D. Hamilton, Paul Jenkins, W. L. Moretz, W. L. Jernigan, M. L. Baxley, L. E. Ambrose, Sherman H. Oakes, J. C. Griffin, C. B. Hansley, W. E.

Renfrow, L. H. Boykin, L. B. Manning, E. E. Edwards, J. A. Evans, W. W. Smith.

Next year we hope to meet all of these along with you who are not present this year. Thank God for Cragmont!

William Burkette Raper,
Secretary of Ministerial Assn.

**QUESTIONS ANSWERED ABOUT
CRAGMONT SUMMER SCHOOL
FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS**

1—When does it begin? It begins June 26.

2—How long does it last? Six weeks, closes on August 5.

3—Who may attend? Any young person above 15 years of age who has a desire to prepare for Christian work.

4—Is it for Sunday School officers and teachers? Yes, there will be special courses for Sunday School workers.

5—Will it benefit pastors? Yes, there will be special courses for pastors, (Pastoral Theology, Evangelism, and Church Administration).

6—Will credit be given to those passing the work? Yes, 4 semester hours for the entire 6 weeks.

7—Is it possible to attend just one week? Yes, you may attend one or more weeks as you may desire, and pay on a weekly basis. You will get credit for work according to weeks attending and work completed.

8—May a family unit go up on vacation for a week during the Summer School? Yes, choose any week you may desire to go upon vacation and sit in on the classes for instruction, inspiration, fellowship and rest.

9—Is it for people from states other than North Carolina? Yes, people from other states are heartily invited and will receive the same consideration as all others.

10—How much will it cost? Room and board will be \$2 a day by the week or \$80 for the 6 weeks period. Registration is \$2 for one or two weeks, \$5 for 3 to 6 weeks. Insurance is fifty cents a week. Books and supplies extra.

11—Will pastors be able to go up for the classes each week and return

for week-end appointments? Yes, classes will be so arranged to fit their needs and convenience. Classes will be conducted Monday through Friday.

12—May one go up and enroll in the school on June 26 or at the beginning of any of the 6 weeks without formal application? Yes, provided there is room at the time of coming to Cragmont. If there is no room in the building for sleeping, arrangements can be made near the campus so one may attend the classes.

13—Will it be possible for a family to go up with their trailer and live in it without paying the room and board fee? Yes, there will be space for parking trailers. The only fee will be insurance and registration. Books and supplies extra.

14—Where else in the Nation could you get room and board so cheap and get so much for your money? No where.

15—What makes this possible? The liberal hearted Christians of North Carolina make it possible through their liberal gifts in Scholarships and donations to Cragmont.

REGISTRATION BLANK

Name -----
Age----- Sex-----
Street or Route -----
City -----
State -----
County -----
Church -----
Conference -----
Pastor -----
Street or Route -----
State -----
City -----

One or two weeks \$2, 3 to 6 weeks \$5. Fill out blank and mail with money to Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, North Carolina.

Rashie Kennedy

"In him who strengthens me I am able for anything."—Phillippians 4:13 (Moffatt).

**REVIVAL BEING CONDUCTED
AT EDGEWOOD**

The Reverend P. C. Wiggs of Macclesfield, North Carolina, is to begin a revival meeting at Edgewood F. W. B. Church on June 21. The services each evening will begin at 7:45. This meeting will continue for ten days. Our pastor, Rev. J. D. Vernelson, will lead the singing. We extend a special invitation to everyone to attend this revival meeting. We request also that several will come prepared to help render special music for these services.

We, the church people, want to have an old-time revival meeting, and without your co-operation we will not have one. Come praying for a spiritual meeting, and your attendance will be highly appreciated.

Mrs. W. L. Hart, Reporter

**PLANS UNDER WAY TO ORGANIZE
F. W. B. CHURCH IN ATLANTA, GA.**

I am delighted to receive sample copies of THE FREE WILL BAPTIST, have enjoyed reading this issue, and wish to thank you kindly for the favor.

We have no F. W. B. Church in Atlanta at present, but we have plans under way to organize one. My membership is with Providence F. W. B. Church, Columbus.

I am especially pleased to find on your editorial page an invitation to send something for publication. I hope to submit a sermon in a short time.

With best wishes,
Cordially and fraternally yours,
Dr. Jay D. Bradley,
1204 Clairmont Ave., Decatur, Ga.

SEVEN DANGER SIGNALS OF CANCER

Go to your doctor if you have any of the symptoms. Don't try to "doctor" yourself.

1. Any sore that does not heal—particularly about the tongue, mouth or lips.
2. A painless lump or thickening, especially in the breast, lip or tongue.
3. Irregular bleeding or discharge from any natural body opening.
4. Progressive change in the color or size of a wart, mole or birthmark.
5. Persistent indigestion.
6. Persistent hoarseness, unexplained cough, or difficulty in swallowing.
7. Any change in the normal bowel habits.

Do you read your church papers?

ORPHANAGE REPORT

(Continued from page 6)

Pee Dee Association -----	480.96
Rockfish Association -----	206.17
Toe River Association -----	15.00
Western Yearly -----	5.00
Total -----	\$29,304.00

R. McLEOD, *Treasurer*

DONATED COMMODITIES

Reedy Branch Auxiliary (Central) clothing -----	\$ 3.75
Little Creek Auxiliary (Central) clothing -----	35.00
Swannanoa Church (French Broad) food -----	2.00
Avery's Creek Church (French Broad) food -----	29.25
Asheville Church (French Broad) Rev. W. L. Moretz (French Broad) food -----	12.65
Markets Division, N. C. Department of Agriculture, food -----	6.80
Mrs. A. W. Blake, clothing -----	80.00
Lee's Chapel Auxiliary (Cape Fear) clothing -----	7.50
Lee's Chapel Young Womans Auxiliary (Cape Fear) household supplies -----	12.20
Friendship Auxiliary (Eastern) clothing -----	12.25
Union Grove Auxiliary (Western) food -----	45.00
-----	1.75
Total Value -----	\$248.15

WALTER McD. CROOM, *Superintendent*

EXPENDITURES FOR MARCH, APRIL, MAY

Salaries -----	\$ 2,708.23
Office Supplies -----	33.77
Telephone and Telegraph -----	64.73
Insurance (All) -----	242.30
Conference Expense (Inc. Board) -----	136.76
Financing and Publicity -----	234.16
Administrative Travel -----	87.24
Food -----	1,742.69
Clothing -----	551.87
Refund on Bad Check -----	30.00
Laundry -----	37.25
Household Supplies -----	179.26
Recreation -----	2.95
Travel relating to care of children -----	17.22
Health Supplies -----	66.67
Education -----	320.07
Fuel, lights, etc. -----	1,234.44
Plant replacement and repair -----	588.88
Farm Supplies -----	1,582.18
Farm replacement and repair -----	526.15
Replacement of livestock -----	102.20
Farm Travel -----	20.10
Young People's Friend (Printing and Mailing) -----	41.08
Repayment of money borrowed from outside sources -----	213.24
Total operating expenses -----	\$10,823.44

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

New buildings (Albemarle Cottage) -----	\$2,284.87
New equipment -----	298.92
Capital Loans repaid -----	426.33
Total Capital Expenses -----	\$3,010.12
Grand Total Expenses for Quarter -----	\$13,833.56

To be a child of God one must be like Christ.

FLORIDA'S TOP RURAL MINISTER DOESN'T KNOW HOW TITLE CAME

By George Whittington

Marianna (Staff Correspondence)
—Florida's Rural Minister of the Year—the 41-year-old Rev. Daniel F. Pelt—can't figure out how he earned that title.

Rev. Pelt, the pastor of three Free Will Baptist churches in Northwest Florida, received notification of his selection yesterday, but admits he still doesn't know what it's all about. He received only a short telegram, which gave scant details.

The award was made by Progressive Farmer Magazine and the School for Town and Country Ministers, Emory University, Atlanta. They chose 13 ministers in as many Southern states.

Each minister will receive a scholarship to the Sixth Annual Town and Country School at Emory, July 3-20. The scholarship includes tuition, board and room. Alabama's winner was the Rev. Robert Glenn of Valhermoso Springs.

Rev. Pelt has no idea of how he came to be chosen for the honor. A committee makes its selection from names submitted by church groups throughout the South. But Florida's top rural minister doesn't even know who might have recommended him.

As to the success of his ministry—chief basis of the award—Rev. Pelt has done "just what I thought was best." And, he modestly declared, "none of that was so outstanding."

At present, he holds pastorates at the Traveler's Rest Church in Calhoun County, near Carr as well as Christian Home and Hickory Grove churches in Jackson County. Christian Home is near Blountstown, while Hickory Grove is at Bascom.

In addition, Rev. Pelt teaches social studies at Sneads High School—a position for which he prepared himself by eight years of study at Troy State Teachers' College, while serving as a minister in his native Jackson County.

Rev. Pelt explained that after entering Troy State, he found himself able to attend only two full school years. So he began taking Summer

courses working toward his Bachelor of Arts degree. He got it only last year.

If he's done anything worthy of special recognition, the modest minister figures, it might have had something to do with his youth work. He helped to establish a camp for boys near Cottdale on the Panama City highway. And in addition, he's worked constantly toward establishing Sunday School departments for young people in Northwest Florida's rural churches.

But, he declared, "Mike and Ronald have done most of that work." Mike, he said, is his younger brother—also a rural pastor—and Ronald is his 19-year-old son. Both are graduates of Chipola Junior College, where Ronald was an honor student. He now helps his father with youth activities.

In addition, Rev. Pelt has another son, Daniel, Jr., 15, and a daughter, Ramona, 17.

FREE UNION LEAGUE MEETS

The Ever Ready Senior League of Free Union Church, Beaufort County, held its regular business meeting on Tuesday night at 8:00 P. M., May 30. The devotions were begun by the members singing a hymn, and the Bible reading was by Mrs. Nathaniel Webster. Following this another hymn was sung.

The business period was entered into and the minutes were read and approved. There were 8 members present for this meeting. They answered to their names, at the roll call, by quoting a Bible verse. We appreciated the presence of ten visitors who were with us in this meeting.

In taking up the new business, it was decided to buy another book for the Church Library. The book decided on was "On the China Road." It was written by Martha L. Moenmick. A general discussion about the League Conference was given. An offering was taken to the amount of forty cents. Evelyn Webster invited the next meeting to be with her.

After the business matters were completed, we were dismissed with the League Benediction. Following this the hostess served delicious refreshments which everyone enjoyed very much.

Mrs. Oscar Webster, President
Evelyn Webster, Secretary

Do you read your church papers?

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Mrs. E. A. Taylor, Manager

(All services at 8:00 p. m. unless otherwise noted.)

Eastern Conference		
Day	Date	Church
Sunday, June 25	—Bethel	
Monday, June 26	—Rock of Zion	
Tuesday, June 27	—Warden's Grove	
Wednesday, June 28	—Ephesus	
Thursday, June 29	—Oak Grove	
Friday, June 30	—Macedonia	
Saturday, July 1	—Sts. Delight	
Sunday, July 2	—Gethsemane	
Monday, July 3	—Core Creek	
Tuesday, July 4	—Friendship	
Wednesday, July 5	—Kinston	
Thursday, July 6	—Spring Hope	
Friday, July 7	—White Oak Grove	
Monday, June 26	—Mt. Zion, Pamlico Co.	
Tuesday, June 27	—Dublin Grove	
Wednesday, June 28	—Core Point	
Thursday, June 29	—Union Chapel	
Friday, June 30	—Palmetta Chapel	
Saturday, July 1	—Antioch	
Sunday, July 2	—Ruths Chapel	
Monday, July 3	—Wintergreen	
Tuesday, July 4	—Pilgrims Home	
Wednesday, July 5	—Moseley's Creek	
Thursday, July 6	—British Chapel	
Friday, July 7	—Bethel, Kinston, Cape Fear Conference	

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Miss Mary E. Talton, Manager

(All services at 8:00 p. m. unless otherwise indicated).

Piedmont Association		
Day	Date	Church
Sunday, June 25	—Belmont	
Monday, June 26	—Goshen Grove	
Tuesday, June 27	—Cramerton	
Wednesday, June 28	—First Gastonia	
Thursday, June 29	—Washington Street	
Friday, June 30	—Fifth Avenue	
Saturday, July 1	—Caroleen	
Sunday, July 2	—Roberson Creek	
Monday, July 3	—First Church Marion	
Tuesday, July 4	—Ridgeway	
Wednesday, July 5	—Rocky Pass	

French Broad Association		
Day	Date	Church
Thursday, July 6	—Old Fort	
Friday, July 7	—Burgin's Chapel	
Saturday, July 8	—East Black Mountain	
Sunday, July 9	—Homers Chapel	
Monday, July 10	—Swannanoa	
Tuesday, July 11	—Howell's or Oakley Tabernacle	
Wednesday, July 12	—Sweeten Creek	

Thursday, July 13—Avery's Creek
 Friday, July 14, Horney Heights
 Saturday, July 15—Beaver Dam
 Sunday, July 16—Canton
 Monday, July 17—Hyatt's Creek
 Tuesday, July 18—Hazel Green
 Wednesday, July 19—Cedar Hill
 Thursday, July 20—Mountain View
 Friday, July 21—New Bridge (Asheville)
 Saturday, July 22—Union Chapel
 Sunday, July 23—Union Valley
 Monday, July 24—Ray's Chapel
 Tuesday, July 25—Barnardsville
 Wednesday, July 26—Paint Fork
 Thursday, July 27—Pisgah Forest
 Friday, July 28—Laurelton Chapel
 Saturday, July 29—Shady Grove
 Sunday, July 30—Marshall
 Monday, July 31—Red Hill

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Miss Bonnie Farmer, Manager

(All services at 8:00 p. m. unless otherwise noted.)

Eastern Conference		
Day	Date	Church
Sunday, June 25	—Trent	
Monday, June 26	—Mt. Zion, Pamlico Co.	
Tuesday, June 27	—Dublin Grove	
Wednesday, June 28	—Core Point	
Thursday, June 29	—Union Chapel	
Friday, June 30	—Palmetta Chapel	
Saturday, July 1	—Antioch	
Sunday, July 2	—Reunion Chapel (11 a. m.)	
Monday, July 3	—Wintergreen	
Tuesday, July 4	—Pilgrims Home	
Wednesday, July 5	—Moseley's Creek	
Thursday, July 6	—British Chapel	
Friday, July 7	—Bethel, Kinston (Cape Fear Conference)	

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Miss Cleo Eatman, Manager

(All services at 8:00 p. m. unless otherwise noted.)

JACKS CREEK ASSOCIATION		
DAY	DATE	CHURCH
Monday, June 26	—Glen Alpine	
Tuesday, June 27	—Fair View	
Wednesday, June 28	—Liberty	
Thursday, June 29	—Davistown	
Friday, June 30	—Bowditch	
Saturday, July 1	—Young's Chapel	
Sunday, July 2	—Low Gap (11:00 a. m.)	
Sunday, July 2	—Pensacola (8:00 p. m.)	
Monday, July 3	—Prices Creek	
Tuesday, July 4	—Terrys Fork	
Wednesday, July 5	—Pilgrim's Chapel	
Thursday, July 6	—Mine Fork	
Friday, July 7	—Green Mountain	
Saturday, July 8	—North Bend	
Sunday, July 9	—Big Creek (11:00 a. m.)	
Sunday, July 9	—Bald Mountain (8:00 p. m.)	
Monday, July 10	—Patterson Branch	
Tuesday, July 11	—Piney Hill	
Wednesday, July 12	—Higgins Chapel	

TOE RIVER ASSOCIATION

Thursday, July 13—Miller's Chapel
 Friday, July 14—Clinchfield
 Saturday, July 15—Green Mountain
 Sunday, July 16—Bruimitts Creek (11:00 a.m.)
 Sunday, July 16—Pigeon Roost (8:00 p. m.)
 Monday, July 17—Toe River
 Tuesday, July 18—Poplar
 Wednesday, July 19—St. Paul
 Thursday, July 20—Middle District
 Friday, July 21—Buladean
 Saturday, July 22—Beans Creek
 Sunday, July 23—Union Hill (11:00 a. m.)
 Sunday, July 23—Cane Creek (8:00 p. m.)
 Monday, July 24—Crabtree Chapel

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH, VA.

We have chosen for our circle the name, "Faithful Workers." The name is very descriptive of each of the members. We have on roll thirty active members. The circle meets Thursday evenings twice monthly in homes of the members. We do enjoy the fellowship and feel that we are making progress.

The circle has put on several dinners. The proceeds are going to the building fund, as do the proceeds from other projects, such as selling greeting cards, rummage sales, and most recently, the sale of vanilla and lemon extracts.

Our last meeting was held with Mrs. Lillian Chambers. The meeting for June 8, 1950, will be held at the home of Mrs. Paul Davis.

Mrs. J. W. Alexander is conducting a most interesting Mission Study—"His Name Among All Nations."

It is the hope of each member that we will be successful in the work, and ask the prayers of all the Christian people that we will go forward.

Mrs. D. G. Girmes, President
 Mrs. L. H. Matthews, Corr.-Secy.

PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENT

I am now available for pastoral work. Any church or churches desiring my services may contact me at the following address.

Rev. R. W. Allman
 Route 5, Box 853
 Kannapolis, N. C.
 Telephone 1008-M

HOME-COMING AT SMITH'S NEW HOME

Fourth Sunday in June will be Home-Coming Day at Smith's New Home Free Will Baptist Church in Lenoir County. An all-day program is planned with lunch being served on the church grounds during the noon hour. A cordial invitation is extended to all, especially to former members and pastors.

Rev. C. L. Patrick, pastor



JACOB, A MAN OF STRIKING CONTRASTS

(Lesson for July 2)

Lesson: Genesis 35:1-7, 9-12.

Golden Text: Genesis 28:15.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

1. The story of Esau selling his birthright to his brother Jacob is full of thrilling interest, and contains a solemn spiritual lesson, which people of God do well to ponder deeply. Jacob was destined to have the birthright, in the mind and purposes of God. The Lord told Rebekah before the birth of Esau and Jacob, that the elder should serve the younger. This was determined upon by the sovereign will of God, according to His elective purpose in grace (Rom. 9:10-13). (Read Genesis 25)

2. Esau was not suited for the birthright. Esau signifies "the man who feasts" and his after life fully evidenced the fact that he was true to his name. He was a wild, witty, fierce and venturesome sportsman. He was of a roving disposition. He loved the fields and recreation. He was destitute of faith and had no religious tendencies. He was self-willed, unrestrained and controlled by his appetite. In short, he was a man of the world and entirely for the world, and had no heart whatever for things Heavenly.

3. Esau was out in the fields hunting. Jacob boiled for himself pottage, a kind of Oriental bean soup. Compare II Sam. 17:28; 23:11; Ezek. 4:9. Its color was red. While it was boiling and about done, Esau came in all exhausted, weary and hungry. He was so hungry and weary that he was faint. He was just about played out and at the end of his strength. When he saw the pottage it pleased his eye, for it had the color suited to him.

Says the Genesis record: "Esau despised his birthright." How pathetic! Think of it! It can scarcely be believed that a man would despise what he should highly appreciate. But Esau did.

4. The way of the transgressor is hard (Prov. 13:15), and the case of Jacob was no exception. Rebekah had to pay the penalty of her trickery in helping Jacob deceive his father. She probably never saw Jacob again. (Gen. 27:41-45; 35:27-29).

Through their scheming, Jacob had received the promised blessing (Gen. 27:41), but he was not safe at home, and he was sent to Padan-aram, his mother's home, to find a wife (Gen. 28:1-5).

5. Maybe we do not think very highly of the old patriarch Jacob, but we will have to give him credit for believing the promises God made to him at Bethel. Most of us would have picked out a better man, perhaps one who had not deceived his own father so recently, and running for his life because he was in trouble with his brother. But God has always been a gracious God, and Jacob was a better and a richer man because he found it out. I always smile when I read those words in Gen. 28: 20, 21: "If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, so that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the Lord be my God." And that is exactly what God did for him: He was with him—as even Laban discovered (Gen. 30:27) and testified—and did keep him, and supplied him with food and raiment and did bring him back to his father's house (Gen. 35:2-6).

6. We need to read Genesis 32 and 33 here.

"Conscience doth make cowards of us all" and Jacob was no exception. He feared and dreaded to meet the man whom he had so bitterly wronged. Though he was fresh from a marvelous experience with the Lord and the dews of God's grace were upon him (Gen. 32:24-32), yet the crafty old "Jacob-nature" is still with him, as the "old nature" is still with believers (Gal. 5:17; I Cor. 9:27).

Jacob had prevailed with God (Gen. 32:28) but now self prevails in him, and he plans a demonstration and a suitable gift with which to appease the wrath of his brother.

The sin of Jacob in this instance was the sin of **doubt** and **distrust** of God, and yet he is not alone in this. It is a sin common to God's people. Look at Elijah! Even after his wonderful experience at Carmel, where God had set His seal to Elijah's confidence in Him by a mighty miracle (I Kings 18:37, 38), we have Elijah whimpering like a spoiled child (I Kings 19:4).—Selected.

7. Read Genesis 35.

Having met the command of God to go to Bethel, Jacob is met by God in special blessing. The Lord tells him that his name shall indeed be Israel, even as the angel had spoken in Genesis 32:28. He speaks of himself as El Shaddai, and promises that Jacob shall be fruitful and multiply and that a nation and a company of nations shall come out of him, that kings shall be born in his family. In addition, there is the reiteration of the promise of God to Abraham and to Isaac that the land of Canaan would be given to these individuals and their posterity.

Surely there is encouragement for all of us in the word used in the Psalter, "The God of Jacob is our refuge" (Ps. 46:7, 11). This man, despite his obstinacy and his self-will, at length met God, and God wrought for him and gave him great and glorious promises. This same God can meet us today if we will but turn in repentance and faith—repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 20:21).—Moody Monthly.

II. The Lesson Illustrated

The Blessing in the Blow

In ancient times, a box on the ear given by a master to a slave meant liberty; little would the freedman care how hard was the blow. By a stroke from the sword the warrior was knighted by his monarch; small matter to the new-made knight if the hand was heavy. When the Lord intends to lift His servants into a higher state of spiritual life, He frequently sends them a severe trial.

He makes His Jacobs to be prevailing princes, but He confers the honor after a night of wrestling, and accompanies it with a shrunken sinew.

Be it so! Who among us would wish to be deprived of the trials, if they are the necessary attendants of spiritual advancement?—C. H. Spurgeon.

in the state legislatures making it a felony to sell gasoline and liquor under the same roof.

MAN OF DISTINCTION

Joseph Sullivan of Detroit is back in jail again. At 60 years of age he admits he's a failure at crime. His latest offense is a hold-up and he blamed his crime on drink. According to a newspaper report he says, "I get drunk and decide to pull a job. That's the way with these young hoodlums. They ought to get wise or they'll end up like I am." He probably drank the same kind of liquor that other "men of distinction" drink.

Joseph Sullivan is a man of distinction who never appears in the liquor ads but is listed in the Who's Who among criminals. He has already spent 19 years of his life in prison and with a new sentence of from 10 to 20 years, he'll probably die in prison.

WHEN THE WETS ARE DRY!

In one of his great speeches, the late Senator William E. Borah of Idaho once said: "The man in the automobile may be opposed to the 18th Amendment, but he will instantly discharge a drinking chauffeur. The train may be crowded with delegates to the anti-prohibition convention, but they would mob the negineer who would take a drink while drawing his precious freight. Where Safety is involved, we are all drys."

The great use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it.—*William James.*

Ralph Waldo Emerson said: "Some men help this world by what they do. Other men help this world by what they are."

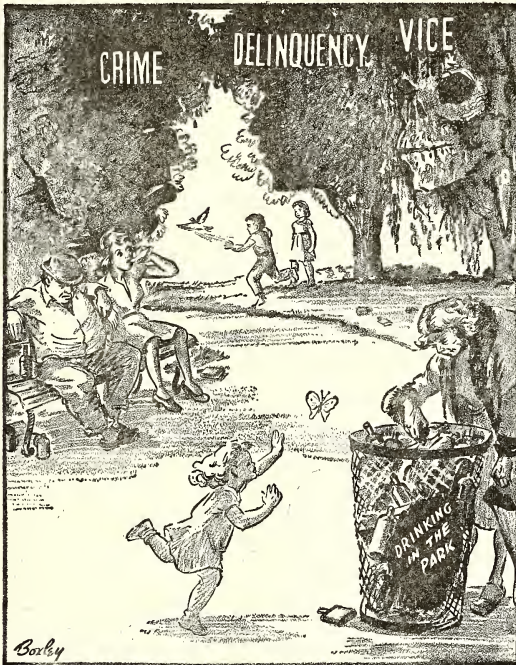
An Ohio physician proposes this query: "Our church has 1,000 families. At the lowest estimate the average income is \$1,000 a year which makes a total of \$1,000,000. The tith of that is \$100,000. Our budget is \$12,000 per year. What becomes of the \$88,000?"

Buying dimes with dollars in Bay State Massachusetts is not quite paying one dollar for each dime of liquor revenue, but according to Judge Joseph T. Zottoli, Chairman of the Legislature's Commission to study the problem of alcoholism in that state, she doesn't miss it very far. Judge Zottoli cites the estimate of direct costs totalling \$61,000,000 annually but says this figure does not include the approximate \$46,474,953 expense imposed upon the state by absenteeism, highway and industrial accidents and similar losses due to inebriety. The true figure should be \$108,474,953, seven to eight times the \$13,139,266 in liquor revenues. Stupid folly for any state. Pity the poor taxpayer.

"The foolish and the dead alone never change their opinion."—Lowell.

—*Civic Bulletin*

Whiskey-Grime-Delinquency-Vice



WHO IS IN THE PARK WITH YOUR CHILDREN ?

ALCOHOL A NARCOTIC POISON

Alcohol in beer, wine, whiskey is a narcotic, a poison, a habit-forming drug. That's why it is "no good for our children."

Dr. Emil Bogen, noted toxicologist says: "The very first thing that alcohol does is to attack the highest abilities, the parts of the brain that have to do with judgment, reason and the control of behavior . . . Alcohol slows down the brain." Mankind never can have "the brains to use them the way liquor should be used," because alcohol destroys the kind of brain power needed to tell a drinker when he has had enough.

A TOWN WET AND DRY!

A recent editorial in *The Rutherford County News*, R. E. Price, editor, gives comparative figures from the police records of Rutherfordton, So. Car., before and af-

ter beer and wine were voted out in February, 1949. Here are a few examples: Arrests for public drunkenness in Rutherfordton the six months before beer went out were 172. Six months after it went out they dropped to 35. Total arrests in Rutherfordton one year with beer, 383. First year after beer went out, 127.—*Biblical Recorder*, Raleigh, S. C., March 11, 1950.

TRAFFIC SAFETY AND DRINK

At the forty-sixth annual meeting of the American Automobile Association, held in San Antonio, Texas, in November, 1948, Lou E. Holland of Kansas City, Missouri, chairman of the A.A.A. National Traffic Safety Committee, declared that there are about 10,000 filling stations in the United States today where liquor is sold, an estimated gain of at least 20% during the last 12 months. He said, "Drastic action must be taken." Bills will be introduced

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

JOHN'S SALUTE TO THE FLAG

SARAH SCHUSTER

Nels Hansen, Arthur Amendsen, Martin Moe and Robert Thorsen, four nine-year-olds belonged to John Warner's class.

"Why so dejected, John?" asked Pastor Fretstad in a kindly voice as he saw John Warner leaving his classroom with knitted brow.

"Pastor, those four young ruffians cannot even be taught to respect the Bible, much less to learn from it. You should see their Bibles, Pastor, which I just put into the bookcase," the young man continued with disgust, "pages turned down, dirty, leaves torn, bindings broken; the whole Book actually mutilated. They let them fall on the floor and don't even bother to pick them up. One of them shoved a Bible aside with his foot rather than pick it up. I get so I cannot teach a thing. Pastor, if they dragged a United States flag around as they handle the Bible, they would be put in jail, young as they are."

"It is true, John," answered the pastor sympathetically "but the lads are very young, and do not realize what they are doing. You'll get them out of their habits, and I'm going to help you. Bring them over to the parsonage on Monday evening. Mrs. Fretstad and I would like to give you and the boys a Flag Day surprise."

Monday night came, and John Warner and his four lively lads appeared at the parsonage, wondering why Pastor Fretstad and Mrs. Fretstad had this special gathering in their honor.

The pastor and his wife had just welcomed them cordially when in came little James Fretstad, aged four, carrying a besmeared, bedraggled American flag. The boys greeted the little fellow and one of them stopped to pick up the soiled, wrinkled flag little James had heedlessly dropped on the floor and stepped on.

"James," called his father, "Bring that flag to me and sit down there with the boys in your little rocking chair."

The boys grew very still and attentive as Pastor Fretstad took the dirty flag and held it over his heart and then pressed it to his lips. The lads knew that he had been a chaplain in the army and that the little finger of his right hand was gone. They loved and respected him and gloried in the fact that he had been wounded for his country. They expected to hear a war story and sat very quietly.

Instead, he asked, "Boys, do you love this flag?"

With one voice they replied, "Yes, Pastor, we do."

"I do, too, Daddy," added little James.

The boys smiled and Nels Hansen ventured to say rather shyly, "It doesn't look as if you loved it, James."

"I do, I do, too, Daddy," protested the little fellow running up to his father.

"I know you do, my son. Now you go out to Mother in the kitchen, for she has told me that she will need you to help get the ice cream and the cake ready for us. By-and-by you may come in."

As soon as James had gone to the kitchen, Pastor Fretstad said, "Boys, why does it seem to you that James does not love the flag?"

He is a little fellow and didn't know any better than to dishonor the flag," kindly interceded John Warner. He loves it as much as anyone in this room."

"Yes, John, you are quite right," answered Pastor Fretstad appreciatively.

"But tell me, boys, why does it seem as if he did not care?"

"The flag is dirty," spoke up Robert. "A flag must be kept clean."

"It is all torn and ragged," continued Arthur. "You are supposed to handle a flag carefully and not tear it. It must never touch the ground."

"It looks as if he left it out all night. A flag must be brought in at sundown," added Nels.

"He dragged it on the floor and stepped on it," said Martin Moe hesitatingly, as if he hardly dared lay such an awful charge upon the minister's son.

"He is too young to know any better and is forgiven," again interceded John Warner.

"Yes, John," answered the pastor with a kindly nod.

"Now tell me, lads, what is the only object that is ever allowed to lie on the flag?"

The boys sat thinking while Pastor Fretstad spread the torn, dirty flag over a small table which he had brought into the room for that purpose. The boys searched each others' faces and looked at John inquiringly, but no one seemed to know what object could properly lie on a flag.

Then Pastor Fretstad stepped out into the adjoining room and returned with the weather-beaten, badly-handled Bibles belonging to John Warner's class.

"A Bible may lie on a flag," they all answered at once.

As the pastor laid the four half-ruined Books upon the tattered flag the boys recognized their Sunday School Bibles.

"Pastor," spoke up Robert shamefacedly, "our Bibles look just like James' flag, all torn and dirty."

"Just as if we didn't love our Bibles," quietly added Martin Moe his face reddening as he spoke.

"But we do love the Bible, Mr. Warner knows we love it, don't we, John?" continued Robert Thorsen as he looked squarely with confidence into his teacher's face.

"I know you love the Bible, boys," answered their teacher as if he never dreamed of thinking otherwise.

Again Pastor Fretstad stepped into the adjoining room and this time brought out five brand-new Bibles with stiff covers, just the kind boys love to handle. Presenting John Warner and each one of the boys with a new Bible as a gift, he asked them to draw up their chairs to the large library table.

"Now, fellows, we will begin right here and now to show that we love and respect the Bible. I will show you the proper way to open a Bible, or in fact any new book. At the pastor's direction each one held his Bible with the back on the smooth table. Then they put the front cover down, next the back cover. Then they opened a few leaves at the back, next at the front, and so on, alternately opening the back and the front. Then they gently pressed the sections until they reached the center of the volume.

"Do this two or three times," the pastor admonished, "and you will have good results. If you open the Bible violently or roughly in any one place you will break the back of the Book and loosen the leaves. Never force the back of any new book."

"Pastor, we can tell that you love the Bible," Nels ventured to say, "because you turn the pages so gently."

"Mr. Warner handles it that way, too, in class," Martin piped up.

John Warner actually had a tear in his eye.

Just then the dining room door opened and little James came in with a beautiful new flag which he carried proudly indeed. Pastor, teacher, and the boys instinctively arose and saluted the flag. Pastor Fretstad quickly handed John a large Bible which he held high over his head. The boys understood and again their hands were raised in salute. "We pledge allegiance to the Bible," they said heartily and Nels added quietly, "and we'll take care of it."

"Three cheers for the flag; three cheers for the Bible; three cheers for Pastor; three cheers for John Warner," they cried lustily as Mrs. Fretstad welcomed them into the dining room.

When John and his class left the parsonage a little later, and Pastor Fretstad watched each lad carefully and affectionately tuck his Bible under his arm he knew that respect for the flag had called to the attention of these young Americans that they must show respect for the Bible and by no means take it for granted.

"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto accord-

ing to Thy Word. . . Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin

against Thee" (Ps. 119:9, 11).—*Juvenile Pleasure.*

:-: Department of Foreign Missions :-:

RAISE THE MERCURY ON YOUR MISSIONARY CHART

You will please raise the mercury on your missionary charts according to the following figures. These figures given as of June 1, 1950.

North Carolina	-----	\$10,873.30
Missouri	-----	\$ 5,705.92
Michigan	-----	\$ 4,095.08
Tennessee	-----	\$ 3,749.97
Oklahoma	-----	\$ 3,739.72
South Carolina	-----	\$ 1,827.81
Georgia	-----	\$ 1,430.61
Virginia	-----	\$ 1,078.20
Illinois	-----	\$ 992.86
Texas	-----	\$ 857.54
Alabama	-----	\$ 799.26
Ohio	-----	\$ 725.75
West Virginia	-----	\$ 587.41
Arkansas	-----	\$ 437.00
Kentucky	-----	\$ 291.70
Florida	-----	\$ 273.14
Mississippi	-----	\$ 164.06
New Mexico	-----	\$ 70.00
California	-----	\$ 58.85

Many thanks for your co-operation with these charts,

Winford Davis,
Promotional Secy.-Treas.,
Monett Missouri

REPORT NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER

RECEIPTS DURING MAY, 1950

Brought forward from last month \$1,375.02

Received by states during past month as follows:

North Carolina	-----	\$1,134.01
Ohio	-----	700.00
Virginia	-----	372.92
Michigan	-----	311.00
Tennessee	-----	272.15
South Carolina	-----	188.11
Missouri	-----	175.25
Alabama	-----	116.27
Oklahoma	-----	114.49
Arkansas	-----	112.55
West Virginia	-----	111.44
Texas	-----	78.55
Georgia	-----	78.00
Illinois	-----	25.00
Mississippi	-----	8.00
California	-----	7.25
New Mexico	-----	5.00
Natl. Unified Program		
Fund	-----	116.42
Natl. Aux. Conv.	-----	100.77

Cuban Assn. on loan	----	50.00
Total	-----	4,077.18
Grand Total	-----	\$5,452.20
Disbursements during May	-----	4,032.57
Bal. in treasury June 1, 1950	---	\$1,419.63
Winford Davis, Treasurer		

AS IT SHOULD BE

C. F. Bowen

The recent action of the Foreign Mission Board relative to all gifts sent to the mission treasury being placed in the general fund and not used for designated purposes, certainly meets the approval of many of us who have long since hoped for just such a settlement of this problem.

Too long we have handicapped the work of the Board by earmarking our money for certain projects and persons, which has resulted in some areas of our foreign mission work having to undergo hardships for lack of sufficient funds with which to operate. Moreover, it should be quite clear to see that everyone cannot have a voice in the expenditure of mission money, else the whole program suffers.

As for me, I am quite sure the men on our Foreign Mission Board have done the best they can to meet all obligations—as far as our cooperation and support have allowed them. While they might well have done better in some respects, the chances are none of us could have made very much improvement. The least we can do is to give them every support in good faith.

On the other hand, if we feel that their methods have been poor and if we think others could do better, the proper procedure is to elect new members to the Board or get an entirely new one at the next session of the National Association in Califor-

nia. But as long as we retain these men in this position, it remains for us to stand by them and give regularly and consistently of our money to the foreign mission cause—and to give it to them to be used as they see fit. I am willing to risk the judgment of a group of men closer than I am to the heart of our mission work.

So, I am glad to see this step taken. It will not be approved by some. A few will find it hard to comply with the request of the Board, but I believe those who are most interested in the work and those who give most consistently to the cause will welcome this mature attitude and contribute more freely in the months to come.

TO NORTH CAROLINA LEAGUERS

This Is an Emergency Call, and Must Be Given Immediate Attention!

I have been asked to arrange for a State-wide Intermediate Sword Drill, to be held in connection with the N. C. State League Convention at Kenly, July 3-4, to choose a contestant for the 1951 Nationwide Intermediate Sword Drill. The fact that our N. C. contestant, Jane Smith of New Bern, won first place in the nationwide drill at Norfolk, Va., last week should encourage many to want to enter the contest for 1951.

There are two ways for local leagues to choose a contestant to compete in the state-wide drill. The first and best way is to have a drill in the local league, letting the one receiving the most points go to Kenly for the statewide drill. The other plan is for the league just to elect someone to go, in the same manner delegates are elected. Whatever is done must be done NOW—"the time is at hand!"

Since time is so short, no registration of contestants prior to the convention will be required. If you do chose one in time to send the name to me, well and good. If not just have your contestant at Kenly on July 3.

Mrs. L. E. Ballard,
826 Pollock St.
New Bern, N. C.

SPECIAL NOTICE CONCERNING THE "PULLMAN CAR"

This is to advise that, since only a few people have indicated that they would want to go to California on the "Pullman Car," we are cancelling this engagement. The number to go was too small to justify the use of the pullman.

Signed: James A. Evans
Wilson, North Carolina

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By William Verner Nelson

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The Homeland

The Homeland! Oh, the Homeland!
 The land of the freeborn
 There's no night in the Homeland
 But aye the fadeless morn;
 I'm sighing for the Homeland,
 My heart is aching here;
 There is no pain in the Homeland
 To which I'm drawing near.

My Lord is in the Homeland,
 With angels bright and fair;
 There's no sin in the Homeland,
 And no temptation there;
 The music of the Homeland
 Is ringing in my ears,
 And when I think of the Homeland,
 My eyes are filled with tears.

My loved ones in the Homeland
 Are waiting me to come
 Where neither death nor sorrow
 Invades their holy home:
 O dear, dear native Country!
 O rest and peace above!
 Christ bring us all to the Homeland
 Of His eternal love.

—Hugh Reginald Haweis

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Notice

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

Nashville, Tulsa,
Norfolk, these three;
but the Greatest . . .



ELL, of course, there are varying opinions concerning which of the three truly great Free Will Baptist League Conferences that have been held to date has been the greatest, but there are those who will agree that the Third Nation-wide Conference which was held in Norfolk, Virginia, June 13-15 was one of the most inspiring gatherings of Free Will Baptists in history. From the very first minute of the conference until the very last word had been spoken, it was good. In its precious fellowship, differences, if there were any, had to melt away. From the east to the west, we struck hands in peace at Norfolk!

In the excitement of these early afternoons, while the afterglow still is almost blinding in its brightness, it would be impossible to write an account of the conference which would present its worth to the thousands of ardent nationwide conference

fans, who could not go to see for themselves, but whose prayers and concern wins for them the right to share it's benefits. Hundreds of pictures were made, and many of them will grace these pages in future numbers. Many, who want to share their joyous experiences with others, will be writing letters to this and other church publications telling about their Norfolk adventure in fellowship and service under the control of Christ.

For the time being we shall content ourselves by venturing a few highlights of the great conference:

The Attendance. While total figures on the registration are not now available, it must have run close to 1,000, and in addition many hundreds came and went for some of the features of the conference without bothering to register. The ones present were representative of the whole of our church life in that they came from all sections, and in that they were of all ages, and more equally divided between the various group ages than in former conferences.

Speakers. Speakers who thrilled audiences during the conferences included local celebrities, national denominational leaders, our beloved missionary, Miss Laura Belle Barnard, A native Cuban pastor, the editor of the league publications, volunteer missionary students, and just plain leaguers—and the last but not by any means less important in this conference than the others. Messages were rich with spiritual truth, and truly enlightening.

Drama. This conference was especially rich in drama. Three outstanding works of dramatic art were presented during the conference, one by the local league, one by students of our Bible College, and one by a guest troupe from a Norfolk church of another faith but the same Spirit.

Divisional Conferences. Unusual interest was manifested in the divisional conferences during the afternoon of each day. A nice group assembled for each of the four conferences, and entered heartily into discussions designed to bring each group more definitely under the control of Christ.

Singing. Singing during the conference, directed in fine F. W. B. L. style by our own Billy Melvin, was truly soul stirring and uplifting. The swelling of the choruses was like the swelling of a Jordan of inspiration to all.

Recreation and Fellowship. The committee had made plans for two special tours of interesting places in and around Norfolk, including the world's largest Naval base. These plans had been well made, and the result was most excellent opportunities for recreation and fellowship for a period each late afternoon. This association with one another and with great places in history got everyone in good condition for the great meeting each evening at the Municipal Auditorium.

Nationwide Sward Drill. North Carolina's Jane Smith, of New Bern, won first place in the Nationwide Intermediate Sward

Drill, in which there were entries from several states.

League Board Present. For the first time in the history of the nationwide conference all members of the National F. W. B. L. Board, promoters of the conference, were present. They are: Rev. Henry Melvin, Chairman; Rev. C. F. Bowen, Secretary-Treasurer; Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Rev. J. B. Crawford, and Mrs. Gertrude Ballard. A picture of this group of earnest workers will appear on these pages soon, we hope.

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

The following is the report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists for May, 1950.

Receipts

Balance on hand May 1, 1950 ----- \$1,117.18
Receipts for May ----- 175.55

Total to account for ----- \$1,292.73

Disbursements

Paid to Superannuated
Ministers ----- \$292.50
Operating expense ----- 27.06
To National Board ----- 36.99

Total disbursements ----- \$ 357.09

Balance June 1, 1950 ----- \$ 935.64
Allocations already approved
for balance of year ----- \$1,945.00
Needed to meet the demands for
balance of year ----- \$1,009.36

Receipts Itemized

Carteret County Union Meeting --- \$ 5.00
St. Delight S. S. ----- \$ 2.00
Albemarle S. S. Conv. ----- \$ 5.50
4th Central Aux. Conv. ----- \$ 5.00
Kinston S. S. ----- \$31.00
Black Jack S. S. ----- \$ 2.00
Maury Leagues ----- \$ 1.50
2nd Central S. S. Conv. ----- \$ 8.00
5th Eastern S. S. Conv. ----- \$15.00
Marlboro S. S. ----- \$ 7.75
2nd Central Union Meeting ----- \$10.00
Rose of Sharon S. S. ----- \$ 3.00
Albemarle Union Meeting ----- \$22.25
Friendship (Johnston Co.) ----- \$ 1.00
1st Western Union Meeting ----- \$10.00
Davis ----- \$ 5.00
Indian Springs ----- \$ 2.00
5th Eastern Union Meeting ----- \$15.00
Pine Level ----- \$ 7.00
Lee's Chapel S. S. ----- \$ 1.00
Core Creek S. S. ----- \$ 8.55
Kenly ----- \$ 8.00

M. L. Johnson, Chairman-Treasurer

Quiet minds cannot be perplexed or frightened, but go on in fortune or misfortune at their own private pace, like a clock during a thunderstorm.—Stevenson.

➤ The Art of Christian Living ◀

In the Epistle of Paul to Titus 2:7-8, we find these words, "In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, sound speech that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you." In this passage Paul is instructing Titus how he must exhort young men to be discreet, and impress upon him the importance of the example he sets for his fellow believers. This is somewhat like Paul had said to young Timothy, when he told him to be an example to the believers. The qualifications that he presents here are very interesting; notice, "uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, sound speech that cannot be condemned." The art of correct Christian living is a very fine art, and he who will give credit to the profession of his faith must be constantly on guard in relation to his conduct. In the Scriptural background "uncorruptness" is the first item of importance here. This gets down to the very basic qualities of honesty and straight forward truth that can neither be bribed nor bought. I believe there is a special call today for young men to be on their guard against corruptness, as well as young women.

A good illustration is given to us in the book of Daniel. There were four young men of the children of Judah who were made the special objects of the enemies attack. They were splendid specimens of manhood, with unmovable faith in God. It is very interesting, in the first chapter of Daniel, to see how Nebuchadnezzar made his plans to corrupt these men. It is a well laid scheme, with definite steps to destroy their noble character. First of all, he wanted to change their names, then he wanted to change their diets, and lastly, he wanted to make them bow to his image. These are the steps of assault which the Devil always seeks to make against godly young men. First of all, Nebuchadnezzar sought to take away the names which these

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Rocky Mount, N. C.

young men had acquired in their godly heritage and substitute for them heathen names. We may be very sure that in these days the devil would try to change the names of Christian young men, so that instead of being famous for Christian qualities, and instead of being known among their fellows under the name Christian, they should rather acquire a name in the godless world in which they live. The first thing the Lord does for any of us, when He takes us up in His Grace, is to give us a Christian name, as He did for Simon Peter. Simon, son of Jonas, upon his first contact had his name changed to Peter or Cephas, meaning "a stone." It was an indication that the past history of this man had come to a close, and he was beginning a new career born anew, born of the Spirit, old things had passed away. He was given a new life, with the name of Christ upon him. Of, course, he continued to be called by the combination name, Simon Peter, but there is a day coming when he will be known only as Peter, a bit of the Rock, a part of the Lord Jesus Christ, a living stone in His building, and the Simon characteristics will be left behind forever when the new creation is inaugurated.

Then, Nebuchadnezzar's second attack or assault was his efforts to corrupt these Hebrew children in changing their diets. He wanted them to sit at his own table and partake of godless food which he and his nobles partook of. Daniel and his companions would have none of it, and they chose the simple diet of a slave rather than defile themselves with the king's meet. What a lesson there is in this for Christian young men and all Christians of today. The devil would seek to feed us mentally, and even physically with the rich and idle philosophy of this poor world so that we might become enslaved

by his power and lose identity as God's children; thus branding us as children of the devil. Nebuchadnezzar's scheme failed entirely for the simple reason that Daniel and his companions were young men of purpose, and they "purposed in their hearts" that they would not be defiled with the king's meat. We are living in an age when Satan is making a grand assault upon our young people and he is corrupting them mostly by the diet he sets before them. It is the diet of worldly entertainment, of corrupt literature, and so-called harmless pursuits. Yet, the simple wholesome fare that is set before Christian young people in the Word of God is not quite agreeable today. Young people, it takes purpose of heart to cling to the Word of God when there are so many entertaining and corrupting influences around us.

Nebuchadnezzar's last assault upon these young men was to force them to bow to his image. The reason Daniel and his companions were enabled to refuse to bow to the image was that they had retained their Hebrew names in faithfulness to God, and, secondly, their food had been the simple diet of Godly men. The devil will never get us to bow to his image if we continually shine in our true colors as Christians, and faithfully look after our Spiritual diet. The Lord Jesus Himself said, "I am the bread of life; he that cometh to me shall never hunger and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." The only way in which you and I may combat the power and attractions of this poor sinful world is to feed upon Christ. The young man whose heart is fixed upon Christ supremely will find that he is perfectly satisfied, and then the allurements of the world have no power over him. All of these I see in this simple exhortation of Paul to the young man Titus that he should teach "uncorruptness, gravity, and sincerity."

Then, the next expression found in

(continued on page 14)

NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

Revival at St. Mary's Grove

We closed a week's revival meeting at St. Mary's Grove, Johnston County, Sunday night, June the 18th, with ten additions to the church. Eight were baptized by the pastor, Rev. J. B. Ferrell, Sunday afternoon and one more confessed Christ and was admitted as a candidate for Baptism Sunday night, who is to be baptized later. One was reclaimed and received into full fellowship, making ten in all.

Although Brother Ferrell and I were brought up in the same County (Nash), this was our first opportunity to work together in a revival meeting. He has been pastor of this church for about fourteen years and is well acquainted with his members and we visited several homes where the sick and aged were held in, and we took dinner (lunch) and supper in different homes each day for the seven days. It was a great pleasure to have had this fellowship. People seemed to enjoy our visits and we could not get to see every one who wanted us to visit and take meals and spend nights.

I spent all my nights in the home of Brother W. J. Langdon where I enjoyed the greatest of old-fashioned "southern hospitality."

The people of St. Mary's Grove, not only the members but those who are not members, all seem to love their pastor, and the pastor shows that he is deeply appreciative of the fellowship.

The church building which is well seated had a capacity house from the beginning to the last service, the congregations were the largest that this writer has had the privilege to preach to in many years.

We cannot close without saying that we had two good choirs. The Senior choir is extra good, and your servant gathered a large group of junior boys and girls that are just as devoted as we have ever seen in our forty years of ministerial service. I shall never forget the happy faces as they expressed their joy in the song service.

Vacation Bible Schools

Reports are coming to us from all directions, telling us about the great Vacation Bible Schools in the State, especially the eastern part of North Carolina. Mrs. Griffin is now in her fourth school, having taught at Morehead City, and directed at Sts. Delight, Craven County, Edwards Chapel, Carteret County, and now (June 19) at Ruth's Chapel—a very small congregation,

New Bern, Rt. 1, where 78 students registered Monday morning. The second day (Tuesday) 89 students registered.

At the sitting of the Eastern Conference, October 1949, there were 39 members of the church, now there are 52, thus 13 being added. We give the number of church members to show that great possibilities are in the wake of this little church, which is running on half time. They have services on Second and Fourth Sundays. This is all the pastoral work that I have at present, therefore, I am devoting much of my time to evangelistic services and Bible teaching—Ministry of the Word. God is blessing. Will be glad to see my old friends of other congregations at Ruth's Chapel on Second and Fourth Sundays.

In the Vacation Bible School we are using four of the class rooms that we started back in the spring. We hoped to get the other one ready but could not get to it by this time.

In regards to the class rooms, we have been paying as we go. It has been at much sacrifice. It has been done with "tithes and offerings." We have sold no pies, cakes, creams, etc., and run no shows nor gone out begging, however, we have had some outside help which was an answer to Prayer.

Those who have come to our aid have been those who knew that we were trying, out of our little, to do something for the cause of Christ, and God placed it in their heart to give and we highly appreciate their offering. We know that God will bless them. Two of these making special gifts are TITHERS, and thus they contributed the Lord's portion (some of it) to Ruth's Chapel.

We lack the painting on the inside and the painting of shingles on the outside. But we are praying that all this may be accomplished before cold weather. Pray for us at Ruth's Chapel, the little church just outside of New Bern, on Route 2. (Oak Road) A LETTER FROM REV. PAUL WOOLSEY

We received today (June 20th) a letter from Rev. Paul Woolsey, one of our missionaries in India. We quote:

Sonapurhat, Purnea Dist.
Bihar, June 8, 1950

Dear Brother in Christ:

"We are very busy with our building program and plans for the organization of our first Indian church. We have, or soon will have, a plant here that will be worth between Rs 30,000 and Rs 50,000 (between \$5,500.00 and \$10,000)."

Brother Woolsey has written books, one of which has been printed and another in the making, which has been dedicated to the Woman's Auxiliary. He expects to aid the work in India with the proceeds from the sale of his books. I have the first book that Bro. Woolsey wrote, "God, a Hundred Years and a Free Will Baptist Family." Every Free Will Baptist should have this book in his collection of books and get

the knowledge it contains, and also help to preach the gospel to "those who sit in darkness."

Other Books You Should Read

Among other publications that you should read is "Personal Soul Saving" by Mrs. Eunice Edwards. This book can be obtained from the Gem Press at Monett, Mo., or from this writer. The book is the property of the Board of Publications and Literature, of the National Association, and endorsed by the publishers.

Other books to help you along are "The One Foundation;" "The Upper Room Ought;" "Hell, or Endless Punishment of the Wicked." These are all "booklets." The first sells for 40 cents, post paid; the other three for 15 cents each, post paid. These three last mentioned can be secured at the F. W. B. Press, Ayden, N. C., or from this writer. Let us hear from you, friends, and help a good work to go forward.

THE POET WHO MADE A BLOT

Did you ever make a blot? I have, and I want to tell you about a little girl who made one, and it resulted in her death. There it was a great, ugly, black spot! She did not like the looks of it, and thinking to get rid of it, licked it off with her tongue. Sin is like a blot. Oh, how it mars the life, the conscience, the heart! How can we get rid of it? By anything we can do? By licking it, as it were? To do so only transfers the blackness, so that the outward blot becomes an inward blot. God says, "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper" (Prov. 28:13). Such attempts are sure to end in death.

After the little girl had licked her blot she was taken ill. Then she got worse, and at last died. The doctors examined her after death, and found that the ink had poisoned her. When Jesus undertook to remove our sin-blots it cost Him His life. "Christ died for our sins" (I Cor. 15:3). Thus He "died away sin by the sacrifice of Himself" (Heb. 9:26). Now, "if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sin, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9). When Heber wrote the missionary hymn,

"What through the spicy breezes

Blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle,

Though every prospect pleases,

And only man is vile."

he made a blot over the word "Ceylon." Years after I saw a reproduction of the verse in the poet's own writing, and the ugly blot was still there. How dreadful to have our sin-blots preserved! They will be, unless the Blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us (I John 1:7).—W. L., in Tract.

Common sense is the knack of seeing things as they are, and doing things as they ought to be done.—C. E. Stow.

National Association of Free Will Baptists Will Convene in Richmond, Calif. July 11-14, 1950



REV. BRUCE BARROW
Moderator National Association

During recent years the Free Will Baptist denomination has been steadily moving toward the west, with churches in new territory being organized almost weekly. This westward trend will no doubt continue, and it is to be hoped that it will not stop until there are progressive associations or conferences in every state of the union.

California seems afar off to Free Will Baptist ministers and others who live east of the Mississippi, and perhaps many are saying, "I wish I could go, but I don't see how I can." Do not decide too hastily that you cannot go. It is an opportunity of a lifetime, and worthy of any reasonable sacrifice. It will be a great trip for all who go, and this associational meeting will be a great historical event to the Free Will Baptist denomination. It will be the signal that Free Will Baptists are no longer little and narrow but truly great. It will be a sign of our triumph over difficulties in our forward march. It will show to the struggling Free Will Baptists of the west coast that they are not forgotten by their brethren of the east, who have many advantages they do not have.

The coming session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists will be one of the most important meetings of this kind to be held in recent years. Many items of importance to the program will be presented for consideration. The various Boards will propose their budgets for the coming year, the Stewardship Commission will report for the first time, the revived Christian Workers' Institute set-up will be introduced nationally, a new and workable Home Mission plan will be presented, the

Foreign Mission Board will have a revitalized plan of work.

The city of Richmond, California, is situated on the east coast of San Francisco Bay and has a population of 104,000. Pastor George McClain of the Free Will Baptist church there has secured the co-operation of the Chamber of Commerce and other Civic organs, and the city is ready to officially extend a welcome hand to F. W. B. from everywhere. Special sight-seeing tours are being arranged and other surprises are in store for those who attend.

The National F. W. B. Radio Commission will offer a thirty minute program which will be broadcasted over one of the San Francisco stations directly to the National Association.

The Free Will Baptist Bible College Board of Trustees will have some definite reports and proposals relative to expanding the college.

The Promotional Department will present a unified five-year program of Spiritual Advance for Free Will Baptists.

All of this, plus some more, will be interspersed with preaching, singing, and Bible discussion based on the theme "Stewardship." It is hoped that each department will prepare displays for the association.

Delegates and visitors to the National Association will find accommodations in the following Hotels and Motor Courts:

Motor Courts

El Rancho San Pablo, 3150 San Pablo Ave., Phone Beacon 2-4102.

Motel Richmond, On highway 40—East Bay.

Freeway Motel, 1907 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, Cal., U. S. 40. \$4.00 for single, \$6.00 for double. Ph. Beacon 4-5581.

Natives of Missouri and Washington States Phone Beacon 2-4102.

Hotels

Hotel Don—single, \$3.00-\$4.00; double, \$4.00-\$5.00.

Travelers Hotel, 500 W. McDonald. single, \$2.00; double, \$3.00.

Homes

There will also be a limited number of homes available for those who want them.

Write to Rev. George McClain, 440 S. 24th Street, Apt. 1-B, Richmond, California, for reservations in the homes.

Meals

Arrangements have been made for meals to be served by the Methodist church at 85 cents per meal for the noon and evening. Breakfast can be had at one of the local cafeterias at a nominal cost.

GOING TO CHURCH

is a habit to be warmly commended, but we must bear in mind that attending the services of God's house, or participating in any religious forms or ceremonies, will never take the place of saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is "not by works of righteousness" (such as going to church) that we become Christians, but "by grace . . . through faith." "Grace" is God's part in our salvation. He "so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son" to die for our sins. "Faith" is our part—we accept God's great gift by putting our trust not in our own character, good works or church affiliations, but in Jesus Christ. "Whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life."

Going to church may edify a man and inspire him, and it may even reveal God's plan of salvation to him. Only by receiving Jesus as his Saviour, however, can he become a Christian, or child of God. "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name."

We should go to church not to earn favor with God but because we know and love Him and want to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."—Sel.

THERE WILL NOT BE A BAPTIST PAPER NEXT WEEK

It has been our practice for many years not to get out an issue of the Baptist paper during the week of the Fourth of July. This is to notify our subscribers, therefore, they will not get a paper next week.—Editor.

A good listener is not only popular everywhere, but after a while he knows something.

WHY SUPPORT MISSIONS!

Miss Elsie Dunn
Fountain, N. C.
Route 1, Box 97

If some one should ask, "Why do Free Will Baptists support foreign missions?" would you be able to give a good answer? One good reason for the support of foreign missions is that it was God's command that the gospel be sent to all parts of the world. Christ said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

Another good reason why people should support foreign missions is that there is only one Saviour for all men. If the people of the foreign lands do not hear about that Saviour, and therefore can't accept Him as their Lord and Master, then they will be lost. "For there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

There are many other reasons why we should give to foreign missions, but the two given above are sufficient to show that we are pleasing God when we help the missionaries in the work which they are doing.

The aim of the missionaries is to tell the heathen all about Jesus, and to lead them to accept Him as their personal Saviour. They do have a hard task in trying to lead some of the heathen people to Christ, because a great many of them are opposed to the missionaries, therefore they will not listen to them. Nevertheless, the missionaries keep on telling them of Christ and what He came to earth to do for them.

We should ask this question: Are we as eager to do something for God, as we are to do things for ourselves? Well, if ye are not, then we should be, because God should come first in our lives. Think how the missionaries have given up their homes to go and serve in the foreign lands, but what have we done or given up for Christ?

I should like to say in closing that I think the missionaries are wonderful people, and I admire them for being willing to give their all in the service of the Lord. Since they are willing to do this, certainly we here at home should be willing to give wholeheartedly our support for the foreign mission cause. Think, dear friends, if the missionaries could have the money that is spent for worldly amusements here in the home land, how much it would help them. If this money were spent in taking the wonderful messages to the heathen people, think what a blessing it would be. It would not be very long before most every one would have had opportunity to hear the gospel preached to them.

Christian friends, are you going to cause some soul to suffer in hell because you spent your money at the shows, ball games, or in some other useless way?

Do st thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.—Franklin.

NEW CHURCH IN PROCESS OF BEING ERECTED IN VIRGINIA

Dear Friends in Christ:

As we are getting ready to build a new church by the name of Menton Memorial Free Will Baptist church, St. Charles, Virginia, we realize that it will cost us quite a sum of money. But we are laboring to build a house for the Lord, so that we can worship him in it with great satisfaction.

We are needing some help in order for us to be able to move forward with the construction work, therefore we are calling on our friends to help us all they can. We will certainly appreciate it very much if a number of our church people will send to us donations for this purpose.

If anyone should be interested in learning more about this building project, you are requested to get in touch with the bank of Johnsville, Virginia. That is where we are doing our banking business. We have half of the money needed for this building in this bank. All contributions should be mailed to:

Mr. Gail H. Weston,
Church Treasurer,
St. Charles, Virginia.

FALLING AWAY

Falling away has come, and who is responsible, the church members or the preachers? I say that it is the ministry, the preachers, because they are supposed to lead the flock. But, if the blind lead the blind, they will all fall in the ditch together.

Christ said that if the preachers would follow Him, and do as He said, then we can ask what we would and we would receive it. I have heard the preachers pray and their followers pray, but the prayers seemed to have been in vain. No results. What did the Devil say? "Oh, it is just a form; God will not hear their groans."

Remember, God will not listen to any way but his way. He will not use any substitutes. What He wants us to do, He means for us to do it; not follow the Devil. Many preachers do not make any big talk about this way, but when I hear some praying, I know about what they will get. When the preachers and the church people fall down and pray as they should, then He will hear and answer their prayers. When the evil spirit is in the church, it does not matter how much they pray, unless they pray in humility and sincerity, asking God to answer their prayers, they will not get an answer.

The old Devil kept the disciples from casting out that dumb spirit in the child because they did not fast and pray. They did not know what was wrong until Christ came and told them. That is the way some of the preachers are today. They fail to get results. As long as the Devil can get them to listen to him, they will not get results.

Old Daniel fasted and prayed and the lions could not do him any harm, for God was with him. If the Devil can get the preachers to listen to him, he is glad.

Why did John the Baptist teach his followers to fast and pray? He knew that there was not an evil spirit that God could not cast out, if proper prayer and fasting were used. The Devil could not stop Him from casting him out, by prayer and fasting. There were seven spirits in one woman on earth, which the Devil put in her, but Christ cast them out. Did He fast, oh yes, He did fast forty days and nights.

Preachers, do what God tells you to do, and you will be able to have your prayers answered. There will not be so much falling away, if you will do it.

B. E. Coxwell,
Tallahassee, Florida.
Route 4

PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to advise that I will be available for pastoral services on the third Sunday for next year, and also for revival work during the months of July, September, and October. Those interested in having my services may write to me, or call to see me.

Yours in the service of the Lord,
Rev. Willet L. Moretz, Box 414
Raleigh, North Carolina

ORDERS IS ORDERS

A railroad agent in South Africa had been reprimanded for doing things without orders from headquarters. One day, his superior received the following telegram: "Tiger on platform eating conductor. Wire instructions."

MRS. J. J. BLIZZARD WINNER OF BAPTIST SUBSCRIPTION CONTEST

Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, of Deep Run, North Carolina, is the winner of the Baptist subscription contest. She won by a small margin over several others who were close behind her in securing subscriptions for our church paper. She receives a nice Bible as the prize for her great efforts in getting the most sub-

We want to thank each one who put subscriptions on her list to the Baptist paper.

forth efforts to win the prize and to increase the circulation to our national magazine. May everyone of them continue to solicit subscriptions for us so that the paper will be going into more Free Will Baptist homes in the future than in the past.

REV. D. W. ALEXANDER, President
of the Board of Directors
of the Press

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

THE HOME MISSION PROGRAM

Home missions among Free Will Baptists in this country have been poorly boosted and indifferently supported with financial means for a goodly number of years. As a result, the Free Will Baptist cause in the United States has suffered immensely, both in the rural areas, and in the villages, towns and cities. Consequently, the growth of the Free Will Baptist church in our country has trailed far behind other denominations, and is still trailing far behind. Nevertheless, we have been making some progress for the past decade in this field of labor. A goodly number of churches have been established in towns, and cities, as well as in the rural districts in the various states. While this is gratifying to many of us, yet we are doing very little in the field of Home Missions.

The National Home Mission Board is at work on some far reaching plans, and they are planning to present before the National Association in July their program for the coming year. This Board feels the responsibility, as well as the great need, of setting up a more comprehensive and far reaching program of Home Mission work among Free Will Baptists in all of the states where we have F. W. B. Churches. With such a program adopted by the National Body, and the necessary machinery set in order, the pastors, Sunday School officials, and the Woman's auxiliaries of the various churches of the denomination can get busy, and put the Home Mission program over in a great way for the ensuing year.

This writer firmly believes that the Free Will Baptist denomination can never go very far in the Foreign Mission work until it has a strong, progressive Home Mission program functioning properly in every church throughout this nation. On the other hand, whenever we set up and carry forward a strong and workable Home Mission program, then we will begin to see within a short time great results of this most needed work among our churches wherever they are located. It is not for the lack of means that we are so far behind other denominations in this respect. No, it is not that. What we have needed is vision, qualified leadership, a workable program, and the proper corps of workers to push the Home Mission program forward for the glory of God.

Suffice it to say, whenever the Free Will Baptist denomination has developed an excellent functioning Home Mission program in every church of the denomination, then it will be shown that the established churches will expand, new mission fields will be entered in the towns, cities, and the rural areas. As a result, new churches will be organized, new pastors will be supplied, and new church buildings will be erected for those new congregations. Yes, it can and will be done in a surprising way in just a few years, if the National Mission Board, and the National Association will, in the coming

July meeting, set in operation an adequate program, and then lay plans by which every pastor, Sunday School superintendent, every Woman's auxiliary, and every organized Young People's League of the denomination are requested and held responsible for the raising of substantial funds for this great cause.

Furthermore, the boosting and the giving of substantial offerings systematically and periodically during the year, and the years to come, will mean more and greater giving to Foreign Missions. It will mean a growing church membership here in the home land, as well as in the foreign fields. It will mean the increase of local support of each individual church activity. Church members will give to the support of Home Missions when they are led to see what it will mean to the denomination home and abroad. May God speed the day when we will have a Home Mission program second to none in this country.

—oooOOooo— SUNDAY BASEBALL versus CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES

Sunday baseball has become a popular sport all over this land. Professional baseball, both of the major and the minor leagues, is constantly drawing great crowds of people each Sunday to those games. A great many of the church people patronize these sports on Sunday and Sunday nights, when they should be attending church services instead. The fact is, a great many people stay away from church because of their having more interest in seeing these games than they are in going to church on the Lord's Day. These enticements are standing in the way of the best interests of the church, and they serve to lead a great many people into the habit of staying from church on Sunday as a customary thing.

We feel that the church people should rise up and file protests with the Baseball Commissioner, A. B. Chandler, Cincinnati, Ohio, and seek to wield an influence against Sunday baseball. We believe that sufficient pressure can be manifested by all the Protestant churches in America against Sunday baseball as to influence the officials of the major and minor clubs to cease having Sunday and Sunday night games altogether.

Furthermore, in a great many instances gambling and drinking (under the cover supposedly) are attendant vices at such Sunday games. God created the Sabbath day to be a holy day, and that people should use it as a day of rest, devotion, and service unto his holy name. But some will say that Sunday games are all right, because the church people attend these games, and they think there is no harm in them. That is the "rub," for if the church people would not only stay away from Sunday baseball games, but also raise a protest against them, then such an influence would be aroused against them until, we believe, the officials in charge of the major and the minor leagues would cease to have games on Sunday and Sunday night.

:- Department of Foreign Missions :-

THE STORY OF AN INDIAN CONVERT

Language School
Landour, Mussoorie,
U. P., North India
June 12, 1950

Dear friends,

One day last winter, our first winter in Kishanganj, while I was studying, suddenly, someone appeared at the door. I saw there a tall slim Sikh standing in the door. (Sikhism is one of the religious groups of India.) I knew that he was a Sikh because of his tall stature, big black beard and neat turban. I might add that he looked just like you have imagined an Indian to look according to romantic stories of India, etc. He immediately let me know that he knew absolutely nothing about Christianity but that he wanted to learn something about it. I discussed the Christian religion in a general way, gave him a tract, and asked him to come back the next day and we would discuss the Word. The next day he came early and spent most of the day quietly reading the New Testament in English in our living room. I felt that since English was his third language, and because of the difficulty of trying to explain to some one who knows nothing of the Christian religion, and who might have false concepts of the Christian Way, that he would be better reached by bringing him directly in contact with God's Word. As the close of the first day of his reading the Bible I spent three hours teaching him the first three chapters of John. He seemed very impressed with God's Word. For the next few weeks he spent as many days as possible reading the English New Testament and completely read it through. We had no literature available in his mother tongue.

Now let me tell you of the marvelous way in which the Lord led this man to our home. One day while I was on tour, a man came to the house to ask me to read the Bible in a ser-

vice at the public parade grounds, in honor of Gandhi's death day. They were going to read from the sacred books of the Hindus, Moslems, Sikhs, and Christians, and therefore asked me to read from the Bible. Since I was not home Trula went to read from the Bible. She had only a few minutes to prepare and as she didn't know which language she should be asked to read in she decided to read part of the fourteenth chapter of John. Unnoticed by her at the time, a young unknown Sikh man sat near her at the the service and heard the reading of the Word. This man as we later came to know was A. Singh Gill. He related to us some time later in words to this effect, "When Mrs. Cronk read from the Bible on the Midan it was the first time I had ever heard a word from the Bible. I thought as she read, 'People have always told me that the Christian Scriptures were bad books, but this is not bad teaching, in fact, this is wonderful teaching. I must go and find out more about it.'" So for several days he searched the little town to find out where we lived and thus appeared at our door.

The Word of God had a tremendous grip on Mr. Gill. It drew him with a strong power. One day after he had been reading the Bible for nearly eight hours, I offered him a news paper to read, thinking that he must be very tired from reading the Bible so long at one sitting but he replied, "No, this (the Bible) is more important." So day after day he read in English comparing it with the Urdu translation of the Bible. Urdu is his second language.

One day I was thinking that in only a few short days we have to go to the hills and I can't go without giving this man an opportunity to accept the Lord. So after prayer I approached Mr. Gill about coming out and out for Christ and this is what he told me.

"Mr. Cronk, about the second or third night after you began studying the Bible with me, late at night

I was suddenly awakened in my sleep as if by someone. I sat up and thought "What is this?" Then I thought that this must be the God of the Bible trying to talk to me so I said in my heart, "If this is from God then he may do something again that I might know that he is the true God and I will follow him." He went back to sleep but soon was awakened again because it seemed that someone had rushed from the room and slammed the door. He sat up and looked around the room but the door was locked. He thought, "This is the sign from the True God. I will follow him." Then his room mate sat up and said, "Who was in this room?" But Mr. Gill just lay back down and prayed to the True God.

Then he told me of later events, "When I was in Katihar I went to the missionary there, as you suggested, and while we prayed and read the Bible I felt strongly drawn by the Power of God, and finally admitted to them that I was interested in Christianity."

So all this time he was following Christ in her heart but he had never said anything to me nor confessed to others that we was a Christian. He told me how God had answered his prayer one day when he was without money and had to travel back to our city. Then I gave him some Scriptures on assurance and asked him to confess Christ as his Saviour openly in prayer, and to ask God to give him strength that he might live a life of prayer and Bible Study as a Christian.

God is still working in a marvelous way. Gill has been going out with Mr. Woolsey for preaching in the villages. God has laid on his heart a burden for preaching the Gospel in unevangelized villages. I quote from a letter received from him some days ago. "Brother, I am thankful that your company gave life. I was dead and through you I have found life. Now I request you to pray for me that I may be having a burning ambition in my heart for our Saviour's service, that is, always praying to him and carrying his Word to my brothers who are still dead. As He has given resurrection to me who was dead in sins through you, in the

FOURTH UNION MEETING REPORT

The Fourth Union meeting of the North Carolina Central Conference convened with Spring Branch Church in Greene County, April 29, 1950. Rev. A. G. Baker conducted the devotions. The welcome address was given by Jannie Dilda, while the response was by Rev. R. C. Proctor. The minutes were read and approved as read. There were fifteen churches that represented in the meeting. The ministers present were as follows: Marshall Joyner, L. B. Manning, R. C. Proctor, J. D. Vernelson, T. P. Ellis and Allen Parker. The visiting ministers were Stephen Smith, of the Third Eastern Union meeting, and Rev. C. L. Patrick, of the Second Union meeting.

Following the roll-call of ministers, the morning business session was then entered into. A. J. Tyson was elected as treasurer of the union to fill the unexpired term of J. C. Cobb, deceased. An offering was taken to the amount of \$28.42 for the Middlesex Orphanage. The union voted to accept the invitation of Saratoga Church to meet with it in July, on Saturday before the fifth Sunday. At this point the business was called off for the Union sermon.

After singing a hymn and prayer, Rev. J. D. Vernelson delivered a splendid message. His text was taken from the fifth chapter of Jeremiah. He used for his subject: "What Have I Done?" At the close of this service, dinner was served on the church yard, and everyone enjoyed a good feast and sweet fellowship together.

The afternoon devotions were led by Rev. L. B. Manning. Special music was rendered by different people throughout the meeting. A motion was made and carried to pay for the clothing of the adopted child at the orphanage. A motion was made and carried to pay for the flowers which were bought for Brother J. C. Cobb's funeral. A motion was made and seconded that the moderator of the union to purchase flowers for the funerals of any minister, or official of the union. A motion was made and carried to grant privilege to F. W. B. Leagues to organize a League Convention on Saturday night, July 29, at Saratoga Church, with the full support of the Fourth Union meeting.

The reports of the different committees were adopted. A motion was made and carried to send \$50 to the Foreign Missions treasurer. A motion was made and carried to pay the treasurer of the union \$5 at each union meeting for his services.

Upon completing the business of the union, a standing vote was given to Spring Branch Church and community for the kind hospitality shown this union. The next meeting will be held at Saratoga Church, July 29, 1950.

Rev. R. C. Proctor, Mod.,
Hubert Burress, Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT APRIL 29, 1950

On hand last union	\$112.63
Received from churches	95.00
Offering for Orphanage	28.42
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Paid Out

Clerk and Moderator and Treasurer \$	16.00
Flowers	10.00
Orphanage	56.02
Missions	56.90
Education	6.90
Church Finance	6.90
Superannuation	6.90

Total Paid Out	\$159.62
Total on hand	\$236.05
Total paid out	159.62

Balance in treasury

A. J. Tyson, Treasurer

Believe on Jesus

What must I do if I would be,
From every guilt and sin made free?
Believe on Jesus

His loving grace and it alone,
Can for each sinful act atone.
Believe on Jesus.

A heavy burden on me lay,
I prayed to him, it passed away.
Believe on Jesus.

The day and hour of my release,
I knew a sweet, abiding peace.
O trust in Jesus.

I yield my life, he gives his grace
It is enough in every place,
To trust in Jesus.

His power can guide, and it alone,
My wandering feet till life is done.
I trust in Jesus.

His gentle touch can comfort bring,
And help and strength for any thing.
Depend on Jesus.

His hand can lift the fainting form,
And shield it from life's raging storm.
Just look to Jesus.

Upon his cross our sins he bore,
His love can save forever more.
So look to Jesus.

—John W. Beaman

The altar is a gateway for individuals and families to discover the love of God and dedicate themselves to Him.

same way may I be able to bring back the Saviour's lost sheep. I am nothing and can do nothing, but He Himself will do good to others. This desire is increasing in this heart of mine. May He fulfill it soon."

One day when Mr. Woolsey was unable to go to a village to preach, Gill went and brought his first message alone. I have just heard from Mr. Woolsey that Mr. Gill had such a strong desire to be baptized and that from Mr. Gill's work and testimony, and his progress in the Word of God and spiritual understanding, Mr. Woolsey felt that he ought to be baptized immediately. So they didn't wait but slipped off to the river and Mr. Woolsey baptized Gill. I feel, and Mr. Woolsey also, that Gill has an amazing grasp of the Bible and Spiritual insight, for one who has known the Lord such a short time.

Some of you may say, "But what is there to be so excited about?" Just this, The prayers of the Free Will Baptists at home and in India are going through to God. Our area is in North India, a cold area, noted for its lack of converts. Yet God reached down and used us Free Will Baptists to give the Word and God saved an Indian man, a Sikh, our first convert in North India. Not only that but other missionaries are amazed that a new convert in so few months has read the Bible through in English, and parts of it through several times in English, Urdu, and Punjabi and is already preaching to others. As you can see from this story there is no praise to a mission nor a missionary but to the power of God's Word working in the heart of a man. It looks like Mr. Gill may become the first Indian F. W. B. to be set apart for the ministry of the Gospel.

I might add that Mr. Woolsey has been used of God in leading several people of a Christian caste in a knowledge of Christ and now are ready for baptism. So it looks like we will soon organize our first church in India.

Praise God that Free Will Baptists lifeless dollars are turning into living souls.

Yours in His Faithfulness
Daniel R. Cronk

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Mrs. E. A. Taylor, Manager

(All services at 8:00 p. m. unless otherwise noted.)

Eastern Conference

Day	Date	Church
Friday, June 30		Macedonia
Saturday, July 1		Sis. Delight
Sunday, July 2		Gethsemane
Monday, July 3		Core Creek
Tuesday, July 4		Friendship
Wednesday, July 5		Kinston
Thursday, July 6		Spring Hope
Friday, July 7		White Oak Grove
Monday, June 26		Mt. Zion, Pamlico Co.
Tuesday, June 27		Dublin Grove
Wednesday, June 28		Core Point
Thursday, June 29		Union Chapel
Friday, June 30		Palmetta Chapel
Saturday, July 1		Antioch
Sunday, July 2		Ruths Chapel
Monday, July 3		Wintergreen
Tuesday, July 4		Pilgrims Home
Wednesday, July 5		Moseley's Creek
Thursday, July 6		British Chapel
Friday, July 7		Bethel, Kinston, Cape Fear Conference

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Miss Mary E. Talton, Manager

(All services at 8:00 p. m. unless otherwise indicated.)

Day	Date	Church
Piedmont Association		
Friday, June 30		Fifth Avenue
Saturday, July 1		Caroleen
Sunday, July 2		Roberson Creek
Monday, July 3		First Church Marion
Tuesday, July 4		Ridgeway
Wednesday, July 5		Rocky Pass
French Broad Association		
Thursday, July 6		Old Fort
Friday, July 7		Burgin's Chapel
Saturday, July 8		East Black Mountain
Sunday, July 9		Homers Chapel
Monday, July 10		Swannanoa
Tuesday, July 11		Howell's or Oakley Tabernacle
Wednesday, July 12		Sweeten Creek
Thursday, July 13		Avery's Creek
Friday, July 14		Horney Heights
Saturday, July 15		Beaver Dam
Sunday, July 16		Canton
Monday, July 17		Hyatt's Creek
Tuesday, July 18		Hazel Green
Wednesday, July 19		Cedar Hill
Thursday, July 20		Mountain View
Friday, July 21		New Bridge (Asheville)
Saturday, July 22		Union Chapel

Sunday, July 23		Union Valley
Monday, July 24		Ray's Chapel
Tuesday, July 25		Barnardsville
Wednesday, July 26		Paint Fork
Thursday, July 27		Pisgah Forest
Friday, July 28		Laurelton Chapel
Saturday, July 29		Shady Grove
Sunday, July 30		Marshall
Monday, July 31		Red Hill
Tuesday, August 1		Anderson Branch
Wednesday, August 2		Fugate
Thursday, August 3		Barnard
Friday, August 4		Walnut
Saturday, August 5		Shoal Hill
Sunday, August 6		Laurel Fork
Monday, August 7		Mt. Zion
Tuesday, August 8		Mt. Bethel

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Miss Bonnie Farmer, Manager

(All services at 8:00 p. m. unless otherwise noted.)

Eastern Conference

Day	Date	Church
Friday, June 30		Palmetta Chapel
Saturday, July 1		Antioch
Sunday, July 2		Reunion Chapel (11a. m.)
Monday, July 3		Wintergreen
Tuesday, July 4		Pilgrims Home
Wednesday, July 5		Moseley's Creek
Thursday, July 6		British Chapel
Friday, July 7		Bethel, Kinston (Cape Fear Conference)

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Miss Cleo Eatman, Manager

(All services at 8:00 p. m. unless otherwise noted.)

JACKS CREEK ASSOCIATION

DAY	DATE	CHURCH
Friday, June 30		Bowditch
Saturday, July 1		Young's Chapel
Sunday, July 2		Low Gap (11:00 a. m.)
Sunday, July 2		Pensacola (8:00 p. m.)
Monday, July 3		Prices Creek
Tuesday, July 4		Terrys Fork
Wednesday, July 5		Pilgrim's Chapel
Thursday, July 6		Mine Fork
Friday, July 7		Green Mountain
Saturday, July 8		North Bend
Sunday, July 9		Big Creek (11:00 a. m.)
Sunday, July 9		Bald Mountain (8:00 p. m.)
Monday, July 10		Patterson Branch
Tuesday, July 11		Piney Hill
Wednesday, July 12		Higgins Chapel

TOE RIVER ASSOCIATION

Thursday, July 13		Miller's Chapel
Friday, July 14		Clinchfield
Saturday, July 15		Green Mountain
Sunday, July 16		Bruimitts Creek (11:00 a. m.)
Sunday, July 16		Pigeon Roost (8:00 p. m.)
Monday, July 17		Toe River
Tuesday, July 18		Poplar
Wednesday, July 19		St. Paul

Thursday, July 20		Middle District
Friday, July 21		Buladean
Saturday, July 22		Beans Creek
Sunday, July 23		Union Hill (11:00 a. m.)
Sunday, July 23		Cane Creek (8:00 p. m.)
Monday, July 24		Crabtree Chapel
Tuesday, July 25		Burleson's Chapel
Wednesday, July 26		McCourry's Rock
Thursday, July 27		Roan Creek
Friday, July 28		Lewis Chapel
Saturday, July 29		Ivey Heights
Sunday, July 30		Curtis Creek (11:00 a. m.)
Sunday, July 30		Yale (8:00 p. m.)
Monday, July 31		Mt. View
Tuesday, August 1		Elk Mountain
Wednesday, August 2		Coxes Creek

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Miss Bonnie Farmer, Manager

(All services at 8:00 unless otherwise noted.)

Albemarle Conference

DAY	DATE	CHURCH
Saturday, July 8		Free Union, Beaufort Co.
Sunday, July 9		Sidney
Monday, July 10		Union Chapel
Tuesday, July 11		Hickory Chapel
Wednesday, July 12		Corinth
Thursday, July 13		Mt. Tabor
Friday, July 14		Malachi's Chapel
Saturday, July 15		Free Union, Tyrrell Co.
Sunday, July 16		St. Paul, Elizabeth City
Monday, July 17		St. John, Portsmouth, Va.
Tuesday, July 18		Newport News, Newport News, Va

Central Conference

Friday, July 21		Daniel's Chapel
Saturday, July 22		Spring Branch
Sunday, July 23		Friendship
Monday, July 24		Free Union
Tuesday, July 25		Watery Branch
Wednesday, July 26		Hull Road
Thursday, July 27		La Grange
Friday, July 28		Hugo
Saturday, July 29		Rose Hill
Sunday, July 30		Black Jack
Monday, July 31		Rose of Sharon
Tuesday, August 1		Hickory Grove
Wednesday, August 2		Parker's Chapel
Thursday, August 3		Greenville
Friday, August 4		Piney Grove, Pitt Co.
Saturday, August 5		Reedy Branch
Sunday, August 6		Sts. Delight
Monday, August 7		Maury
Tuesday, August 8		Dilda's Grove
Wednesday, August 9		Oiters Creek
Thursday, August 10		Rocky Mount
Friday, August 11		Dawson's Grove

Western Conference

Saturday, August 12		Peoples Chapel
Sunday, August 13		Little Rock, Lucama
Cape Fear Conference		
Monday, August 14		Raleigh
Tuesday, August 15		Johnston Union
Wednesday, August 16		Hopewell
Thursday—August 17		Smithfield
Friday—August 18		Bethel
Saturday, August 19		Stevens Chapel

Sunday, August 20—Prospect
 Monday, August 21—Corinth
 Tuesday, August 22—Shady Grove
 Wednesday, August 23—St. Paul
 Thursday, August 24—Black Jack Grove
 (Western Conference)
 Friday, August 25—Daileys Chapel
 Saturday, August 26—St. John
 Sunday, August 27—Riverside

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Mrs. E. A. Taylor, Manager

(All services at 8:00 p. m. unless otherwise noted.)

Albemarle Conference

DAY DATE CHURCH
 Saturday, July 8—Shiloh (Central Conf.)
 Sunday, July 9—Belhaven
 Monday, July 10—Trinity
 Tuesday, July 11—Mt. Olive
 Wednesday, July 12—Mt. Zion
 Thursday, July 13—Piney Grove
 Friday, July 14—Sound Side
 Saturday, July 15—Gum Neck
 Sunday, July 16—Portsmouth, Va.
 Monday, July 17—Fairmount Park, Norfolk, Va.
 Tuesday, July 18—Little Creek, Norfolk, Va.

Central Conference

Friday, July 21—Owen's Chapel
 Saturday, July 22—Saratoga
 Sunday, July 23—Marlboro
 Monday, July 24—Howell Swamp
 Tuesday, July 25—Antioch
 Wednesday, July 26—Harrell's Chapel
 Thursday, July 27—Walnut Creek
 Friday, July 28—Ayden
 Saturday, July 29—Elm Grove
 Sunday, July 30—Bethany (11:00 a. m.)
 Sunday, July 30—Pleasant Hill
 Monday, July 31—Piney Grove
 Tuesday, August 1—Cedar Grove
 Wednesday, August 2—Sweet Gum Grove
 Thursday, August 3—Gum Swamp
 Friday, August 4—King X Roads
 Saturday, August 5—Winterville
 Sunday, August 6—Little Creek
 Monday, August 7—Old Sts. Delight
 Tuesday, August 8—Grimsley
 Wednesday, August 9—Aspin Grove
 Thursday, August 10—Edgewood

Western Conference

Friday, August 11—Barnes Hill
 Saturday, August 12—Piney Grove, Nash County
 Sunday, August 13—Wilson

Cape Fear Conference

Monday, August 14—Wooten's Chapel
 Tuesday, August 15—Powhatown
 Wednesday, August 16—Lanwood's Chapel
 Thursday, August 17—Yelverton's Grove
 Friday, August 18—Tees Chapel
 Saturday, August 19—St. Mary's Grove
 Sunday, August 20—Pleasant Lee
 Monday, August 21—Lee's Chapel
 Tuesday, August 22—Robert's Grove

Wednesday, August 23—Oak Grove
 Thursday, August 24—West Clinton
 Friday, August 25—Spring Hill (Western Conf.)
 Saturday, August 26—Casey's Chapel
 Sunday, August 27—Goldsboro

THE UNPARDONABLE SIN

Mrs. Nat Cox
 Blounts Creek, N. C.

What is this sin against the Holy Ghost? We see that the doctrine of the unpardonable sin arose out of a discourse which Christ gave when the Pharisees had attributed our Lord's miracles of healing to Satanic agency.

The Pharisees knew deep down in their hearts that Jesus was the Messiah; but, due to prejudice and envy, jealousy, and uncalled-for hatred, they refused to acknowledge this truth. On the other hand, they sought always to hinder, and to hold back the masses from believing on the Son of God. To have acknowledged his claims and his Messiahship would have been very embarrassing and most inconvenient to them by doing so. They would have to retract their whole previous career, and this would have put a question mark in the minds of the people as to their good judgment and wisdom. It would have meant that they would have been put at the feet of Jesus to have been taught by him.

Instead, there was nothing left for them to do but to accredit the miracles of healing the blind and dumb man to the works of Satan. They knew deep in their hearts that Satan would not work against those who do not love the Lord. Such will always find some excuse for not serving the Lord in spirit and in truth. And we hear Him cry out: "Whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come" (Matt. 12:32). Read also verse 31 of Matthew, chapter 12.

How do we commit this sin? What members of our body do we use to commit this sin? To speak, a man or

a woman uses the tongue, and what a dangerous member this tongue is! It is a very dangerous thing. Read James 3:6, and see what it says about the tongue. It is the member of our body which damns our soul by speaking against the Holy Spirit. That would mean that Christ was in league with the Devil. Think how we do need to watch how we use our tongues.

God's ministers are chosen vessels. They have been set apart to preach His word, therefore they need to be careful at all times as to what they say against God's children. They are to be sure that it is not the Holy Spirit working, before they speak lightly about others, for it is the Devil who leads a person to blaspheme against the Holy Spirit.

WHY IT IS CALLED "THE WHITE HOUSE"

In 1814 when the British marched into Washington, the commander marveled at the beauty of the buildings, especially the house where the President of the United States lived. But the rules of war demanded that government buildings should be destroyed. So it was set on fire, and only four smoke-stained walls were left standing. After a while Congress appropriated \$100,000, for rebuilding the President's house, not, however, without strong opposition to spending so much money on it. This amount was soon sued up, and the contractor asked for another \$100,000. This time there was much stronger objections by some members of Congress, but that sum was finally voted to complete the work. When this was spent, everything was completed except the redecorating. For this the builder wanted still another large sum. President James Monroe, knowing the strong feeling in Congress against spending any more money on the building, said it was out of the question, and for the building to be painted plain white, inside and out, from top to bottom, as the most economical solution to the problem. This was done, and the result was so pleasing that it has since that time been so painted, and became known as the "White House."

A TESTIMONIAL

We would like to say that we enjoy reading our church paper. Sometime we are made to rejoice, and then again we are made to be sad. But we do thank God for the great work which our churches are doing in the State of Alabama.—R. K. F.

A will of your own will help you to succeed better than the will of a rich relative.



MOSES LED HIS PEOPLE TO GOD

(Lesson for July 9)

Lesson: Exodus 19:16-25; 35: 4, 5, 21.

Golden Text: Exodus 19:5.

I. Heart of the Lesson . . .

1. The book of Exodus opens with the seed of Abraham, the Children of Israel in the land of Egypt. They were brought there by Joseph and settled in Goshen.

The redemption of Israel with its previous affliction and galling yoke was foretold, prophetically, in a vision to the Patriarch Abraham. We find this recorded in Gen. 15:13, 14.

"And He said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; and also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge; and afterward shall they come out with great substance."

Pharaoh attempted to kill all the male children in Israel by giving command to the midwives to kill all the sons born to the Hebrew women (Exod. 1:16). But the mid-wives were pious and God-fearing women, and did not execute the king's command.

When Pharaoh saw his attempt frustrated, he called upon his own people to commit murder by the wholesale. He charged them to throw every son born to a Hebrew family, into the river Nile. This was a murderous edict; it was wholesale murder in intent. But behind it was the devil. The Lord Jesus Christ called him a murderer.

"He (the devil) was a murderer from the beginning" (John 8:44).

"Surely the wrath of man shall praise Thee; the remainder of wrath shalt Thou restrain" (Ps. 76:10).

We see this beautifully illustrated in the history of the preservation of the child Moses.

The Lord led Moses' mother to hide him at the very place where he knew the king's daughter would come to bathe.

The Lord led the king's daughter to come at the very time the child was placed there.

The Lord caused the king's daughter to be moved with compassion toward the child, by causing the babe to cry.

The Lord caused the sister of Moses to suggest his own mother for a nurse of the child, and moved upon the king's daughter to spare the child and to adopt him as her son. What a marvelous chain of providence!

Here we see God using and restraining the wrath of man. He used the king's wrath to drive the mother of Moses to hide him; He used the compassion of Pharaoh's daughter to restrain the king's wrath, which if unhindered would have meant Moses' death. Surely, we have a wonderful God—wonderful for counsel, wisdom and might!

4. Israel's deliverance through the Red Sea at the hand of Moses is a spiritual picture, a typical picture of the deliverance of the believer from the power of sin and the world. The Red Sea was the border of Egypt; it marked the dividing line between Egypt and the wilderness. The Red Sea stood before Israel. Their deliverance came by an opening through it. The path through it was Divinely made. It was made by Moses extending the rod in his hand over the sea (Exod. 14:16, 21). The rod is the symbol of authority and power.

Manna was one of the every good and perfect gifts which came from above. Israel spoke against God; they said, "Can God furnish a table in the wilderness? * * Can he provide flesh for His people?" (Ps. 78: 19, 20). This showed their evil heart of unbelief. God said to Moses, "I have heard the murmurings of the Children of Israel." Some people murmur with their mouths so full that they can hardly express their murmurings. How unthankful and dissatisfied man is! Most blessed of all His creatures and yet the most ungrateful!—Selected

6. Not only did God reveal himself

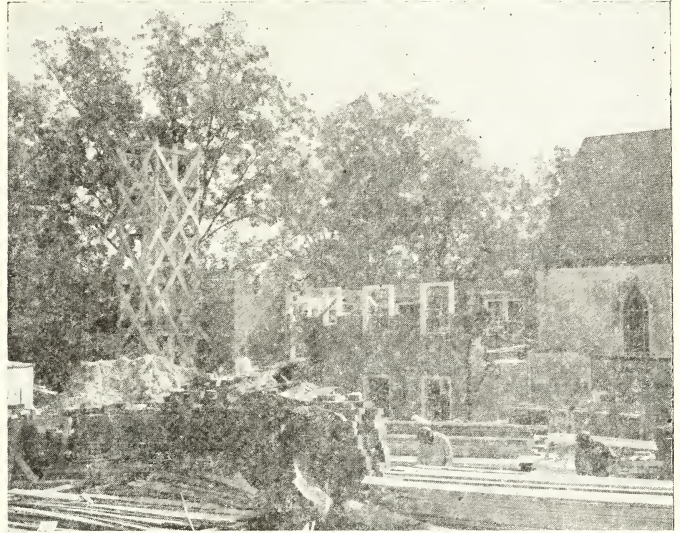
to Moses, but through Moses he revealed his attributes and his will to Israel. In a day when the former Hebrew slaves had no Bible and no other books, Moses became the great medium of revelation to the Children of Israel. As our lesson title says, he led them to God. He helped them to understand the character of the true God. While in Egypt, many of the people had turned aside to other gods (Josh. 24:14). Moses helped the people to know the Lord as a holy and jealous God who required holiness of his people (19:6) and their undivided allegiance and who will not approve of worship of himself thru any likeness or image—Arnold's Commentary.

7. The location of Mount Sinai has been commented upon by F. B. Meyer as follows: "No spot on earth, it has been affirmed, combines in a more remarkable manner the conditions of commanding height and of a plane in which the sights and sounds described here could reach the assemblage of two million souls. 'That such a plain should exist at all in such a place,' says Dean Stanley, 'is so remarkable a coincidence with the sacred narrative as to furnish a strong internal argument, not merely of this being the actual scene of the giving of the law, but of its having been described by an eye-witness. All the surroundings suit the narrative. The awful and lengthened approach, as to some natural sanctuary, the long retiring sweep of the plain, enabling the people to remove and stand afar off, the cliff rising like a hugh altar, and visible from end to end of the whole plain.'"

8. Here is a pattern for the giving of God's people. Having had declared to them the need as it exists, that which is upon the heart of God and which has been communicated to one of His servants is set before the people of God. Then, in answer to that information, because of all that God has done, because of His grace, His love, His provision, God's people should gladly and spontaneously and generally meet the need. To get all the blessings that God has for us in our giving, we should follow such a pattern. See Exodus 35:4-21.—Moody Monthly.

Free Will Baptists Erect Modern Buildings

All over the country Free Will Baptists are erecting modern churches to take the place of the little churches of the past, which served their purpose in a most wonderful way, but must now give way to progress. Not only are new and finer places of worship being built, but educational buildings are being erected to care for the expanding program of Sunday school and youth activities, and homes are being built for pastor's to live in. Many of the smaller churches in the rural sections are adding Sunday school rooms to their church buildings, in units of two or more class rooms. Shown on this page are a number of the more modern churches erected during the past few years, together with one picture that shows a building program in progress—the erection of a modern educational building, to house the Sunday school and Free Will Baptists Leagues of a growing city church. Also there is the picture of a new parsonage.



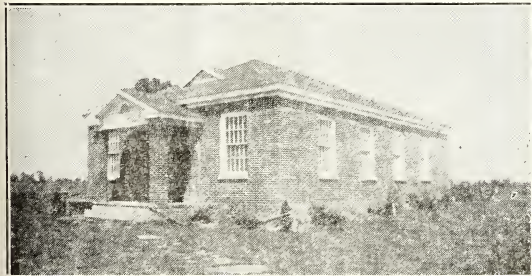
Scene during construction of Religious Education Building at Saint Mary's F. W. B. Church in New Bern, North Carolina. This building has been completed at a cost of around \$50,000.00 and is now being used by the S. S. and Free Will Baptist League. The scene is typical of hundred of building operations among Free Will Baptist during recent years



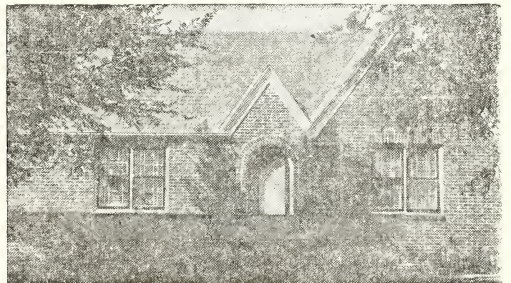
LEFT: Prayer at Ground Breaking for modern chapel at one of our orphanages.



TRINITY F. W. B. CHURCH, FORT WORTH, TEXAS



Sulphur Springs (Alabama) Church, typical of many churches built by Free Will Baptist in the south and mid-west during the last few years.



WEWOKA (OKLAHOMA) CHURCH PARSONAGE

THE ART OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

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verse eight is very interesting; "sound speech that cannot be condemned, that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you." Perhaps one of the features that Christians have neglected more than anything else is the quality of sound speech. No Christian has a right to speak in a sloven fashion. You and I are not judged only by what we say but the way we say it. There is no suggestion that we should be occupied with the grandeur of language merely for its own sake, for this is apt to build us up in pride. On the contrary, let us remember that the Bible, which the simplest Christian takes in his hand is the greatest classic in all literature. The excellency of the language of God's Book is unsurpassed, and a Christian who will read his Bible will adopt a mood of expression which will do honor to the Lord whom he follows. I have known men who have never gone beyond grammar school, some of them from the very lowest type, brought to know the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour and became so attached to His wonderful Book that its transforming power was not only noticed in their life but in their language. As the years rolled on these men became able ministers of the Word in language and faithfulness as if they had been to the finest university. The Scripture itself says, "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." God's holy Book to me is one of the greatest inspirations toward an elegance of language and phraseology that will do honor to the Lord Jesus. We often find ungodly men foulmouthed and uncouth but in the Christian realm our language should always be becoming. May I say that any Christian who in any way takes the name of the Lord in vain and continues to use pet by-words is a disgrace to the Christian profession and a dishonor to his Master. We should do our utmost to avoid uncouth language, or slang, or anything that relates to unsound

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PROGRAM NATIONAL WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Richmond, California, July 10-11, 1950

THEME: "Working Together to Make Christ Known"

WATCHWORD: "Laborers Together with God"

CONVENTION HYMN: "O Master Let Me Walk with Thee"

Monday Afternoon

2:00—Executive Committee meeting

I—Prayer

II—Reports:

1. State Field Workers

2. Executive Secretary-Treasurer

III—Discussion Period

1. Reports

2. Plans presented for 1951

4:00—Adjournment

Monday Evening

7:00—Registration of Delegates and Officers

7:15—Convention Hymn

—Invocation Rev. D. C. Dodd

—Organization of Convention:

1. Seating Delegates

2. Reading Minutes

3. Appointment of Committees

8:00—Hymn: "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

—Devotional: "Making His Way Known Through Stewardship"—Mrs. Seldon Bullard, South Carolina

—Prayer Rev. E. C. Morris, Georgia

—Welcome Address

—Response

8:30—Declaration Contest under the direction of Mrs. Melvin Bingham, of Oklahoma

—Hymn: "I Surrender All"

—Awarding of Prizes

—Benediction Rev. Raymond Riggs

Tuesday Morning

9:00—Convention Hymn

—Devotional: *Our Unfinished Task* . . . Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Tenn.

—Discovering Who's Here

—President's Message—"The Together Way"

10:00—Subject: *Theme of Convention*

A Symposium: President presiding

Participants are: Mrs. Myron Hyatt, First Vice-President, Mo.;

Mrs. Melvin Bingham, 2nd Vice-President, Okla.; Mrs. D. C.

Dodd, 3rd Vice-President, Tenn.; Mrs. L. E. Ballard, 4th Vice-

President, N. C.; Mrs. Alice Childers, 5th Vice-President, Ohio

11:20—Hymn: "O Zion Haste"

—Prayer Mrs. Lizzie McAdams

—Missionary Message Mrs. Laura Belle Barnard

—Offering and Announcements

12:00—Benediction Rev. Winford Davis

Tuesday Afternoon

1:30—Convention Hymn

—Reading Minutes

—Hymn: "Something for Jesus"

- Devotional Mrs. J. R. Davidson
 - A digest of State Reports by Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Executive Secretary-Treasurer
 - Reports of Vice-Presidents
 - Committee Reports:
 - Appreciation
 - Registration
 - Finance
 - Resolution
 - 2:30—Miscellaneous Business
 - 3:30—Adjournment
 - 3:30-4:30—Conferences
- Presidents, Program-Publicity Chairmen, Enlistment Chairmen, Personal Service Chairmen, Y. P. A. Leaders, Field Workers (State and District), Study Course Chairmen, Secretaries and Treasurers

PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION TO HOLD SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

The seventh annual session of the Piedmont Association will convene at the Lowell Free Will Baptist Church, Lowell, N. C., Friday and Saturday, August 4th and 5th. The ministers' Conference, and the Woman's Auxiliary will meet Thursday before.

Lowell is a textile village between Gastonia and Mt. Holly.

Rev. O. M. Hilburn
Vice-Mod. and Prom. Secy.

Keep your temper—nobody else wants it.

A WONDERFUL COMMUNION SERVICE

Mrs. Steve Bush

The Patmos Free Will Baptist Church held its annual communion service on Saturday night, June 10, with more church members present than we have had in many years. It is gratifying to report that all of the deacons were present for this sacred service, along with some visitors whom we were glad to have with us.

Following the message from our pastor, Rev. C. R. Houston, our oldest deacon, Brother W. B. Griffin, prepared the bread and the wine for the celebration of the Lord's Supper. After the bread and the wine were taken by each Christian present, the members assembled for the service of washing the saints' feet. While this was being observed, Mrs. Sally Woodard led the group in some of the old songs of praise. It brought us closer to the Lord. Not only does the ordinance of washing the saints' feet bring us close to Christ, but also it brings us closer as church members.

THE ART OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

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speech as being unworthy of the lips of a follower of Christ.

Listen Christian, it is our business to live a victorious Christian life, using the art of Christian living. This can not be done without the keen consciousness of Christ in our lives day by day and moment by moment. Unsaved friend, our heart goes out in deep sympathy for you to know the condition that exists between you and a Holy, loving God. He wants to save you ten thousand times more than you want to be saved. Will you be aroused to see your condition, your need of the Saviour and extend to Him the invitation to come in and settle the sin question with His own blood that was given on Calvary?

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Thy will, O God, is best,
By Thee the victory's won,
In Thy strong will we find our rest,
Thy will, O God, be done.

Thy will, O God, is strong,
Resist Thy power can none,
Thy throne is raised above all wrong,
Thy will, O God, be done.

Thy will, O God, is law,
Thy word through worlds hath run,
Teach us to say with holy awe,
Thy will, O God, be done.

Thy will, O God, is love,
Thou art our shield and sun,
In earth below, in heaven above,
Thy will, O God, be done.

Thy will, O God, is life,
Thy life and ours is one,
Be Thou our master in the strife,
Until Thy will is done.

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AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT

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Auxiliary of St. Mary's Grove Holds Meeting

Saint Mary's Grove Auxiliary held its regular meeting on Thursday night, June 8, in the home of Mrs. Hilda Lowrey, with 28 members present. She directed the program, the theme being: "Advancing with Christ through Soul Winning." Many helpful thoughts were brought out in the discussion of the duties of the auxiliary members as soul winners, and also concerning the danger of neglecting our duties as Christians.

Our next meeting will be held with Mrs. Eula Coates. The closing prayer was offered for the success of our auxiliary. We are hoping that it will become more and more spiritual and that it will grow more and more in grace and usefulness for the cause of righteousness in the world.

Mrs. Hilda Lowrey, Reporter, Benson, N. C., Route 1.

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Earl H. Glenn, Durham, N. C. 5
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Why Offer a Four Year Curriculum and A. B. Degree in F. W. B. Bible College

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We, the school family, have been making the expansion of our institution a matter of prayer for several years. This theme was the burden of our prayer and discussion in the last faculty meeting before the 1950 Bible Conference. We here agreed that both a four years' prep school program and a four years' Bible College curriculum were essential to meet the needs of our Free Will Baptist right now. In view of the fact, however, that only one branch of this expansion could likely be achieved at present, it was decided that the prep school idea should be held in abeyance for the present; and that we advise the move that several of our board members were in sympathy with; namely, the adding on of two more years to our present curriculum and the awarding of the B. A. degree. The board in its 1950 session took a forward step by authorizing the administration to make this expansion move. Therefore we now offer a four years' course awarding the B. A. degree with a Bible major.

Many of our students need the training offered in this four years' course. Even though nearly all of our graduates feel that the most profitable two years of their lives are those spent here in our college, they do not feel that they have a sufficiency to meet the demands upon the field. Most of them have from time to time expressed a desire to return for the two years that were not offered when they left. Four returned for the third year last term and are planning to come back for their B. A. degrees next year. Several who have taken one year or more in other schools in addition to the two years formerly offered are coming back to finish the four years' course and receive the B. A. degree next year because they are aware of the need of further training in our own school.

We have no other institution in which students may be prepared for Christian service beyond our former two years' course. This should impel all interested Free Will Baptist into a sufficiently strong desire to give them an active voice in furthering sentiment favoring this recently added two years' work. Many lay workers both urban and rural have completed a four to six years' course of study beyond high school to enable them to carry on in the field of their secular duties. Even though many of these have been patient and considerate as they have served as assistants to our ministers who have had two years or less, beyond High School, they are keenly aware of the fact that their spiritual leaders lack that in training that would make them and their service reach

a maximum height in success. Thus our work is hindered, not because we do not have intelligent lay workers, but because our spiritual leaders have not had the Biblical or Theological training to bring them up to the standards that are called upon to set. II Timothy 2:2, "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" and II Timothy 2:15 "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." One must study before he can teach. Many of our spiritual leaders have made a failure because they are ignorant of the simple teaching of God's Holy Word. If your child is going to study Geometry, you want him to have a teacher who understands the science of geometry, especially its fundamentals and how to apply these fundamentals. If he is going to study chemistry, you don't want him to sit under some one that is ignorant of the fact that several certain elements exist and that under certain influences they react certain ways. You want him to study under some one familiar with laws governing these reactions so he can correctly inform your child that he may not handle these with an unskilled hand but that with a skilled hand he may become a successful chemist. Now every Free Will Baptist should have correct Biblical teaching because every Christian needs this. Your minister is your spiritual teacher. Teacher of teachers, if you please. Your spiritual teaching is the most important teaching in the universe because it is more permanent. If a chemist makes a major mistake he may blow up something, kill several people and so on, but that isn't nearly so important as wrong spiritual teaching. Those who lose this physical life if Christians, will do that only to enter that blissful state that Paul desired. Phil. 1:23 "For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:" Luke 12:4-5 "And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him." Matt. 6:33 "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 16:26 "For what is a man profited, if

he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Whereas, those who lose the life beyond this stage of existence as a result of wrong spiritual teaching have an eternity of woe to suffer. This being true, we should put forth more effort, which can be done in this four year course, to give correct spiritual instructions.

In many other denominations four years of work leading to a baccalaureate degree are being offered. This is needed to sufficiently train men to give them an adequate back-ground preparatory to special training in law, medicine, the various fields of education, the ministry, etc. These denominations have graduate schools for their men to further their training in the specialized field of their needs. Since we are not, at the present able to do that, we can offer approximately two years each in secular studies, such as English, science, history, Greek, education, etc., and give the remainder two years to Bible and kindred subjects. By kindred subjects I mean Evangelism, Bible doctrine, archeology, theology, etc. We must of necessity make this four years' program a minimum. II Timothy 1:13 "Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus." I Timothy 4:1 "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;" Many religious zealots today who, with the passing days, are increasing with knowledge and ability to confound the teachings of the Saints of God, are spending ten to twelve years in Institutions that once rang clear with the truth of God but are now sold over to the Devil. Men of this caliber can put our inadequately trained orthodox men to shame in argument. Some of our prospective ministers have been going to these schools because we do not have a school that meets their needs, our needs, if you please.

"During the whole six years that I have been here in our school I have heard the cry of many voices who ask for a program leading to a B. A. degree. These voices have come from every nook and corner where there is to be found a Free Will Baptist who is sufficiently aware of the crying need of our young people.

There is great danger in not having at least a four year curriculum. I feel that no one can appreciate more than I the need of more training than our own schools have offered up to now. When I had completed the course of study the best institution we

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NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

"NOT SICK BUT BUSY"

A friend in Pitt County said, "I was afraid that you were sick, when we missed NOTES AND QUOTES." No, sister, I was not sick, but busy, doing evangelistic service and building Sunday School class rooms at Ruth's Chapel.

To one and all: Do not be surprised, nor think me sick, if NOTES AND QUOTES should cease at anytime to go forward. There is an end to all material things. We thank the Lord for our friends who have sent us so many kind and encouraging words during the past.

A WORD FROM ELDER HEARRON

Sometime back we received a letter from Elder W. R. Hearron, 202 E. Tulsa, Sulphur, Oklahoma, which we appreciate very much. Quote: "Dear Brother Griffin, we have read your good articles for years . . . and respect your views." Thank you, Brother Hearron. Such words, as given by you, are comforting in the face of so much criticism in a world like we live in today.

CEDAR ISLAND MEETING

We have just booked a meeting to begin at the Free Will Baptist church in Cedar Island, Carteret County. It will begin on Monday night, after the fourth Sunday in July, and will go through the fifth Sunday. Pray for us in the work of our Master.

LET ME HEAR FROM YOU

To my many friends who have written to me in the past and new ones who read, if you would like for NOTES AND QUOTES to continue to be published in the columns of the Baptist, let me know by dropping me a card or a letter saying as much. I am now 71 years of age and am too busy to throw away my time. If people read my writings and are helped thereby, I shall be happy to continue to write as long as I am able.

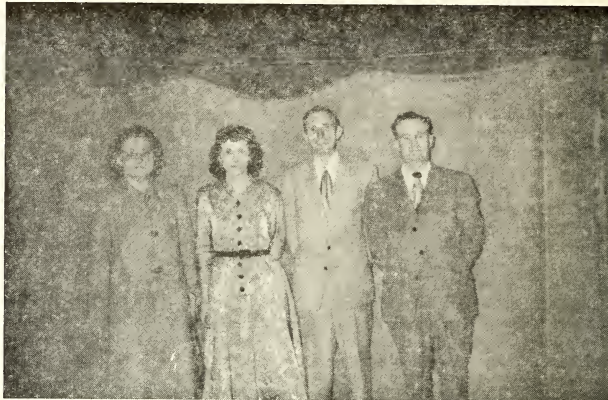
A PECULIAR SITUATION

A number of churches without pastors and a goodly number of preachers without a pastorate. What is wrong?

BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST

The question came to me sometime ago regarding the "baptism of the Holy Ghost." As I am planning to write a book on the subject, and have already a part of the manuscript prepared, I shall not enter into the discussion. Perhaps the one asking the question would take issue with me if I

Alumni of F. W. B. Bible College Hold Good Meeting



Plans Set Up for Student Loan Fund

The meeting of the Alumni Association of the F. W. B. C., which was held at the Band W. Cafeteria in Nashville, Tennessee, April 26, was a grand success from every point of view. This was the second annual meeting of the group, and it was attended by thirty graduates, six faculty members, and guests of honor, members of the 1950 graduating class, twelve in number.

Following the luncheon, at which the president, J. Reford Wilson, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, presided as toastmaster, a short program of the group and special singing were enjoyed by all present.

The business session was marked by a spirit of enthusiasm, and definite goals and objectives were set by the group. Perhaps the most far-reaching enactment was the adoption of a resolution calling for a Student Loan fund to be set in operation, as soon as finances became available. A

goal of one thousand dollars has been set for this purpose, and to be reached by December 31, 1950. A committee to formulate this program, and to begin to the making of loans was elected, consisting of the following persons:

D. C. Dodd, Tennessee
Homer Willis, Michigan
Adam Scott, Tennessee

The officers who were elected for the coming year are as follows:

J. Reford Wilson, Pres., Okla.
Adam Scott, Vice-President, Tennessee
Mrs. D. C. Dodd, Secretary-Treasurer, Tenn.
Miss Gertrude Bowe, Asst. Secy., Missouri
The executive Committee consists of the following members:

D. C. Dodd, Tennessee
Rashie Kennedy, North Carolina
Adam Scott, Tennessee
Luther Gibson, Mississippi
Everett Hellard, Michigan

were to tell her what the Baptism is. I will only quote some Scriptures and leave it for the inquiring one to study.

"I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance; but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire" (Matt. 3:11). So Christ is the administrator—"He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost." "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me . . ." (Acts 1:8).

Christ promised the power in the sending of the Holy Ghost. It is not our power, but His: we do not get the power but the power gets us, as we yield our all unto Him.

"For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one body" (I Cor. 12:13).

So, according to Paul, every true believer, every born again child of God, is Baptized into one body by the Spirit.

NOTICE!

I am in a position to preach in the afternoons of the First and Third Sundays, provided I can get such work, in Carteret County or near by, Morehead City, N. C. Should any church desire my service, you can write me at 1115 Evans Street, Morehead City, N. C.

L. E. Styron, Licensed Min-

There are three kinds of people in this world—the WILLS, the WONT'S and CAN'T'S. The first accomplish everything. The second oppose everything. The third fail in everything.

➤ The Mission of the Church ◀

Please turn to Matthew 28:19 and 20 and read Christ's last charge to His Apostles. It was His last appointment with them on earth, and He delivered to them a brief but very definite command. It was a clear outline of their responsibility in His church. Only recently three of them had heard the Father's voice admonishing them to heed the Son's words. Now the Son's final charge comes to them in the form of a direct commandment to evangelize the world, and He couples with it a promise to be with them unto the end of the world.

It is not the purpose of this article to point out the advantages and benefits springing forth out of evangelization, but to insist that the true mission of the Church of Christ is definitely evangelistic in its nature and aim.

Immediately after the fulfillment of Christ's promise to the disciples that they should be endued with power from on high, they went out on the day of Pentecost and launched the tremendous and long-range evangelistic program of the church. So mightily did the Holy Spirit move and use them that three thousand souls were won to Christ that day in the city of Jerusalem, filled as it was with uncertainty and confusion.

During the days of the persecution of the saints, following closely upon the day of Pentecost, the efforts of the church were very definitely evangelistic. God called Paul and Barnabas, and the church at Antioch ordained them, for this very purpose (Acts 13). Wherever the persecuted disciples went, they preached Christ to the men as the Son of God and the Saviour of men. But believers were instructed also as to the true relationship of man to man, and man to God. Neither the Gospels nor the Epistles of the New Testament leave us in darkness nor doubt as to the correct attitude and proper conduct of Christian living. Along with the evangelistic tenor of New Testament teaching, there is also a clear presentation of Christianity in action.

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Ayden, North Carolina

So it has been throughout the ages of the history of the church. The church has made itself felt as a force of righteousness in proportion to its zeal in the great work of evangelization. We do not set forth and advocate a Revivalistic Theology as the sole pattern for the church program. That would leave the church as unbalanced in its activities as a steam engine with one weight of its governor missing. But the spirit of evangelism must be the vitalizing force back of its every activity, if the church would fill its divine mission in the world.

Neither is the church to join itself to any organized political or economic group to regulate governmental affairs, or to fraternal organizations, which are not its own auxiliaries and under its own personal supervision. The true church is distinctly the body of Christ. He said, "My kingdom is not of this world" (John 18:36). Government departments appear to be as full of unprincipled men as the nests of the forest are of young life, and worldly societies seem to be bulging with efforts to promote the works of unrighteousness. It is the church which must remedy these conditions by producing men and women of character and wholesome ideals to replace those in responsible positions who are prompted and governed by unscrupulous selfishness and fantastic ideologies.

There is a wide-spread idea among many intelligent people that men and women are brought into relationship with Christ through and by the operation of favorable and easy political and economic machinery. A hand-out, or what appears to the individual to be an equal opportunity with others to obtain the necessities of life, invites personal gratification and leaves few openings for outbursts of wrath occasioned by oppression and insult. But does appeasement through favors shown give assurance of re-

generation? Make the test if you would find the answer. It has been made on a national scale many times in recent years. "Salvation is of the Lord" (Jonah 2:9).

Assurance of justice and economic equality bring satisfaction and ease of mind, and thereby provide an easy and friendly approach to most individuals. But in order to win the soul for Christ the messenger must deliver the divinely inspired message. There is something in man, even though he does not recognize and understand it, that responds to the call of His Maker. Man alone cannot call forth that response from his neighbor, because he has nothing to offer more than the other already possesses. The Holy Spirit opens the receptive heart to receive the truth when it is presented. Herein lie the opportunity and task of the church through earnest efforts in evangelism.

Apparently there is a strong notion among the Protestant churches today that evangelism has no definite place any longer in the church program. Individual revivalists have become active recently, and in some instances seemingly have accomplished marvelous tasks. But this is not enough; the church needs to renew its evangelistic efforts, and place emphasis on salvation through faith in Christ.

There are said to be more than three hundred different religious bodies in the United States. A great majority of these are of the Protestant faith. The leaders of some of the larger bodies have well-nigh discontinued their efforts in evangelism, and are now emphasizing the social gospel notion. They teach that religion must express itself in action, and prove its character through its ability to minister to the needs of men. Good! The social gospel idea is an essential factor in the teaching of true religion when it is used in coordination with and subservient to the true Gospel of Christ, and placed

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Eighth Annual Session, National F. W. B. S. S. Convention Convening with East Tupelo Church, East Tupelo, Miss., Aug. 8-10, 1950 Plan Now to Attend this Convention

The host church, and Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools of Mississippi are looking forward, with great anticipation, to this occasion that will bring our leaders in the Sunday School work to our State, and also delegates from the different states where we have churches.

We extend to you a cordial invitation to come to the Magnolia State in August. We will do all we can to see that you enjoy your visit with us while here at the convention.

The following named committee, with the co-operation of the host church, and nearby F. W. B. Churches, will look after the arrangements, and see to the comfort and welfare of all visitors.

The Publicity Committee

Luther Gibson, Chairman; C. C. Davidson, H. E. Post, L. L. Reese, C. V. Long, M. O. Hass, J. M. Herndon.

Housing and Transportation Committee

W. G. Prude, Chairman; W. C. Rea, C. E. Brown, D. P. Marcy, L. C. Bedford, H. A. Roberts, L. B. Hill.

Corresponding and Registration Committees

L. E. Duncan, Chairman; Larue Marcy, Elizabeth Gibson, Jo Ann Parham, Lucille Winders.

Please address all mail to the Committee of Correspondence and Registration, Box 1, East Tupelo, Mississippi. Watch your church papers for further information.

Gertrude Bowe, Secretary-Treasurer

AUGUST 7-12 TO BE BIG WEEK AT CRAGMONT

The week of August 7-12 will be a big week for Cragmont Assembly, Inc., this year. The reason? Rev. Paul Ketteiman, who is preaching in South Carolina now, is coming with about twenty-five young people to invade our Assembly Grounds that week. I have been informed also that about fifteen fine young people from West Virginia are planning to attend that week. Here in North Carolina, Rev. R. P. Harris announces that Cragmont Assembly now has a bus of its very own. The bus will be used the week of August 7-12 to take young people from all points listed on our schedule below, beginning in the city of New Bern, N. C. All who are interested in riding the bus will meet it at one of the points mentioned. The price for the round trip is ten dollars per person. (If this price is not correct, I'll let you know.) Registration fees are the same this year as they were last year as follows:

Registration fee, \$2.00.
Transportation, \$10.00.
Room and board, \$10.00. (\$2.00) per day.
Insurance, .50.
Linens, .30.
Total, \$22.80.

The above represents all the actual cost. Some spending money will be needed for tours, etc.

The bus schedule is as follows, August 7:

From New Bern, St. Mary's Church, 6:00 a. m., to Kinston, Court House, 7:00, Goldsboro Free Will Baptist church, 7:45. Selma F. W. B. church, 8:30, Durham, Edgemont F. W. B. church, 10:30 a. m.

You may send your two dollars registration to Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, N. C., any time between now and that time. If your registration goes in ahead of time, your insurance begins when you leave home and lasts until you return home. Write to Rev. R. P. Harris, P. O. Box 1265, Durham, N. C., if there is anything you would like to know about this youth conference.

By Reporter

THE PORTSMOUTH CHURCH MOVING FORWARD

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Portsmouth is still in business for the Lord, under the leader ship of the Rev. J. A. Alexander of Norfolk. Bro. Alexander and his good wife are doing a good work here. The work is moving along nicely. Those of you that know these good people, remember that they are an elderly couple, and anxious to serve in any way they can.

Bro. Alexander is a good preacher, a good mixer, and a man who loves the Lord. He likes to be about the Lord's business. He preaches the old-time gospel, in the old-fashion way. The church should enjoy a long spiritual life with the leadership of this splendid man of God. Bro. Alexander has accepted full time work as pastor of the church.

I hope to have a picture of the church in the Baptist in the near future. Look for it, and in this way you will have first hand information on the progress that is being made, and also you can see where your gifts have gone.

The construction of the building is under the watchful eye of John G. Flowers. He and his family were active members of the church at New Bern before coming to Portsmouth. Along with Bro. Flowers, all labor is being done free of charge to the church. At this time the four walls are up, window frames in, and most of the weather boarding is on the walls. The carpenters are ready to begin with the roof, and put the paper on the walls. I understand that the building and what material that is on the lot up to this time has been paid for. The building is badly in need of the roof at this time, as some of the material has been exposed for some time.

Most of us know what happens to lumber when it is exposed to the weather for a period of time, especially church material. It seems that old Satan works on the churches full time, both on people and buildings.

The roof is going to be rather expensive, and at this time the building fund treasury is very low. The pastor, church, and I will appreciate any donations that you may feel led to send to help carry this work on in the name of the One who gave his life on the cross that we may have life everlasting.

As Dad said on his last visit with this church, "The harvest is white in and around Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Newport News." The Norfolk church has already launched out in the field of harvest under the leadership of the Rev. W. A. Hales. Won't you ask the Lord what you should do about helping the Portsmouth church, and also the church at Newport News, to take its place in the field of harvest of Souls for Christ our Lord, and Savior?

Thanking every one for past and future donations to the church, I remain,

Stanley H. Everett,
424 Barclay Ave.
Portsmouth, Va.

THE ONLY THING THAT COUNTS

"Fame," said Horace Greely, "is a vapor. Popularity is an accident. Riches take wings. Those who cheer today will curse tomorrow. Only one thing endures—character!" How little else it is that matters. For, in a way, our world is a college, events our teachers, happiness the graduating point and character the diploma God gives to man.

PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to advise that I shall be available for pastoral work for another year. I shall also be open for holding revival meetings this summer and during the fall months. Those interested in securing my services, either for revivals or for pastoral work, are requested to write or to get in touch with me at the following address:

Rev. C. J. Harris
601 E. Ninth Street
Greenville, N. C.

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

N. C. STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION

The North Carolina State League Convention convened in its annual session with the Kenly Church, July 3, 4, 1950. Oscar Webster, the president, presided over the convention in a good way. The attendance of delegates, ministers, League directors and visiting friends was all that could be expected, in view of the fact that in the tobacco belt of eastern Carolina a great many of the people are busy with housing the tobacco crop.

The program of special music which was rendered by the young Leaguers was splendid and greatly appreciated by those attending the convention. The president's message impressed the Leaguers to go forward in every phase of the League work for the glory of God. The president challenged the youth of the church to move forward for the cause of Christ and the enlistment of other young people in the F. W. B. Leagues.

Rev. R. B. Crawford's timely message on "Stewardship" was gladly received, and much appreciated by not only the Leaguers, but also by the entire congregation. He stressed the need of the Leaguers making a full surrender of their life to God, and to render loyal Christian service to Christ.

Mr. Fountain Taylor, treasurer of Cragmont, gave a good report of the financial condition of that institution. He emphasized the need of more and systematic giving, on the part of all of the churches, Leagues and Sunday Schools for the further development of the Assembly, and the extended opportunities of its usefulness to the denomination. Mrs. N. E. Harris, field representative, also spoke of the work at Cragmont, and she urged the Leaguers to go back home and to boost the work of the Assembly. She urged pastors, and lay leaders of the churches to raise more money during the coming year for Cragmont.

Rev. R. P. Harris spoke of a plan which some of the leaders of the Leagues of the State concerning the publication of a monthly magazine for the leagues of the State. The discussion of this matter was deferred until the afternoon session. Brother David Wooten spoke in the be-

half of Rev. L. C. Johnson, who could not be present for the convention. His message was timely and inspirational. He challenged the Leaguers to be true stewards of their time, talents, and religious activities. Brother Wooten urged the Leaguers to establish the system of tithing in all of their leagues.

The Kenly Church and community entertained at the noon hour the large crowd of people with a bountiful dinner, cold drinks, and ice water. The fellowship was great among old friends, ministers, delegates, and Leaguers and visitors.

The afternoon session was featured with special music by Rev. J. Albert Harris and others. Several special numbers were rendered beautifully and impressively. The Reverend Glenn of Durham brought a timely message to the youth. He emphasized, by appropriate illustrations, the need of proper use of one's time, means and talents for the Lord. He pointed out to the Leaguers that they are to go forth, using time and talents for the Lord in such a way as to draw other young people into the League work.

A glowing report was given of the Nation-wide League Conference, which had just recently convened with the church in Norfolk, Virginia. This report was received with great interest by Leaguers, ministers, visitors and friends at the convention. The young man who gave this report is a member of the Norfolk church, and an enthusiastic worker among the young people of that church.

On the whole, the convention showed that the Leagues of the State are making progress in their various activities of the League work, and that much interest is being shown on the part of the youth of the church to go forward for the cause of Christ, and to enlist during the coming year a great many more of the young people of the church in the League work. The interest taken by the older people in this convention was representative of much interest that is being shown in a great many of the local churches by the adult members. The next annual convention bids fair to go beyond this one, if the inspiration and zeal of the young Leaguers is taken back home and put into practice during the coming months.

IN MEMORIAM

This is written in loving memory of my husband who passed away September 29, 1949.
Today brings sad memories of a loved one gone to rest,
And those who think of you today are those who loved you best.
Those years, almost thirty one, when we were together,
Oh how the days are changed now that we're not together.

I never thought your death so near,

Only those who have lost can tell
The pain of parting of farewell.

There is a vacant place in my home,
A lonely widow left alone;
But I'm praying each day that I
May meet you in glory some day.
Written by his widow, Mrs. Pearl Sutton,
La Grange, N. C., Route 3.

THE REAL TEST

Adversity is sometimes hard upon a man, but for every hundred who can "take it on the chin," there is only one who can really survive prosperity.

PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION TO HOLD SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

The seventh annual session of the Piedmont Association will convene at the Lowell Free Will Baptist Church, Lowell, N. C., Friday and Saturday, August 4th and 5th. The ministers' Conference, and the Woman's Auxiliary will meet Thursday before.

Lowell is a textile village between Gastonia and Mt. Holly.

Rev. O. M. Hilburn
Vice-Mod. and Prom. Secy.

"TOMORROW'S CHURCH DEPENDS UPON TODAY'S INTERMEDIATES"

Mrs. Melvin Bingham, Second Vice-Pres.
Woman's National Auxiliary Convention
1922 N. Lewis Street
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Our churches will grow as surely as they guide their young people into places of responsibility. Give your young people a chance to win!

In this world of uncertainties, it requires a lot of well planned activities to reach and hold Intermediates. Provide wholesome activities, and at the same time give emphasis to the spiritual side of life. In so doing, we hold the Intermediates for the Lord. Spend much time in prayer for your Intermediates of your church. Adopt a theme to work to, for example, "It Can Be Done." Then go to work and reach intermediate boys and girls for our Christ. Win them, train them and keep them.

Planning Your Program

Re-arrange your program each time that you meet, planning them far in advance. Boys and girls crave a change and a pleasant surprise.

Organize a young people's visitation program. Meet at the church and visit in the homes of shut-ins. Spend at least twenty minutes in each home. Sing gospel hymns and have a scripture reading, prayer and a brief testimony from each of your young people. The testimony of a young person can soften the hardest heart. After the visitation, return to the church and have a short period of fellowship and refreshments.

Study the Word

The one hundred and tenth Psalm is very fitting when studying about young people. When we are thinking of how Jesus counts on His young people, we see He used this Psalm in His controversies with Jewish theologians and politicians on the last day of His public appearance (see Matt. 22: 41-45) and compare (Mark 12:35-37, Luke 20:41-44.) He did it to show how confused and mistaken they were in their ideas about Christ. Peter quoted it in his Pentecost sermon to explain that Jesus, now sitting at God's right hand, sent the Holy Spirit for power in the Christian enterprise. Hebrews 1:13 uses it to show the superiority of the Son of God to all the angels. It is used elsewhere in Hebrews.

The third verse emphasizes especially the reliance of the conquering King upon "His Youth." Here we compare Peter's quoting on Pentecost from Joel to the effect that, when the Spirit is poured forth upon all flesh, your sons and your daughters shall prophesy. Young men shall see visions for inspiration, planning and leadership, while old men shall dream dreams, to promote the age-long work of God.

"A Challenge to Leaders"

Everywhere we see Nature bursting forth with new life. Flowers are blooming, trees are showing their beautiful greenleaves. The same with our youth, there is new life. Shall we cultivate it or let it die? Arise—Awake—Free Will Baptist Youth Leaders! God is calling, not later but now! Do you hear Him in the whispering breezes? Bestirre yourselves, you who work with our youth who themselves are throbbing and tingling with new life! Let us make this the most glorious year we've ever experienced, with our youth for the name of Christ. By uniting our efforts and certain definite aims, striving together, we will be able to accomplish great things. It can be done.

"Mission Minded Youth"

We must teach our youth to be "Mission minded" if we expect a mission minded church of Tomorrow. Youth needs missions. Missions need youth. Let us give missions to youth. Lives of pioneer missionaries as well as experiences of missionaries on mission fields today should be used in teaching our youth. Provide Missionary periodicals and books for the young people to read. Ask yourselves these questions and answer them by training today's Intermediates for tomorrow's church.

Youth awaits leadership. Who will provide that leadership?

Youth dreams. Who will guide his dreams? Youth Dares. Who will lead to dare the right?

Youth Does. Who will lead him to do right? Youth seeks a rich full life. Where will he find such a life?

Youth must be devoted to something.

Where will he find something worthy of his devotion?

Cragmont Assembly News

The Intermediates and young people along with a few Juniors of the Free Will Baptist churches of Eastern North Carolina met at Cragmont Assembly, Black Mountain, N. C., June 19-24, under the direction of the Rev. R. B. Crawford, Greenville Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, N. C.

Each day there was an interesting worship period at 9:00 o'clock, and classes began at 9:15. Mr. Crawford taught the seniors the course in "Personal Evangelism." He emphasized the purpose and value of personal soul-winning. Emphasis was directed to scripture memorizing. He also taught the courses in "Stewardship" and "Missions." In these courses he emphasized that we are to be good stewards of God; and, in the mission class, he said if we did not receive the call to the mission field, we should give of our prayers and means.

J. B. Narron taught the book of "Acts" to the class of intermediates. He emphasized the forgiveness of sins and the power

of the Holy Spirit and that the book of Acts was a record of the early church. There was also a class in Missions with emphasis on the call of Christ to preach the gospel to the whole world.

Billy Morris taught the course in Stewardship, and the F. W. B. League Administration. He taught the course in Personal Soul-winning, with emphasis on knowledge of scripture plus zeal. Mrs. Rashie Kennedy taught the juniors the Story Hour, and Handcraft.

There was supervised recreation of Bible Baseball; a tour to Black Mountain, Ridgecrest, Montreat, and Blue Ridge; and Mountain climbing at Cragmont.

We had as our guest the last night three returned missionaries from Portugal who sang and gave their testimonies.

The most inspiring service was held each evening at 8:00 o'clock. Five boys, Eugene Wadell, C. H. Overman, Bobby Jackson, Billy Morris, and J. B. Narron did the preaching at these services. There was much inspirational singing of hymns and choruses. There were periods of testimonies, and by the last service all had testified to the saving of their souls and the love of God in their hearts. During the week there was an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. There were a large number of young people who made their profession of faith in the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. At the last service the young people became so concerned for the souls that they went to their rooms to pray definitely that God would save them that night. God answered prayer. The Holy Spirit led the young people again to group in the chapel. Here requests for prayer were made and those that were saved gave their testimonies. Below are few of the testimonies that the young people gave:

"I am thankful I came to Cragmont because I came as a sinner but I am going home as a Christian. I am thankful for the friend that won me to Christ."

"I am grateful for the wonderful opportunity of spending a week at Cragmont. I want to be worthy of my stay. I want the Lord to bring me back next year. I want to thank the Lord for the privilege of meeting all the Christians."

"I want to thank the Lord for the wonderful things that he has given us. Being in His mighty service, seeing people saved, has lifted me up in the spirit of love. I will always cherish Cragmont as one of the dearest treasures of my memory."

"I learned a lot this week and if God be my helper I shall go back home and put it into practice."

Maxine Howell, Pleasant Grove Church
J. B. Narron, Wilson F. W. B. Church

"Infants are more intelligent than we realize," says a doctor. *That's right, Doc; look how they yell the moment they see what a world they are in.*

Fremont, North Carolina

We wish to let the readers of the Baptist paper know how the Fremont F. W. B. Church is progressing. We do not have the time or space to give all of the accomplishments that have been made in our church since last October. This church is growing in numbers and also in spirituality. Rev. M. L. Tyndall is our pastor, and he has been doing splendid work every since he has been with us. The work is still progressing in a good way.

It is simply wonderful when we think of what has been done since last October. We are hoping that the church will soon be able to do many things that are needed to be done. We want to be able to support all of the programs of our work. When Brother Tyndall came to be our pastor, the church was not able to support him, but in less than a year now the church has voted to go on half-time service. It has stipulated a salary for Brother Tyndall. There were but few people attending services when he came to pastor the church. But now we are having a splendid congregation of people for our services each Sunday. Approximately, there have been taken into the church 60 new members since last fall. God has wonderfully blessed Brother Tyndall and our church, and He is still blessing us.

We are asking the prayers of all Christian people that our work here will be for the glory of God. We are sure that Brother Tyndall will appreciate your prayers offered to God for him and the church. There is nothing impossible with God. Some tried to discourage Brother Tyndall, when he accepted the work, but he said, "God is able, and we are to trust him."

By the Reporter

ATTENTION!

S. C. LEAGUERS AND S. S. WORKERS

Cragmont Assembly, Inc., with its facilities has been made available to us for the week of August 6-12. It will be a week of real spiritual strengthening and enjoyment to all who take advantage of the opportunity. The morning sessions will be used to study League and Sunday School work as well as God's Holy Word. The afternoons will be filled with mountain climbing, hiking, sight-seeing, horse-shoe pitching, softball, croquet, and other supervised recreation.

In the evenings you will thrill in the blessings of the Old-Time Evangelistic services. So plan now to spend the hottest week of the summer in the cool, cool heights of Old Craggy! There is, also, the possibility that you will be able to meet some West Virginia Leaguers and Sunday School workers there. The more the merrier—let's go to Cragmont.

Here are the answers to some of your questions:

1. Who can go? Anyone above the age of nine—(Children under nine must be accompanied by parents.)

2. Where is Cragmont? 18 miles out of Asheville, N. C., in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

3. When does Camp officially open and close? August 7, 9 A. M. and closes August 12, 9 A. M.

4. What do I need to take? Toothbrush, comb, soap, washcloth, towel, bathing suit, spending money, slacks or dungarees, and bed linens (these may be rented for a small fee)

5. How much does it cost? Approximately \$17.00, board and room—\$2.00 per day Campers Insurance for week, 50 cents (optional)

Bed Linens, rent approximately 50 cents (optional)

Spending money and traveling expenses will be extra.

Registration Fee for the week \$2.00 (Will be refunded upon request before August 1.)

Those of you who plan to attend should fill in the following blanks and mail them immediately to: Rev. Paul J. Ketteman, R. F. D. one, Pamplico, S. C.

Name _____

Address _____

Parent or Guardian's Name _____

(If over 21 it is not necessary to fill in this blank)

Address of Parent _____

Male ____ Female ____ Age last birthday ____

Married ____ Single ____

Is husband or wife attending this encampment with you? _____

Are you interested in Sunday School Work _____ Or League Work _____ or Both _____?

Name of church you attend _____

Are you interested in riding a chartered bus? _____

Please enclose your registration fee with this application. Fee is \$2.00.

Paul Ketteman

WANTED!

Names and Addresses of Retired Ministers

We should like to receive the names and addresses of the retired or disabled F. W. B. Ministers of the French Broad Association of the Original Free Will Baptists of the United States.

This call is coming from the Ladies Aid Society of Mount Zion F. W. B. Church, Madison County, North Carolina.

Mrs. Bill Lackey, President
Alexander, N. C.,
Route 2

Georgia Bible Conference a Success

In accordance with plans and courtesies extended the writer of this article, the Free Will Baptist Bible Conference and Ministers Institute, held recently at Mt. Bethel Youth Camp, Ashburn, Georgia, was in every way a success.

We had ministers from practically all sections of the state, and of different associations who are progressive, or who aspire to be progressive, present for the conference. While in session the writer, as director, felt divinely inspired to organize, or call for a Ministers' Association to be composed of ministers who are orthodox and loyal to the teachings of the Free Will Baptist Church, upon such impulse, the effort was put forth which met with unanimous consent, and the first Ministers' Association for ministers of Georgia Free Will Baptists was organized.

Rev. Thos. B. Mellette, Hilton, Ga., was chosen moderator; Rev. K. V. Shutes, Camilla, Ga., assistant moderator; Rev. E. C. Morris, Tifton, Ga., was chosen secretary-treasurer.

This Ministerial Association has for its objects; (1) the creation of greater fellowship by cementing the ministers and laity together; (2) to stimulate a greater zeal for missions and Christian Education for the furtherance of the gospel; (3) the promoting of all phases of church activities at home and everywhere; (4) to sponsor the annual meeting of the Free Will Baptist Bible Conference in Georgia for the ministers and the laity.

The sponsors of the Bible conference recently held at the above mentioned camp are grateful to the head official of the National Bible School of Nashville, Tenn., for the courtesy of the presence of Dr. J. P. Barrow, as representative of the National F. W. B. Bible College and instructor who gave lectures in the Mt. Bethel Bible Conference. Dr. Barrow was instructor in Church and Bible Doctrine.

Rev. E. C. Morris, promotional secretary of the Georgia State Association, gave the lectures on Church History of the Free Will Baptist church movement, etc.

The writer, who for many years taught in the Zion Bible School, lectured on Christian Education.

A course in Evangelism will be added next year and continually there-after in the Bible Conference and Institute.

The spirit and fellowship was enjoyed by all and everyone felt the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Surely God is leading and blessing this movement for a greater missionary cause in Georgia and everywhere.

T. B. Mellette, Hilton, Ga.

The funny thing about your dreams is that you have to stay awake to make them come true.—Martin Vanbee.

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Miss Mary E. Talton, Manager

(All services at 8:00 p. m. unless otherwise indicated).

Day	Date	Church
French Broad Association		

Saturday, July 15	—Beaver Dam
Sunday, July 16	—Canton
Monday, July 17	—Hyatt's Creek
Tuesday, July 18	—Hazel Green
Wednesday, July 19	—Cedar Hill
Thursday, July 20	—Mountain View
Friday, July 21	—New Bridge (Asheville)
Saturday, July 22	—Union Chapel
Sunday, July 23	—Union Valley
Monday, July 24	—Ray's Chapel
Tuesday, July 25	—Barnardsville
Wednesday, July 26	—Paint Fork
Thursday, July 27	—Pisgah Forest
Friday, July 28	—Laurelton Chapel
Saturday, July 29	—Shady Grove
Sunday, July 30	—Marshall
Monday, July 31	—Red Hill
Tuesday, August 1	—Anderson Branch
Wednesday, August 2	—Fugate
Thursday, August 3	—Barnard
Friday, August 4	—Walnut
Saturday, August 5	—Shoal Hill
Sunday, August 6	—Laurel Fork
Monday, August 7	—Mt. Zion
Tuesday, August 8	—Mt. Bethel

ROCK FISH CONFERENCE

Friday, August 11	—Red Springs
Saturday, August 12	—Hickory Grove
Sunday, August 13	—Sandy Grove
Monday, August 14	—Bethel

PEE DEE CONFERENCE

Tuesday, August 15	—Bladenboro
Wednesday, August 16	—Oak Grove No. 1
Thursday, August 17	—Mill Rock
Friday, August 18	—Mt. Calvary
Saturday, August 19	—Mt. Olive
Sunday, August 20	—Beaver Dam
Monday, August 21	—Emerson
Tuesday, August 22	—Mission Valley
Wednesday, August 23	—Pine Level
Thursday, August 24	—Cedar Branch
Friday, August 25	—Cypress Creek

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Miss Cleo Eatman, Manager

(All services at 8:00 p. m. unless otherwise noted).

JACKS CREEK ASSOCIATION

DAY DATE CHURCH

TOE RIVER ASSOCIATION

Saturday, July 15	—Green Mountain
Sunday, July 16	—Bruimitts Creek (11:00 a.m.)

Sunday, July 16	—Pigeon Roost (8:00 p. m.)
Monday, July 17	—Toe River
Tuesday, July 18	—Poplar
Wednesday, July 19	—St. Paul
Thursday, July 20	—Middle District
Friday, July 21	—Buladean
Saturday, July 22	—Beans Creek
Sunday, July 23	—Union Hill (11:00 a. m.)
Sunday, July 23	—Cane Creek (8:00 p. m.)
Monday, July 24	—Crabtree Chapel
Tuesday, July 25	—Burlson's Chapel
Wednesday, July 26	—McCourry's Rock
Thursday, July 27	—Roan Creek
Friday, July 28	—Lewis Chapel
Saturday, July 29	—Ivey Heights
Sunday, July 30	—Curtis Creek (11:00 a. m.)
Sunday, July 30	—Vale (8:00 p. m.)
Monday, July 31	—Mt. View
Tuesday, August 1	—Elk Mountain
Wednesday, August 2	—Coxes Creek

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Miss Bonnie Farmer, Manager

(All services at 8:00 unless otherwise noted.)

Albemarle Conference

DAY DATE CHURCH

Saturday, July 15	—Free Union, Tyrrell Co.
Sunday, July 16	—St. Paul, Elizabeth City
Monday, July 17	—St. John, Portsmouth, Va.
Tuesday, July 18	—Newport News, Newport News, Va

Central Conference

Friday, July 21	—Daniel's Chapel
Saturday, July 22	—Spring Branch
Sunday, July 23	—Friendship
Monday, July 24	—Free Union
Tuesday, July 25	—Watery Branch
Wednesday, July 26	—Hull Road
Thursday, July 27	—La Grange
Friday, July 28	—Hugo
Saturday, July 29	—Rose Hill
Sunday, July 30	—Black Jack
Monday, July 31	—Rose of Sharon
Tuesday, August 1	—Hickory Grove
Wednesday, August 2	—Parker's Chapel
Thursday, August 3	—Greenville
Friday, August 4	—Piney Grove, Pitt Co.
Saturday, August 5	—Reedy Branch
Sunday, August 6	—Sts. Delight
Monday, August 7	—Maury
Tuesday, August 8	—Dilda's Grove
Wednesday, August 9	—Otters Creek
Thursday, August 10	—Rocky Mount
Friday, August 11	—Dawson's Grove

Western Conference

Saturday, August 12	—Peoples Chapel
Sunday, August 13	—Little Rock, Lucama

Cape Fear Conference

Monday, August 14	—Raleigh
Tuesday, August 15	—Johnston Union
Wednesday, August 16	—Hopewell
Thursday—August 17	—Smithfield
Friday—August 18	—Bethel
Saturday, August 19	—Stevens Chapel
Sunday, August 20	—Prospect
Monday, August 21	—Corinth
Tuesday, August 22	—Shady Grove

Wednesday, August 23	—St. Paul
Thursday, August 24	—Black Jack Grove (Western Conference)
Friday, August 25	—Daileys Chapel
Saturday, August 26	—St. John
Sunday, August 27	—Riverside

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Mrs. E. A. Taylor, Manager

(All services at 8:00 p. m. unless otherwise noted.)

Albemarle Conference

DAY	DATE	CHURCH
Saturday, July 15	—Gum Neck	
Sunday, July 16	—Portsmouth, Va.	
Monday, July 17	—Fairmount Park, Norfolk, Va.	
Tuesday, July 18	—Little Creek, Norfolk, Va.	

Central Conference

Friday, July 21	—Owen's Chapel
Saturday, July 22	—Saratoga
Sunday, July 23	—Marlboro
Monday, July 24	—Howell Swamp
Tuesday, July 25	—Antioch
Wednesday, July 26	—Harrell's Chapel
Thursday, July 27	—Walnut Creek
Friday, July 28	—Ayden
Saturday, July 29	—Elm Grove
Sunday, July 30	—Bethany (11:00 a. m.)
Sunday, July 30	—Pleasant Hill
Monday, July 31	—Piney Grove
Tuesday, August 1	—Cedar Grove
Wednesday, August 2	—Sweet Gum Grove
Thursday, August 3	—Gum Swamp
Friday, August 4	—King X Roads
Saturday, August 5	—Winterville
Sunday, August 6	—Little Creek
Monday, August 7	—Old Sts. Delight
Tuesday, August 8	—Grimsley
Wednesday, August 9	—Aspin Grove
Thursday, August 10	—Edgewood

Western Conference

Friday, August 11	—Barnes Hill
Saturday, August 12	—Piney Grove, Nash County
Sunday, August 13	—Wilson

Cape Fear Conference

Monday, August 14	—Wooten's Chapel
Tuesday, August 15	—Powhatown
Wednesday, August 16	—Lanwood's Chapel
Thursday, August 17	—Yelverton's Grove
Friday, August 18	—Tees Chapel
Saturday, August 19	—St. Mary's Grove
Sunday, August 20	—Pleasant Grove
Monday, August 21	—Lee's Chapel
Tuesday, August 22	—Robert's Grove
Wednesday, August 23	—Oak Clinton
Thursday, August 24	—West Clinton
Friday, August 25	—Spring Hill (Western Conf.)
Saturday, August 26	—Casey's Chapel
Sunday, August 27	—Goldsboro

The darkest hour has no more minutes in it than the brightest.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

WASH ME

Veda Group

"Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow," sang Gladys in clear, sweet voice. She often sang for her grandfather, and he especially loved the hymns that he had heard over and over again, and that would always hold beauty and fine meaning for him.

He often sat silent while she sang for him one number after another, sometimes expressing her own longing, her own conviction, her own aspirations, in the songs she chose to sing for the grandfather she loved so dearly.

Now he stirred, and she looked at him expectantly. Any comment of his was so apt to be well worth heeding.

"Ever think much about what it means—washing?" he asked slowly.

"Well, it means—getting clean, scrubbing the dirt off—I suppose," she answered.

"Yes," agreed Grandfather, "that's exactly what it means; and I'm glad you used the word scrub, because scrubbing is what it takes to get some of our faults washed out of our nature. It's surprising how quickly they can get ground in, too—and then it's work—water, and soap, and scrubbing, it takes, to get the black out."

Gladys flushed. Just what was Grandfather driving at? Had Grandfather noticed a growing carelessness in her use of some doubtful words lately? Had he?

Her flush deepened. Her mind ran back quickly to the first time she had let those words slip into use. She knew well, deep in the heart and mind of her, just when it began. Yet—why, it surely could not have been a year ago—but she knew it was.

"It's nice to think of soft, warm, soapy water," Grandfather went on, "washing away the sand and soil when we've been working in the garden, or enjoying some sport that gets us grimy; but—"

He laughed softly.

"I mind once when I was a youngster, and I'd been out playing with my brother and another boy, all afternoon long. Oh, we'd dug a cave; and we'd climbed trees; and we'd built a little dam; and what we hadn't done I guess wasn't in the catalogue.

"Well, when we got home I want you to know we were so black and dirty nobody but our mothers would have recognized us. Mother peeled off my brother and me and dropped us in a tub of hot water—and then she scrubbed. We hollered, and ouch, but she got us clean.

"Well, it's just that way in getting rid of faults, Girl, if we let them get a deep hold on us. If we'll just confess our sin

the first time we're guilty of it, then God in his graciousness gently washes the soil of the day from us, and we start fresh and clean again. But if we think it doesn't matter, and we don't confess, and leave it, but keep right on doing what we know is wrong—it's a serious matter. God forgives us as soon as we really and truly repent; of course He does; and with the help of God any fault can be blotted out of our lives—but the deeper we've let it strike in, the more scrubbing it's going to take to get rid of it. Remember that, Girl, when you're tempted to say some words I'm afraid I've heard you using once or twice."

Once or twice! Gladys flushed again. She came and put an affectionate arm around her grandfather's shoulders. "I will remember," she promised, "and I wish I never had said those words; and I want to be washed so clean that I never will say them again."

"Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. * * Create in me a clean heart" (Ps. 51:7, 10).

A GOOD BIBLE SCHOOL AT RAINS X ROADS

During the week of June 12 through 17, Rains Cross Roads church held its Daily Vacation Bible School with an average attendance of 110. Rev. J. E. Sporenbery of Princeton was the director. Some of the women of the church were teachers and helpers.

Refreshments were served each day by the ladies, and the children enjoyed them very much. On Friday afternoon the children gave Mr. Sporenbery a pounding of groceries to show to him their appreciations for his good work.

On Sunday night, at seven o'clock the closing exercises for the Bible school was held at the church. We are looking forward to having a Bible school next year.

Mrs. R. W. Braswell,
Princeton, N. C.,
Route 2

WANTED!

I am in need of a good Christian woman to do practical nursing and house-keeping for me. I shall be glad to get in touch with a woman who would like to do this work in my home. Those interested may call to see me, write to me, or let me know where I may go to see them.

Mrs. Georgia Cayton
Aurora, N. C.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

This is to inform the churches of the Original Free Will Baptist denomination that the credentials of Rev. Robert H. Woolley (Bob) have been revoked and he has been silenced from his ministerial activities in the denomination.

This action was taken by the Board of Ministerial Character and Executive Committee of the Western Conference in called session at Selma, N. C., May 3, 1950.

The reason for such action was based upon authoritative records.

By the Committees:

M. L. Johnson
J. A. Evans
R. N. Hinnant
J. B. Ferrell
Wiley Ferrell
W. H. F. Ivey
Wingate Hansley
Willie Henslow

PROGRAM

of the
ALBEMARLE DISTRICT

LEAGUE CONVENTION

to convene with

MALACHI'S CHAPEL

JULY 30, 1950

THEME: Serving Through Stewardship

Saturday Evening

8:00—Devotional, By Alton Reynolds

8:15—President's Remarks

—Roll call of churches

—Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting

8:45—Song by congregation

—Speaker, J. W. Alford

—Text, Deuteronomy 8:18

9:10—Program by Host Church

—Committee Reports

—Closing hymns and Benediction

By the Committee

FAR ENOUGH

Casey consulted a chrystal gazer.

"My partner O'Malley died the other day," he explained. "I want to know if he went to heaven."

"If you give me five dollars, I will look," said the crystal-gazer.

So Casey gave her five dollars.

"Your partner O'Malley is just fifteen feet from the Pearly Gates."

"Tell me more!" pleaded Casey.

"It will cost you another five dollars."

"All right. Here's another five."

"Now I see him just five feet away from the Pearly Gates."

"Tell me more."

"It will cost you five dollars more."

"Nuts," said Casey. "If O'Malley can't jump the last five feet, let him go to the Devil."



Ruth, a Symbol of Family Loyalty

(Lesson for July 16)

Lesson: Ruth 1:8-22.

Golden Text: Ruth 1:16.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

We should bear in mind that Elimelech and his wife Naomi lived in Bethlehem with their two sons, Mahlon and Chilion. Because of a terrible famine in their land they moved into the land of Moab. Later Elimelech died in that land. In the course of time Mahlon married Ruth and Chilion married Orpah, young women of the land of Moab. After about ten years Mahlon and Chilion both died, leaving their mother Naomi alone in a heathen land with her two daughters-in-law. The famine was over in Palestine, and Naomi decided to go back to her home in Bethlehem.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

1. It is a good recommendation if people can say of a man or woman, that he or she dealt kindly with those who have departed (Ruth 1:8).

2. It is one thing to bestow outward tokens of affection, such as kisses, but quite another thing so to love as not to leave (vs. 14).

3. The soul determined to know God will not be deterred by the contrary example of a weaker one (vs. 15).

4. Separation unto God often involves numerous other separations, and weak souls are not willing to make them (vs. 16).

5. Human weakness might have made the keeping of Ruth's vow impossible, but the power of God supported her choice (vs. 17).

6. Let us seek to persuade others to follow the Lord instead of trying to turn them away from Him (vs. 18).

7. The return of one wayfarer to

the people of God will always be a very stirring event (vs. 19).

8. "Pleasantness" is quite certain to turn to "bitterness" when we leave the place of fellowship with God (vs. 20).

9. Is it fair to blame God for bitter experiences when they have come as a result of disobedience to Him? (vs. 21).

10. The "beginning of barley harvest" marked a new beginning for both Naomi and Ruth (vs. 22).—Selected.

11. The never to be forgotten words of Ruth in which her loyalty to Naomi and to God were expressed are contained in our memory selection today. They are words which give expression to a decision from which she would not be turned aside. It was a decision which was to affect profoundly her whole subsequent life. There was involved in it a choice of friends. Would she choose her own relatives and the people of her native land, or would she turn from all these in order to enjoy continued fellowship with her Hebrew mother-in-law? Connected with this was a choice of countries. Would she cast her lot in the future with Moab or Israel? And lastly, there was a choice of gods. Would she thenceforth serve Jehovah, or Chemosh, the god of Moab? Ruth made her choice deliberately and finally. She would choose Naomi; she would choose the people of Judah; she would choose the Lord. No choice was ever made more unselfishly, and from it nothing could dissuade her. She was not acting merely upon the impulse of the moment, but had fully counted the cost. Would that there were more decisions for God and the people of God made today with equal wholeheartedness and finality! Said William Jennings Bryan, "We cannot hope to contribute to literature a sentence so exquisite and so thrilling as into that which Ruth poured the full-measure of a noble heart, but we can imitate her in devotion."—Arnold's Commentary.

Making right decisions in life are acts which lead most often to peace and happiness, noble service and great fame. Young Timothy made

a good choice when he decided to go with Paul on his missionary journey. Cornelius, the centurian, made a great decision when he sent to Joppa for the Apostle Peter to go to his house and to preach Christ. People today are called upon to make decisions for their own good and for the benefit of others. Dr. Benjamin L. Olmstead says, "Doubtless Ruth had come to know much about the true God through her intercourse with Naomi, and as a result of her marriage to a worshiper of Jehovah. She was making her decision intelligently."—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

II. The Lesson Illustrated

A Gospel That Saves

Said Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, "When I was pastor in Macon, Georgia, I saw a distinguished-looking man in the congregation. When I greeted him at the close of the service, I was startled to hear him say, 'I am Green-Eye Johns.' I had heard that name. He was the operator of a saloon and gambling hell. It was evident that an act of God had brought him there. Tears welled in his eyes as I talked with him. He requested that I come to his home next morning. It was a day never to be forgotten. I tried to make the way of salvation plain. In the evening I left him still smitten by conviction over the enormity of his sins. Early next morning he was ringing my doorbell. 'Come in,' I said, 'and tell me about it.' Said he, 'It was one o'clock this morning. I was reading the Scripture you marked for me when the Light came. Now, I want you to come and help me get my wife saved!' I went, and that day salvation came again to that house. He moved away and engaged in the syrup business. A couple of years later I had a letter from his wife telling me he was ill. I went to see him. When I was taking my leave, he reached out his fevered hand and said, 'Good-by! I'll soon be in Heaven with the Lord; and when you come, there will be an old, saved saloon keeper waiting to give you a royal welcome!' A week later, I received a telegram telling me he had gone on to be with the Saviour. And

I said, "Thank God for a Gospel to preach that saves like that!"

Ruth and this converted saloon keeper were alike in one important way. Both were fully determined to break completely and eternally with the devil and to live for God for the remainder of their lives.—Selected.

Second Union, Western Conference

The second union of the Western Conference Original F. W. B. of N. C. met on April 29, 1950, at Rock Springs church in Nash Co. The union opened at 10 o'clock with a song by the congregation. Devotions were conducted by Rev. L. H. Barken. Prayer by Rev. Burkette Raper. Welcome address by Brother Luther Brisette, and response by Mertile Brown, Brother Henry assisting. Finance committee, Bro. W. H. Cooper, Brother D. C. Vick. Minutes of last union were read and approved. Ministers were called and those present were Rev. J. B. Ferrell, Rev. J. C. Varnell, Rev. Burkette Raper, Rev. T. Renfrow, Rev. L. H. Boyken.

A fifteen minute intermission was taken. The union message was delivered by Rev. Burkette Raper. An offering was taken for the Orphanage amounting to \$11.50. The union was dismissed for lunch, which was enjoyed by all.

The afternoon session was at 1:00'clock and song was by congregation. Devotional by Rev. T. Renfrow. Prayer by Rev. L. H. Boyken.

Role of churches called:

Peoples Chapel—

Delegates—J. E. Ferrell, Jr., and Robert Wells

Contribution—\$5.00

Extra Activities—Sunday School, Prayer meeting, Young Peoples League, Ladies Auxiliary

Pastor—Rev. J. B. Ferrell

Rosebud—

Delegates—W. P. Obriant and wife

Contribution—\$3.00

Extra Activities—Sunday School, Ladies Auxiliary and League

New Sandy Hill—

Delegates—Mrs. Floyd Bunn and daughter

Contribution—\$3.00

Extra Activities—Sunday School, Ladies Auxiliary and Prayer Meeting

Pastor, Rev. W. H. F. Ivey

Oak Grove—

Delegates—W. E. Mercer and wife

Contribution—\$2.00

Extra Activities—Prayer Meeting

Barnes Hill—

Delegates—C. J. Barnes and L. E. Langley

Contribution—\$3.00

Extra Activities—Sunday School and

Young People's League

Pastor—Rev. L. H. Boyken

White Oak Hill—

Delegates—Mrs. Sallie Lamm and Mrs.

Daisy Wells

Contribution—\$4.00

Extra Activities—Sunday School, Ladies

Auxiliary

Pastor—Rev. Willie Renfrow

Mount Zion—

Delegates—D. B. Matthews and wife

Contribution—\$5.00

Extra Activities—Sunday School and

Ladies Aid

Pastor—Rev. R. N. Hinnant

Piney Grove—

Delegate—W. H. Cooper

Contribution—\$3.00

Pastor—Rev. J. B. Ferrell

Rock Spring—

Delegates—Mrs. Luther Fulgham

Contribution—\$3.00

Extra Activities—Sunday School and

Ladies Auxiliary

Pastor—Rev. Willie Renfrow

Milbournie—

Delegates—Mr. J. O. Joyner and Mr. J.

H. Lamm

Contribution—\$3.00

Extra Activities—Sunday School and

Ladies Auxiliary

Pastor—Rev. Milford Hales

Free Union—

Delegate—W. A. Wynn

Contribution—\$3.00

Extra Activities—Sunday School and

Ladies Auxiliary

Pastor—Rev. David

Floods Chapel—

Delegates—David Brissett and Gertrude

Bissette

Contribution—\$3.00

Extra Activities—Sunday School and

Ladies Auxiliary

Pastor—Rev. P. T. Ellis

Stoney Hill—

Delegate—B. C. Strickland

Contribution—\$3.00

Extra Activities—Sunday School and

Ladies Auxiliary

Pastor—Rev. Burkette Raper

Friendship—

Delegates—Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Lewis

Contribution—\$4.00

Extra Activities—Sunday School and

Ladies Auxiliary and Go Tell Band

Pastor—Rev. M. E. Godwin

Saints Delight—

Delegates—Mrs. S. J. Marray and Miss

Mary Helen Swanson

Contribution—\$3.00

Extra Activities—Sunday School and

Ladies Auxiliary

Pastor—Rev. J. B. Ferrell

Orphanage Memorial Chapel—

Delegate—Mrs. Charles Harell

Contribution—\$1.00

Extra Activities—Sunday School and League

Pastor—Rev. Burkette Raper

Union Chapel—

Delegates—Miss Pearl Todd and Miss Anna Joys Leles

Contribution—\$3.00

Extra Activities—Sunday School and

Prayer Meeting and Ladies Auxiliary

Pastor—Rev. L. H. Boyken

Total from all churches -----\$54.00

Committee Reports

Report of Appropriations Committee:

To Incidental expenses -----	\$6.00
To missions -----	5.00
To Superannuation -----	5.00
To education -----	5.00
Orphanage -----	20.00
To Mrs. G. W. Ferrell -----	3.00
To Mrs. B. B. Richardson -----	3.00
Paid out for 500 Envelopes -----	3.50
Total received from churches -----	\$54.00
Total paid out -----	50.50

Balance to go to the Treasury -----	\$3.50
Total in Treasury from last union -----	\$20.60
Total in Treasury to date -----	24.10
Total collection for Orphanage -----	\$11.50
Appropriation for the Orphanage -----	20.00

Total for the Orphanage -----\$31.50

Moved and second that the union get some envelopes to give to the churches to give the report to the union on. It was moved to appoint a committee to see Bro. Howard and talk to him. Committee: Rev. J. B. Ferrell and Rev. Burkette Raper. Sunday School report by Rev. Burkette Raper. Report received. Temporary report by Rev. D. Bissette—report received. Education report by Bro. Charles Harrell—report received. Mission report by Brother Obryan—report received. Devotional report by Sister Mertle Brown—report received.

The union for July was put off because most people will be busy in tobacco curing. The union to go to New Sandy Hill in Wilson Co. in October, 1950. The committee to be the same that we had as this union.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Rock Spring Church for its kind hospitality shown this union.

It was moved and seconded that we adjourn until Saturday before the fifth Sunday in October, 1950.

Bro. Luther Bissette, Moderator
T. W. Stancil—Clerk and Treas.

CRAGMONT BUS

A new bus seating 32 people has been purchased to run on trips to and from Cragmont and other places as arranged through the committee of transportation. Any group desiring to use this bus should write to Transportation Committee, Post Office Box 118, Black Mountain, N. C., or any officer of the organization.

Signed,

James A. Evans
F. A. Rivenbark
R. P. Harris
Fountain Taylor
Mrs. J. C. Moye

OBITUARIES

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Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

ED BUNDY GONE TO REST

Sometime ago the Lord called my husband, Ed Bundy, into the great beyond. I have often wondered why He took him so soon, leaving me behind with heartaches and sorrows and pain.

Some day I hope to go and be with him in glory. Then I will not be left behind. Then we will be together for ever and ever. When that day comes I will say goodbye to all here below. Then I will not be left alone.

Written by his widow, Mrs. Ed Bundy

PROGRAM

of the

Fifth Sunday Meeting Pine Hill Church, Arkansas July 29 and 30, 1950

Morning Session

- 10:00—Called to order by the moderator
—Song service by leader and prayer by Rev. J. E. White
—Reading of letters and seating of delegates
—Appointment of divine committee
—Welcome address by Elder Roy Moore
—Response by Brother J. D. Jones
11:00—Message by Divine Committee
12:00—Dinner served at church by Pine Hill Community

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Called to order by the moderator
—Special music by Jaffress Quartet, and other singers
—Message: How May the Pastor Have the Respect and Co-operation of the Church, by Elder J. C. Moring
—Message: How May the Church Have the Respect and Co-operation for the Pastor, by Brother Taylor
—Special music by the quartet and other singers
2:00—Sermon by Vernice Hunter
—Ten minutes recess
2:45—Called to order by the moderator
—Business period

- Adjournment
Saturday Night
7:30—Song service
—Devotional by Brother Murry Funderburg
—Sermon by Brother Pixley
Sunday Morning
10:00—Ministers and Deacons' alliance
11:00—The eleven o'clock message
12:00—Dismissed for dinner on the church grounds
Sunday Afternoon
1:00—The time spent in singing
J. D. Jones, Clerk

PROGRAM

of the

Fourth Union, Central Conf. Saratoga Church Wilson Co. N. Carolina, July 29, 1950

Morning Session

- 10:30—Devotions to be conducted by R. H. Jackson
—Welcome address by Mrs. Paul Thigpen
—Response by T. P. Ellis
10:50—Moderator's message
—Special music by Mrs. Irene Peterson
11:00—Business period
11:30—Union sermon by Rev. A. G. Baker
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Devotions by W. L. Hart
1:10—Business Period
1:40—Report of committees
2:15—Daniel's Chapel quartet
2:30—Completion of the business
3:00—Adjournment
J. E. Edmundson,
Edna Ellis
Mabel Bunch

PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to advise that I will be available for pastoral services on the third Sunday for next year, and also for revival work during the months of July, September, and October. Those interested in having my services may write to me, or call to see me.

Yours in the service of the Lord,
Rev. Willet L. Moretz, Box 414
Raleigh, North Carolina

Friendship that flames of a sudden goes out in a flash.

PROGRAM OF THE SECOND UNION
DISTRICT CENTRAL CONFERENCE,
N. C., TO CONVENE WITH MARLBORO
CHURCH, JULY 29
Uniform Theme: Missions

Morning Session

- 9:45—Devotions, Mr. Cicero Smith
10:00—Who is a Missionary, Mr. Leroy Forlines
10:15—Business Period
10:35—Who Are Our Missionaries, Mrs. Marvin James
10:50—Solo, Miss Ruth Little
10:55—The Revival of Missions Among F. W. B., Rev. James Evans
11:10—Offering for Orphanage
11:15—Congregational Singing
11:25—Union Sermon, Rev. W. B. Nobles
—The Motive of Missions, Love
12:00—Lunch
1:00—Devotions, Rev. M. L. Tyndall
1:15—Special Music, Marlboro Church
1:25—The Local Church in Redemptive Program of Missions, Miss Leah McGlohon
1:40—Business
2:00—The Divine Message and Mission of Christ, Mrs. George Edwards
2:15—The Continuing Work of Missions (What This Union Can Do) Mrs. J. C. Moye.
2:30—Announcements and adjournment
Rev. R. B. Crawford
Rev. R. B. Spencer
Mrs. Guy Corbett

PROGRAM OF THE FIRST UNION
MEETING OF THE WESTERN
CONFERENCE CONVENING WITH THE
KENLY CHURCH, JOHNSTON COUNTY,
N. C., JULY 29, 1950

Morning Session

- 9:30—Devotional, Rev. Walter Williams
9:45—Welcome, Rev. W. A. Hansley
—Response, Delegate of Union Grove
—Minutes of last union
—Roll call of ministers, churches, and delegates
10:45—Orphanage News, Rev. Wiley Ferrell
11:00—Song Service, Rev. G. C. Joyner
11:30—Sermon, Rev. M. L. Johnson
12:00—Lunch

Evening Session

- 1:30—Devotions, Rev. Jasper Edwards
1:45—"Work of the Union"—Rev. R. N. Hinnant
2:15—Business, reports of boards and committees
3:00—Adjournment

Rev. Willie Renfrow, Moderator
C. S. Hinnant, Clerk
Mrs. Luther Kirby,
Rev. J. A. Evans,

Why Offer a Four Year Curriculum and A. B. Degree in F. W. B. Bible College

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had offered, I was obliged to seek further training elsewhere. This took me to several Institutions, some of them as true to God's Word as could be but with doctrinal views different in some respects from those I had been taught in our Seminary at Ayden. This made it hard for I wanted to be loyal to the school that was kind to me and had taken me in to offer what my own denomination couldn't. Some of these schools were not true to the teachings of God's Word but in some instances denied it and in others questioned it. I took no religious subjects in these ungodly schools but had ungodly religious views imposed upon me as did all other students in my physics, psychology, sociology, history, or what. This had a bad effect upon my experience for even though I did not side with the views I had my spiritual fervor dampened for in many instances it was not possible to refute these views with my own soul. I did this in some instances for the sake of fellow students and as a result I suffered in grades.

Finally I must say that no student ever goes away from any class without absorbing something. This being true, any student will, to some degree, carry away from any institution somewhat of its stamp upon his life and character. The Moody graduated Free Will Baptist is going to be a Moody Free Will Baptist, The Columbia Bible College graduated Free Will Baptist is going to be a Columbia Bible College Free Will Baptist, the Duke University trained Free Will Baptist is going to be a Duke University Free Will Baptist, the Emory University graduate who is a Free Will Baptist is forever a Emory University Free Will Baptist, an Atlantic Christian College graduate who is a Free Will Baptist is an Atlantic Christian College Free Will Baptist, a Wake Forest graduate who is a Free Will Baptist is a Wake Forest Free Will Baptist, a Taylor University graduate who is a Free Will Baptist is a Taylor Free Will Baptist.

Well, you say, what effect have these hybrid Free Will Baptist teachers had upon our denomination, for we have graduates from these and many other schools. Here it is. Instead of us having unity as a result of all these schools having put their trade marks upon so many of us there has been a tendency to the other side. Whereas, without compromise we, one time, believed in Baptism by immersion and tenaciously held to that mode, giving sanction to no other mode of Baptism. We have men, so I hear, who think it would be all right to admit a sprinkled Methodist into our church without requiring Baptism. We once looked at the ordinance of washing the saints feet

as one of our characterizing features, now some of the graduates from some of the above named schools, I have heard, are swinging their audiences from the old Free Will Baptist trait so fast that it is making some of the good old saints who practiced this from childhood wonder what will be next, while others who have attended these schools are putting forth effort in the field of Calvinism, especially are they emphasizing eternal security.

All the teachers, and so far as I know all the supporters of the Free Will Baptist Bible College are the "old-time, dyed in the wool" Free Will Baptists that uphold and teach all the original doctrines and prac-

tices of our forefathers. We are Free Will Baptist and don't care who knows it, and don't care who doesn't agree with us because of this, our personal as well as denominational belief; and we are not going to soft pedal any phase of it to meet one's lack of faith. We believe this conviction is needed and should be set forth in church, home, and school. This we aim to do with all our might. Nothing I know of will better serve us in our effort to return to the straight and narrow way walked by Free Will Baptist a generation ago than this four years' course which places major emphasis on a more thorough knowledge of God's precious Word.

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FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

Andrew Murray

The first and chief need of Christian life is fellowship with God. The divine life within us comes from God and is entirely dependent upon Him. As I need the air to breathe every moment, so it is only in direct living communication with God that my soul can be strong. The manna of one day was corrupt when the next day came. I must every day have fresh grace from heaven, and I obtain it only in direct waiting upon God Himself. Begin each day by tarrying before God and letting Him touch you. Take time to meet God.

To this end let the first act in your devotions be a setting yourself humbly before God. In prayer or worship everything depends upon God taking the chief place. We must bow quietly before Him in humble faith and adoration. God is. God is near. God is love, longing to communicate Himself to you. God, the Almighty One, who worketh all in all, is even now waiting to work in you and make Himself known. Take time till you know God is very near.

When you have given God His place of honor, glory and power, take your place of deepest lowliness and seek to be filled with the spirit of humility. As a creature it is your blessedness to be nothing, that God may be all in you. As a sinner you are not worthy to look up to God; bow in self-abasement. As a saint let God's love overwhelm you, and bow still lower down. Sink down before Him in humility, meekness, patience and surrender to His goodness and mercy.

Then accept and value your place in Christ Jesus. God delights in nothing so much as in His beloved Son, and can be satisfied with nothing less in those who draw nigh to Him. Enter deep into God's holy presence, in the boldness which the blood gives and in the assurance that in Christ you are most well-pleasing. In Christ you are within the veil. You have access into the very heart and love of the Father. This is the great object of fellowship with God, that we may have more of God in our life and that God may see Christ formed

in us.

Christ is a living Person. He loves His people with a personal love, and He looks every day for the personal response of your love. Look into His face with trust till His love really shines into your heart. Make His heart glad by telling Him that you love Him.

We have not only Christ's life in us as a power and His presence with us as a person, but we have His likeness to be wrought into us. He is to be formed in us, so that His image can be seen in us. Say to God, "Father, here I am for Thee to give as much in me of Christ's likeness as I can receive." And wait to hear Him say, "My child, I give thee as much of Christ as thy heart is open to receive."

The likeness of Christ may be described as the likeness of His death and resurrection (Rom. 6:5). The death of Christ was the consummation of His humility and obedience, the entire giving up of His life to God. In Him we are dead to sin. As we sink down in humility and dependence and entire surrender to God, the power of His death works in us, and we are made conformable to His death. Then we know Him in the power of His resurrection, in the victory over sin, and all the joy and power of the risen life. Therefore, every morning present yourself unto God as one that is "alive from the dead." He will bestow the grace to live as a risen one.

All this can only be in the power of the Holy Spirit who dwells in you. Count upon Him to glorify Christ in you. Seek in God's presence to have the anointing of the Spirit of Christ so truly that your whole life may every moment be spiritual.

As you meditate on this wondrous salvation and seek full fellowship with the great and holy God, and wait on Him to reveal Christ in you, you will feel how needful is the giving up of all to receive Him. Seek grace to know what it means to live as wholly for God as Jesus did. Let every approach to God and every request for fellowship with Him be accompanied by a new, very definite and entire surrender to Him.

"By faith." Here, as through all

Scripture and all the spiritual life, this must be the keynote. As you tarry before God let it be in a deep, quiet faith in Him, the invisible One, who is so near, so holy, so mighty, so loving; in a deep, restful faith, too, that all the blessings and powers of the heavenly life are around you and in you. Yield yourself in the faith of a perfect trust to the ever blessed holy Trinity to work out all God's purpose in you. Begin each day thus in fellowship with God, and God will be all in all to you.

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The Mission of the Church

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in its proper setting in Christian living. But such teaching, erroneously placed and emphasized, takes the backbone out of worthwhile life, and makes it merely a set of highly polished abstract conceptions, without the vital element of living content. It is a kind of teaching which finds a ready and large acceptance among those who like to play-up their religion in order to gain personal advantage, or to use it as a curtain behind which to formulate plans and schemes through which they impose their vicious wills upon the innocent and unsuspecting multitudes.

But what can the church do about it? The answer: Get busy in the work of true evangelism, and carry out the purpose of Christ for His church in the world. Let it convince the world that it is engaged in the business of producing men and women who are capable and qualified to fill any position in life. Christians do not bottle up their religion in airtight containers, but they allow it to speak freely of its character through its benevolent efforts in the interest of others. The Christian does not deny the place and value of social gospel and the need of a strong brotherhood of men, but he believes in men becoming brothers in Christ and giving Him pre-eminence in their lives. It is the business of the church to contribute to the welfare of mankind by producing such men and women through its efforts in evangelism.

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Sweet Hour of Prayer

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief
My soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
Thy wings shall my petition bear
To Him whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since He bids me seek His face,
Believe His word, and trust His grace,
I'll cast on Him my every care,
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
May I thy consolation share,
Till, from Mount Pisgah's lofty height,
I view my home and take my flight;
This robe of flesh I'll drop, and rise
To seize the everlasting prize;
And shout, while passing through the air,
Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer!

—W. W. Walford

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Notice

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

FREE UNION AUXILIARY REPORT

The Woman's auxiliary of Free Union Church met on Saturday, June 10, 1950, at the church. Mrs. Dora Carraway, Miss Patty Carraway, Mrs. Nina Mae Carraway, and Mrs. Raeford Carraway were joint hostesses.

The meeting began by the members present singing the hymn, "Bringing in the Sheaves." Mrs. Viola Tyndall led in prayer, and the scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Lucy Tyndall. There were 36 members present for this meeting. Each member answered to her name when the roll was called by paying her dues. The amount raised was \$6.70. We discussed sending a delegate to the National Convention which convenes in July with Richmond Church, California.

We then sang a hymn, and Mrs. Viola Tyndall and Mrs. Ruth Harrell had charge of the program. Following the program we closed the meeting by singing the hymn, "Jesus Calls Us." Mrs. Lucy Tyndall dismissed the meeting in a word of prayer.

The hostess served delicious refreshments which were enjoyed by everyone present.

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WHY STAND YE GAZING?

Centuries before the disciples stood on the Mount of Olives and gazed into the heavens which had received their Lord, another man gazed into the same sky. He, too, like the disciples, heard the command that God was giving forth. Nor was Abram disobedient to the command of God; for immediately or at least as quickly as possible, he gathered together his movable possessions "and got himself out of the land of Ur" into the place that God was to show him.

God's blessings to obedient Abraham are uncountable. In the face of adversity the old patriarch trudged on from place to place at the direction of God. Only in thanksgiving to his God, the True God, do we see him raising his eyes toward heaven. No longer does he spend hours of long hopeless gazing into the heavens; for now he gazes with a purpose in his heart. That purpose is to please God. His obedience to the Master's will caused Abraham to be chosen of God as the beginning of the channel through which the Redeemer of the world was to come. Had Abraham remained in Ur of the Chaldees gazing at the heavens, created by an omnipotent God, no matter the things of beauty he beheld, he could never have been used to bless the world as he was when he obeyed the command of the Creator of those heavens.

No, it is not enough to gaze upon the beauty of Jesus' life deeds while here on the earth; for every follower of Christ's recognizes that admiration of those deeds brings no reward, but "to do the will of my Father which is in heaven" is glory, and peace, yea, and happiness to every believer.

The concern of the disciples over the departure of their Lord was not at all strange. For they had cherished hopes of Christ establishing an earthly kingdom in which they might have a place. The full weight of the messages that Christ had given them throughout His Ministry had not come to bear upon their minds. They were troubled and confused by His

Acts 1:11: "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

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going away so soon after He had risen from the dead. They had been loyal to Him in face of trying circumstances as He had led them these three and one-half years of His ministry. They had listened often times to His messages without having received the full impact of their meaning. Now their leader had disappeared miraculously into the heavens while they stood and gazed in despair. No, their concern about His departure was not at all strange, but the despair, which we are led to believe loomed in their hearts, was certainly most uncalled for at this hour.

Immediately before His departure, when the disciples were quizzing Jesus as to whether or not this was the time He would restore the Kingdom to Israel, He reminded them that it was not for them to know the times nor the seasons, but that they were to receive power after that the Holy Ghost was come upon them, and that they were to be His witnesses unto the uttermost part of the earth. Yet, when He disappeared only a few seconds later, His command seems utterly forgotten as they stand there gazing hopelessly into the heavens. It was at this moment that God sent His angels to shake them out of their despair and remind them of their obligations as followers of the Master. The angels do not go into details about the Master's commands, nor do they rehearse each command that He has given but only the question, "Why stand Ye gazing," and the statement of the fact that should bring joy to the heart of every follower of Christ, "This same Jesus shall so come as ye have seen Him go." It is as though the angels had

said to them, "You have no time to stand here gazing. If you remain thus, you will have nothing to offer Him when He returns."

The question of the angels brought to their minds all of those important commands that Jesus had given, even better than a rehearsal of the scene they had just witnessed could have done. Had he not told them this was to be? Had He not given instruction for them when the time came? Had He not mentioned, just before His departure, a power which they were to receive? Where was the Comforter of whom He had spoken? Now they knew that the hill outside Jerusalem was no place for them to remain, but that they must hastily return to Jerusalem to await the fulfillment of His promises. So, without any further information of the happenings on the Mount of Olives, Luke says, "Then they returned to Jerusalem—". And there in Jerusalem began the prayer meeting that ended only when everyone present at that meeting was of one mind and one accord. Into the atmosphere filled with brotherly love, kindness, and a willingness to serve came the Holy Spirit of God, resting upon each of their heads with cloven tongues like as of fire. The Comforter had come to begin His office work in the hearts of men.

The coming of the Holy Spirit added fuel to the fire that had begun to burn in the hearts of the disciples because of the Angels question, "Why stand Ye gazing?"

There was no hesitancy in their hearts as they went about the tasks which the Master had assigned to them. There was no thought of fear in their minds even though Satan's onslaught against them was continuous and terrible. With a power not His own, the once fearful Simon Peter stands boldly before the multitude to declare that the thing which they were beholding was that which was spoken of by the prophet Joel. Stephen went to His death praying for those at whose hands he was being

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NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

The Last Days

Upon the authority of the Word of God we believe that we are living right at the end of time. The prophecy concerning the "end of the age" speaks out in its fullness, showing us that the "coming of the Lord draweth near." One of the outstanding signs of the times is the utter disregard for the things that pertain to God, by people everywhere. Often these people are members of some church but they are indifferent towards the welfare of that church, which they joined one day and promised to support. All kinds of excuses are rendered when spoken to about their indifference. Paul tells us about these people in these words, "For the time will come when people will decline to be taught sound doctrine and will accumulate teachers to suit themselves and tickle their own fancies; they will give up listening to the truth and turn to myths" (2 Tim. 4:3, 4—Moffatt).

Certainly this time, as spoken of, is here. Even church members are lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, "having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof."

They will holler themselves hoarse at a Sunday baseball game and be as speechless as a stone when it comes to praying, testifying or supporting the church. Then there is a class that belongs to some church, who run around and hinder every one possible from doing what they ought to do.

I think that one of the most contemptible agents of Satan is the fellow who deliberately goes over to his neighbor's home right at the hour of church or Sunday School and perches himself, if it is a "him", and stays right there until it is too late to go to church, talking about the things of the world. Of course, this class don't bother me now, some of them

used to when I was a young Christian.

One Sunday morning when I was about to get off to Sunday School (I was superintendent then) one of these fellows came up with his wife and children. I invited him, with his, to go with us, but they said "No." Then I said, "Just go right in and make yourself at home, we will be back in about two hours." They chose to go back home or somewhere, but when they came again it was not at the hour of church or Sunday school. It took grace to stand for Jesus and the church, but God gave us the victory. I meant that I was not going to let a Christ rejecting sinner stand between me and my Lord's work. It takes a little "grit" as well as grace to walk off and leave the fellow, but it "pays to serve Jesus."

Afflicted Saints

It has been our privilege and duty, by call, to visit and pray with two very sick children of God recently. We have utmost confidence in those precious souls. Neither of them could understand why they were suffering so greatly. We talked to them, and read Scripture which told of God's people being sick, as recorded in the Bible. We gave examples of our own observation, and then we assured them that "All things work together for good to them that love God" (Romans 8:28), which is one of God's consoling utterances.

There is a doctrine which goes like this: "If you get sick or afflicted it is because you have committed a sin to bring about the sickness." I want to say right here that such a doctrine is not true. Of course people are often sick and even die because they choose to live for the devil, but some of the truest saints that ever lived have been afflicted, and were great sufferers in the flesh. Some people eat themselves into sickness. Some people are born with diseased bodies and make great, strong, efficient giants in the Lord. Some become great after affliction strikes their bodies, even in old age.

Our Pastoral Work

The year that is soon to end according to many of the churches rule,

the yearly call, finds many churches going into half and whole time pastorate. This makes a shortage of pastors in some sections. Personally, I would be happy if we could get away from that "Yearly Call."

Recently I was called indefinitely to serve Ruth's Chapel. I have been giving this church two Sundays per month for the last nine months, but now there is no more "Yearly call." Thank the Lord! I serve this church second and fourth Sundays. We are praising God for the blessings that He is giving us. Sunday night, June the 25th, at the regular service we had three confessions of faith, one of these had been a member of a church in another section of the state. Friday afternoon (June 30th) we baptized three, one of these making her confession at the water. At 8:00 o'clock the same evening we received them, four in all, into full fellowship of the church. Yes, God is blessing.

We have been called to pastor Antioch Free Will Baptist church, about four miles from New Bern. We pastored this church many years ago. At that time we moved the church building from one section of the community to another where it was better situated to the convenience of the majority of the people. It was a weak church then. Now it is a strong church, with a beautiful church building, well arranged with classrooms. We are to serve this church on first and third Sundays. This makes us to have full time work and live right close to each of our churches. Pray that God will bless in a great way and that many souls may be led to Christ.

Our Business

A young preacher went into a field where a sinner was at work and said to the man, "Are you a Christian?" The reply, "Wish that you would attend to your own business." The preacher said, "That is exactly what I am doing." It is the business of every God-called preacher to lead folks to Christ.

"Yes, it's pretty hard," the optimistic old woman admitted. "I have to get along with only two teeth—one upper, one lower—but, thank God, they meet."

Why not Expect Our Pastors to Heal the Sick?

PETER HEALED THE LAME MAN AT THE TEMPLE (Acts 3:6, 7).

I have just read sister Everson's article on the subject, "What I Expect of My Pastor." It is fine, and I think if the pastors of our churches will study and let it have action in their pastoral service the remainder of this associational year, they will, by the beginning of next associational year, have a vision of their responsibility that will make them more anxious to put the very best they have in their service to their churches than ever before. It is wonderful to be dependable by the church, and it is great to be a person the Lord can depend on, both church and pastor, and then to depend on the Lord. That is what Peter was doing, and he was not disappointed.

Yes Peter said, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee; In the name of Jesus Christ rise up and walk." Notice, dear reader, that Peter saw how the people were amazed he said, "Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye on us so earnestly, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk? The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus."

Peter was telling them here that it was not by their own godness or power that this had been done; but that it was by faith in this Christ whom they had crucified, that he had been made whole. You see that he had said that the Father had glorified his son Jesus Christ. How? Surely by proving to them that his promises would do to depend on. It was by faith in Christ Jesus that Peter had brought the blessing to the lame man. Not because they were so good themselves, but because they believed Christ. To him that believeth all things are possible (Mark 9:23). The power of faith in God had no limit when it comes to the salvation of souls. Notice Jno. 14:12-14. Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on

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me the works that I do shall he do also, and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it." You see here what a promise he made to those that believe on him, and just notice why the promise would be effective that the Father might be glorified in the Son. That is, the Father might be raised in honor and dignity in the Son. In the healing of this lame man the Father had honored and dignified his Son Jesus Christ in the presence of the people who had denied him, and you see how it made them marvel.

When Christ sent the twelve he gave them power to perform miracles, the seventy was sent with the same commission. They came back thrilled with joy because the devils were subject unto them through the name of Christ. They went believing and came back rejoicing because of their success. In Luke 10:18-20, notice what he said to them in the way of caution, "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the powers of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven." He did not send them out to prove that they were his apostles, that he was the Christ, or that there was a God; but as his witnesses of the salvation of man by the almighty God, Father of us all, through his Son and our Savior the Lord Jesus Christ.

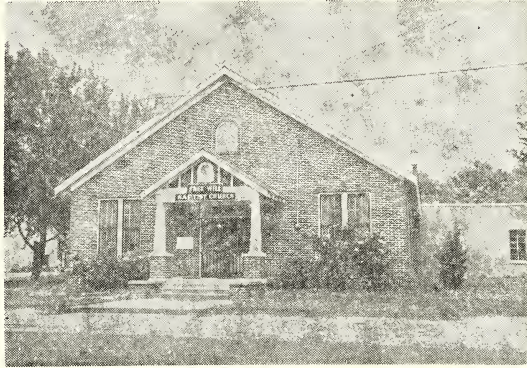
Christ did not take any time to display his power, or to prove that he was the Son of God, but in all his doings there was some body in need

some way, and he was relieving that need. Peter speaks of him as going about doing good in Acts 10:38. That is just what he wants us to do as his witnesses, and I don't know a better way for us to witness for him than to be partakers of the things that he pertook of. Not imitators, but partakers of his life. "The works that I do shall ye do." Then in Jno. 20:21, he said, "Peace be unto you; as the Father hath sent me, even send I you." I believe that Christ meant what he was saying here, and that as the Father was with him So he be with us; as the Father loved him, so he loves us. We also say that we believe that his promises are dependable. Let that belief have action in our lives and he will use us as he used Peter. Then the world will wonder at our accomplishments as it did at Peter's accomplishments. Notice what Christ said in Jno. 14:23, "If a man love me he will keep my words; and the Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." I am saying that this is really true, and it being true if we love him, we will not only keep his commandments, but we will keep his word, and then notice the results: "He and the Father will come and make their abode with us." If we really love Jesus, he and the Father are living with us and are present to help us to do those things that should follow those that believe as spoken of by the apostles, and to protect us from all the dangers of the enemy; therefore he said let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

I know that we have many things being done by people today that claim that it is by the power of the Holy Ghost, and a manifestation of those signs that should follow those that believe. If that is true good for them. But notice that Christ said, "I saw Satan as lightning fall from heaven." He is some where deceiving the people, and we know that he did deceive the Pharisees and made them believe that God was their father. In Matt.

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Eighth Annual Session, National F. W. B. S. S. Convention Convening with East Tupelo Church, East Tupelo, Miss., Aug. 8-10, 1950 Plan Now to Attend this Convention



The host church, and Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools of Mississippi are looking forward, with great anticipation, to this occasion that will bring our leaders in the Sunday School work to our State, and also delegates from the different states where we have churches.

We extend to you a cordial invitation to come to the Magnolia State in August. We will do all we can to see that you enjoy your visit with us while here at the convention.

The following named committee, with the co-operation of the host church, and nearby F. W. B. Churches, will look after the arrangements, and see to the comfort and welfare of all visitors.

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Gertrude Bowe, Secretary-Treasurer

PROGRAM

Albemarle District S. S. Convention
 to convene with
 Malachi's Chapel Church
 Tyrell County, July 30, 1950

- 10:00—Devotions conducted by Mr. H. S. Swain
- 10:15—President's message
- 10:25—Roll call of ministers
 —Recognizing visiting ministers
- 10:40—Reading the minutes of the previous convention
 —Reading of the Sunday School Reports by the reading clerk
- 11:00—Orphanage report by the superintendent
 —Offering taken for the Orphanage
 —Special music rendered by the local church
- 11:30—Convention Sermon
- 12:00—Adjourn for lunch
- 1:00—Devotions conducted by Rev. L. E. Ambrose
- 1:15—Business
 —Report of special committees
- 1:50—Solo by Miss Peggy Rough-ton
- 2:00—Talk on Six Point program by Rev. W. A. Hales
- 2:30—Treasurer's report
 —Report of Finance Committee
- 2:45—Adjournment
 Mrs. Alton Reynolds,
 Program Chairman

Bible School at Black Jack F. W. B. Church

The fourth annual Daily Vacation Bible school was conducted at Black Jack church the week of June 5 through 9. There were 145 pupils, and 16 teachers and helpers who attended this school. There were seven groups, according to ages: the Cradle Roll, Beginners, Juniors No. One, Juniors No. Two, Primaries, Intermediates, and Seniors.

A commencement program was given on Friday night, June 9. This was to give each student a chance to show part of what they had learned during the week. Each child who had a record of four days attendance out of five was awarded an attendance certificate. A small prize was given to each class that was thought to be the best all-around.

Each day a group of seven members of the church served delicious refreshments. The school is sponsored by the Woman's auxiliary of the church, and they sincerely thank everyone who helped them to have this school.

Mrs. Lester Mills

PROGRAM

Central Second Union
 Sunday School Convention
 of North Carolina
 will convene with
 Marlboro Church
 July 30, 1950

THEME: "Winning Youth for Christ."

- 10:00—Sunday School by local school
- 11:00—Devotions led by Mrs. Glen Gaskins
- 11:15—Remarks by Convention President
- 11:20—Congregational singing and special music by Rose Hill Sunday School
- 11:30—Address delivered by Mr. Raymond T. Sasser, President of State S. S. Convention
- 12:00—Brief business Period

LUNCH

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Youth Rally program arranged by Mrs. Bagley Morris
- 1:30—Christian Education by Rev. Leroy Forlines
- 1:40—Stewardship talk by Rev. David Wooten
- 1:50—Business period
- 2:15—Orphanage news presented by Supt. Walter McD. Croom
- 2:25—Business period
 —Election of officers
 —Special music and congregational singing
 —Adjourn

By Committee

OBSTINATE

A disgruntled juror was condemning his fellow jurors: "I never saw eleven such stubborn men in my life."

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

CHURCHES WITHOUT SUNDAY SCHOOLS

It is appalling to learn that there are still some rural churches, here and there over the country, that do not maintain a Sunday School for their members and the people of the community. What can such a church look forward to for the future, if it continues to have no Sunday School. The truth is, it will die in due course of time. Such churches are not "bringing up their children in the knowledge and admonition of the Lord." But it is to be thankful for the most of us that not a great many of the Free Will Baptist churches are of this type.

We are reminded of a certain father many years ago. He was told that he could not have a Sunday School in his old rundown country church, because the people in the community were few, and they were not interested. But he said, "I will have a Sunday School, if none go but me, my wife, and my five children. We will go to the church, sing and pray, and study the Bible every Sunday."

That man did that very thing for a few Sundays. Then others came, and before the year was out he had over three dozen in Sunday School. He meant business for the Lord. And the church prospered, and the community was blessed. No, his church did not die for the lack of training the youth of the community in the Word of the Lord.

But, today, the emphasis is even greater. That church which neglects to have a Sunday School, because they say so few will attend, will eventually die. The young people will go to some other church, and that is the thing they should do. We urge, therefore, every Free Will Baptist

church that does not have a Sunday School to get busy and organize one. Do this, if you know you will not have more than twelve members to begin with. Do like the Father did with his five children. Go into business for God and do not delay, and you will soon have a growing Sunday School. Be not ashamed to do small things for God in the beginning. He will bless you, and give you the increase.

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CHURCHES WITH ONLY ONE SERVICE PER MONTH

In this modern age, churches that have, as a customary thing, only one church service to the month is not performing its full duty to its membership, nor to the people of the community as a whole. With everything else moving forward at a rapid speed in this country, and in every line of activity, that church which continues to hold only one Sunday service for the good of the people is not doing all that God is expecting of it.

Christianity is an active and growing process in the hearts of those who are "on fire" for God, but how can they do all that God wants them to do, when their church holds only one preaching service to the month? In fact, those churches, wherever they are, cannot hope to do their best work in a spiritual way for the people in their communities until they move up to holding more preaching services each month in the year. Only one preaching service, however good it may be each month, is far behind what God would have that church do. Certainly, this is worth serious consideration by every church that is holding only one preaching service each month.

Orphanage Farm Hit By Hail Storm

On June 29th, the hail storm which did an estimated damage of \$2,000,000 to crops in the Samaria area of Nash County, covered the Orphanage farm. The hail and rains fell only moderately hard on and immediately around the orphanage campus. The crops in this area were damaged some, but not severely. On the northern part of the farm (formerly the Massey Farm) the hail was unusually large and fell very rapidly. Most of the corn was shredded, leaving little more than stalks standing. Young soybeans were killed and many of the older soybeans were beat down badly. The tobacco crop was considered by the Adjuster to be almost a complete loss. Young garden crops were also damaged moderately.

This was an unusually hard blow to our farming operations here on the farm this year. We had what we considered an even better crop than the one that we had last year which proved to be quite profitable to us. We are striving to make adjustments

in our farming program as rapidly as we can by planting late peas, beans, garden crops and working with the tobacco in the ways that appear to promote the possibility of making a partial recovery crop. We are sure that we will feel the results of the recent storm throughout the year because it will mean for us less feed with which to feed our livestock, less food with which to feed our children, and less income with which to help operate the Home. We have received more than \$1,700 from the insurance that we had on the tobacco and this will be quite helpful to us. We are sure that our many friends throughout the State will help us in any way they can through contributions of food and money to help us bridge over the loss we have had.

Spring Branch Church News

The Daily Vacation Bible School of the Spring Branch Free Will Baptist church,

Walstonburg, North Carolina, was held the 5th through the 9th of June. There were four classes; the primaries, taught by Mrs. Billy Smith; the Juniors, taught by Mrs. R. H. Jackson; the Intermediates, taught by Mrs. Paul Thigpen; and the Adults, taught by Rev. R. H. Jackson. We had an average attendance of 120 pupils each day. The Bible School closed with the awarding of certificates with gold stars to those with a perfect attendance, and just a certificate without the gold star to those that missed only one day. We had our Bible school picnic the last day at the park in Farmville.

Each one enjoyed the Bible School, and they are looking forward to it again next year. You could tell that by their bright shining faces. You could see the shining light of Jesus as it burst forth from each young face.

Mrs. Wallace Mercer,
Church Reporter

Do you read your church papers?

AN EDITOR'S APPRAISAL OF BILLY GRAHAM AS AN EVANGELIST

Thousands Flock to Hear the Gospel

"Graham as an evangelist may be credited to God and the Youth for Christ movement. He has held few campaigns, probably only six in America and a few in England. He is exactly what you would not expect. In fact, there is no way of accounting for what happened in Los Angeles, by any analysis of the young man who was at the center of the campaign—his planning, program or sermons didn't do it. That was perfectly clear.

Physically, Billy Graham is very tall, very thin, very frail. His face is clean cut, attractive and open. He has fine eyes. He preaches with vigor and impresses his hearers as being dreadfully in earnest. He is not sensational either in his platform appearance or sermon content. He sprinkled Bible quotations copiously throughout his messages.

He is a fearful preacher in that he preaches the horrors of sin and the terrors of hell. Yet he holds up the mercy of the Lord in every sermon. He is a Southern Baptist. But no Methodist in the days of the great revivals in Methodism ever preached a simpler, straighter, more challenging gospel message than characterized the preaching of Billy Graham in Los Angeles.

This young evangelist does not deal in funny stories. He jokes but little. He has no catchy phrases. His altar calls are free from design or trap. He is above everything else a pleader. He pleads with sinners and they come. He is humble. He magnifies the Holy Spirit, and over and over gave credit to the Holy Ghost for the results that at times simply electrified the great audiences.

He does not attack. He scarcely ever criticizes even the modernists, though he never compromises with them. He does not upbraid the churches that are not cooperating. He has no word of harshness for the preachers that stand off and criticize. He gives you the impression that he is so busy with souls that he does not know or care as to what's going on outside the tent in which he pleads with the lost.

A policeman assigned to the tent told me that the crowds ran all the way from 6,000 to 12,000 every night. One Monday night, the crowd was estimated by the police at 20,000. Streets were blocked in all directions. Thousands stood for hours to hear the message.

The interest spread to all parts of the city. The revival was talked in barber shops, at news stands on the corner, in stores and factories, on street cars, in busses, everywhere. The daily papers finally took it up and began to headline this phenomenal spiritual outburst. Then the Magazines.

Life and Time and other popular journals featured the revival. The strange thing was that these worldly mediums that approached this revival with serious understanding."

—Selected.

IN THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS

What a song, what a meaning! I wonder if the average Christian lets his or her imagination drift back to the cross of our Lord, as they sing or hear that beautiful hymn, "Living in the Shadow of the Cross."

Do we see with our mind's eye what took place there that day?

Can we hear Pilate say, "What evil has he done? I find no evil in him." But yet Pilate turned Jesus over to the chief priests and elders who were the leaders or politicians of that day and time. They crucified Christ.

Pilate knew in his heart who Jesus was. He also knew that Jesus had done no wrong or evil. Pilate was a big man who held a big position, Governor of Judea, and the priests and elders, no doubt, were Pilate's cabinet members. Pilate, no doubt, owed much to the priests and elders for their support to his office, and the same priests and elders to the people. These high positions, so to speak, kept these men in high honor, with the best of every thing to eat and wear, best means of transportation, wealth—every comfort of that day.

Pilate wanted to free our Lord, but what did he do? Rather than do what he knew to be right, he did, as many of us do today, followed the wishes of the multitude. But Jesus went to the Cross that you and I might live, and have life ever lasting.

Are we as Christians crucifying our Lord with most every breath we breathe and most everything we do? Christ our Lord went to the cross without a murmur, He suffered there hanging by his hands and feet, nailed to the cross, his body pierced by swords, his life's blood running out, carrying our sorrows that he might pour gladness into our fearful hearts, and that our tears might be wiped from our eyes for ever. Christ, died there that we may live always. But are we going to continue following the largest crowd, that we may have a bigger portion of this world's goods? If we do we will miss our heavenly reward when we stand at the judgment bar of Christ. He does not ask us to suffer as he did. He only asks that we repent, and follow him. Christ went a lone, bearing the sins of the world, excepting having a small group of his followers. They could only stand helplessly by, and watch this brutal murder take place. This is not so with us today. He is pleading to us that we might follow him. Follow me and I will be with you always, not part of the way, but all the way.

How many of us having arrived home at an unusual late hour at night, after having what we like to call a good time, turning the door knob with the uttermost of care hoping not to wake Mother, Dad, or Wife? When the door has opened just a wee bit, we hear Mother, Dad, or Wife, call from their bed room "Son, Daughter, Tom, or Mary," which ever the case may be. This is the love of our earthly parents or loved ones. Our earthly parents, and loved ones are anxious about our returning home safely, so much so that their sleep and needed rest is broken, probably getting out of bed several times to look at the clock, maybe going back to bed to listen for the old car to drive in, or the door to squeak, any sign that will assure them that their loved ones have returned home. How much more anxious Jesus must be about our safe arrival to our heavenly home. There will be no sleepless nights or broken rest, in this Home. Only in God's home will we find perfect peace and rest, the home that was promised that day on the Cross of his Son Jesus. "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me: for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matt. 11:29, 30).

Have You Prayed?

Have you prayed aloud today?
If not why don't you pray tonight?
The Lord will hear if you will only say?
"Lord make me clean and right."

The Lord hes no deaf ear;
He is listening every hour,
For you to ask Him your burdens to bear
He is willing to give you of his power.

He will guide you each step you take
It matters not where ere you go;
Always be on the job and awake
His mercy and goodness to you He will show.

He will always hear our prayer
If we will always do His will.
Yes, friends, He will meet you anywhere
With His Spirit your soul He will fill.

He says for us to ask Him, believing,
What-so-ever we ask he will do;
Then His blessing we will be receiving,
And our sinful hearts He will renew.

Tho' sometimes we are loaded with sorrow
But He says I will your burdens bear,
And make for you a bright tomorrow
If you will only call on Me in prayer.

He has a home prepared for me,
It is built by God's own hands;
We can purchase it without any fee
By only keeping His command.

By Robert Hiddle

CRAGMONT CALLS to WOMEN

1950 CONFERENCE EXPECTED TO EXCELL ALL PREVIOUS GATHERINGS

The call is being sent out to women of the Free Will Baptist churches everywhere to come to Cragmont Assembly, in the inspiring mountains of Western North Carolina, for the big conference of Christian women, August 14-21. Interest manifested to this date indicate that this conference may excell in attendance, inspiration, and fellowship all previous meetings of women at Cragmont, as wonderful as they have been. From here and there have come the encouraging assurance from women who have been to former conferences, from women who plan to go this year, and from women who may never be privileged to go: "I am praying for the Woman's Conference at Cragmont."

CONFERENCE DIRECTOR



Mrs. L. E. Ballard

Women are invited from everywhere, north, south, east and west. But registrations must come in early if you are not to run the risk of receiving a little note, which would be sent with as much regret as received, "Sorry, but every place at Cragmont has been taken." Today is the day! Now is the accepted time! (Time you may be accepted!) So, women, register at once by sending your name, full address, church, and conference, together with the registration fee of \$2.00, plus the 50c camp insurance fee, and say, "Reserve a place for me at Cragmont." The cost of room and board for the week is \$15.00, which you will pay at the assembly.

A bus is being arranged for women going from eastern North Carolina, with the following schedule of fares: Round trip from New Bern, \$12.50; from Kinston, \$11.75; from Wilson, \$11.25; from Raleigh,

\$10.50; from Durham, \$10.00. Those desiring reservations on the bus should send in request at once, accompanied by the required deposit of \$5.00, which will be applied on the fare, balance to be paid upon boarding bus.

INSTRUCTOR



Mrs. Ethel Whaley

Let me give you a pre-conference introduction to some of the people who will help make your stay at Cragmont a pleasant and helpful one: Rev. F. B. Cherry, pastor of Edgemont Church, Durham, N. C., will bring us a message, rich in Bible truth and inspiration, each day at 11:35 a. m.; Mrs. Walter Carter, of Rockingham, N. C., will have charge of morning devotions, and will also give the stewardship talks at 9:00 each morning; Mrs. Ethel Whaley, of Jacksonville, N. C., will have a period at 9:35 each morning to give instruction on "Women Launching Out," and at 11:00 each morning on "Fishing for Our Youth." Our pianist will be Mrs. Marvin Moore, of Scotland Neck, N. C.

The general theme for the 1950 Conference will be "Launching Out Into the Deep." The conference will be featured by gospel and chorus singing, vesper services, devoted to missions, wholesome recreation and fellowship periods, and, we trust also some "surprises" not listed on the conference program.

Send your registration to the conference director,

Mrs. L. E. Ballard,
826 Pollock Street,
New Bern, North Carolina

YOU CAN

You can be a blessing,
To some one it is true;
Though you may often wonder,
What is there that I can do?

Sometime—perhaps—you've said,
"I have nothing to give";
But remember, it takes more than money
Or material things to live.

Of these you may have but little,
But you can surely give;
You have a lot of treasures,
That will help another to live.

You can bring some sunshine
To some lonely heart you meet;
By speaking of pleasant things,
And being kind and sweet.

You can have a cherry greeting,
And a few kind words to say;
To another who is groping—
Sadly—on life's way.

Just a pleasant look will help,
And a bright sunny smile;
To lift some brother's burden
And make his life worth while.

You can pray a little prayer,
For another every day;
You'll never miss the effort
And it will surely pay.

So many little things you do
Brings sunshine to some one;
Though you may never know it
E're your stay on earth is done.

You may say these little things
Are not even worth the while but
How would you feel if you never heard
A kind word nor saw a smile?

Our tiny deeds might not be,
So great to us 'tis true,
But when done in Jesus' name—
It's great—What'er we do.

Mrs. Delsie I. Waters
Pinetown, N. C.

WANTED!

Names and Addresses of Retired Ministers

We should like to receive the names and addresses of the retired or disabled F. W. B. Ministers of the French Broad Association of the Original Free Will Baptists of the United States.

This call is coming from the Ladies Aid Society of Mount Zion F. W. B. church, Madison County, North Carolina.

Mrs. Bill Lackey, President
Alexander, N. C.,
Route 2

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Miss Mary E. Talton, Manager

(All services at 8:00 p. m. unless otherwise indicated).

Day	Date	Church
		French Broad Association

Saturday, July 22—	Union Chapel
Sunday, July 23—	Union Valley
Monday, July 24—	Ray's Chapel
Tuesday, July 25—	Barnardsville
Wednesday, July 26—	Paint Fork
Thursday, July 27—	Pisgah Forest
Friday, July 28—	Laurelton Chapel
Saturday, July 29—	Shady Grove
Sunday, July 30—	Marshall
Monday, July 31—	Red Hill
Tuesday, August 1—	Anderson Branch
Wednesday, August 2—	Fugate
Thursday, August 3—	Barnard
Friday, August 4—	Walnut
Saturday, August 5—	Shoal Hill
Sunday, August 6—	Laurel Fork
Monday, August 7—	Mt. Zion
Tuesday, August 8—	Mt. Bethel

ROCK FISH CONFERENCE

Friday, August 11—	Red Springs
Saturday, August 12—	Hickory Grove
Sunday, August 13—	Sandy Grove
Monday, August 14—	Bethel

PEE DEE CONFERENCE

Tuesday, August 15—	Bladenboro
Wednesday, August 16—	Oak Grove No. 1
Thursday, August 17—	Mill Rock
Friday, August 18—	Mt. Calvary
Saturday, August 19—	Mt. Olive
Sunday, August 20—	Beaver Dam
Monday, August 21—	Emerson
Tuesday, August 22—	Mission Valley
Wednesday, August 23—	Pine Level
Thursday, August 24—	Cedar Branch
Friday, August 25—	Cypress Creek

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Miss Cleo Eatman, Manager

(All services at 8:00 p. m. unless otherwise noted).

DAY	DATE	CHURCH
		TOE RIVER ASSOCIATION

Saturday, July 22—	Beans Creek
Sunday, July 23—	Union Hill (11:00 a. m.)
Sunday, July 23—	Cane Creek (8:00 p. m.)
Monday, July 24—	Crabtree Chapel
Tuesday, July 25—	Burleson's Chapel
Wednesday, July 26—	McCourry's Rock
Thursday, July 27—	Roan Creek
Friday, July 28—	Lewis Chapel
Saturday, July 29—	Ivey Heights
Sunday, July 30—	Curtis Creek (11:00 a. m.)

Sunday, July 30—Vale (8:00 p. m.)

Monday, July 31—Mt. View

Tuesday, August 1—Elk Mountain

Wednesday, August 2—Coxes Creek

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Miss Bonnie Farmer, Manager

(All services at 8:00 unless otherwise noted.)

DAY	DATE	CHURCH
		Central Conference

Friday, July 21—	Daniel's Chapel
Saturday, July 22—	Spring Branch
Sunday, July 23—	Friendship
Monday, July 24—	Free Union
Tuesday, July 25—	Watery Branch
Wednesday, July 26—	Hull Road
Thursday, July 27—	La Grange
Friday, July 28—	Hugo
Saturday, July 29—	Rose Hill
Sunday, July 30—	Black Jack
Monday, July 31—	Rose of Sharon
Tuesday, August 1—	Hickory Grove
Wednesday, August 2—	Parker's Chapel
Thursday, August 3—	Greenville
Friday, August 4—	Piney Grove, Pitt Co.
Saturday, August 5—	Reedy Branch
Sunday, August 6—	Sts. Delight
Monday, August 7—	Maury
Tuesday, August 8—	Dilda's Grove
Wednesday, August 9—	Otters Creek
Thursday, August 10—	Rocky Mount
Friday, August 11—	Dawson's Grove

Western Conference

Saturday, August 12—	Peoples Chapel
Sunday, August 13—	Little Rock, Lucama

Cape Fear Conference

Monday, August 14—	Raleigh
Tuesday, August 15—	Johnston Union
Wednesday, August 16—	Hopewell
Thursday—August 17—	Smithfield
Friday—August 18—	Bethel
Saturday, August 19—	Stevens Chapel
Sunday, August 20—	Prospect
Monday, August 21—	Corinth
Tuesday, August 22—	Shady Grove
Wednesday, August 23—	St. Paul
Thursday, August 24—	Black Jack Grove

(Western Conference)

Friday, August 25—	Daileys Chapel
Saturday, August 26—	St. John
Sunday, August 27—	Riverside

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Mrs. E. A. Taylor, Manager

(All services at 8:00 p. m. unless otherwise noted.)

DAY	DATE	CHURCH
		Central Conference

Friday, July 21—	Owen's Chapel
Saturday, July 22—	Saratoga
Sunday, July 23—	Marlboro
Monday, July 24—	Howell Swamp
Tuesday, July 25—	Antioch
Wednesday, July 26—	Harrell's Chapel

Thursday, July 27—Walnut Creek

Friday, July 28—Ayden

Saturday, July 29—Elm Grove

Sunday, July 30—Bethany (11:00 a. m.)

Sunday, July 30—Pleasant Hill

Monday, July 31—Piney Grove

Tuesday, August 1—Cedar Grove

Wednesday, August 2—Sweet Gum Grove

Thursday, August 3—Gum Swamp

Friday, August 4—King X Roads

Saturday, August 5—Winterville

Sunday, August 6—Little Creek

Monday, August 7—Old Sts. Delight

Tuesday, August 8—Grimsley

Wednesday, August 9—Aspin Grove

Thursday, August 10—Edgewood

Western Conference

Friday, August 11—	Barnes Hill
Saturday, August 12—	Piney Grove, Nash County
Sunday, August 13—	Wilson

Cape Fear Conference

Monday, August 14—	Wooten's Chapel
Tuesday, August 15—	Powhatown
Wednesday, August 16—	Langwood's Chapel
Thursday, August 17—	Yelverton's Grove
Friday, August 18—	Tees Chapel
Saturday, August 19—	St. Mary's Grove
Sunday, August 20—	Pleasant Grove
Monday, August 21—	Lee's Chapel
Tuesday, August 22—	Robert's Grove
Wednesday, August 23—	Oak Grove
Thursday, August 24—	West Clinton
Friday, August 25—	Spring Hill (Western)

(Conf.)

Saturday, August 26—	Casey's Chapel
Sunday, August 27—	Goldsboro

News from Bethel Church

On May 13, 1950, Little Bethel F. W. B. Church, in Bleakley County, Georgia, held a meeting for the purpose of organizing a woman's auxiliary. The service opened with song, scripture reading and prayer. The organization was perfected, and the members chose to hold their meetings on the second Sunday afternoons of each month at the church.

The officers elected are as follows: Lula Parker, president; Carolyn Nix, first vice-president; Estelle Wynne, second vice-president; Katie Wright, third vice-president; Ida Foye Bryan, fourth vice-president; Mavis Jones, fifth vice-president; Alice Davis, recording secretary; and Mamie Davis, corresponding secretary; Vivian Manning was elected treasurer.

We desire the prayers of all the Christian people that we may do the Lord's will in our auxiliary work. Pray for our church that we may go forward in the work of the Lord. This meeting closed with a song and prayer.

Mamie Davis, Corresponding secy.
Dudley, Ga.

Do you read your church papers?

WHY STAND YE GAZING?

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put to death. Such was the zeal and determination of the church. Their differing obligations were discharged as they came with the calm, ever-abiding confidence that "This same Jesus shall come again as ye have seen Him go;" and their work was constantly before them because of a question that rang in their ears, "Why stand ye gazing?"

Yet, today, men are idly gazing into the heavens; claiming to be anxious and concerned about the Master's return. They view the Scriptures with considerable interest studying to find the answer to the question that has perplexed Christians ever since His disciples asked it—"Is it time for God to restore the Kingdom to Israel?" They are concerned, so they say, about the death of Christ and about His departure from the earth. They are concerned about many of the great truths of the Scriptures. They will argue loud and long on age old discussion on the great doctrines of the Bible. But it is quite evident that, as yet, some of them have not caught the message of the question which the angels asked—"Why stand ye gazing?"

The commands which Jesus gave to the early church are still ringing out to us today. His return is even nearer than it was then, and nearer than some of us think. Certainly, now is no time to gaze into the heavens. For soon Jesus shall return to demand of us a report of our stewardship here on this earth. Some will say, "Lord, I've argued loud and long with other preachers from other denominations, and have worked hard to get them into our church, but they had no foresight." I'm quite sure Jesus will remind them that such 'heaven-gazing' will never give them any recognition in heaven. We need to be busy in the highways and in the by-ways compelling all whom we see to come to Christ. We have no time to gaze at the work of Christ that must be done before His return. "This same Jesus shall so come as ye have seen Him go."

A Visit— to Camp Mount Bethel JUNE 18, 1950

We have just returned tonight from the Free Will Baptist Youth Camp near Ashburn, Georgia. We went up Saturday morning to take two boys from Unity Free Will Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida, for the first two weeks encampment.

Those of you who have not visited the camp should make arrangements to do so. I can assure you of a hearty welcome, and wonderful Christian fellowship. Accompanying us on our trip were Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Pitts, Brother and sister L. L. Farmer, and Brother E. H. Harris from Unity Church. We have never had a more enjoyable week end. Services were held at the camp this morning with Rev. Pitts bringing the message. We had a great spiritual feast, and the meals at the camp were delicious. Rev. Harvey and his good wife showed us every consideration while we were there. May God bless them greatly for their kindness to us.

I wish tonight that I could talk in person to every Free Will Baptist about the great work that is being carried on for the Lord at Mount Bethel. I have been reading the reports of the work there, and the great blessings our young people are receiving, but I wish that each of you could visit this camp and see for yourselves what is being done, and the great future that is in store for the coming generation of Free Will Baptists.

I arose early this morning and watched the sun come up over the hills around the camp, and as I did so God was very near to me, and I saw a vision of what this camp will be. Thank God for the brave people who have been working so faithful to have this camp. They have already accomplished great things when the beginning looked impossible. But with God nothing is impossible, and they have faith in God.

Mount Bethel needs our support. They need our contributions either in cash or groceries. There are many other things needed to make the Camp more comfortable, and the work lighter for those who are carry-

ing on this work. They also need our prayers. May each of us ask God what he would have us do to carry on this phase of His work.

If we want our young people to get closer to the Lord, and become better informed as to how to carry on His work, why not send them to Mt. Bethel?

Mrs. Dorothy N. Harris,
3529 Myra Street,
Jacksonville, Florida

Revival at Rains X Roads

On Saturday night, June 24, Rev. L. B. Manning of Fountain, N. C., closed a one-week revival in our church, Rains Cross Roads. We, the members of the church and visiting friends, really enjoyed the soul-stirring sermons which Brother Manning brought to us. We want to thank him for this, and welcome him back to our church very soon.

Along with the good sermons we had special music each night. Our choir was led by Bob Williams and Mrs. Major Radford played the piano for us. Mrs. Major Williams helped our little folks sing which they looked forward to each night.

A large crowd attended these services and we hated to see the meeting come to a close, knowing that there were many more in our midst who needed to come to Christ and surrender all. Our baptismal service was held on Sunday afternoon by the pastor, W. R. Williams. May God bless our church and help us to carry on his work for another year.

Mrs. R. W. Braswell

REVIVAL AT OLD MOTHER CHURCH, NEW ZION, S. C.

On the first Monday night in June, the Rev. L. L. Powell of Hanna, S. C., pastor of Old Mother Church, began a series of meetings which lasted two weeks. These services were very profitable. The church was revived, the members were drawn closer to God, and to one another. The Rev. L. L. Powell was ably assisted by the Rev. J. W. Smoak of New Zion, S. C. On Friday night, June 9, Rev. Smoak preached and the following Sunday night Rev. Poston of Hanna, S. C., preached.

We feel that these pastors are very consecrated men of God. They are bold and fearless preachers of the Word. They went deep down into the scripture and preached uncompromisingly the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. They are just the preachers we need to day. We hope to be able to have them with us again. We pray for the success of their labor, in which they may win souls unto the Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Mrs. Rhames Morris



DAVID, A KING WHO HONORED GOD

(Lesson for July 30)

LESSON: 2 Samuel 7:1-28

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Thou art great, O Lord God: for there is none like thee" (II Sam. 7: 22).

The real significance of our text for today is seen only when we realize that David's great creedal ejaculation was framed against a background of bitter disappointment! Almost anybody can praise God when things are going the way we desire them to proceed, and when we are within reach of the desires of our heart. When all our prayers have been answered in the affirmative and God has graciously poured out His beneficence in the channels of our desire, of course He is great, and the only One worth serving.

But can we sing the same song when our prayers are answered with a grim and final "No?" A few of us can, I suppose, but most of us probably doubt the wisdom and justice of negative decisions which block our plans and frustrate our dearest wishes. With obvious reluctance we say, "well, I suppose it is for the best, if it is the Lord's will," but deep in our hearts we harbor a dim suspicion that maybe God is not all we were taught to expect, or that maybe He just was not listening to that particular petition.

David had a great ambition. The idea came into his mind one night as he lay upon his bed, meditating upon all God's goodness to him. He remembered his humble origin, and in his mental ears was the familiar soft murmur of feeding flocks. From the sheepcotes and pastures the Lord had led him to a throne, and the hand of God had made of the one-time shepherd the most powerful monarch of his day and place. Rulers of other nations paid tribute to him whom

God had so established, and one great monarch had built David a splendid palace. His armies had devastated the lands of his enemies and he dwelt in safety and walked canopied under the invincible might of the Lord God whom he worshiped and served.

Counting his wealth and counting his blessings, David felt his heart expand with gratitude and a warm desire to do some thing to repay the Lord in a small measure. The thought popped into his mind—"I will build Him a great and magnificent Temple. He finally came to the place where he felt he must decide the matter, so he talked the idea over with Nathan, the man of God.

The Prophet was delighted with the scheme, and encouraged the king to do as his heart urged him to do. This convinced the king that his idea was right, and he called for his architects and began to assemble the material for the great dream. And just then Nathan appeared, to tell him sorrowfully that God would not permit him to go ahead with his beautiful act of practical worship and gratitude.

He must have been stunned for a time, then he remembered that God never makes mistakes, and out of his great disappointment David cried, "Thou art great, O Lord God: for there is none like Thee." What triumph of faith over circumstances those words displayed! Instead of sulking and demanding reasons and explanations, as a man who was serenely confident in God's eternal purposes, David praised God for denying the king his deep desire!—Selected.

II. THE HEART OF THE LESSON

1. David is one of the great characters of the Bible. More information is recorded about him than there is about any other person of the Old Testament. The record of his life begins with First Samuel, and continues through to the second chapter of First Kings. First Chronicles, chapters 11 to 29, also give the story of his reign over Israel. He was well known as a shepherd, musician, poet, soldier and king. In each of these, he achieved success, and he became a loyal worshiper of the Lord. He

was anointed by Samuel to be king over Israel, and he became the greatest of the Hebrew kings.

David had the Ark brought into Jerusalem (ch. 6), because he thought the capital the proper place for sacred worship of his people. Accordingly, as a temporary place, he pitched a tent in the city for the Ark of the covenant, which had been for a long time in the home of Abinadab in Gibeah (ch. 6:3). (Read all of chapter 6 for the account of the removal of the Ark to Jerusalem.) In connection with this read the Twenty-Fourth Psalm which David wrote to celebrate this great event.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

2. God's Promise to Build David's House (vs. 17-22)

That the prophecies immediately preceding this passage have to do with another who is greater than Solomon is evident. Great David's greatest Son is certainly before us in the language of the covenant. "I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever," and "thy house and the kingdom shall be made sure forever before thee: thy throne shall be established forever" (vv. 13, 16).

In response to such a pledge on the part of none less than Jehovah, David appropriately waited upon the Lord, acknowledging his own nothingness and God's greatness in power and in grace. It was altogether true that the Lord had taken David from following the sheep, had chosen him from a very humble family, had protected him through the years, and now had crowned his mercy and his blessings upon him by speaking of the perpetuity of his kingdom. The attitude of adoration, of worship, of praise becomes anyone who is the recipient of such grace.

Need we be reminded that we are the objects of such grace? For God laid hold upon us when we were without God in the world, when we were afar off, strangers from the covenant of promise, and has brought us nigh, made us His children, made us a kingdom of priests unto Himself. There is no room for pride, no place for self-glory. What David did is the only thing we can do, that is to bow before the Almighty with thankful hearts. Such grace so overwhelms

us that there is little that can be said, but, oh, how much there is to be felt in one's heart.—Moody Monthly.

WHY NOT EXPECT OUR PASTORS TO HEAL THE SICK?

(continued from page five)

24:24 we have this quotation from Christ, "For there shall arise false Christs and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; in so much that if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." It is likely that some of these are being deceived, but that does not make the promises of God any less effective. They are dependable, and if we will obey and trust they will be ours to enjoy as much as it was Peter and John's. We are missing great blessings because we are not contending for that faith. As I see it that is the reason we don't expect our pastors to heal the sick, as Peter did.

I have written this article because I see where I have missed many wonderful blessings because I did not have faith. This is written with a hope that it would encourage you, dear reader, not to be satisfied until you have gotten the faith that was once delivered to the saints. God bless all the Baptist messengers and pray for me.

CRAGMONT BUS

A new bus seating 32 people has been purchased to run on trips to and from Cragmont and other places as arranged through the committee of transportation. Any group desiring to use this bus should write to Transportation Committee, Post Office Box 118, Black Mountain, N. C., or any officer of the organization.

Signed,

James A. Evans
F. A. Rivenbark
R. P. Harris
Fountain Taylor
Mrs. J. C. Moye

Happiness is a butterfly which, when pursued, is always just beyond your grasp but which, if you will sit down quietly and relax, may alight upon you.

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

Editor
MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON

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New Bern, N. C.

REPORT

North Carolina State Auxiliary Convention TREASURER'S RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS MAY 20, 1949 — May 25, 1950

Balance brought forward -----\$ 63.74

RECEIPTS BY DEPARTMENTS:

Co-Laborer Band -----	\$ 464.44
Cragmont Assembly -----	278.21
Christian Education -----	369.97
Orphanage -----	256.44
Superannuation -----	447.87
Church Finance Association -----	10.10
Cragmont Women Conference -----	49.00
General Foreign Missions -----	912.89
India Mission Car -----	257.32
Zalene Lloyd, gift -----	189.95
L. B. Barnard, gift -----	14.18
L. B. Barnard to U. S. A. -----	89.80
National Per Capita Dues -----	219.76
Home Missions -----	481.60
State Per Capita Dues -----	219.77
General Department -----	213.11
Convention for Orphanage -----	75.80

Total Receipts -----\$4,550.21
Grand Total -----\$4613.95

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National Per Capita Dues -----	219.76
Home Mission, allocated at State Convention -----	481.60
State Per Capita Dues and General Department, for General An- nual and Convention Expense -----	257.27
Special Offering at Convention for for Orphanage -----	75.80
Total Disbursements during Year 1949 - 1950 -----	\$4,374.60

Balance in Treasury May 25, 1950\$ 239.35

Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Treas.
Winterville, . C.

ATTENTION!

Free Will Baptist Women of Georgia

Beginning on July 30, 1950, there will be a week of training for the Woman's Auxiliary workers at Camp Mt. Bethel, four miles north of Ashburn, Georgia. The subjects to be taught are: Missions, Stewardship, Personal Evangelism, and Woman's Auxiliary Manual of Methods.

Mrs. Chester Pelt of Marianna, Florida, and Miss Laura B. Barnard, returned missionary from India, will be the instructors. There will be a singspirational period each evening, followed with a message by Miss Barnard.

Each person attending will be expected to take with them towels, bath cloths, soap, two sheets, a pillow and case, notebook, and pencil. If you have one of Miss Barnard's books, "His Name among All Nations," be sure to take it along with you. If you do not have one, borrow one from your neighbor.

The board will be only one dollar per day. If you have small children and want to take them, bring them along with you. We will care for them while you are on class.

This will be the first time that F. W. B. Women of Georgia have ever had a training course at the camp. We feel that it will prove to be a blessing to everyone who attends this camp. If you want to become a more efficient worker for the Lord, come and study with us. We urge every president of the local auxiliaries to come if possible. We want a representative from each local auxiliary of the State. Ministers are given a cordial invitation to attend if they so desire. This study course will be a help to them to promote the auxiliary work in their churches.

Remember the time: July 30 through August 4, 1950, and the place: Camp Mt. Bethel. It is located four miles north of Ashburn, Georgia, U. S. highway No. 41.

Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Director

PROGRAM

Fourth Union Auxiliary Convention
Central Conference of North Carolina
July 30, 1950, Saratoga F. W. B. Church

10:00—Sunday School
11:00—Devotions led by Rev. R. H. Jackson
11:15—Welcome address by Miss Joyce

Proctor

—Response by Miss Janie Dildy

11:25—Special Music by Free Union Quartet

11:30—Sermon by Rev. C. L. Patrick

12:15—Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:15—Devotions by Miss Joyce Proctor

1:30—Special Music by Spring Branch
—Quartet

1:45—Business period

2:30—Program by local church and adjournment

Mrs. Hazel Giff

Mrs. Maud Williams

Mr. James Gay

Committee

his death there were 25 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Our sorrow at the loss of him can never be fully overcome, but our broken hearts are at least partially mended by the thought that he lived a true and faithful life unto his death. We join together in praying that we might live such a life that will merit our being reunited with him where we can join in singing praises to our Almighty-God around His throne in Heaven.

Mrs. W. M. Woodall and Children

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

IN MEMORY OF SISTER ALMA HESTER WHO DIED JANUARY 8, 1950

Death has again entered our church and auxiliary, and called to the eternal home a dearly beloved sister who has completed her faithful labors here in ministry to the cry of orphan, to the call of want, and to the piteous wail of sorrow, and as a recompense has received the welcome plaudit, "Well done," from the Great Master.

And whereas, the loving Father has called our beloved and respected sister home, and she having been a true and faithful member of our church and auxiliary, therefore be it resolved, that White Oak Free Will Baptist Church of Bladenboro, in testimony of its loss, drape its walls in mourning, and that we tender to the family of our deceased sister our sincere condolence in their deep affliction and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family.

"Over the hills of time to the valley of endless years;
Over the road of woe to the land that is free from tears:
Up from the mount of men to the place where angels are
This is the road of mortality to the Wonder goal afar."

Mrs. H. C. Adcox, Mrs. Mary Storm

MRS. E. B. LANIER

On the 27th of May, 1950, at the age of 65, Mrs. Elizabeth Lanier passed from this life to her eternal home to be with the Lord. She was the wife of Bro. E. B. Lanier of Kinston. Mrs. Lanier united with Saints Delight Church, Pitt County, when a young girl. She moved her membership to the Free Will Baptist Church of Kinston about the year 1902, and remained a faithful worker in the church until her death.

The funeral was conducted from the First F. W. B. Church in Kinston by the pastor, Rev. A. L. Reynolds, assisted by

Rev. J. C. Moyer of St. W. Hill, and Rev. Clifton Rice of Kinston.

She leaves to mourn their loss her husband E. B. Lanier two girls, Mrs. Clifton Rice, and Mrs. J. E. Harris all of Kinston, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Lonely the house and sad the hours
Since our dear one passed away,
To join the host and forever live
In a land of endless day.

When day is done, and night shades fall,
To unto the room we steal,
To talk with God before we sleep,
Then we her presence feel.

Her voice not audible we hear,
Her counsel day by day,
Seems ever clear, "Do your best,"
And "From evil turn away."

We fancy now we see her,
Walk gently down the aisle,
While the organ plays the prelude,
In a low melodious style.

Her church she loved, and sought to do,
The things she felt was right.
No fear had she, no sad remorse,
When to friends she said, "God Night."

Written by her friend

DEATH OF M. W. WOODALL

It is with saddened hearts that we attempt to write of the death of our loving husband and father, whom God called from this life on January 30, 1950.

He had been a member of Tee's Chapel F. W. Baptist Church for about 40 years. He had been a Ruling Elder about 25 or 30 years. He was devoted wholeheartedly to his church and Sunday School, which he held in higher esteem than anything else he knew, and he was always ready to lend a helping hand to its needs. During the 40 years of his Christian life, he worked tirelessly for the upbuilding of his church and community and was especially interested in his Sunday school and the youth of his community. The vacancy which he has left in his church and community cannot be regained, but he has left with his many friends and loved ones a pleasant memory of him that will never fade.

He was married to Hettie B. Davis on April 1, 1906, and to this union were born nine children; six girls and three boys. At

Fifth Eastern Sunday School Convention

The Sunday School Convention of the Fifth Eastern Union will be held at the Mt. Zion Church, July 30, 1950. This church is located near Cash Corner, on the Vandamere Highway. A welcome is extended to all Sunday Schools of the District and a large attendance is expected to assemble for a most enjoyable day of Christian fellowship.

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Theme: God's Greatness
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Program

- 10:00—Devotions
- 10:15—President's Message and Appointments
- 10:25—Minutes of last convention
- 10:30—Business session
- 10:55—Recording of Reports
- 11:00—Program by Home Sunday School
- 11:15—Song Service and Sermon—A King Who Honored God, II Sam. 7:1-22
- 12:00—Dinner
- 1:00—Devotional
- 1:10—Sunday School Programs
- 1:45—Round Table Discussions (on theme)
- 2:15—Sunday School Programs
- 2:45—Reports and Banner
- 3:00—Dismissal

IT'S AN ART

There are two very difficult things in this world. One is to make a name for oneself. The other is to keep it.

WANTED!

I am in need of a good Christian woman to do practical nursing and house-keeping for me. I shall be glad to get in touch with a woman who would like to do this work in my home. Those interested may call to see me, write to me, or let me know where I may go to see them.

Mrs. Georgia Cayton
Aurora, N. C.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

Will You Be the Next?

Sarah C. Lewis

David did not really want to go to the meeting that evening, but he saw no way to get out of it. Father and Mother would be so hurt if he did not go, and would talk to him until it would be worse than listening to the preacher. He would just as well go without all that bother, he thought. And anyway, it wouldn't be so bad if Jack and Bill were there, for they could all have fun on the back seat together. And of course, they would be there, for their parents were just as strict as his own. What was the matter with fathers and mothers anyway, he wondered? Why did they make their children go to meetings and want them to act like "old fogies" just because that was what they liked to do themselves?

When David got to the meeting, he found Bill and Jack there as usual, on the back seat, and he joined them. The boys found so much to talk about, and so many amusing things to do, that they heard very little of what the preacher said that evening. They were so engrossed in their fun that their voices grew quiet loud, and the preacher stopped halfway through his sermon and spoke to them. He had been speaking of how suddenly death comes to many people, and had just said that it is very often those who apparently have a long life ahead of them, who are taken. So he said to these boys who were disturbing the meeting:

"Stop, boys, and think of your precious unsaved souls. Death comes to the young as well as to the old. Perhaps one of you, who are sitting there on the back seat, young and in good health, may be the next to go, who knows? Think where your soul would be if your call came tonight!"

The boys were sobered up a little by this, and there was quiet for the rest of the meeting. But when the last hymn was sung and the people started to leave the meeting, the solemnity vanished, and the boys rushed out to continue their fun on the outside. They disturbed the peaceful Lord's Day evening with their fun and pranks, and helped to take away the solemnity which the message had left upon the people. Especially did they mock the preacher who had spoken to them so earnestly.

"Do you think I'll 'be the next'?" asked David with mock solemnity, trying to lengthen his face and look very pious, and the other boys screamed with laughter.

On the next Lord's Day, David slipped off after dinner, saying that he would soon be back. But unknown to his parents, and

against their often-expressed wishes, he went to see a young man of his acquaintance and borrowed his motorcycle, and sped out of town for an afternoon of fun.

An hour later he rounded a curve at a terrific speed and met a car head-on, which was in the act of passing another car. He was directly in its path, and there was no way to avert a collision. In a matter of seconds, David was lying unconscious on the highway, the motorcycle being completely demolished.

He was taken to the nearest hospital at once. His name and address were in his pocket and his parents were quickly notified. They came at once, but they were too late to see their boy alive. He breathed his last just as they entered the room. He had never regained consciousness. He was "the next" indeed! Though a young man in his teens, who might have been expecting to have a long life ahead of him, he had been suddenly ushered into eternity, and worst of all, he was totally unprepared!

Dear boys and girls, what about you? Are you looking forward to many years of pleasure and sin ahead of you, and thinking that when you are old and good for nothing else, that you will offer the dregs of your life to God? Stop and think of the risk you are taking! At any moment God may decide to cut off your breath, for it is held in His hand (Dan. 5:33), and so would end your last opportunity to be saved. If you for one moment realized your great danger, you could not lie down and sleep again until you were sheltered from the coming wrath by the Blood of Christ.

Many people suppose that they will have an opportunity to be saved on their deathbed, but few people have a deathbed these days. Sudden death by accident or heart failure seems the rule rather than the exception.

To come to Christ, you need only one qualification; your guilt. For it was sinners that He came to save (Luke 5:32). God says in His Word that "all have sinned" (Rom. 3:23), and that "the wages of sin is death" (6:23). But the holy and spotless Son of God laid down His sinless life in atonement for your sinful one; He bore the punishment which you should have borne. And because of that fact, He can now say to you:

"But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name" (John 1:12).

Notice carefully what this verse does not say. There is no mention of embracing a "religion," or of observing ordinances, or of living a good life to merit salvation. For God's salvation is in a Person, the Lord

Jesus Christ, who paid our penalty and died that we might live.

He said of Himself, "I am the Way," not "I am a way." There is no other way!

"He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (1 John 5:12).

PROGRAM

of the

Cape Fear Union

to be held at

Lee's Chapel

July 29, 1950

MORNING SESSION

- 10:00—Devotions conducted by Rev. M. E. Godwin
- 10:15—Roll call of officers and ministers, reading of minutes
- 10:30—Church enrolment and reports
- 11:00—Intermission
- 11:05—Song Service
- 11:20—Union Sermon by Rev. W. O. Laster

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Devotions by Rev. T. C. Smith
- 1:30—Sunday School report
- 2:00—Mission report, followed by reports of Finance and Allocation Committee, Program committee and report of Treasurer
- 2:30—Discuss Free Will Baptist Territory—Rev. T. E. Beaman
- 2:45—Miscellaneous business
- 3:30—Adjournment—Benediction

Rev. T. E. Beaman,
H. T. Hinson,
L. J. Carlyle

A SPLENDID FATHER'S DAY PROGRAM AT OLD MOTHER CHURCH, NEW ZION, SOUTH CAROLINA

Old Mother Free Will Baptist church has again been blessed by the mighty hand of God. We all enjoyed a wonderful Father's Day program in honor of the living Fathers, and the heavenly Father. The program represented the Fathers whom God created, and the Cross of which Jesus Christ was crucified. We wish to say that the leaders went all out for this program.

We are very proud of the little group of members that took a part in our program. May the Lord greatly bless them. We are asking all Christians everywhere to pray for us here at Old Mother church, and for the Free Will Baptist work wherever it may reach.

Mrs. Rhames Morris

Do you read your church papers?

REPORT

National Foreign Mission

Treasurer

Receipts During the Month of June, 1950

Brought forward from last month 1,419.63
 Received by states during past month as follows:

Kentucky -----	809.93
North Carolina -----	804.72
Tennessee -----	425.78
Ohio -----	412.50
Missouri -----	379.63
Michigan -----	315.00
Texas -----	219.75
West Virginia -----	164.86
Georgia -----	160.08
Alabama -----	74.23
New Mexico -----	65.00
Illinois -----	58.16
South Carolina -----	51.25
Virginia -----	50.10
Oklahoma -----	36.25
Arkansas -----	3.15
National Auxiliary Convention --	102.02
Cuban Ass'n. on loan -----	25.00
Total -----	\$4,157.41
Grand total -----	\$5,577.04
Total disbursements during month \$4,930.56	
Balance in treasury July 1, 1950 --	646.48

Winford Davis, Treasurer

Superannuation Report

The following is the report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the N. C. State Convention of Free Will Baptists for June, 1950

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand June 1, 1950 -----	\$ 935.64
Regular receipts for June -----	209.12
Funds designated for N. C. only --	5.00

Total to account for ----- \$1,149.76

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid to Superannuated Ministers..	300.00
Operating expense -----	27.95
Paid to National Board -----	45.29

Total disbursements ----- \$ 373.24

Balance on hand July 1, 1950 -- \$ 776.52

Allocations already approved for balance of year -----	1,620.00
Needed to meet the demands for balance of year -----	843.48

RECEIPTS ITEMIZED

2nd. Central League Conv. -----	\$ 5.58
3rd Eastern Union Meeting -----	15.00
3rd. Western Union Meeting -----	16.40
N. C. State Aux. Conv. -----	158.99
Friendship (Johnston Co.) -----	1.00
Davis -----	5.00
Core Creek S. S. -----	7.15
2nd. Western Union Meeting -----	5.00

M. L. Johnson, Chm.-Treas.

Mt. Zion Church Has Good Revival

Mount Zion F. W. B. Church, Washington County, North Carolina, held a successful revival meeting, beginning on June 11 and continuing through June 18, with Rev L. B. Manning doing the preaching. He was assisted by our pastor, Rev. E. E. Edwards, of Chocowinity, N. C.

There were two souls who were won for Christ during this meeting. Many of the church members, as well as others, received blessings from this revival. The messages were inspiring and helpful to everyone who attended the meeting.

Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the children's choir, as they sang several songs for us each night.

We always extend a hearty welcome to visitors and friends to come and attend our church services whenever convenient. We have services each first and third Sundays of the month. Brother Edwards is a good preacher. Our Sunday School superintendent, Tommie West, extends a cordial invitation to everyone to attend Sunday School with us each Sunday morning. Our school is growing all the while, and the work is moving along in a very good way.

Mrs. Marie Marriner, Reporter

Marsh Swamp Church Holds Successful Bible School

We held the seventh annual Vacation Bible School at the Marsh Swamp F. W. B. Church, Rock Ridge, North Carolina, with the commencement exercises being held at the church on Friday night. The parents of the students joined the group for a picnic dinner which followed the Friday morning session.

There were enrolled in this session 175 students, and the average attendance was 160 for each day of the session. There were 139 who received certificates for perfect attendance. This year's age groups ranged from four years old through sixteen.

On Thursday of this week we took an offering for foreign missions, giving each child an opportunity to share in this mission program of our church.

Frances Boyette, Director

THE 101st BLOW

When nothing seems to help, I go and look at a stone-cutter hammering away at his rock, perhaps a hundred times without as much as a crack showing in it. Yet, at the 101st blow it will split in two, and I know it was not that blow that did it, but all that had gone before.—*Jacob A. Riis.*

It isn't the whistle that pulls the train.

REMEMBER THE AGED

E. B. SNAVELY

There would scarcely be a youth anywhere, who has not at some time felt the kindly touch of an older person in his life. Perhaps a grandparent, neighbor or friend offered encouragement at the right moment, during a childish difficulty. How good it was to know that someone cared and understood!

There is somewhat of a tendency in our day for the younger generation to be independent, often clinging to their parents and not wanting advice from their grandparents. Older people love to be consulted, too, at times, and it cheers their hearts to feel they are not slighted. It is very unkind to make anyone feel he is not wanted, and even worse to make fun of him; for remorse is likely to come back on the doer.

One beautiful Saturday afternoon two small boys were helping their father to sort apples in the orchard. As they were carefully picking the good ones from the imperfect, the younger spoke up:

"Tommy, let's take some of these nice rosy apples to poor old Mrs. Lane. She lives all alone, and hardly ever has any company since she moved into that little cottage."

"Yes, let's do," said Donald eagerly. When supper was over, the happy pair hurried down the road with their filled basket.

Many were the smiles on the faces of the three as Tommy and Donald shared, and dear old Mrs. Lane received. The Lord Jesus looks down on such scenes with rejoicing, as whatever is done for others in His Name is done for Him. He is the most pleased when something is given without expectation of return.

When Jesus rules the hearts of His followers, He whispers precious things to them. When He lived on earth, even His very presence brought comfort and healing to those who followed Him. Nothing was ever too much trouble for Him to do, and He lived so close to God, His Heavenly Father, that He knew just what He desired.

Boys and girls, do not become weary in well doing. The Bible tells us not to faint, also, to not mistrust God's wonderful care.

"By love serve one another" (Gal. 5:13). That means to be of service wherever God calls us, and to whom.

NOTICE!

I am in a position to preach in the afternoons of the First and Third Sundays, provided I can get such work, in Carteret County or near by Morehead City, N. C. Should any church desire my service, you can write me at 1115 Evans Street, Morehead City, N. C.

L. E. Styron, Licensed Min-

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Life's Lessons

I learn, as the years roll onward
And I leave the past behind,
That much I had counted sorrow
But proves that God is kind;
That many a flower I had longed for
Had hidden a thorn of pain,
And many a rugged by-path
Let to fields of ripened grain.

The clouds that cover the sunshine
They can not banish the sun;
And the earth shines out the brighter
When the weary rain is done.
We must stand in the deepest shadow
To see the clearest light;
And often through wrong's own darkness
Comes the weary strength of light.

And so I learned my lesson;
And through the weary years,
His helping hand sustained me,
And wiped away the tears.
And ever the glorious sunlight
From the heavenly home streamed down,
Where the school-tasks are all ended,
And the cross is exchanged for the crown.

—Harold Hamilton

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 1950

Notice

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

Special Announcement

This is to let our Baptist readers know that I have been broadcasting over the air on Radio Station WGRA, Cairo, Georgia, since February, 1950. The program is broadcast over this Station, 1300 K. C., Monday through Saturday from 1:30 to 2:00 P. M., and also on Sunday at 9:00 A. M.

I broadcast over the air from Station WDWD, Dawson, Georgia, from 1:45 to 2:15 P. M. Monday through Saturday, and also on Sunday at 2:P. M. These programs are given on Eastern time.

There may be some people taking the Baptist paper, living in reach of these stations, who may not know of this "Faith Program," which we are broadcasting.

The Mission Board of Georgia is backing this program, but they have had to pay only about one-fourth of the expense of these broadcasts. Will you pray for us while we preach to half of the State of Georgia? Please help us to evangelize a million people. This is the quickest way that I have found to spread the cause of missions among the people of the State.

Rev. K. V. Shutes

Mount Tabor Church to Stage Youth Revival

To Be Conducted by Rev. Charles Craddock

There will begin a youth revival meeting at Mt. Tabor Church, near Creswell, North Carolina, on Sunday night, July 30, 1950. The Reverend Charles Craddock will be the evangelist.

Then, on Monday night after the first Sunday in August, which will be the fourth, our annual revival will begin. This meeting will be conducted by the Reverend Herman Wooten of Garner, North Carolina. He will be assisted by the pastor, Rev. L. E. Ambrose.

We are extending a cordial invitation to everyone to attend this meeting. We are asking also the Christian people to pray for the success of this meeting. Pray that many may be saved, and that the church may be revived, and much good be accomplished. Truly the field is ripe unto harvest, and there is work for all to do to lead the lost to Christ.

L. E. Ambrose,
Creswell, N. C.

PROGRAM

Third Union Meeting
Western Conference
Calvary F. W. B. Church
Durham, N. C., July 29, 1950

Morning Session

- 10:00—Introductory Worship Service by Member Sherron Acres Church
10:15—Address of welcome by E. P. Tinnin.
—Response by Rudy Hardy
10:25—Moderator's message—R. P. Harris
10:35—Recognition of visitors and enrollment of preachers and delegates
—Organization of Union Meeting
11:00—Roll Call of Church and reading of letters.
11:30—Union Message by Rev. F. A. Rivenbark
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Afternoon Worship Service, Rev. W. E. Anderson
1:15—Business Period
—Organize Sunday School Convention
1:45—Closing business period
2:30—Adjournment

Announcement

Our First Western District Sunday School Convention convenes at Holly Springs Church, July 30, 1950 at 9:30. It is very important that every Sunlay School in our district be represented.

By Reporter

PROGRAM

League Union

Third District, Eastern Conference

Northeast Church, Saturday Night, July 29, 1950, 8 P. M.

- 8:00—Devotions led by Adelle Taylor
—Welcome by N. L. Tatlock
—Response by Eloise Buck
—President's Message by Lemmie Taylor
—Program by Leagues of Whaley's Chapel Church
—Minutes of last union
—Call list of Leagues
—Business Period
—Benediction

By the Committee

PROGRAM

LEAGUE CONFERENCE OF SECOND UNION OF CENTRAL CONFERENCE
July 29, 1950, Marlboro F. W. B. Church

- 7:30—Congregational singing
7:45—Devotions, Mr. Alton Stocks
8:00—President's message
8:05—League message, King's Cross Roads League
8:20—Business
8:30—Sermon, Mr. David M. Wooten
8:50—Special Music, Pleasant Hill Quartet
9:10—Business
9:30—League Benediction
Sincerely,
Miss Mary F. Hogood

Announcement

This is to advise that I expect to be in a position to render some pastoral service next year. I am not discontinuing my connection with the Free Will Baptist Press, but, owing to some changes which we contemplate, I plan to have some time to devote to pastoral activities. I shall be open and happy to arrange with any church which might desire my service within reasonable distance of Ayden. Address Box 244, Ayden, N. C.

J. Ernest Wooten

WANTED!

I am in need of a good Christian woman to do practical nursing and house-keeping for me. I shall be glad to get in touch with a woman who would like to do this work in my home. Those interested may call to see me, write to me, or let me know where I may go to see them.

Mrs. Georgia Cayton
Aurora, N. C.

Sound Advice to a Young Preacher

(Scripture from American Standard Version)

Rev. George Waggoner,
Mt. Vernon, Illinois

This sound advice is none of my own, but it is that of one of the greatest preachers that ever lived, the Apostle Paul. It is to his young son in the ministry, Timothy. The full account, II Timothy, was probably written from Rome about 66 A. D. and contains the last recorded words of the Apostle. Paul was in Rome at that time. He had been deserted by many of his former associates, and was expecting very soon to be led out to execution. But he must leave this last bit of counsel. If it was good to encourage and instruct this young pastor in his ministerial work, it is good instruction to us in this modern day. It is vitally related to our own lives, coming as it does from the aged apostle who knew what it meant to be fully surrendered and to suffer for his Lord and Saviour.

Timothy had gone along very well so far. He had the unfeigned faith, which dwelt first in his grandmother, Lois, and then in his mother, Eunice. He had had the strong arm and experienced life of Paul in the ministry to lean on in times of trouble and discouragement. The protection was comforting to him. Now fifteen years after the establishment of this union, Timothy is about to be left alone. It is probably the darkest hour of his life. His many duties as head of the great Ephesian pastorate, with its many outposts, seem to press him down. Heresies and spiritual declension were on every hand. In this dark hour what could he do? That unfeigned faith must be exercised now. It wasn't easy to do. How could this timid, self-pitying, fearful preacher rise to meet the challenge in the face of such circumstances? "Through Christ," we would say. Yes, but that is so general. How? Paul knew the answer.

Chapter 1, verse 6, "For which cause I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee. . . ." Some believe that Timothy had an unusual gift of some

kind, to which he refers. Others believe that it was simply the gift that is given to all Christians—faith and ability to witness in some way. At any rate the application is easily made. The figure is used here of a fire that is beginning to die down. The fire must frequently be stirred up and fresh fuel added or it will go out.

I remembered that when I was a boy at home we burned wood in our heating stove. On cold days we constantly had to stir up the fire, turn over the stick of wood, and add new. The fire then would burn brightly for a while. Before long the process had to be repeated. So it is with the gift of God in His people. Stir up the gift that is in you by its usage and it will increase. Let it alone and it will go out and your gift will have been given to you in vain. Use the faith that you have and God will increase your faith. He will not give you more faith until you use what you have. "To him that hath shall be given. . ." that is if he faithfully uses that which he has. Isn't it true that many of us need to stir into the flame the gift that is in us, and to return to the zeal and passion of our first love? It isn't that we are doing "big things" against the will of God, but that we aren't doing those little things in life that make a fully surrendered and victorious child of God.

Chapter 1, verse 8, "Be not ashamed therefore of the testimony of our Lord nor of me his prisoner. . ." Timothy was a timid preacher. Paul, therefore, continues to say to him, "Don't be ashamed." Don't be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord—that is, the gospel in general. In the sight of the world there once appeared to be a reason why a man should be ashamed of this—be ashamed of Him who was crucified as a malefactor. But when the gospel became the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth, it was a subject in which to exalt. How of-

ten are we ashamed of the testimony, of our Saviour and the gospel! At church or among Christians it is easy to give a testimony for Christ. But among the unsaved often it is different. We are afraid or ashamed. We ought not to be because we ourselves are the living proof of the power of the gospel. The great hindrance of usefulness is this slavish fear. Therefore the apostle warns the young preacher against this very thing. Stirring up the gift in you will help to overcome it.

Chapter 11, Verse 1, "Thou therefore, my child, be strengthened in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." Some one has said that no one is saved without a struggle. If then you are going to struggle (against the Devil, of course) you must be strengthened. The strengthening must be in Christ, too. Peter was strong in his own grace. You remember what happened to him. Be strengthened by stirring up the gift and by being not ashamed. This is what he is saying: "Timothy, we've been together these many years and have been a strength to each other. Now you are alone. Rely the more on Christ. But don't neglect to be strengthened also by committing to faithful men those things that you have heard from me that they might be able to stand and that you might become a strength to them." Be strengthened through fellowship, through prayer, through witnessing, and through the study of the Word of God.

Chapter 11, verses 3 and 4, "Suffer hardship with me as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service entangleth himself in the affairs of this life; that he may please him who enrolled him as a soldier." The soldier who faithfully preaches the true gospel of Christ will be exposed to hardships and difficulties. If he is to please the one who enrolled him as a soldier, he must not become entangled with things that are useless. He must "burn the bridges" behind him lest he should be tempted to re-cross to the place from whence he

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NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

Revival at Rock of Zion—

I am scheduled to conduct a series of evangelistic meetings at Rock of Zion, Grantsboro, N. C., beginning week after the Second Sunday in August and going through the third Sunday, the Lord's will.

Open dates before the fall, or periods that I can conduct meetings are from August 1 to the 8th, and also some time for meetings in September and October, and on for the future. If we can be of service to the church and our Christ we are happy. The Lord is blessing me greatly in these days, both physically and spiritually. You who pray for self, remember me when you go to the Lord.

We have so much to praise the Lord for: 71 years of age today (June the 22) the longest day in the year. Able to go with more ease than ten or twelve years ago, teaching and preaching the Gospel of our Christ.

A Wonderful Testimony—

I am in possession of a small booklet, or tract, put out by Joseph Zacchelle, D. D., the title of which is, "The Priest Who Became a Christian." Mr. Zacchelle gives the account of how he was converted, but he is not like a great many people who are converted to a new way, he says that he "Loves the Roman Catholics," and he works among them to lead them to a definite knowledge of and experience in the saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In his monthly magazine, "The Convert," he has an editorial headed, "Back to Christ," which is one of the most Biblical and the most logical editorials that I have read in a long time in any religious magazine. It was a strong admonition to people not to trust in any power, nor person, nor religion, but the Lord Jesus Christ. Mr. Zacchelle does not condemn those

who are Roman Catholics, like some whom I have read after in other magazines, he only blames the doctrines. I quote from his tract which states "My Conversion from the Pope to Christ." Quote: "Every time I see a priest walking in the street it seems impossible, unbelievable, a dream, that once not long ago I myself had been a Roman Catholic priest, that I had to believe what he has to believe; that I had to teach what he has to teach. I clearly know why I left the church of Rome, but what I cannot fully understand is why priests stay in the priesthood; why I stayed in the Roman church as a priest." Then Mr. Zacchelle goes on to place the blame. I quote: "Should I blame my parents for sending me to a seminary at the age of ten to become a priest? Indeed, I cannot blame my parents, but only the Roman Catholic teaching about the dignity and power of a priest which had lured and induced my beloved mother and father to sacrifice their only boy to the Pope. They wanted me to become a priest because, deceived by false doctrine, they had been promised to become parents of another God." Mr. Zacchelle says, in stating his conversion, and I quote: "It was on a Sunday, February, 1944, when I turned on the radio and accidentally turned it on a Protestant church program. The pastor was giving his radio message. I was going to change the program because I was not allowed to listen to protestant sermons, but (I do not know why) I kept listening."

Dr. Zacchelle closes out this tract, by saying: "I could not stay any longer in the Roman Catholic Church because I could not continue to follow two masters, the Pope and Christ. I could not believe two contradictory teachings, tradition and the Bible. I had to choose between Christ and the Pope, between tradition and the Bible; and I have chosen Christ and the Bible: I left the Roman priesthood and the Roman religion on February 22, 1944, and now I have been led by the Holy Spirit to evangelize Roman Catholics, and urge Christians to witness to them without fear."

Church Members—

There is a vast difference between just ordinary church members and those who are members of the Body of Christ—The Church. All that a number of church members want is just to make Christ a "Fire Escape"; just miss hell and get into heaven—just inside. Usually these people get all they can for as little as they can. They go to church occasionally, when it does not take them from their worldly pleasure. They rather criticize the pastor than to support him. If the paint is all off and gone from the church walls, "It is all right, after all it is only another house—just a meeting place," they say.

The real Christian is not so. He is anxious about the welfare of his physical plant—the church building and educational buildings and the parsonage. He is interested in the program of the church. He longs to see the lost brought to Christ. He is willing to spend his time and talent and money to bring Christ to the hearts of men everywhere.

He goes to church to associate with God's people. He worships because he loves the Christ who bought the church with His own precious blood. He does not merely seek to get to Heaven. He is anxious to take others along with him. He cannot be satisfied only in doing his best for the Christ he loves and those for whom Christ died. He shakes the pastor's hand with a smile of gladness. He never hangs around, he just makes it his business to be among those who are leading with a forward "Let's Go." He wants God to use him. He never tries to use God. He usually prays "Lord use me." He wants the Holy Ghost to have control and use him. Instead of saying, "I've got the Holy Ghost," He lets the Holy Ghost do the work, and gives the glory to Jesus. Why not be a real Christian. The way is through being born of the Spirit, filled with the Spirit and being used by the Spirit." "A full surrender, brings a full blessing," said Francis Havergal, and this is my testimony.

THE CHURCH OF TOMORROW

This is a part of the message Dad left with this church, Sunday, April 25, 1948, just five days before being called to his heavenly reward. I am going to quote him the best I can, from one of the outlines I think he used. I quote: "The world is facing the greatest crisis in its history; everything has changed. Larger visions and greater responsibility are coming to us every day, but the most vital of all is that of our church life. It must be a Spiritual Church.

Stanley H. Everett
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Portsmouth, Va.

whole Gospel, one that reaches the whole man and his various needs. It must recognize only ONE MASTER, and seek to make His Life and His standards realized throughout the world. Right now the church is facing the greatest Missionary opportunities of the Christian Centuries."



PORTSMOUTH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

"It must seek to transform into every day life, the Spiritual principles of Jesus. It must not proclaim a new Gospel, but just simply get back to Christ. Its cry must be unanimous and from the heart: 'Lord, to whom shall go?' It must be a Church emphasizing the democracy of Jesus, and His band of fisherman disciples. The future generation will demand such proof of our profession in Christ, and it behooves us to be at our very best, if we are to make the world safe for democracy. The same loyalty, faithfulness, and service to our great Commander will enable us to carry on the task that is ours to do. Christian brotherhood must take the place of 'Everyman for himself, for 'No man liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself,' whether we live or die we are the Lord's. It must be a Humanitarian Church. A church with a larger program, as we are facing greater opportunities, and meeting with greater needs than ever before. It must live and proclaim the

"He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father" (Jon. 14:12).

After this message Dad said that he saw great opportunities for the church here, and that he was leaving for home on Thursday. We have often wondered, if he had a vision of the coming week, and knew that his call was near and his work on earth was about to end. Again we wonder if he wasn't speaking of his Heavenly Home. I did my best to keep him with us until Friday noon, so that I could take him by car, knowing that he wasn't much for riding busses. But he would not be persuaded to remain over even for a day. He often remarked that the Lord willing, he would like to be called from his pulpit, or from New Bern, as most of his friends were in and around New Bern. His last words to the church in Portsmouth were those of his own; "Children keep on keeping on."

The Portsmouth church again wishes to thank each of you who have made it possible. The going hasn't been easy, but it is keeping on, and will until victory has been won, the Lord willing. The pastor and the church solicits the prayers of all praying people, that the church may forge ahead under the banner of Christ our Lord. The membership is now fifty five, twenty two male members, seventeen of whom are the head of families. I am sorry that I don't have the figures at this time, that you may know how these people are really working. Perhaps I can pass this information on to you later.

SOME DAY IS TOO LATE!

A little girl with shining eyes—
Her little face aglow,
Said, "Daddy, it is almost time
For Sunday School, let's go.
They teach us there of Jesus' love,
Of how He died for all
Those who on Him will call."

"Oh, no!" said Daddy, "not today,
I've worked hard all week,
And I must have one day of rest,
I'm going to the creek
For there I can relax and rest,
And fishing's fine, they say,
So run along; don't bother me,
We'll go to church some day."

Months and years have passed away
But Daddy hears that plea no more:
"Let's go to Sunday School,"
Those childish days are o'er.
And now that Daddy's growing old,
When life is almost through
He finds some time to go to church.
But what does daughter do?

She says: "Oh Daddy, not today—
I stayed up almost all night
And I've just got to get some sleep,
Besides, I look a fright!"
Then Daddy lifts a trembling hand
To brush away the tears,
As again he hears the pleading voice
Distinctly through the years.

He sees a small girl's shining face
Upturned, with eyes aglow,
As she says, "It's time for Sunday School;
Please, Daddy, won't you go?"

Author Unknown

Contributed by Mrs. Laura Mathias,
Gates, North Carolina

Cragmont Calls to Women

1950 CONFERENCE EXPECTED TO EXCEL ALL PREVIOUS GATHERINGS

The call is being sent out to women of the Free Will Baptist churches everywhere to come to Cragmont Assembly, in the inspiring mountains of Western North Carolina, for the big conference of Christian women, August 14-21. Interest manifested to this date indicate that this conference may excel in attendance, inspiration, and fellowship all previous meetings of women at Cragmont, as wonderful as they have been. From here and there have come the encouraging assurance from women who have been to former conferences, from women who plan to go this year, and from women who may never be privileged to go: "I am praying for the Woman's Conference at Cragmont."

Women are invited from everywhere, north, south, east and west. But registrations must come in early if you are not to run the risk of receiving a little note, which would be sent with as much regret as received, "Sorry, but every place at Cragmont has been taken." Today is the day! Now is the accepted time! (Time you may be accepted!) So, women, register at once by sending your name, full address, church, and conference, together with the registration fee of \$2.00, plus the 50c camp insurance fee, and say, "Reserve a place for me at Cragmont." The cost of room and board for the week is \$15.00, which you will pay at the assembly.

A bus is being arranged for women going from eastern North Carolina, with the following schedule of fares: Round trip from New Bern, \$12.50; from Kinston, \$11.75; from Wilson, \$11.25; from Raleigh, \$10.50; from Durham, \$10.00. Those desiring reservations on the bus should send in request at once, accompanied by the required deposit of \$5.00, which will be applied on the fare, balance to be paid upon boarding bus.

Let me introduce to you in advance our guest minister, who will bring us messages of inspiration and instruction each day at 11:45 A. M. He is Rev. F. B. Cherry, pastor of the Edgemont Church in Durham, N. C., and has been a successful evangelist for a number of years. Brother Cherry is a man of fine Christian character, a likable personality, and a speaker whose manner is pleasing and whose message rings true to God's Word. We consider ourselves most fortunate in securing his service for this conference.

Other speakers and instructors beside the Rev. Mr. Cherry include Mrs. Ethel Whaley, of Jacksonville, N. C., who will bring instruction on "Women Launching Out," and "Fishing for our Youth"; Mrs. Walter Carter of Roanoke, N. C., who will conduct morning devotions and give instruc-

tion on Stewardship; Mrs. Marvin Moor of Scotland Neck, N. C., who will be the conference pianist. All the addresses and instruction will harmonize with the conference theme, "Launching Out Into the Deep." We hope in addition to the scheduled features to present some "surprises" during the conference.

OUR GUEST MINISTER



Rev. F. B. Cherry

Send your registration to the conference director,

Mrs. L. E. Ballard,
826 Pollock Street,
New Bern, North Carolina

AN S-O-S CALL

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention of North Carolina is sending out an "S-O-S" call to all local auxiliaries to push the Anna Phillips Loan Fund forward with all possible power during the next few weeks. There are worthy needs which cannot be met at this time in connection with making it possible for some of our finest young people to enter the Bible College this fall. Auxiliaries having cards are urged to complete them at once and send the money in. Mail all donations to

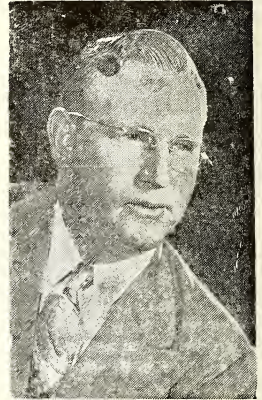
Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Treasurer
Winterville, North Carolina

He who neglects the present moment throws away all he has. Remember, time is the most valuable thing that a man can spend. It costs nothing because it is priceless!

Welcome to Tupelo

National Sunday School Convention
Convening August 8-10, 1950

The National Sunday School Convention will convene with East Tupelo F. W. B. Church August 8-10, 1950.



Rev. Luther Gibson, Pastor

The host church and Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools of Mississippi are looking forward, with great anticipation, to this occasion that will bring our leaders in Sunday School work to our State and delegates from the different states where we have churches.

We cordially invite you to come to the Magnolia State in August and we will do all we can to see that you enjoy your visit with us.

The following named Committee, with the cooperation of host church and nearby F. W. B. Churches, will look after arrangements and see to the comfort and welfare of all visitors:

PUBLICITY: Luther Gibson, chm., C. C. Davidson, H. E. Post, L. L. Reese, C. V. Long, M. O. Haas, J. M. Herndon.

HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION: W. G. Prude, Chairman, W. C. Rea, C. E. Brown, D. P. Marcy, L. C. Bedford, H. A. Roberts, L. B. Hill.
CORRESPONDENCE AND REGISTRATION: L. E. Duncan, Chm., Larue Marcy, Elizabeth Gibson, Jo Ann Parham, Lucille Winders.

Please address all mail to Committee on Correspondence and Registration, Box 1, East Tupelo, Miss.

Saratoga Reporting Good Bible School

Miss Sherley Little

Our Daily Vacation Bible school began June 12 and continued through June 16. Mrs. Paul Thigpen was director, Miss Mary A. Whitley was secretary, and Mr. Jimmy Letchworth was the assistant director. Miss Joyce Proctor was the pianist, and Miss Jannie Dildy was song leader.

As each pupil brought a new student to the Bible school a gold star was placed on his crown. The enrollment reached 228. There were seven classes, namely: Beginners, Primaries, Junior No. 1, Junior No. 2, Junior No. 3, the Intermediates, and the Adults. The Beginners enrolled 45, and the teachers were Mrs. Joel Ellis, and Mrs. Hubert Burress. The Primary class enrolled 39, and the teachers were Mrs. Albert Proctor, and Mrs. Robert Bynum.

Class No. 1 of the Juniors enrolled 15, and the teacher was Mrs. Mary Lou Jackson. Class No. 2 of the Junior department enrolled 24, and the teacher was Mrs. Jessie Lou White. The Junior class No. 3 enrolled 27, and the teacher was Mr. Albert Proctor. The Intermediate class enrolled 39 and the teacher was Mrs. Mabel Bunch. The Adult class enrolled 42, and the teacher was Rev. Ranton Jackson, the pastor of the church. Mrs. C. W. Burress, Mrs. Sadie Beamon, and Mrs. Lucile Burress had charge of hand work for the girls, and Mr. Albert Proctor, and Rev. Ranton Jackson had charge of the boys in the handicraft work. The following had charge of the devotions during the week: Monday, Mrs. Mary Lou Jackson; Tuesday, Miss Margaret Price; Wednesday, Miss Lillie Mae Owens; Thursday, Miss Ann Webb; Friday, Miss Annie Burress. During the week we had special music directed by Miss Peggy Varnell and Connie and Willa Jackson.

The average daily attendance was 192. The refreshments were donated each day by different members of the church. The Christian Church across the street from our church generously offered two of their Sunday School rooms for our use for

class work during the Bible School. This offer was accepted, and we as a church wish to express our appreciation to these church people for their generosity.

Mr. Jimmy Letchworth was the driver of the bus which belongs to the church and Sunday School. He conveyed by the bus many of the pupils to the Bible school. We awarded 172 certificates on Friday afternoon, and closed the school by giving the children an old-fashion picnic in the park in Wilson. Everyone declared that it was the best Bible School we have ever had. They said that it was a full week of instruction, inspiration, and recreation.

Tulsa Leagues Report Good Camp

New Officers Installed

We, the First Mission Leaguers, would like to report our Youth Camp through the columns of the Baptist paper. We had an enrollment of 143 in attendance. There were 17 of this number saved upon making a profession of Christ as their personal Saviour.

The camp lasted for ten days, beginning June 26 and running through July 5. Rev. John H. West, pastor of First Church of Tulsa, Oklahoma, was the General Director of the camp.

We held our Annual League Business day on Thursday, July 6, and the new officers are as follows: President, Rev. Wade Jernigan; Vice-President, Don Wagner; Recording secretary, Carolyn Franklin; Corresponding secretary, Thelma Lister; Treasurer, Shirley Day; Sponsor, Rev. W. C. Day.

We are asking the prayers of the Christian people for our Leaguers that they may go forward and do great things for the glory of God.

Thelma Lister, Cor.-Secy.

"Youth for Service for Christ" Organized

The young people of Loyal Chapel F. W. B. church of Columbia, Tennessee, met and organized a union for better service in youth. The name of this organization is the Y. S. C. which represents "Youth in Service for Christ." The group of about twenty young people meet every Tuesday night in the church basement. At the first meeting officers were elected as follows:

Sue Spencer, president
Bobby Counts, vice-president
Peggy Lee, secretary
Grace Matlock, treasurer

Martha Jones, song director
Peggy Lee, pianist
Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Bloss and Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Brown, sponsors.

The main purpose of this organization is to keep the young people of this community away from the ways of the world and interested in the Lord's work.

All new members will be initiated. Chm. of the initiation committee is James Jones. After the business and devotion, games are played and refreshments are served. The chairmen of these committees are Lee Tillery and Grace Matlock, respectively.

Sue Spencer, pres.
Grace Matlock, treas.

SOUND ADVICE TO A YOUNG PREACHER

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came. We, as soldiers, need the courage to face the future, knowing that we shall be victorious and knowing that all things work together for good to them that love God and are the called according to His purpose. When Cortez landed in Mexico in the days of early conquest of this continent, with a handful of soldiers, he faced three million hostile Indians. He had to conquer or be conquered. You remember also that after the Lord's death Peter said, "I go a fishing." He had saved back his nets, just in case. So all he needed to do was to unpack them and go back to his old trade. He should have destroyed them. Young soldier of the Cross, if you would preach the gospel thoroughly, and give full proof of your ministry, you must have no other work. You won't need to have anything to fall back on nor to become entangled in the affairs of this life.

Chapter 2, Verse 15, "Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the Word of truth." This verse has been interpreted to mean several different things. I thing the apostle had no reference of how to correctly interpret Scripture; nor was he referring to the care taken to divide the sacrifice under the Law. This is what he is saying: "Young preacher, endeavor to cultivate and improve your heart and mind that thou mayest not be a reproach to Him from whom you profess to receive your commis-

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“YET YE SAY, WHEREIN”

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TEXT: Malachi 1:2—“Wherein”

Malachi 3:7—“Wherein”

How often we hear these words “Wherein”? We all know that “Malachi” means “My Messenger” or “Messenger of God.” We learn from Nehemiah of the time of confusion during Nehemiah’s absence. It seems that this is the time that Malachi must have prophesied. The burden of his message is the love of Jehovah and the sins of the people and the Day of the Lord. He established the house of God among them, but their worship was formal and insincere. Nehemiah 13:1-12. The Book of Malachi is only four short chapters and only fifty-five verses. It is in four natural divisions:

- First: The love of God for His people.
- Second: The sins of the priest rebuked.
- Third: The sins of the people rebuked.
- Fourth: The Day of the Lord.

The first five verses tell of the love of God for His people. Yet the people question God’s love. They say, “Wherein hast thou loved us”? The next eighteen verses are concerning the sinning priest. Yet, these priests want to know “wherein have we despised thee”? The Lord tells them, literally, “I would that one among you would shut the doors of the temple, that no more vain fires should be kindled on my altar.” This reminds us of Isaiah 1:11-15. What could you expect of the people when the priests were insincere? The spirituality of the people can go no higher than the leaders. If the preacher and the teacher are insincere, you will find the church full of insincere people. A preacher that is not an example to his people is a stench in the nostrils of God. Verse ten in chapter two emphasizes sins against the brotherhood. This refers to the marrying

into foreign families. God’s people were to be a separate people.

Next: Verses 11-16 deal with sin against God in the families. This also covers marriage among the heathen, and also pretending to be a separate people—shedding many tears on the altar and pretending they were separate from others. God had set Israel aside to be His people and to represent God in the earth. Surely, this is as true of His Church in this day of grace. He did not form His Church for the purpose of becoming a great ecclesiastical organization, to become a power in politics, in finance, nor to deal in the marts of the world system; but to represent God in the earth by a life that would represent Him. Verse 17 speaks of the sin of insincere religious profession. They worried God with their words, mere lip profession. They called evil good and doubted that God would send judgment upon them for their sins. How many sermons do we hear today that mentions God’s judgment against sin? I think you will agree with me that we are living in a day when almost anything will go. We have become so anxious for numbers that we have sacrificed quality.

The third chapter tells of the “Judgment of the Lord.” Verses 7-14 tell of the people robbing God, and they say, “Wherein have we robbed thee”? O, but this is a delicate question. It would probably be diplomatic to pass over this. This is one load in the gospel gun that will certainly hit a big flock of folk that claim to be Christians. But I did not load the gun, and we are commanded to preach the whole Counsel of God. This is a terrible charge God makes against His people. If a man rob his neighbor’s home or his chicken house, he is a bad citizen. A banker who steals the money intrusted to him is a bad fellow. It is robbery. Well, this is just what God charges His people with. Everything they had and everything we have is His, and He requires them and us to pay into His store house 10 per cent of what He made them, and us, stewards over, and they robbed Him of this 10 per cent. Oh, but some one says, “That law of tithing was under the old law.” Yes, we always look

for something to justify us when we fail God, but the tithe was required long before the dispensation of law. The very first act of worship recorded in the Bible was accompanied by offering of material values, Genesis 4:3-7. Again, Abraham, the father of the faithful, gave a tenth to the priest and Melchizedek, as a token of his love for God. Genesis 14:17-20 and Genesis 15:1-5. True tithing was brought over into the dispensation of the Law, but even then, with the faithful Israelite, it was not merely a matter of obeying the law, but it was a joyful gift unto the Lord as a part of worship. Deut. 14:22-23 and Prov. 3:5-10. When the Pharisees get in bad concerning the tithe and received such a stinging rebuke from Jesus, was when they failed to recognize that the tithe meant not only the tithing of their earthly substance, but also submitting themselves along with their tithe and offering. They left off mercy, judgment and faith, Matthew 23:23. Jesus saw to it that the act of worship-tithing was carried over into the dispensation of grace, and He made it a part of worship, 1st Cor. 16:1-3; and there cannot be true worship without tithing and giving unto the Lord. True worship arises from an attitude of the soul, love is the passionate urge that gives expression in worship. I would have a hard time convincing you that I love a man while I had my hand in his pocket robbing him. Lip service is the cheapest form of worship. You have heard the expression, “that man is as close as the bark on a tree.” Well, this is a mother Hubbard fit compared to some so-called Christians. I have heard of a man who was so close he would chew his tobacco, then take it out and dry it in the sun, snuff the ashes, sneeze and grease his shoes. I would not vouch for the authenticity of this story, but if there was such a man, I imagine he was a member of some church. Churches hold more robbers than all the prisons in America. In the strictest Biblical sense, no man has the right of membership, or voice, or vote in the work of a New Testament Church (if he has been taught) who does not consistently tithe. In other words, no robber has a right in a

church of Jesus Christ, and God says the non-tither is a robber. Let us notice the result of robbing God, the church has secularized herself. Shows, bazaars, etc. We claim to believe John 3:16, but we do not believe Matt. 6:33 and Phil. 4:19. We are living on cheap wafers instead of the Bread of Life.

Verses 16-18 show that a revival has broken out. Note if you please, that seven times the people, so to speak, tried to argue with God. When He would correct them, they would say, "Wherein have we done wrong?" It was only when they stopped and thought upon His Names, did they get right. Here are the Names:

- "Jehovah-jireh"—(The Lord will provide)
- "Jehovah-rapha"—(The Lord that healeth)
- "Jehovah-nissi"—(The Lord our banner)
- "Jehovah-Shalom"—(The Lord our peace)
- "Jehovah-ra, ah"—(The Lord our Shepherd)
- "Jehovah-tsidkenu"—(The Lord our Righteousness)
- "Jehovah-Shammah"—(The Lord is present)

When the people thought on these names, they found that God was an all sufficient God.

The name "Almighty God" is taken from the compound Hebrew word "El Shaddai." The qualifying word "Shaddai" is formed from the Hebrew word "shad" (the breast) invariably used in Scripture for a woman's breast as in Genesis 49:25, Job 3:12, and many other passages. This is the Great Qualifying Name of God, occurring thirty-one times in the Book of Job alone. A mother pours her life into her babe, nourisher, satisfier, quieter, strengthener, care for etc. They thought on these things. Hear the admonition of Paul in Phil. 4:8. In Malachi 4:16 "God harkened," literally, stooped, bent forward, to listen to them, and He remembered. He opened a book of remembrance and wrote their names and their prayers in a book. That is just like our loving Father when we pray and when we trust. Listen again, "they feared (that is they reverenc-

ed) the Lord." They looked at themselves in the presence of a Holy God, then they spake often to one another, not about one another. All bickering gone, selfishness gone, envy gone, and suspicion gone. What a gathering! In love with God and in love with one another. Believe me, that was a real revival. Then the Lord makes a declaration concerning His coming. This little company, He says, "Will be Mine in the Day when I make up My pewels." Praise God for this promise. Yes, He will come as a thief in the night. In other words He will take only the precious jewels, not the rubbish. ARE YOU READY?

Do You Love the Lord?

Elder Robert Hiddle

We read these words spoken by Jesus: "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). The question is: Do we love God as much as we should? Let us notice the text, which says, "If ye love me, ye will." It does not say "maybe."

We are made to wonder sometimes, when we see some church members do certain things, if they really love the Lord? Many of them will go to church and Sunday School, and pay their pastor some money. This is what they should do, and most Christians will do this if they love God as they should.

But let us notice some of them after church and Sunday School are out. They will take their children to Sunday picnic, a show, to some ball game, or to some other worldly place of amusement. In Proverbs we read these words: "Train up the child in the way that he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." In this day, there are so many parents who are not being fair to their children.

How can we expect your children to grow up in the right way, and be God-loving men and women, when parents do not teach them the Bible, but set bad examples of living before them. This great commandment of God is being broken more and more each week by all classes of peo-

ple. On Sundays, the highways are full of cars with people in them who have been fishing on God's holy day. A great many church people are saying that Sunday is the only day they have off from work, and it is the only day they can go fishing, to the shows, ball games and the like. Do they love God as they should? Do they regard Sunday as a holy day?

The Apostle James says for us to keep ourselves unspotted from the world (James 1:27b). In Matthew 6:24, Jesus said, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." When a person tries to do that, the Devil will draw him his way. It is easy for us to do what the Devil wants us to do. It is plain that when we let the Devil lead us, then we let our love for God slacken. In Hebrews 4:16, we find these words: "Let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

I am afraid that most of us are not calling on God as much as we should. It is when we fail to pray that we yield to the Devil, and then we fail to love God as we should. Therefore, we should pray more and love God more, and keep the Devil's temptations away from us. It is time for all Christians to wake up, and to get busy for the Lord. There will come a day when it will be too late for some to wake up, and to get busy for the Lord, as was true of the five foolish virgins. Some will find the door closed if they do not wake up in time to do the Master's bidding.

A PRAYER

By Mrs. Edwin Roper, Ransomville, N. C.

Keep me gentle, Precious Saviour,
Always tender, kind and true;
Never let me stray, nor fail Thee
In Thy work for me to do.

Keep me sweet, and ever patient,
Fill my heart and soul within
With Thy Holy Spirit's presence
Cleanse me daily of all sin!

Let Thy light reach down from heaven,
And shine through unworthy me,
That some dying soul be rescued;
Saved through all eternity.

Keep me humble, oh, so humble,
That all glory and honor too,
May be accredited honest, and justly,
To Him to whom all honor is due.

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Miss Mary E. Talton, Manager

(All services at 8:00 p. m. unless otherwise indicated).

Day Date Church
French Broad Association

Saturday, July 29—Shady Grove
Sunday, July 30—Marshall
Monday, July 31—Red Hill
Tuesday, August 1—Anderson Branch
Wednesday, August 2—Fugate
Thursday, August 3—Barnard
Friday, August 4—Walnut
Saturday, August 5—Shoal Hill
Sunday, August 6—Laurel Fork
Monday, August 7—Mt. Zion
Tuesday, August 8—Mt. Bethel

ROCK FISH CONFERENCE

Friday, August 11—Red Springs
Saturday, August 12—Hickory Grove
Sunday, August 13—Sandy Grove
Monday, August 14—Bethel

PEE DEE CONFERENCE

Tuesday, August 15—Bladenboro
Wednesday, August 16—Oak Grove No. 1
Thursday, August 17—Mill Rock
Friday, August 18—Mt. Calvary
Saturday, August 19—Mt. Olive
Sunday, August 20—Beaver Dam
Monday, August 21—Emerson
Tuesday, August 22—Mission Valley
Wednesday, August 23—Pine Level
Thursday, August 24—Cedar Branch
Friday, August 25—Cypress Creek

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Miss Cleo Eatman, Manager

(All services at 8:00 p. m. unless otherwise noted).

DAY DATE CHURCH
TOE RIVER ASSOCIATION

Saturday, July 29—Ivey Heights
Sunday, July 30—Curtis Creek (11:00 a. m.)
Sunday, July 30—Vale (8:00 p. m.)
Monday, July 31—Mt. View
Tuesday, August 1—Elk Mountain
Wednesday, August 2—Coxes Creek

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Miss Bonnie Farmer, Manager

(All services at 8:00 unless otherwise noted.)

DAY DATE CHURCH
Central Conference

Friday, July 28—Hugo
Saturday, July 29—Rose Hill

Sunday, July 30—Black Jack
Monday, July 31—Rose of Sharon
Tuesday, August 1—Hickory Grove
Wednesday, August 2—Parker's Chapel
Thursday, August 3—Greenville
Friday, August 4—Piney Grove, Pitt Co.
Saturday, August 5—Reedy Branch
Sunday, August 6—Sts. Delight
Monday, August 7—Maury
Tuesday, August 8—Dilda's Grove
Wednesday, August 9—Otters Creek
Thursday, August 10—Rocky Mount
Friday, August 11—Dawson's Grove

Western Conference

Saturday, August 12—Peoples Chapel
Sunday, August 13—Little Rock, Lucama
Cape Fear Conference
Monday, August 14—Raleigh
Tuesday, August 15—Johnston Union
Wednesday, August 16—Hopewell
Thursday—August 17—Smithfield
Friday—August 18—Bethel
Saturday, August 19—Stevens Chapel
Sunday, August 20—Prospect
Monday, August 21—Corinth
Tuesday, August 22—Shady Grove
Wednesday, August 23—St. Paul
Thursday, August 24—Black Jack Grove
(Western Conference)
Friday, August 25—Daileys Chapel
Saturday, August 26—St. John
Sunday, August 27—Riverside

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Mrs. E. A. Taylor, Manager

(All services at 8:00 p. m. unless otherwise noted.)

DAY DATE CHURCH
Central Conference

Saturday, July 29—Elm Grove
Sunday, July 30—Bethany (11:00 a. m.)
Sunday, July 30—Pleasant Hill
Monday, July 31—Piney Grove
Tuesday, August 1—Cedar Grove
Wednesday, August 2—Sweet Gum Grove
Thursday, August 3—Gum Swamp
Friday, August 4—King X Roads
Saturday, August 5—Winterville
Sunday, August 6—Little Creek
Monday, August 7—Old Sts. Delight
Tuesday, August 8—Grimsley
Wednesday, August 9—Aspin Grove
Thursday, August 10—Edgewood
Western Conference
Friday, August 11—Barnes Hill
Saturday, August 12—Piney Grove, Nash County

Sunday, August 13—Wilson

Cape Fear Conference

Monday, August 14—Wooten's Chapel
Tuesday, August 15—Powhatan
Wednesday, August 16—Lanwood's Chapel
Thursday, August 17—Yelverton's Grove
Friday, August 18—Tees Chapel
Saturday, August 19—St. Mary's Grove
Sunday, August 20—Pleasant Grove
Monday, August 21—Lee's Chapel

Tuesday, August 22—Robert's Grove
Wednesday, August 23—Oak Grove
Thursday, August 24—West Clinton
Friday, August 25—Spring Hill (Western)
(Conf.)
Saturday, August 26—Casey's Chapel
Sunday, August 27—Goldsboro

ORPHANAGE REPORT
MIDDLESEX, N. C.

JUNE RECEIPTS FOR 1950

(Note: Receipts have been mailed to each individual auxiliary or person contributing, but totals here are shown for all amounts from each church regardless of organization through which it came for the period covered. Our books and files are open at all times for inspection or checking for any particular receipt.)

GENERAL FUND

<i>Eastern</i>	
Edwards Chapel	\$ 74.00
Holy Springs	5.00
Bethel	21.50
Wardens Grove	16.50
Soundview	10.00
Davis	12.50
Ruth's Chapel	7.85
Roe	9.00
Wintergreen	12.00
Oriental	4.13
St. Marys	19.57
Dublin Grove	10.27
Core Creek	30.00
Union Chapel	30.79
Sneads Ferry	3.60
Beulaville	10.63
Antioch	35.00
St. Johns Chapel	10.00
Kinston	27.84
Total	\$350.18

Fairview *Jacks Creek* \$ 50.00

Pine Grove *Rockfish* \$ 23.00

<i>Central</i>	
Walnut Creek	\$ 6.60
Free Union	46.08
Black Jack Grove	5.00
Hugo	10.50
Rose Hill	42.03
Hull Road	14.50
Shiloh	5.00
Saratoga	6.00
4th Union	117.70
Howell Swamp	5.00
Harrells Chapel	5.00
Marlboro	3.56
Winterville	13.25
Greenville	22.64
Gum Swamp	6.81
Aspin Grove	8.00
Total	\$317.76

<i>French Broad</i>	
Averys Creek	\$ 3.62
Beaverdam	5.00
Laurelton Chapel	6.10
Horney Heights	5.00
Cedar Hill	12.00
Marshall	5.00
Total	\$ 36.72

Piney Grove, Beaufort County *Albemarle* \$ 7.69

Saw Mill Hill *Western Yearly* \$ 6.00

Western

Oak Grove, Wilson County	\$ 7.50
Marsh Swamp	10.00
Rains Cross Roads	2.25
Wilson	8.15
St. Marys	38.62
Friendship	16.06
White Oak Hill	18.60
3rd Union	143.13
Rock Springs	10.00
Orphanage Memorial Chapel	8.18
Little Rock	5.25
Union Chapel	10.00
Sprigg Hill	23.00
2nd Union	31.50
Pleasant Plain	30.00
Everett's Chapel	44.17
Total	\$406.41

Cape Fear

Prospect	\$ 20.00
Corinth	5.00
Auxiliary Convention	40.95
Lanwoods Chapel	3.00
West Clinton	7.05
Roberts Grove	5.00
Stevens Chapel	2.40
Pleasant Grove	5.00
Lee's Chapel	13.11
Powhatan	6.00
Total	\$107.51

Pee Dee

White Oak	\$ 13.00
Millrock	2.00
Pleasant Meadow	5.97
Total	\$ 20.97

Miscellaneous

Farm cash sales	\$ 270.63
Young People's Friend Subs.	27.50
Concert Class Receipts	3,364.39
Parents and Relatives	21.00
T. F. Davenport	5.00
Rudolph Manning	5.03
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Murray	15.00
Ralph Horne	5.00
Refunds	35.09
N. C. Womans Aux. Convention	75.00
Total	\$3,824.41

CLOTHING FUND

Corinth Auxiliary (Cape Fear)	\$ 30.00
Cape Fear Auxiliary Convention	30.00
Total	\$ 60.00

MUSIC FUND

Kinston Auxiliary (Eastern)	\$ 5.00
Greenville Auxiliary (Central)	5.00
Total	\$ 10.00

STOVE FUND

Christian Chapel Aux. (Eastern)	\$ 10.00
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COW FUND

Union Grove Aux. (Western)	\$ 25.00
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FUND TO REFURNISH GIRLS

BUILDING

Winterville Aux. (Central)	\$ 25.00
N. C. Woman's Aux. Convention	45.00
St. Mary's Aux. (Eastern)	50.00
Total	\$120.00

TOTALS

General Fund	\$5,150.65
Clothing Fund	60.00
Music Fund	10.00
Stove Fund	10.00
Girl's Bldg. Refurnishing Fund	120.00
Cov. Purchasing Fund	25.00
Grand Total Receipts	\$5,375.65

R. McLeod, Treasurer

DONATED COMMODITIES

Kinston Auxiliary (Eastern)	
Household Supplies	\$ 55.00
Little Creek Auxiliary (Central)	
Clothing	15.00
Verdie Davenport, Clothing	5.00
N. C. Department of Agriculture,	
Food	94.50
Total	\$169.50
Walter McD. Croom, Superintendent	

CONCERT CLASS ITEMIZED RECEIPTS

Mrs. E. A. TAYLOR, Manager

Eastern

May's Chapel	\$ 19.08
Indian Springs	20.10
Snow Hill	20.00
Long Ridge	20.21
Gray Branch	15.00
Christian Chapel	45.86
Woodington	34.51
Icuville	43.00
Sandy Plains	50.50
Bethlehem	60.67
Pearsalls Chapel	68.18
Jacksonville	19.00
Verona	32.00
Sneads Ferry	26.85
Holly Springs	50.43
Morehead City	43.44
Russell's Creek	20.08
Edwards Chapel	64.33
Free Union	25.62
Bridgeton	105.95
Arapahoe	66.00
Bethel	66.61
Rock of Zion	38.40
Wardens Grove	57.00
Ephesus	55.64
Oak Grove	20.50
Macdonia	111.06
Total	\$1,200.07

MISS BONNIE FARMER, Manager

Eastern

Northeast	\$ 57.07
Grants Chapel	15.46
Rooty Branch	38.20
Dailcys Chapel	27.50
Piney Grove	12.00
Deep Run	37.91
Smith's New Home	70.70
Whaleys Chapel	40.00
Cabin	50.28
Sarecta	31.00
Leaders Chapel	40.50
Mt. Zion, Onslow County	28.70
Folkstone	30.10
Soundview	50.70
Beaufort	39.74
Welcome Home	27.50
Davis	50.00
St. Johns Chapel	47.00
St. Marys	202.88
Oriental	68.50
Trent	40.20
Mt. Zion, Pamlico County	62.00
Dublin Grove	72.00
Core Point	60.25
Union Chapel	15.00
Palmetto Chapel	18.00
Total	\$1,301.23

MISS MARY E. TALTON, Manager

Piedmont

Mt. Moriah	\$ 41.00
Highland Pines	40.35
Aleo	26.97
Mt. Beulah	35.23
Wayside	30.50
New Hope	20.19
Mt. Calvary	30.10

Rebbins Circle	17.10
Arrington Heights	43.55
Gobbles Chapel	10.00
Mabel Avenue	86.52
Ben Avenue	16.84
Mt. Zion	17.41
Westover	50.00
Cedar Grove	20.37
Boger City	28.35
Lowell	11.40
Tabernacle	40.00
Mt. Holly	52.25
Stanley	18.24
E. Belmont	25.00
Goshen Grove	50.00
Cramerton	11.77
First Street	18.80
Washington Street	18.30
Fifth Avenue	11.00
Total	\$ 771.14

MISS CLEE EATMON, Manager

Western

Everetts Chapel	\$ 57.00
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Eastern

Mt. Pleasant	\$ 23.25
New Bethlehem	28.23
Mt. Olive	28.52
Smyrna	31.44
Reunion Chapel	30.00

Jack's Creek

Glen Alpine	15.25
Fair View	25.00
Liberty	37.50
Davistown	25.58
Bowditch	25.08
Total	\$ 296.86

BUDGET RECEIPTS

Eastern Conference	\$11622.29
Central Conference	7,313.09
Western Conference	6,819.36
Cape Fear Conference	3,733.42
Albemarle Conference	809.99
Jacks Creek Association	814.68
French Broad Association	672.99
Piedmont Association	1,599.63
Pee Dee Association	501.93
Rockfish Association	229.17
Toe River Association	15.00
Western Yearly	11.00
Total	\$34,142.55

Pocahontas Experiences
Great Revival

The Sunday evening service, May 14, marked the climax of a very successful revival held at the Pocahontas F. W. B. Church, Pocahontas, Arkansas. The evangelist, Reverend Damon Dodd, did some soul-stirring, heart-searching, and old-time gospel preaching. There were 32 souls who came to an old-fashion altar, and they received the forgiveness of their sins.

Twenty converts were received into the church and eighteen were baptized. Plans are now being made for Brother Dodd to come back again in October to hold a three-weeks institute.

Huey Gower, Pastor

Do you read your church papers?



Elijah, a Courageous Prophet

(Lesson for August 6)

LESSON: I Kings 18:30-39.

GOLDEN TEXT: I Kings 18:21.

I. THE HEART OF THE LESSON

1. Elijah, a Man of God

Today we consider the man who by many later Jews was regarded as the greatest of the Hebrew prophets. The four interesting chapters in our lesson reveal that Elijah was a man of action and a great religious reformer. He has aptly been called the Martin Luther of the Hebrews. As our lesson title indicates, he was a courageous prophet. He appeared at a time of great religious declension in North Israel, due to the introduction of Baal worship by Jezebel, the daughter of the king of Tyre. When we think of the arbitrary power of life and death possessed by ancient kings we can appreciate something of the courage it took for Elijah to face Ahab on different occasions and deliver messages that were unwelcome in the extreme. At what was probably their very first meeting, Elijah said to the king, "There shall not be dew nor rain these years but according to my word." Then he disappeared from view for about three years. Meantime Ahab had exhausted every resource in his endeavor to apprehend the audacious prophet, whom he apparently regarded as responsible for the grievous drought and famine which afflicted the country. Under such circumstances it was no easy thing to obey the divine command, "Go, show thyself unto Ahab." When Ahab saw Elijah he greeted him with the gruff question, "Is it thou, thou troubler of Israel?" (18:17 RV.) To this the prophet boldly replied that it was Ahab, rather than he, who had been troubling Israel.—Arnold's Commentary.

To be fair to God and ourselves, we should read prayerfully all that

the Bible has to say about Elijah.

2. Elijah's Honesty (vss. 33-35)

Elijah did this to prevent any kind of suspicion on the part of the false prophets of Baal that there was no fire concealed under the altar. It is said by an ancient writer that he had seen under altars of the heathens holes dug deep with funnels proceeding from them, and communicating with the openings on the tops of these altars. In those holes the heathen priests concealed fire, which communicated through the funnels with the holes, set fire to the wood and consumed the sacrifice. In this way, the people gathered around were led to believe that the sacrifice was consumed in a miraculous way. Elijah purposed to show that no such deception would be practiced in his case. The great amount of water poured on the sacrifice and the wood was to assure the people that, if there were any hidden fire in the wood or about the altar anywhere, it certainly would be put out, even to the very last spark. Elijah purposed that no one should have any suspicions whatsoever concerning any fire that might be hidden about the altar. He meant first to convince the people of this truth, so that when the fire should come from God they would believe in His divine existence and power.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

It is quite evident that Elijah was not seeking any personal advantage in order to become popular. He was the servant of the God of heaven, and he desired to have the people understand it. The children of Israel were his own people, and the great desire of his heart was that they might forsake their evil ways and return to the Lord their God. He prayed that the people might recognize him as the true servant of Jehovah, striving to do His work and His will.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

3. Truths Briefly Stated

1. God's true messenger calls people to himself only to bring them near to God (I Kings 18:30).

2. Many a family altar has been broken down and needs to be repaired in order to end a great spiritual drought (vs. 30).

3. In spite of Israel's sin and apostasy, God has never forgotten His call to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (vs. 31).

4. We have no right to tempt God, but we know He is willing to show His superiority over all false gods (vs. 32).

5. God waited for Elijah to proceed in an orderly fashion with his preparations, even to the pouring of water over the sacrifice and the wood (vs. 33).

6. True servants of God never resort to trickery to make it appear as if God had manifest His power (vs. 34).

7. The most difficult circumstances will never be able to hinder the purpose and power of God (vs. 35).

8. It is not only important for people to know that the Lord is God, but also that His servants have fully obeyed Him (vs. 36).

9. God is able to turn the hearts of men back to Himself when His servants pray for them (vs. 37).

10. The Israelites believed, but there are some people who refuse to believe the most convincing proof of God's reality (vss. 38, 39).

11. Elijah was in a class with Moses. You will remember that they were the ones who visited our blessed Lord on the mount of transfiguration. His name was on the lips of Jesus frequently. His name is a great name to this day.

12. Concerning Elijah we read in James 5:17 that he was a man like ourselves. Elijah could have been a coward if he had wanted to be: he was human. Let us remember that we can be as brave as Elijah was, if we want to be. Folks who wait on the Lord will have all the courage they need, not only for the trials of life, but for God's business.

13. Communism is a bitter enemy of God, of Christ and of His Church. Islam is fighting every effort of Christians to witness to Moslems and win some to Christ. We who are followers of Christ should be faithful in obedience to Him, loyal in His service. We should let His love and grace control and direct our lives so that in every contact with our fellow men, Christ should be honored and exalted.—Selected.

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

Editor

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON

801 Pollock Street
New Bern, N. C.

FREE UNION AUXILIARY REPORT

The Woman's auxiliary of Free Union Church met on Saturday, June 10, 1950, at the church. Mrs. Dora Carraway, Miss Patty Carraway, Mrs. Nina Mae Carraway, and Mrs. Raeford Carraway were joint hostesses.

The meeting began by the members present singing the hymn, "Bringing in the Sheaves." Mrs. Viola Tyndall led in prayer, and the scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Lucy Tyndall. There were 36 members present for this meeting. Each member answered to her name when the roll was called by paying her dues. The amount raised was \$6.70. We discussed sending a delegate to the National Convention which convenes in July with Richmond Church, California.

We then sang a hymn, and Mrs. Viola Tyndall and Mrs. Ruth Harrell had charge of the program. Following the program we closed the meeting by singing the hymn, "Jesus Calls Us." Mrs. Lucy Tyndall dismissed the meeting in a word of prayer.

The hostess served delicious refreshments which were enjoyed by everyone present.

Mrs. Thomas Harrell, Cor.-Secy.

Little Bethel Auxiliary Holds Good Meeting

Mrs. Clifton Lyerly, Cor. Secy.

The Woman's auxiliary of Little Bethel Church, Johnsonville, South Carolina, held its regular monthly meeting on June 22 in the home of Mrs. Thomas Brown. There were 18 members present for this meeting. We had also four visitors present for the meeting.

The meeting was opened as usual by the members singing a hymn and having a prayer which was offered by Mrs. Avis Powell. Following these devotions, the president turned the meeting over to the program committee. Mrs. Marvin Todd, the leader, rendered a very interesting program. Along with the program she had some interesting readings given for the benefit of those present. The topic for the program was, "Advancing with Christ through Soul-Winning." Each one on the program was present and performed her part, after which the president took charge, and called for the transaction of the business of the auxiliary. After the business matters were transacted, we adjourned the meeting.

The hostess, Mrs. Thomas Brown and Mrs. Allen W. Baxley served refreshments which everyone present enjoyed very much. Following the refreshments, we gave to one of our members a surprise shower. Our next meeting will be held the last week of July in the home of Mrs. J. G. Eddy.

We are asking the prayers of the Christian people that we may become a greater blessing to our church and community, and be able to do more for the upbuilding of God's kingdom.

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Elwood Lane Auxiliary Reporting

The Woman's auxiliary of Elwood Lane F. W. B. Church held its regular monthly meeting Saturday, July 8, 1950, in the home of Mrs. Lorene Hooper. The meeting was opened with song and prayer. The president, Mrs. Volda Belle Lambert, read the scripture lesson from John 14:1-14. There were ten members present for this meeting, and three visitors.

During the business session of the meeting we agreed to order some Christmas cards, and twelve dollars were given to our president to purchase pillow case material. The new officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. V. B. Lambert; vice-president, Mrs. W. M. Dean; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. R.

W. Allman; assistant, Mrs. Ervin Absher; editor, Mrs. Wade White; assistant, Mrs. Lorene Hooper; Finance Committee, Mrs. F. Steele, Mrs. M. M. Query, Mrs. George Lambert, and Mrs. Dixie Barts.

After the finishing of the business matters, we were dismissed in a word of prayer. Delicious refreshments were served to all present at this meeting.

Mrs. Wade White, Reporter

Reedy Branch Church Holds Good Bible School

Mrs. E. C. Davenport

The third annual Daily Vacation Bible School was held at Reedy Branch F. W. B. Church, June 12 through the 15, with an average daily attendance of 89, and a perfect attendance of 55 during the week.

The Bible School was started, and is being sponsored by the two auxiliaries of the church. The original auxiliary was responsible for the refreshments which were served each day during the recess period, and the young women's auxiliary was responsible for the classes and the selection of teachers.

Mrs. Thomas Langston, who acted as superintendent this year, had a most interesting schedule for the classes, including Bible study, music, art, and handicrafts. The children made many nice and useful articles, including communion racks for our church pews.

We held our commencement on Friday night, with a very good audience of people who enjoyed the program which was prepared by the children. All seemed to have been pleased to see the articles that were made by the children during the week. They also enjoyed visiting our nursery which has recently been re-decorated, and also they were glad to see the splendid work which was done by Class Number 5 in their class room.

Available for Pastoral Work

I am in a position to consider pastoral work for two Sundays in the month (any Sundays), if not too far from Ayden, North Carolina. Mrs. Ballard will be free to work with me this next year, doing the same type of work she has done for the past four years in New Bern, not as an employee of the church, but as the pastor's wife.

L. E. Ballard
Box 86, Ayden, N. C.

Do you read your church papers?

OBITUARIES

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*
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Rev. L. C. Garner Passes

Rev. L. C. Garner was born in Craven county, North Carolina, on November 5th, 1873. In early life he united with the Free Will Baptist church, and when he was about 23 years old, he was ordained as a minister of the Gospel. His ministerial life covered a period of 54 years; but during 36 years of that period he was badly afflicted, and for about 15 years he was confined to his bed in an almost helpless condition. His activity in the ministry continued even after afflictions came upon him, and his earnestness and zeal were characteristics that made many wonder, for it was evident that he oft-times went in the strength of Another.

In early manhood Brother Garner married Miss Emma Lee Swain, who was a faithful wife and help-mate to him through all the years. There were born to them three sons and two daughters, and these mourn today because of their loss of a devoted father, and a faithful husband. His death occurred June 15th, 1950.

The funeral was conducted from Holly Springs church in Carteret county, by the writer, who was ably assisted by Rev. J. R. Bennett, the pastor of the church; after which his body was buried in the family cemetery near the home.

We trustingly leave him in the hands of the One who has done all things well; who is glorious in holiness; fearful in praises; doing wonders, and may His never failing love soothe and sustain the bereaved ones.

J. W. Alford

MRS. E. B. LANIER

On the 27th of May, 1950, at the age of 65, Mrs. Elizabeth Lanier passed from this life to her eternal home to be with the Lord. She was the wife of Bro. E. B. Lanier of Kinston. Mrs. Lanier united with Saints Delight Church, Pitt County, when a young girl. She moved her membership to the Free Will Baptist Church of Kinston about the year 1902, and remained a faithful worker in the church until her death.

The funeral was conducted from the First F. W. B. Church in Kinston by the pastor, Rev. A. L. Reynolds, assisted by Rev. J. C. Moye of Snow Hill, and Rev. Clifton Rice of Kinston.

She leaves to mourn their loss her husband, E. B. Lanier, two girls, Mrs. Clifton Rice, and Mrs. H. L. Avery, two boys, Elmer and Elton. Five grand children, one sister, Mrs. J. E. Harris, all of Kinston, and

a host of other relatives and friends.

Lonely the house and sad the hours
Since our dear one passed away,
To join the host, and forever live
In a land of endless day.

When day is done, and night shades fall,
When to the room we steal,
To talk with God before we sleep,
Then we her presence feel.

Her voice not audible we hear,
Her counsel day by day,
Seems ever clear, "Do your best,"
And "From evil turn away."

We fancy now we see her,
Walk gently down the aisle,
While the organ plays the prelude,
In a low melodious style.

Her church she loved, and sought to do,
The things she felt was right,
No fear had she, no sad remorse,
When to friends she said, "God Night."

Written by her friend

A Tribute to— Deborah E. Hardison

By Leone S. Mercer

Many hearts were filled with sadness Wednesday evening, June 7th, when it was learned that the mystical angel of death had silently entered Kafer Memorial Hospital, New Bern, N. C., and taken back to God who gave it the spirit of Mrs. Deborah E. Hardison. Words fail to express the grief we feel when we realize that she is no more with us. But in the midst of our sorrow comes the comforting thought that, though she has been taken from us, we know her life was not lived in vain. She was a loyal and faithful member of Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, and was never absent from the services when it was possible for her to be there, even going at times when her physical condition might well have justified her staying in more comfort at home. But she always hid her own troubles behind a cheerful and smiling face, which was an inspiration to all.

"Mrs. Hardison," as the writer knew her and loved her, was one of the sweetest Christian characters it was ever my happy privilege to know. She will be sadly missed by all. She leaves to mourn her loss four daughters, five sons, grand children, great-grand children, and a great host of friends. To all these let me say:

"Tis hard to break the tender cord,
When love has bound the heart;
'Tis hard, so hard to speak the words
We must forever part.

Courage then, dear faltering ones,
Wait a while, and you will know
That God took her home to heaven
Just because He loved her so.

You will see her at the judgment,

Robed in angel's radiant gown,
In her hand a harp of glory,
On her head a golden crown.

(Written by a friend of the family, and one who loved her.)

ANOTHER ANGEL FOR JESUS

Little Earl Van Turnage, two-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Turnage, died in his sleep and was found Tuesday morning, June 20, in his bed. His soul has gone to be with Jesus. The cause of his death was not determined.

The funeral services were held at the home by Rev. Clifton Rice, pastor of Hugo Church. The burial was in the family cemetery. A large crowd of friends and relatives attended the service. There were many beautiful floral offerings to adorn the grave. He was a faithful member of the Hugo Sunday School.

The one who was loved by many
With such abiding love;
Has found the shining path
Leading to heaven above.

The Home where joy ever dwells,
Where loved ones but await;
For us to share their happiness
Beyond the heavenly gate.
Submitted by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Turnage

Mr. Freeman H. Gaskins

I am writing this in loving memory of my dear Daddy, Mr. Freeman H. Gaskins, Jr., of Vanveboro, North Carolina. He was better known as Babe Gaskins, and it was on Sunday night, July 9, 1950, that he left us.

Father had been critically ill for several months with cancer. Every thing was done for him that doctors, the family and friends could do, but God knew best, and took him Home to be with Jesus. He was 63 years old on March 19, 1950.

The funeral services were conducted at the home by the Reverend W. A. Dail of Winterville, N. C. The remains were laid to rest in the family burial near the home, with a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

Papa, we know you were very ill,
A voice we loved is still;
A place has been made vacant in our home
Which no one else can ever fill.

You were so patient in your suffering,
And no hand could give you ease;
But God the helper of the helpless
Saw the pain and gave you relief.

Papa, you are gone but not forgotten,
Never will your memory fade;
Sweetest thoughts will ever linger
'Round the grave where you're laid.

Written by his loving daughter, Mrs. Salie Wiggins, Route 2, Vanceboro, N. C.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

LITTLE PAUL

In the city of S—— lives a little boy who has been an invalid for a few years; and as they also had a little baby, and his grandma was living with them, she used to nurse and care for little Paul, (for this was his name), as though he had been one of her own. So, of course, Paul dearly loved his grandma, and told her what he would have told but few.

He was now about five years of age, and as he was growing stronger, his dear aged grandma left him for several months, to go and see one of her daughters.

Before leaving, when little Paul would ask her if she would do this or that some day, her answer would be, "Yes, if I live," for she was very old, and she knew that she must shortly leave this world to await the resurrection, if the Lord did not come very soon. This troubled Paul, and during his grandmother's absence, he often asked his mother to sit down, and he would dictate to her what to write to his grandmother. He wrote nice letters, and often inquired about her health.

But soon something else than his grandmother's health troubled him, and perhaps you will be surprised, dear reader, when I tell you what this was. It was nothing about grandma or any one else; but it was about himself, about his sins, and about where he would spend that long eternity, if the Lord should come, or if he was to die. Again he wrote and told his grandma, and said,

"Often I am so worried, because I am afraid I don't believe on the Lord Jesus Christ."

This surprised her very much for she had often heard him speak of Jesus very nicely, but knowing the great difference between talking about Jesus, and really believing on Him from the heart, she once more told him of the love of God to poor sinners, and how He had said in the third chapter of John, the sixteenth verse,

"God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life;" and that God was willing to save him, for He said, "Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out;" and, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto Me: for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven" (Matt. 19:14), and "The Blood of Jesus Christ His (God's) Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:7).

Well, dear little Paul thought of all this, and told his papa, who read to him many more passages of the Bible, and asked the Lord for his little son. Soon after this Paul accepted Jesus as his Saviour, and

wrote to his grandma, that now his "worniness" was all gone, and he was happy, for he believed on Jesus, and was sure he was saved, for God said so.

Since then, he had had no more trouble but has been happy in the thought of going to be with Jesus.

And now, dear reader, what about you? Do you think perhaps that you have never done anything very bad, and of course you will go to Heaven? Little Paul had never done anything very wrong, but he knew that he was a sinner, and he had had some naughty thoughts, and at times naughty actions, and as God was perfectly holy, and sin could not enter His presence, he could not go to God in his sins, so he needed a Saviour.

You, too, my dear children, all need a Saviour, and you must not wait until you grow up before you think of these things, for the Lord Jess says, "Surely, I come quickly."

"Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (II Cor. 6:2).

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31).—Messages of Love.

SOUND ADVICE TO A YOUNG PREACHER

(Continued from page 7)

sion. Continue in the true doctrine and teach every person, finding out the necessities of your hearers and preach so as to meet those necessities. Only by being strengthened in the grace that is in Christ Jesus can you do this." Study? yes; work? yes; pray? yes; witness? yes; fellowship with God and with Christians? yes; but let all these work together that you might be approved by God and not be ashamed.

Chapter 2, verse 22, "But flee youthful lusts, and follow after righteousness, faith, love, peace, with all them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart." This verse is plain enough. If you want to be a success in God's business, flee not only all irregular and sensual desires, but flee also from pride, ambition, and the lust of power for which most men will sacrifice all that they have. These are the most bewitching passions in

the human heart. They prove a ruin in everything. These are the special temptations of older youth. It is not how close you can come to sin and not sin but how far away you can stay. So run from youthful lusts which seek to pull you down.

Chapter 4, verses 1 and 2, "I charge thee in the sight of God, and of Christ Jesus, who shall judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: preach the word; be urgent in season, out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all long-suffering and teaching." This final charge is before God and Christ Jesus to proclaim the doctrine (1) that Christ was crucified for the sins of the whole world; (2) that Gentiles are invited to be fellow-heirs with Jews; (3) that for Jews and Gentiles alike there is no salvation but by faith in Christ; and (4) that "whosoever will" may partake freely. This doctrine is committed to the minister's trust. It is too great a trust to be betrayed. This is what he is saying: "Timothy, whenever and wherever you meet a sinner speak to him the word of reconciliation. Do not be contented with stated times and accustomed places merely; all times and places are proper for His work. When and where it can be done, then and there it should be done. Satan will omit neither time nor place where he can destroy. Be ye as faithful in the work of the Lord. Neglect no part of thy sacred function and profession. For I am now being poured out as a drink offering and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith. So Timothy, you are to carry on. But you must remember all these things if you are to be God's successful servant. I'm counting on you to do it."

There is nothing so near to the heart of this aged apostle, who knew that he was about to depart from this world, as that the faith which he himself had received and preached should be kept pure. So he is committing it to Timothy, who was to commit it to others and to us. Let us faithfully keep it.

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North Carolina	11,678.02
Missouri	8,085.55
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Ohio	1,138.25
Virginia	1,128.30
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Texas	1,077.29
Illinois	1,051.02
Alabama	873.49
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Mississippi	164.06
New Mexico	135.00
California	58.85
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National Woman's Aux. Conv....	592.71
Cuban Association on loan	300.00
Refund from Missouri Home Mis- sion Board	143.19
National Promotional Fund	116.42
Sale of books, "His Name Among All Nations"	70.25
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Total disbursements during year 45,361.04
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Thanking you
Winford Davis, Treas.

PROGRAM

Albemarle Union Meeting
Malachi's Chapel Church
Columbia, N. C.

Morning Session

- 10:00—Devotions conducted by Rev. W. T. Reynolds
- 10:15—Moderator's address
- 10:20—Reading Minutes of last meeting
—Calling the roll of ministers
—Calling the roll of churches
- 11:10—Offering for orphanage
- 11:20—Special music by local church
- 11:25—Sermon by Rev. Charles Craddock
- 12:00—Lunch

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Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Devotions by Mr. Dan Sawyer
- 1:15—Special music by local church
- 1:20—Business Period
—Treasurer's report
—Apportionment Committee's report
—Miscellaneous Committee's report
—Petitions for next union
- 2:45—Adjournment
Alice Webster, Program Committee

DANGEROUS CAPTOR

Give not thy tongue too great a liberty lest it take thee prisoner! A word unspoken is, like the sword in thy scabbard, thine.

If vented, thy sword is in another's hand. If thou desire to be held wise, be so wise as to hold thy tongue.

NOTICE!

I am in a position to preach in the afternoons of the First and Third Sundays, provided I can get such work, in Carteret County or near by Morehead City, N. C. Should any church desire my service, you can write me at 1115 Evans Street, Morehead City, N. C.

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ASK, AND YE SHALL RECEIVE

O praying one, who long has prayed,
And yet no answer heard,
Have ye been sometimes half afraid
God might not keep His word?
Seems prayer to fall on deafened ears?
Does Heaven seem blind and dumb?
Is hope deferred? Believe—believe—
The answer time will come!

"Ask what ye will"—His word is true,
His power is all divine;
Ye cannot test His love too far;
His utmost shall be thine.
God does not mock believing prayer;
Ye shall not go unfed!
He gives no serpent for a fish,
Nor gives He stones for bread.

Thy inmost longings may be told;
The hopes that turned to shame,
The empty life, the thwarted plans;
The good that never came.
Say not, "Thy promise is not mine,
God did not hear me pray;
I prayed—I trusted fully—but
The grave hath barred the way."

God heard thee—He hath not forgot,
Faith shall at length prevail!
Yea—know it! Not one smallest jot
Of all His word can fail.
For if ye truly have believed,
Not vain hath been thy prayer!
As God is true, thy hope shall come—
Sometime, someday, somewhere.

—Mrs. Havens

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NOTICE

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The Creaking Wheel

Did you ever see a wagon coming down a hill in the country, and every time the wheel turned over there was a terrible noise? One of the wheels had a creak in it. Did you know that sometimes boys and girls get a creak in them? Did you ever see a boy or girl who was told to do something, but all the time they were doing it, they were complaining and fussing, because they had to do it? God's Word says, "Do all things without murmuring."

There is also the creak of laziness. When boys and girls have this, they always say, "Can't somebody else do it?" when they are asked to do something.

Or if some playmate has something they do not have, they grumble because they think they are not treated fairly. That is the creak of selfishness. Don't you think it would be a good thing to oil our creaking wheels? One cross, fussing boy or girl fills a house with unhappiness. Ask Jesus to help you do all things without murmuring.—Wayside Talks.

A child of God can see more on his knees than can a philosopher on his tiptoes.

Peace conferences may be fine but prayer meetings produce more results.

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Miss Mollie Heath, Greenville, N. C.	21	Mrs. Luther Arnold, Wise, Va.	8
W. C. Hill, Mount Olive, N. C.	21	D. J. Perry, Raleigh, N. C.	7
E. C. Morris, Tifton, Ga.	20	Delbert Davis, Salem, Ark.	7
Mrs. Russell Little, Winterville, N. C.	20	Mrs. Mae Rouse, Dudley, N. C.	7
J. R. Forrest, New Bern, N. C.	19	Mrs. O. G. Briley, Nashville, Tenn.	7
Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Winterville, N. C.	19	D. J. O'Donnell, Ashville, Ala.	7
Mrs. B. R. Moore, Walstonburg, N. C.	18	Mrs. Jack B. Lindley, Brilliant, Ala.	7
W. L. Moretz, Swannanoa, N. C.	18	Rev. William Misher, Cedar Hill Tenn. 7	7
Mrs. Eddie Flowers, Kenly, N. C.	17	Wm. B. Glover, New Bern, N. C.	7
Mrs. John R. Murphy, Snow Hill, N. C.	17	Mrs. John Leon Snipes, Princeton, N. C. 7	7
Mrs. C. T. Brock, Kenansville, N. C.	17	Mrs. C. V. Ward, Johnsonville, S. C.	7
Mrs. C. G. Pope, Pikeville, N. C.	17	G. W. Nobles, Chipley, Fla.	7
Mrs. B. H. Matthews, Spring Hope, North Carolina	16	A. F. Delauder, Wellston, Ohio	7
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Fred Whitton, Brilliant, Ala.	16	Mrs. H. S. Swain, Columbia, N. C.	7
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Mrs. C. M. Whaley, Richards, N. C.	15	Miss Emma Frances West, Dover, N. C. 6	6
Mrs. C. F. Heath, Cove City, N. C.	15	W. H. Ponder, Denmark, Miss.	6
Mrs. Swift Jones, Kinston, N. C.	15	Mrs. Raymond Eggs, Jacksonville, N. C. 6	6
Mrs. Robert Cunningham, Donalsonville, Georgia	15	J. E. Ingalls, Greenville, N. C.	6
Mrs. J. C. Edmundson, Pikeville, N. C.	14	Mrs. B. T. Dail, Snow Hill, N. C.	6
Mrs. Venie Carney, Durham, N. C.	14	C. J. Harris, Greenville, N. C.	6
James Stancil, Kannapolis, N. C.	14	Mrs. Della Whitaker, Burdine, Ky.	6
Mrs. Oliver W. Smith, Goldsboro, N. C.	14	Marie B. Horton, Kinston, N. C.	6
Mrs. L. S. Howell, LaGrange, N. C.	14	Clifton Rice, Kinston, N. C.	6
Mrs. J. E. Floyd, Marion, N. C.	14	L. J. Potter, Sneads Ferry, N. C.	6
G. W. Owens, Chipley, Florida	13	Mrs. W. A. Banks, New Bern, N. C.	6
J. R. Bennett, Bridgeton, N. C.	13	A. J. Lambert, Sylacauga, Ala.	6
Mrs. Fannie Swindell, Arapahoe, N. C.	13	Mrs. Pearl Pearce, Micro, N. C.	6
Rufus Hyman, Sloucomb, Ala.	13	L. H. Boykin, Kenly, N. C.	6
Mrs. J. K. Aldridge, LaGrange, N. C.	13	H. L. Knighton, Phenix City, Ala.	6
Mrs. Arthur Trawick, Dothan, Ala.	13	Mrs. T. L. Parnell, Pikeville, N. C.	6
John Kornezay, Mt. Olive, N. C.	13	Mrs. W. E. Felts, Joelton, Tenn.	6
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Mrs. O. M. Hilburn, Rockingham, N. C.	13	Mrs. R. R. Griswold, Selma, N. C.	5
Mrs. V. A. Glover, Wilson, N. C.	12	Miss Icy Goen, Bryan, Texas	5
Mrs. M. M. Woodall, Smithfield, N. C.	12	Milford Hales, Kenly, N. C.	5
Mrs. J. L. Welch, Nashville, Tenn.	12	J. W. Hollingsworth, Goodman, Mo.	5
Mrs. Bettie Dawson, Dunn, N. C.	12	Mrs. Will Nobles, Ayden, N. C.	5
C. B. Thompson, Nashville, Tenn.	12	B. H. Champion, Graceville, Fla.	5
Mrs. J. R. Cayton, Aurora, N. C.	12	Mrs. John Wrinkle, Antlers, Okla.	5
Mrs. Marshall Joyner, Winterville, N. C.	12	J. B. Ferrell, Elm City, N. C.	5
Mrs. J. L. Nobles, Winterville, N. C.	12	Mrs. Wilmer Martin, Jakin, Ga.	5
Mrs. Lonnie Strickland, Portsmouth, Va.	12	Mrs. Edwin Roper, Ransomville, N. C.	5
T. L. Walker, Columbia, Miss.	11	Ira D. Garrison, Delmar, Ala.	5
H. E. Willis, Hazel Park, Mich.	11	Mrs. C. A. Christian, Surgoinville, Tenn. 5	5
Mrs. Eula Morris, Vanceboro, N. C.	11	Paul Jenkins, Kannapolis, N. C.	5
Mrs. Charlie Humbles, Ayden, N. C.	11	J. L. McIntosh, Lyles, Tenn.	5
Adam Scott, Ashland City, Tenn.	11	Mrs. R. C. Potter, New Bern, N. C.	5
Jennings Williams, Clayton, N. C.	11	Miss Mattie Beacham, Arapahoe, N. C.	5
Mrs. Charlie Thigpen, Tubeville, S. C.	11	M. M. Frenks, Tifton, Ga.	5
Mrs. W. J. Paul, Columbia, Tenn.	10	Earl H. Glenn, Durham, N. C.	5
		Nathaniel Cox, Blounts Creek, N. C.	5
		Mrs. M. S. Jones, Goldsboro, N. C.	5
		Mrs. B. S. Peters, Dunn, N. C.	5

DIVINE REVELATION

"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets.

Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;"

Hebrews 1:1-3.

When we say Divine Revelation we mean the Revelation which came from God to men through Divinely appointed agents and agencies. Revelation came more as a progressive order, not all at one time because it has never been God's method to reveal all His relations to mankind at once. He lifted the veil fold by fold. As the needs of men progressed God met their needs, whatever they were. How he revealed Himself is seen clearly in verse one as translated by Goodspeed, "It was little by little and in different ways that God spoke in old times to our forefathers through the prophets." Then as we study these first three verses of Hebrews we will be able to see: (1) The source of Revelation, (2) The times of Revelation, (3) The methods of Revelation and, (4) The agents of Revelation.

This first sentence in Hebrews is one of the most magnificent passages in the whole Bible; it stands side by side with the opening sentences of Genesis and the Gospel of John. The very first word of this epistle, God, calls our attention, indicates the source of Revelation and gives the writer authority. Scripture never proves the being of God. It always assumes it. God is then properly placed at the beginning of this epistle because He is writing to Jewish people and the Jewish people are very much interested in the unity of God. Most of the Old Testament writers had made this fact very plain, especially Moses and Isaiah. Here are two passages found in Moses' writing: (1) Deut. 4:35, "Unto thee it showed that thou mightest know that the Lord He is God, there is none else beside him." (2) Deut. 6:4, "Hear, O Israel the Lord our God is one Lord." Then two passages in Isaiah's writing: (1) Isaiah 43:10, "Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servants whom I have chosen; that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am He: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after." (2) Isa. 44:6, "Thus saith the Lord the King of Israel, and his Redeemer the Lord of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last, and beside me there is no God."

Then it was necessary that the writer

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begin this book by making mention of God, thus making it easier to contrast the Old Revelation or Old Testament to the New Revelation or the New Testament. He tells how God spoke to the fathers of old in many manners and at different times, but now in these last days he has spoken to us in or through His Son.

"Sundry Times" tells us that at various times God revealed himself to man. "Sundry Times" as translated in the Revised Version is "Divers Portions" which means in different pieces here a little and there a little, in broken parts; given progressively, as men needed it and were able to understand, but the writer of Hebrews is doing this to show that God was revealed fully and finally in Christ.

The Bible is conveniently divided into dispensations. "A dispensation is a period of time during which man is tested in respect of obedience to some specific revelation of the will of God." (Scofield) There are seven such dispensations in the Bible, thus we can see from these how God spoke in "Sundry Times."

(A) The first of these is the Adamic dispensation. During this dispensation God did not reveal Himself so much because man was created in innocence and placed in a perfect environment where God could come and walk and talk with his creatures. All of this sweet fellowship was ended between God and His creatures because of sin, they disobeyed God and thus God separated Himself from them but even after the fall of man He revealed that he would provide a way of escape for fallen mankind.

(B) Then comes the second dispensation known as the Noahic. God began to reveal Himself more and more now. Because of sin man was expelled from the garden and placed under a responsibility to do all known good, to abstain from all known evil, and to draw nigh unto God through sacrifices. This dispensation included the judgment of the Flood.

(C) The next dispensation is known as the Abrahamic dispensation. It was during this dispensation that God chose a special race to reveal Himself to, the great nation of Israel of which Abraham was to be the father. It was the duty of this nation to make God known to all the world but they completely failed. This dispensation ended when Israel accepted the Law (Ex. 19:8).

(D) The fourth is known as the Mosaic dispensation. This dispensation extended from the giving of the law until the Prophets. God, during this time, revealed Himself through the law which had been given through Moses to the people. The law was

an index finger pointing to the messiah that was yet to come.

(E) The fifth is known as the dispensation of the Prophets. The people had violated the laws of God, so God sent his prophets to plead with and urge His people to come back. So, more and more, God is revealing Himself to the people.

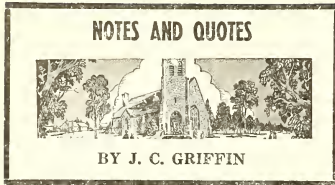
(F) The sixth is known as the dispensation of Grace or the Christian dispensation. It was during this dispensation that God revealed Himself through his Son. He gave to us the way of Salvation which was for all mankind. It was also during this dispensation that the Church of Christ was started and God is still revealing Himself to the world through this Church of which every true believer is a part. This dispensation had not ended yet and does not end until the coming of Christ.

(G) The seventh and the last dispensation is known as the Kingdom dispensation. This will be the time when Christ shall set up his Kingdom on the earth. It will be the time when oppression and misrule ends by Christ taking His Kingdom, the time when testimony and divine forbearance ends in judgment, the time when toil ends in rest and reward, the time when Israel's blindness and chastisement ends in restoration and conversion, and the time when Gentile domination ends with the manifestation of the Son of God.

Not only did God give Divine Revelation to us in "Sundry Times" but also in "Divers manners." "Divers Manners" refers to different ways in which God spoke of old. As you read the Scripture you can readily see the different ways in which God has spoken. It would take hours if we went into every one of them in detail, but let us notice just a few:

The first which would catch our attention would be the ways in which God spoke to Moses. Moses was tending Jethro's, his father-in-law's, sheep on the back side of the desert and God spoke to him through a burning bush. Then when he went back to deliver the children of Israel from under the bondage of the Egyptians. God spoke to Moses as well as Pharaoh through the ten plagues that came upon the Egyptians because Pharaoh would not let the Israelites go. Then when the Israelites were out of Egypt, across the Red Sea and at Mt. Sinai, "God spoke to Moses mouth to mouth," giving him the law for His people. Then after Moses' death the leader of Israel was Joshua so thus God spoke to him in many different ways. He spoke of his strength through the fall of Jericho, He spoke of sin in the defeat of Ai, and He spoke of His command of the Universe through the standing still of the sun. Then to the Judges and Kings he also spoke in

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OUR TRIP TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

The roads over which we traveled to the National Association were in some sections mountainous and others stretched out over level plain and several hundred miles over desert lands with very little life. In these sections it was extremely hot, but when we reached Richmond, Calif., we found the weather cool. A fine place to sleep at night under spreads and blankets was furnished us. On our way back we traveled by a northern route where we saw mountains showing only rocks, others showed some snow on their tops, while others were covered with fine forests and beautiful scenery. We passed by beautiful lakes where flowers bloomed while in the distance we could see snow. We saw Indians, Chinese, Japanese, in fact, many nationalities.

We found the people of Richmond very hospitable, that is, the Free Will Baptist with whom we resided. These great people were led by a very energetic and efficient pastor who had made arrangements for the entertainment of the attendance at the association. This man was the Rev. George McLain, who has led this young congregation to a very great success in the spiritual work of the Master, and also in the erection of a very beautiful and commodious church edifice. Brother McLain made every effort possible to give to the visitors efficient care. He wanted us to see the many wonderful scenes that are in Richmond, Oakland, and San Francisco.

The Association Proper

The Association was one of the best in spiritual cooperation. Reports were in general encouraging. Every one seemed to want to go on to greater things in the denominational program.

There was a recommendation brought forward by the General Board that the National Sunday School Convention and the League meet prior to the convening of the Woman's Auxiliary which is followed by the National Association, with all these meetings being held at the same location, so as to do away with going from ocean to ocean in the same year for meetings. The recommendation was received by the National Association.

The devotions and sermons were of the highest spiritual fervor. People seemed to be happy with the fellowship. We call it "A great Association."

FREE WILL BAPTIST IN THE WEST

The Free Will Baptist cause is growing out West. The Western States are moving much faster, as we observed, than we are here in the East. They are pressing the doctrinal truth of our denomination to the front. Five years ago in California, there was only one church. Today California has 28 churches in working order. The people are receiving the Gospel of Christ and are being saved in great numbers.

OUR PICTURES

We made pictures of the church in which the Association was held with the people who attended coming out of the building, also pictures of the beautiful flowers, which cannot be excelled anywhere that we know of; with scenery of the mountains and valleys and fields, thus bringing back to our friends that which they have not, and perhaps can never see. This picture will be ready for showing, as soon as it can be developed, where ever it is desired.

GOD IS BLESSING

Reports from those who are in the field of evangelistic services are encouraging as many old-fashioned revivals are resulting in the salvation of great numbers. Another sign of a true revival is that many church members are getting saved and dedicated to the work of the Lord.

OUR SINCERE THANKS

To those who have written in urging the continuance of "Notes and Quotes," I wish to say "Thank you," and this is from the very bottom of my heart. I wish that I could say it so that you could hear the words. But it is almost impossible to write every one a personal word, so I am using this means, as you readers of Notes and Quotes are the ones whom I thank.

May God bless you. Such people as you who read and appreciate will keep me going as long as I feel as good as I do at this time.

OPEN DATES

Due to a conflict in another church our meeting at Rock of Zion was postponed for a week, which conflicted with our plans, so we have the week after the Second Sunday in August that we can use for a meeting should any one desire our service during that week. Also I have the week after the Second Sunday in September, and part of the week after the third, that I can use for a revival meeting, should it be desired. I would like to have the work near to the place where the State Convention is to be held, so as to attend the Convention at Rain's Cross Roads and preach in revival at night.

Faith, like light, should always be simple and unbending; while love, like warmth, should beam forth on every side, and bend to every necessity of our brethren.—Martin Luther

New Church in Prospect of Erection

BLACK ROCK, ARK.

Mrs. Sherman Robertson

Dear Friends in Christ:

We are underway to build a new F. W. B. Church, and hope to get it finished some time during the fall months, as we are holding our services under the shade-trees of the church grounds.

We are in great need of funds to get this work finished before cold weather comes. We have only about \$150 on hand now for this work. We are not planning to erect an expensive building just at this time. We want to complete it sufficiently so that we can begin worshipping in it very soon.

We will appreciate it very much if the good church people will help us on this church building. Will you take it up with your church, and raise for this purpose a donation for us? We will appreciate your help very much. Anyone can give to this most worthy cause. Send your donations to the Building Committee: Sherman Robertson, Deacon, Leonard Milligan, Deacon, or to Mrs. Sherman Robertson, Church Clerk and Treasurer. All of these are of Black Rock, Arkansas.

Officers and Teachers Hold Good Meeting

The officers and teachers of Liberty F. W. B. Church held a meeting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Ridgeway on July 9, 1950. There were 8 teachers, with the superintendent present, and a few visitors. The superintendent, Brother Hearly Brewer, called the meeting to order, and it opened with song and prayer. The teachers and officers made reports. A brief talk was made on the lesson by Early Brewer. A discussion was entered into on the subject: "The Duty of the Teacher."

The topic assigned for the August meeting was: "The Way of Approaching Un-Christians." The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Zula Ridgeway on Friday night after the first Sunday in August. The meeting closed with song and prayer. Refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Ridgeway, and were enjoyed by everyone present.

Mrs. Frankie Ridgeway
Manning, S. C.

PRAYER REQUESTED FOR AN INFANT

We sincerely request the prayers of the Christian people for our baby. It is in the Taylor Hospital in an incubator. She is very weak, but we know that God does answer prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dixon
Greenville, North Carolina

Piney Grove Church Moves Up to Full-Time Program

Our church has been moving forward for almost two years. In 1948 we elected Rev. Rufus Hyman as our pastor, and one of the first things that was done was the dedication of our educational building which the church has just finished, after our present pastor began his work with us.

It was the plans of the church to hold all class work in the new educational building, including the general assembly, but in a very short time the building was overcrowded, and the opening and closing exercises of the Sunday School had to be held in the church auditorium. At the present time, we have five classes in the education building, and the Men's class is being held in the auditorium of the church. The Sunday School has around one hundred in attendance.

In the spring of 1949 (April), our pastor held a very successful revival. In reality the church had been in a revival in the winter time. All we can say is that we were in the revival wave which has been sweeping over the United States. It was in the early period of this revival that we had two conversions who gave the church two of its best deacons, namely: Brothers Houston Toole and Robert Owens.

In August, 1949, Rev. J. C. Griffin of New Bern, N. C., conducted a revival for our church. He did the church much good. During 1949 we had around 30 additions to the church. In the summer of 1949, we organized a F. W. B. League, and a Woman's auxiliary. The educational building again was too small to furnish us adequate space for our people. The Woman's auxiliary has been very active, among the women of the church. This year the church has purchased our own Sunday School literature for the first time. Instead of large orders going to independent publishing houses for Sunday School literature, our Press at Ayden, North Carolina, is getting this patronage.

In the spring of 1950, we called Rev. H. A. Grubbs, of Perry, Florida,

for a revival. In June we had the Reverend M. L. Hollis for our summer revival meeting. Brother Grubbs and Brother Hollis both had large congregations. Splendid interest was manifested in both meetings.

In the spring of this year, the church decided to call a full-time pastor. Finally Rev. C. A. Huckaby of Phenix City, Alabama, was secured. The church is planning to build a parsonage for the new pastor and his family.

This news item was written by order of the church in conference on May 13, 1950.

Rev. Rufus Hyman, Pastor,
Earl Peele, Church Clerk
Chipley, Florida

Board of Deacons:

George Owens
Ernest Owens
Robert Owens
Houston Toole

The Boy Enlists

His mother's eyes are saddened
And her cheeks are stained with tears,
And I'm facing now the struggle
That I've dreaded through the years;
For the boy that was our baby
Has been changed into a man,
He's enlisted in the army
As a true American.

He held her for a moment
In his arms before he spoke,
And I watched him as he kissed her
And it seemed to me I'd choke,
For I knew just what was coming
And I knew just what he'd done;
Another little, loving mother
Had a soldier for a son.

When we pulled ourselves together,
And the first quick tears had dried,
We could see his eyes were blazing
With the fire of manly pride;
We could see his head was higher
Than it ever was before,
For we had a man to cherish,
And our baby was no more.

Oh, I don't know how to say it!
With the sorrow comes the joy
That there isn't any coward
In the make-up of our boy.
And with pride our hearts are swelling,
Though with grief they're also hit,
For the boy that was our baby
Has stepped forth to do his bit.
Anon.

Following the Christ

The great God of heaven sent His only begotten Son to earth to set up a plan wherein his people might have eternal life. He set up his kingdom, his church, and founded it upon the solid rock, and said, "upon this Rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Christ has told the people how to get into His Church, which is by "the water and the blood." But we cannot follow Jesus until we enter the trinity, that is, accept the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost as One in unity, and One in purpose. The Apostle Peter did not really know Him until he had received the Holy Ghost.

How can we follow Jesus until we know Him and are willing to do what He wants us to do? He tells that if we will do as he says, that we can ask and He will give to us those things that we should have. If we believe Him, He will keep his sayings. We should do what Jesus says without fear or trembling. We should not seek to climb up to heaven some other way, for there is no other way by which we can be saved. We should not hesitate to do whatever Christ says for us to do. If it is to wash the saints' feet, then we should obey his command, because lowly service for him is always rewarded in the end.

If we do not do the things Christ says for us to do, then how can we expect to receive his blessings? We are to be faithful, and not stingy with our support of the church and the cause of righteousness. Christ said that if we will hold out to the end we will be saved. We are to pray without ceasing, giving thanks to God for his manifold blessings.

God loved the children of Israel, and called them his own. He said that he came to his own and his own received him not. They suffered often because they failed to follow him. Disobedience brings on trouble, and therefore it is our duty to obey Christ. I do not want to be a stumbling block to anyone. We are to believe God and follow Christ in preference to the Devil.

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Pastoral Announcement

I am now an ordained minister of the gospel, and will be available for pastoral work, or to render any service that the Lord's people may want me to hold for them. I shall be glad to get churches to pastor for the coming year. Anyone interested can contact me at the following address.

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Tennessee Personalities and Events

C. F. Bowen

News from Heads Church, Cheatham Co., looks up. They report a splendid vacation Bible school, headed by the pastor, Rev. William Mishler, and with an enrolment of 51 and an average attendance of 41. Assisting the pastor as teachers were Mrs. William Mishler and Myrtle Pembroke, the latter from Missouri.

Esterlene Ellis was named president of the newly organized woman's auxiliary at Heads Church. There were ten charter members. Mrs. Helen Balthrope serves as secretary.

Homecoming Day will be observed at Heads on July 30, opening with a revival and featuring a dedication of the new Sunday school rooms at the evening hour. A picnic lunch will be served on the church lawn at noon. Among the former pastors expected are Rev. W. B. Davenport and Rev. W. R. Carroll. Pray for Heads' revival.

Shady Grove Church, near Clarksville, held what is believed to be its first vacation Bible school the first of the month with an average attendance of 50. Workers in this school included: Mrs. William Poole, Mrs. Edward Poole, Mrs. Riley Albright, Mrs. Virgil Albright, Mrs. Maidell Rinehart, Mrs. Bayless McDonald, Billy McDonald, Rev. Bayless McDonald, who is pastor of the church, and Mrs. Elsie Major. A picnic was held on the closing Friday with the commencement program following. A most interesting fact about these young people is that every Junior and every Intermediate has accepted Christ as his personal Saviour.

Revival is in progress at Friendship Church, Davidson County, with the writer doing the preaching. He is scheduled for another revival at Bethel Church, Neptune, beginning August 13. Rev. George Ludwig is pastor of these churches. Pray for revival.

THE THREE MONKEYS

Three monkeys once dining in a cocoanut tree,
Were discussing some things they had heard true to be.
"What do you think! Now listen you two, Here, monkeys, is something that cannot be true,
Why, it's simply shocking—a terrible disgrace.

A PROTEST OF SUNDAY NIGHT BASEBALL GAMES

The whole question of professional baseball on Sunday may come up soon. Let's be not asleep. Some church members like baseball and other do not, but all should be against it on Sunday. If all church people would make their sentiments felt by hundreds of letters and telegrams to the baseball commissioner we might do something about it. At least, we might do something about the Sunday night game. This is almost certain to come up.

Minor leagues play on Sunday nights but major leagues do not as yet. A game was scheduled for July 16th in St. Louis but apparently has been called off because the baseball commissioner did not feel that it "was in the best interest of baseball." He gave consideration to church people. The St. Louis team that scheduled the game said that they had not received a single protest from church people. They felt that if it is not best for them and other major league clubs, then it is not best for the minor leagues. So the proposition will probably be either to forbid all Sunday night games or let all play.

What we say might have some effect. Let's write Commissioner A. B. Chandler at Cincinnati, Ohio, and protest playing both Sunday afternoon and Sunday night games in both major and minor leagues.

Sincerely in Christ,
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"Who ever heard of a monkey deserting his wife?

Leave a baby to starve and ruin its life?
And have you ever known of a mother monk

To leave her darling, with strangers to bunk?

Their babies are handled from one to another

And scarce ever know the love of a mother.

"And I've never known a monkey so selfish to be

As to build a big fence around a cocoanut tree

So other monkeys can't get a wee taste,
But would let all the cocoanuts there go to waste.

Why, if I'd put a fence around this cocoanut tree,

Starvation would force you to steal from me.

"And here is another thing a monkey won't do:

Seek a bootlegger's shanty and get on a stew,
Carouse and get on a whoopee, disgracing his life,
Then reel madly home and beat up his wife.
They call this all pleasure and make a big fuss—
They've descended from something, but not from us!

—Author unknown

While there is abundant Bible evidence to prove that Christian patience will be rewarded, yet, hope of reward is in itself not enough to keep one patient. Back of the patience stands a Person whom the world cannot see but who is real to His own and whom here counts it a privilege to follow. "For My sake" press thou with patience onward,

Although the race be hard, the battle long,

Within My Father's house are many mansions,

There thou shalt rest, and join the Victor's song.

And if in coming days the world revile thee,
If 'for My sake' thou suffer pain and loss,

Bear on, faint heart, thy Master went before thee,

They only wear His crown who share His cross."

Books Reviewed

"Steps to Nebo"

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: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

A day of national prayer should, we believe, be declared in this country by the Congress and the President of the United States. We believe a definite hour should be announced on some day in the week, and all people should be asked to assemble in the churches for one hour of consecrated worship for peace, and agreement among the nations of the world.

We believe that, if this were done in sincere earnestness unto the Lord, God would answer such a nation-wide prayer for peace, and that He would direct the leaders of the nation to settle their differences on reasonable terms. We believe that war would cease, lives would be saved, and troubled hearts would rejoice, if such a prayer meeting were held in all the churches in the land on that Special Day of prayer to God.

Prices of commodities are beginning to rise in various sections of the country, due to the war in Korea. Obviously enough, this war is not a good reason for the advancing of the prices of goods. The commodities on the markets over the country should have no greater value than before the war began. Only a small part of them have a greater demand than before the war started, but some profiteers seize upon every opportunity possible to get a greater profit from their already stored away commodities in their storehouses. This is evidence of greed for more money, regardless of how it affects the poor consumer class of people over the nation.

Such unjustifiable practice is quite evident that those merchants are not caring about the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." If this should become general and continue for sometime, then wages of the average laborer will consequently rise to offset the increased cost of living. But what right have I as a merchant to charge ten cents additional per pound on the meat which cost me no more than before the war began? What right have I to charge five cents per yard more for goods which I had already in store before the war began?

Announcement

This is to advise that I expect to be in a position to render some pastoral service next year. I am not discontinuing my connection with the Free Will Baptist Press, but, owing to some changes which we contemplate, I plan to have some time to devote to pastoral activities. I shall be open and happy to arrange with any church which might desire my service within reasonable distance of Ayden. Address Box 244, Ayden, N. C.

J. Ernest Wooten

We are all dangerous folk without God's controlling hand.—W. W. Ayer

Mission Program Held at Black River Church

The Woman's Auxiliary of Black River F. W. B. Church presented a Mission Program at the church on Sunday night, July 9th at 8 o'clock. Program opened with a song by the congregation. Prayer was offered by the pastor, Rev. T. A. Williams. Scripture reading was by Mrs. Margaret Powell. Talk on mission was by Mrs. Eva Benton. The acts of the program; 1st, Delighted Cross; 2nd, The Sign; 3rd, Change of Heart; was carried out by the young boys and girls of the church. Closing remarks were offered by Mrs. Effie Powell, then a song was sung, "Send the Light,"

The answer is plain. I, for example, seek to use opportunity for unfair gain simply because I can get by with such practice, or at least until the government does something about it. And that is the way many merchants are now taking advantage of the present situation. Moreover, a great many of these men are church members, so-called Christian gentlemen who would not do their brother any harm. The Apostle Paul knew the greed in the heart of man when he said: "The love of money is the root of all evil" (I Tim. 6:10).

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With the increase of learning and with continuing prosperity in this nation, there is the increase and spread of crime and wretchedness all about us wherever we go. Culture and enlightenment are no panacea for the ills of this nation. People allow themselves to fall for the allurements of Satan, regardless as to how much they know, or how much they possess. In fact, with some, riches and knowledge are means by which they are allured on to cater to their sensual pleasures and to the lusts of the flesh. They take chances to drink the bitter, and risk their lives for the sweet, if there be such awaiting them. They run their own business without God, or the concern for the rights and privileges of their fellow men.

Many a person would have been much better off if they had never been educated. That is to say, their knowledge and skill were used for evil purposes against their leffow man, that they might get a living by ill-gotten gain. So it has been with many of the rich. They pile up and hoard away more riches at the expense of those who labor for them by the sweat of the brow. And such riches become corroded and moth-eaten, lying away in seclusion, doing civilization very little good. Such people should never become rich, for a meager livelihood for them would mean much more to the world, and in all probability God would be able to get more from their lives. Hoarded money, misused knowledge, and wasted lives are detrimental both to God and man.

Contribution was taken up for missions. Eleven dollars and thirty-four cents was donated and an interesting talk with benediction was rendered by the pastor.

We ask the Christian people who read the Baptist to pray for us, that our efforts to go forward in advancing with Christ will mean much success for our church and community.

Mrs. Effie Powell, 2nd Vice-President

The love of Christ is like the blue sky into which you may see clearly, but the real vastness of which you cannot measure.—McCheyne

Talk to the Lord about sinners; then talk to sinners about the Lord.

HONESTLY!

A millionaire hired a friend to build a lavish home with no thought for the expense involved. He trusted the contractor's good taste, and asked that the home be made to whatever specifications the friend himself liked. The builder, grasping at an opportunity to become wealthy, accepted the job and used the most inferior materials he could purchase—knowing full well that in a matter of five or ten years the house would deteriorate.

After several months the home was completed and the contractor handed the millionaire the key to the door. The rich man in turn gave it back and said, "My friend, I've wanted to do something for you for a long time, and this is my opportunity. You take the key—I am presenting the house to you as a gift."

Tears of sorrow welled in the man's eyes as he slipped the key into his pocket, and he went away with the torturous thought, "I could have had the very best of everything, yet because of my dishonest heart my house will be worthless in a few years."

How many people the world over have had to pay the price of dishonesty? "Honesty is the best policy," and "It pays to be honest" have long been common expressions. Would they were followed seriously rather than being flippantly tossed about. Even Shakespeare recognized the value of honesty. He wrote:

"To thine own self be true,
And it must follow, as the night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to any man."

That is, the secret of being honest in our dealings with others is to cultivate the habit of being honest with ourselves—of not attempting to deceive ourselves as to our motives and character. Honesty begins within our own hearts.

But so much easier said than done! How can we possibly have a heart of truth and honesty when the natural man is full of greed, hatred, pride and selfishness? When we turn to the Bible, we find many exhortations to honesty: "The good ground are they,

which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it." "Re-compense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men." "Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men." "Now I pray to God that ye do not evil . . . but that ye should do that which is honest." "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." "Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles." "That we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty."

Honesty can only be the result of God's grace, given in answer to our prayers, enabling us through life to walk holy and acceptable not only to God but to those around us. "Let us walk honestly as in the day,"—in other words, live in a manner becoming disciples of Christ. "That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without"—or, have a deportment that is honorable and reputable among believers and unbelievers alike. "We trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly"—uprightly, in a manner suitable to a child of God.

We can see all around us the uncertainty of life and the aftermath of a war brought on to a great extent by dishonesty. We can feel the tension, the fear, and the distrust—the consequences of past dishonesty.

Then how can we be honest? In the midst of sin, greed and ungodliness, how can we be honest not only with ourselves but with those with whom we live and come in contact? It is only as the grace and love of the Lord Jesus Christ are allowed to fill our hearts that we will be able to abide by the laws God has given for honest living. When a sincere heart searches after God and desires spiritual things, God changes that life and Christ dwells within, making completely new the old heart of sin and rebellion. We know that it is the heart that needs to be changed, for we read in the Bible, "A good man

out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil; for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh."

When Jesus Christ is allowed to enter, and His love is shed abroad in our hearts, we then know that dishonesty takes flight and into our lives and hearts come joy in place of sorrow, life instead of spiritual death, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control—and HONESTY!

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About "Notes and Quotes"

H. Pipkin, Mount Olive, N. C.

In a recent issue of the Baptist paper, Brother J. C. Griffin, author of "Notes and Quotes," asked that those who want him to continue writing for the Baptist paper to write to him, and to tell him so.

I believe every reader of the paper wants him to keep on writing as long as he can. While we sympathize with him in his work, and realize that he is not a young man any more, at the same time his long experience in dealing and working with the people, and his knowledge of our denominational work, are all of great value to the Free Will Baptist people.

I feel that it would be a very great loss to both the paper and to the denomination if Brother Griffin should discontinue his "Notes and Quotes." I suggest, therefore, that every reader send him a card or letter, letting him know that we do appreciate him and his great work, for it has meant so very much to us, and the Free Will Baptist cause. Let us give this man of God a few flowers now while he can appreciate them, for I am sure that he will greatly appreciate our interest in reading his "Notes and Quotes."

FAIRMOUNT PARK F. W. B. CHURCH BROADCASTING

This is to announce that Fairmount Park F. W. B. Church is now broadcasting each Sunday evening from 8:00 to 9:00 P. M. over Radio Station WCAV, Norfolk, Virginia.

Turn on your radio to dial 850 for this Sunday evening program for good music, and old-time gospel message.

The pastor is Rev. W. A. Hales.

An old lady asked by a minister visiting her if she had religion. She replied: "I have slight touches of it occasionally."

When We Prayed for Rain

The cycle of drought from which the new settlement in South Dakota had been spared in the years following 1884, arrived. Rains were plentiful in spring, but the rest of the summer months passed without rain; but the settlers did not give up that year, or the next, or the next.

They still sowed grain and planted corn in hope, for the melted snow and the generally generous rains in spring renewed their hopes.

But the hottest southeast winds scorched all before them. The few surviving garden vegetables seemed to cook. The window panes in the house felt too hot to touch. Corn which in the morning stood up straight would be torn and shredded, the tattered leaves rattling in the suffocating winds. Dust storms added to the discomfort of humans and beasts. The little ponds which had once dried up, and the bottoms caked and curled up in hard, dry crusts.

The numerous wells which had been dug were dry. The shade trees gave up life. The poplars died. The long-suffering cottonwoods, which had so bravely withstood the drouth and still merrily twinkled their leaves, were attacked by another enemy, a small yellow-striped bug. They accomplished what the drouth had failed to do. The little groves died.

The settlers were completely downcast. Every morning as the sun, like a fiery red ball, rose to give them another day of torment, they said, as the prophet said Israel would lament, "Would God it were even!" And during the suffocating nights, "Would God it were morning!"—Deut. 28:67.

It was in August that a day came in which cattle lowed for water, and there was none to give.

A young, newly-ordained minister, serving in a nearby county, came to our house in the noon hour. "Mr. L., don't you realize that something must be done?" he asked my father.

"Yes, but what?" was the answer.

The young minister looked at father with kind, friendly eyes, and said, "Where is your faith? Get your young men out on horseback to sum-

mon the congregation to prayer to-night."

The families came driving to church early in the evening. The young preacher stood ready. "Girls," he said to us, "Where are your umbrellas?"

"Umbrellas? What for?"

"Well, aren't we going to pray for rain?" He produced a big cotton umbrella. "See, I'm taking mine, and you'll get all wet. Have you no faith?"

We evidently had not, for we took no umbrellas.

Many prayers went up for rain that night. Only one stands out clearly in the writer's mind. I recall the worn weary face, uplifted to plead for water, for ourselves, for our children, and for our cattle. I remember his slight form, the worn, gray checkered suit, the small, hard, brown work hands. I have heard burning prayers since then, but none that have so touched my heart as that did with its pathos. I remember that even then could be heard the plaintive lowing of thirsty animals.

Happening to sit near the clear-glassed window on the northwest side of the church, I saw a blue line appear on the far horizon, the faint, far-off lightning flickers. With a wonderful speed the blue line grew into clouds, and distant thunder rolled. There was no wind, but every minute like a fast express train, the clouds came rushing on. Finally lightning flashed through the room, and thunder rolled.

Several men hastened to protect their horses, but the minister dismissed the congregation hurriedly, saying, "Hurry home; it's going to rain!"

It poured while we were running home. Clothing and shoes were soaking wet; but the young preacher did not run. Calmly he walked home, and laughed at our dripping clothes. His were dry.

"What did I tell you? Where was your faith?"

The wagons rumbled by, the lightning flashed, thunder roared, but the cattle were still; they were drinking. Many years have passed. I am seventy-three, but the young minister's

faith and the wonderful answer to prayer are still vivid in my memory.

—Reprinted from Christian Digest.

Bethany Go-Tell Band Holds Good Meeting

The Go Tell Circle of the Bethany community held their third meeting on July 13, at the home of Mrs. Dick Granger, with 30 members present for this meeting. The program was based on the spreading of God's word. The scripture lesson was given by Mrs. Granger, while Mr. F. J. Kirby led the group in prayer, after which Miss Dot Granger read a poem. Then a reading came next, and the title was "The Bible." It was rendered by Miss Annie Dell Jones. Next came some good music by a group of the members present. Shirley Hancock presented a reading, entitled, "Missionary Work at Home." A story, "The Hidden Packet" was rendered by Mrs. Elsie Vause after which the group sang the song, "Jesus Is Calling."

The business session was entered into and after the business was completed, the hostess served delicious chicken salad sandwiches, assorted cookies, potato chips, mints and iced tea.

Miss Anne Ruth Lee, Reporter

Open Pond Church Holds Good Bible School

The Vacation Bible school and the youth revival of Open Pond F. W. B. Church were enjoyed very much by all who took part. The directors were Mike and Roland Pelt. There were 52 students enrolled in the Bible school, and it was very educational to the students in attendance.

The youth revival services were held each night at 8:30 P. M. The messages were very good. Our church has been uplifted very much spiritually. On Friday, the last day of the Bible school, we enjoyed a splendid picnic lunch at the church. Our Sunday School attendance has increased 25 per cent from the results of the Bible school.

We have started now on our new church building program, which we hope to complete as soon as possible. Pray that God may bless us in this undertaking.

Doris Pace, Jakin, Georgia

Christian stewardship is the recognition that ALL we have—of money, of talents, of life—are a divine loan to be used wisely, and ministered as a sacred trust.

Many Christians spend more each year for candy, gum, cosmetics, and the like, than they do for the church. What must God think of the poor manner in which some of us have administered our trust?

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Miss Mary E. Talton, Manager

(All services at 8:00 p. m. unless otherwise indicated).

Day	Date	Church
		French Broad Association
Saturday,	August 5—	Shoal Hill
Sunday,	August 6—	Laurel Fork
Monday,	August 7—	Mt. Zion
Tuesday,	August 8—	Mt. Bethel
		ROCK FISH CONFERENCE
Friday,	August 11—	Red Springs
Saturday,	August 12—	Hickory Grove
Sunday,	August 13—	Sandy Grove
Monday,	August 14—	Bethel
		PEE DEE CONFERENCE
Tuesday,	August 15—	Bladenboro
Wednesday,	August 16—	Oak Grove No. 1
Thursday,	August 17—	Mill Rock
Friday,	August 18—	Mt. Calvary
Saturday,	August 19—	Mt. Olive
Sunday,	August 20—	Beaver Dam
Monday,	August 21—	Emerson
Tuesday,	August 22—	Mission Valley
Wednesday,	August 23—	Pine Level
Thursday,	August 24—	Cedar Branch
Friday,	August 25—	Cypress Creek

ROCK FISH CONFERENCE

PEE DEE CONFERENCE

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Miss Cleo Eatman, Manager

(All services at 8:00 p. m. unless otherwise noted).

DAY	DATE	CHURCH
		TOE RIVER ASSOCIATION
Saturday,	July 29—	Ivey Heights
Sunday,	July 30—	Curtis Creek (11:00 a. m.)
Sunday,	July 30—	Vale (8:00 p. m.)
Monday,	July 31—	Mt. View
Tuesday,	August 1—	Elk Mountain
Wednesday,	August 2—	Coxes Creek

TOE RIVER ASSOCIATION

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Miss Bonnie Farmer, Manager

(All services at 8:00 unless otherwise noted).

DAY	DATE	CHURCH
		Central Conference
Saturday,	August 5—	Reedy Branch
Sunday,	August 6—	Sts. Delight
Monday,	August 7—	Maury
Tuesday,	August 8—	Dilda's Grove
Wednesday,	August 9—	Otters Creek
Thursday,	August 10—	Rocky Mount
Friday,	August 11—	Dawson's Grove
		Western Conference
Saturday,	August 12—	Peoples Chapel

Central Conference

Western Conference

Sunday,	August 13—	Little Rock, Lucama Cape Fear Conference
Monday,	August 14—	Raleigh
Tuesday,	August 15—	Johnston Union
Wednesday,	August 16—	Hopewell
Thursday—	August 17—	Smithfield
Friday—	August 18—	Bethel
Saturday,	August 19—	Stevens Chapel
Sunday,	August 20—	Prospect
Monday,	August 21—	Corinth
Tuesday,	August 22—	Shady Grove
Wednesday,	August 23—	St. Paul
Thursday,	August 24—	Black Jack Grove (Western Conference)
Friday,	August 25—	Daileys Chapel
Saturday,	August 26—	St. John
Sunday,	August 27—	Riverside

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Mrs. E. A. Taylor, Manager

(All services at 8:00 p. m. unless otherwise noted.)

DAY	DATE	CHURCH
		Central Conference
Saturday,	August 5—	Winterville
Sunday,	August 6—	Little Creek
Monday,	August 7—	Old Sts. Delight
Tuesday,	August 8—	Grimsley
Wednesday,	August 9—	Aspin Grove
Thursday,	August 10—	Edgewood
		Western Conference
Friday,	August 11—	Barnes Hill
Saturday,	August 12—	Piney Grove, Nash County
Sunday,	August 13—	Wilson
		Cape Fear Conference
Monday,	August 14—	Wooten's Chapel
Tuesday,	August 15—	Powhatown
Wednesday,	August 16—	Lanwood's Chapel
Thursday,	August 17—	Yelverton's Grove
Friday,	August 18—	Tees Chapel
Saturday,	August 19—	St. Mary's Grove
Sunday,	August 20—	Pleasant Grove
Monday,	August 21—	Lee's Chapel
Tuesday,	August 22—	Robert's Grove
Wednesday,	August 23—	Oak Grove
Thursday,	August 24—	West Clinton
Friday,	August 25—	Spring Hill (Western Conf.)
Saturday,	August 26—	Casey's Chapel
Sunday,	August 27—	Goldsboro

Central Conference

Western Conference

Cape Fear Conference

Investment

"I can't get interested in missions," remarked a young lady.

"No," was the reply given to her, "you can hardly expect to. It is just like getting interest at a bank: you have to put in a little something first and the more you put in—time or money or prayer—the more the interest grows."—M. G. D.

A switch in time saves crime.—Roy B. Newell

GOD LISTENS

Quite often, after Sunday School Emma-Lou would stay for church. Sometimes she did not quite understand all of the minister's sermon, but always she understood enough of it to enjoy it. It gave her things to think about during the week.

One Sunday the minister's sermon was called "God Listens." There was a great deal to think about in that sermon. The minister said that God listens when you do not even say the words aloud. He said God hears you even when you cannot put the feeling you have into words at all. It is what makes prayer so wonderful, because God understands the things you can not always say in words.

EmmaLou thought about that often. When ugly thoughts came to her she was ashamed and tried to put them away quickly because she remembered that God was listening even to those. When happy moments came to her she rejoiced because then she was sharing something lovely with God.

One afternoon EmmaLou and her friend Esther went for rides on their bicycles. They rode out toward the edge of town and came to a very large hill. On one side the hill was very steep with only a pathway leading down.

"Let's ride down the path," EmmaLou suggested. "It would be fun! I guess we could go a hundred miles an hour down this hill!"

Esther laughed. Of course she knew EmmaLou did not really mean they might go a hundred miles an hour. But it was fun pretending. She laughed and said, "Oh, more than that! Maybe two hundred miles an hour! Yes, let's ride down the path!"

"Keep your foot on the brake," Esther called as she started down the path. Then you won't go so fast."

But EmmaLou had already started down the hill and she had discovered that, for some reason, the brake on her bicycle was not working. It did not hold her back. Instead the bicycle kept going faster and faster.

Faster and faster and faster. EmmaLou could hardly keep it going straight. The wind whipped through her hair and one of the little bows flew out. But she could not stop. Faster and faster she went until she knew she must be going to crash. She would be hurt and perhaps ruin her bicycle too. But what could she do?

Only a miracle could save her and her bicycle too. But what could she do? Only a miracle could save her and her bicycle now, she thought.

And now she remembered, "God listens!" Was He listening now? Was He hearing the wild beating of her heart and knowing how frightened she was? But what could He do about it? She closed her eyes very tightly, clung to the handle bars and cried out, "God, please help me."

The words were hardly said when it seemed that a great hand had come out of

nowhere and taken hold of her bicycle. EmmaLou felt a quickly gentle slowing up and knew that once again she had control.

What had happened. She opened her eyes and looked about her. She saw that she had unconsciously turned off the little path and straight up the side of another small hill that was near the bottom. How had she done it? She had been too frightened to even see the other hill. And then she knew that alone she had not done it. The cry in her heart had been answered.

Esther came up panting. "You surely had me scared," said Esther. "I thought you were going to crash. It was fortunate you turned off when you did."

Yes, it was fortunate. It was more than that, too. But how can you explain to someone else what you can hardly explain even to yourself? As they rode their bicycles home again EmmaLou felt very close to God. And she knew that He was listening and that He, too, must be as happy as she was. For God, who never forgets His children is always happy when they remember Him, too.—The High Trail.

A GENTLEMAN

I knew him for a gentleman

By signs that never fail,

His coat was rough and rather worn,

His cheeks were thin and pale—

A lad who had his way to make,

With little time for play—

I knew him for a gentleman

By certain signs today.

He met his mother on the street;

Off came his little cap.

My door was shut; he waited there

Until I heard his rap.

He took the bundle from my hand,

And, when I dropped my pen,

He sprang to pick it up for me,

This gentlemen of ten.

He does not push the crowd along;

His voice is gently pitched;

He does not fling his books about

As if he were bewitched.

He stands aside to let you pass;

He always shuts the door;

He runs on errands willingly

To forge and mill and store.

He thinks of you before himself;

He serves you if he can;

For in whatever company

The manners mark the man.

At ten or forty 'tis the same,

The manner tells the tale;

And I discern the gentleman

By signs that never fail.

—The Youth's Comrade.

The fact that you have never experienced the love of God does not prove it doesn't exist.—Everett Morgan

The Kingfisher's Song Is a Rattle

Fern Berry

If you live near a pond, lake or stream, you are sure to hear the rattle of the kingfisher, for this bird, unlike many of his neighbors of the woods and stream-sides, is unable to sing a beautiful springtime song but utters a rattling series of notes—something like the sound of an anchor chain, or of the shaking of bones or, perhaps, of a few pebbles in a can. The rattle probably sounds musical to other members of the kingfisher tribe.

The kingfisher, a shrewd and clever fisherman, is careful to observe all of the rules of sportsmanship except when he finds a fish hatchery, and with little consideration for the ways of mankind, he will call together his friends and make merrily with the fish confined within the narrow ponds. However, the kingfisher will not intrude upon the privacy of a fellow bird's fishing grounds.

Watch for the kingfisher family this summer. Mr. and Mrs. Kingfisher will be seen a-top some leaning tree or stub or a post, over water; every day. One day in summer you will be likely to see a family of young birds along with the father, learning to fish for themselves. Once sighted in the shallows, a fish has little chance, for the quick darting movements of Mr. or Mrs. Kingfisher and the sharp spear-like bill is almost sure to capture the luckless victim.

The kingfisher nests in a hollowed-out hole in some sand or clay bank.

Love Without Service

Love without service is like a sunbeam without light. The mother must minister to her child. A friend must seek to be helpful to his friend. The first recorded word of Christ was: "Wist ye not that I must be about My Father's business"? and His last, "It is finished." What lies between these words? Constant ministry. When He said, "whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all", He outlined the form the Christ-life must take. "Ah," you say, "that was all very well for Him who came for the accomplishment of a special work, but it has no meaning to us." No meaning for us? Are there not as great evils today as when He came? Do not millions bend beneath indescribable sorrow? Have all men even yet the Truth? Do all know that they are the children of God? Have the doors between this and the Spirit-life been thrown open? The very work which faced the Master still remains. He began that which His followers must complete.—Sel.

Join thyself to the eternal God, and thou shalt be eternal.—Augustine

The Elder Brother

It was during the dark century when the powers-that-be in Scotland had forbidden all attendance at the church on the Sabbath. A little lassie was crossing the heath toward a secret meeting place, when she was stopped by a great soldier who pointed his sword at her throat and demanded where she was going. The heart under the little Scotch plaid yoke mak have been beating at double time, and the childish voice may have trembled a bit, but still she answered truthfully: "And if it please ye, kind sir, my Elder Brother has died; sould I no' gang to my Father's hoose for to see what he has left me in his last will and Testament?"

This must have sounded like good thrifty commonsense to the Scotch soldier for he said to her: "Ay, ay, lassie! Gang yer gait!" And the little girl went her way to worship her Father with others who had braved imprisonment and death for their love of God and His Church.—First Church Flashes.

Evil cannot really harm us so long as we hate it. Recognized as an enemy, it never gets inside our guard. But the slightest friendliness to it begins the danger.—Selected.

The Decisive Moment

Priscilla Leonard

When things are at their worst

Is the time to fight.

It is easy to be brave

When things go all right;

But the lad who battles on

Though he sees no chance,

Finds the key to victory,

Finds the secret of advance.

When things are at their worst

Is the time to smile.

Any heart can be content

When life looks worth while.

But the girl whose cheerful face

Meets the hardest day,

Finds the sunshine in the end,

Finds the joyous way.

When things are at their worst

Is the time to trust.

It is easy to accept

What seems happy and just;

But the soul that holds to faith

Through its storm and pain,

Finds the everlasting strength,

Finds the things that remain.

—Wellspring.



Ezra, Interpreter of God's Word

(Lesson for August 13)

LESSON: Ezra 8:1-18.

I. THE HEART OF THE LESSON

A long gap of about four centuries intervened between the time of the prophet of whom we studied last week and the priest and scribe whom we consider today. Meantime North Israel, and finally Judah, had gone into captivity, and half a century later there had been a return of about 50,000 people to Jerusalem under Zerubbabel. The temple had been rebuilt after considerable delay. Then there is a blank of fifty-seven years in Palestinian history until Ezra appears on the scene. Remember, Ezra was not of the first generation of exiles that returned. His return, recorded in Ezra, chapter 7, was in the year 458 or 457 B. C., about eighty years after the return under Zerubbabel. An entirely new generation was on the scene.—Arnold's Commentary.

1. It is good for any people to know what is written in the Word of God (Neh. 8:1).

2. It is good for any people to have a leader who makes it his business to acquaint them with the Word of God (vs. 2).

3. It is good for the people of any country to gather in crowds to hear the Word of God (vs. 2).

4. It is a fine indication of a proper attitude toward the Lord when a crowd of people will listen to the Word of God for a whole day (vs. 3).

5. It is good for the preacher or teacher to occupy a place where he can be seen as well as heard (vs. 4).

6. It is a fine thing for people to give an indication of reverence at the reading of God's Word (vs. 5).

7. It is a blessing for the people to participate in the prayer that is offered in a public meeting (vs. 6).

8. It is a blessing to have spiritual leaders who can make plain the meaning of God's Word (vs. 8).

9. It is a thrilling experience to see the Word of God producing repentance and faith (vss. 9, 10).

10. It is strengthening to the believer to read the Word of God day by day (vs. 18).—Selected.

11. Ezra is spoken of as "a ready scribe in the law of Moses." He assembled the Hebrew people in a large open space or court in Jerusalem. The water gate was in the southeastern part of the city. It received its name because people carried water through it from the spring called "Virgin's Fountain." Ezra called the people together on the first day of the seventh month (Tishri-October) the day set apart for the celebration of the Feast of the Trumpets (Num. 29:1-6). Note, the people called for the book of the law; they wanted to understand the law requirements, and they would have Ezra the scribe to read it to them.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

12. Besides reforms accomplished, Ezra deserves honor as the one responsible for arranging, editing and publishing the book of the Law, or the canon of the early Scriptures.

Copies of the Mosiac writings were scarce, and moreover, after nearly a century of residence in Babylon, the language in which they were written would hardly be intelligible. In collecting and editing these manuscripts, Ezra substituted the better formed and finished letters of the Chaldee alphabet for the old Hebrew character.

13. Ezra conducted a wonderful open-air meeting. The record says that he "stood upon a pulpit of wood." This is the only time the word "pulpit" appears in the Bible . . . and the occasion was very likely the first instance of preaching from a text.

Ezra made sure that the hearers understood the 'sense,' or meaning of the Word. This is the preacher's task. The man in the pulpit has a grave responsibility. He can warp, twist and do violence to the Scriptures . . . and even create doubt as to their credibility. Or he can study them consistently, prayerfully and

with reverence . . . and interpret them in a way to meet the eternal needs of those who sit under his ministry.

14. It would be sacrilegious to compare the modern Zionist organization, with the great spiritual movement which supplied the inspiration for Ezra and Nehemiah. Political Zionism and its program of world domination through international Jewry, stems from the same anti-Christ source as Communism. Lenin and Trotsky were early Zionist sympathizers.—Defender Magazine

II. THE LESSON ILLUSTRATED

Treasure Unreceived

A nobleman once gave a celebrated actress a Bible, telling her at the same time that there was a treasure in it. She, thinking he meant religion, laid the Bible aside. She died, and all she had was sold. The person who bought the Bible, on turning over its leaves, found a note for \$2,500 in it. Poor creature! had she read the book, she might not only have found the note, but the "pearl of great price."

Rescue the Perishing

A newspaper writer, commenting on the craven conduct of the officers of the Larchmont, which went down in Long Island Sound not long since, compared it with the valourous spirit of Captian Luce of the Arctic more than fifty years ago, who remained with his ship until she sank into the depths of the sea. It was not his fault that he survived. He was rescued, by no attempt of his own, from the waves in which he had been engulfed, but he passed his remaining days in avoiding society. Though it was no fault of his that he was living, he was ashamed to be alive while his passengers were dead. If, by the grace of God, we find ourselves in the home of the saved, rescued by infinite love, will it not tinge the happiness of heaven with bitterness to reflect that, while we have escaped destruction, we did little or nothing to rescue the perishing?—1000 Evangelistic Illustrations

Prayerless pews make powerless pulpits.—Paul Holdcraft

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

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Jacksonville Bible School

The Woman's Auxiliary of Jacksonville, F. W. B. Church sponsored a Vacation Bible school which began on May 22, and closed on June the first. We praise the Lord for the success of this school, for it was the best we have ever had.

On the first day of the school we had only 36 pupils present, but during that afternoon different members of the auxiliary went out on personal walks, making visits in homes, and the children who were not in Bible school elsewhere, and urged also our regular Sunday School members who had not enrolled to do so at once. As a result the class rooms began to fill, and much interest was soon being manifested.

We had 20 little ones in the cradle roll with Mrs. Willis Parker in charge. She was assisted by Mesdames L. H. Batson, Herman Albright, and George Gilbert. There were 21 in the Beginners' department with E. D. Patten and Mrs. G. R. Howell in charge. There were 20 in the Junior class with Mesdames E. E. Tosto, and Liston Parker in charge. Mrs. J. W. Wiggins had 18 Intermediates, with the help of Rev. Lee Whaley.

Mrs. Lee Whaley was General Director, Mrs. J. K. Rhodes was pianist and Mrs. Hattie Jordan was the secretary. The total enrollment was 121 in the Bible school. The daily attendance was eighty-seven.

We sincerely regret that all of those attending the school are not in this picture which was taken of the group. The children received twenty hours of Bible study, and

five and one half hours of music during the two weeks.

At the closing exercises the Juniors and the Intermediates expressed themselves as having received much knowledge concerning the Saviour, and they expressed a desire to live more closely to Him, because they had learned to love Him better. We gave a picnic feast on the church grounds at 6 p. m., with the commencement exercises coming at 8:00 P. M.

Mrs. J. K. Rhodes

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Building boys is better than mending men.—Charles H. Spurgeon

Woman's Auxiliary Report

The Woman's auxiliary of Little Rock F. W. B. Church met in the home of Mrs. Everette Godwin. The meeting opened with singing and prayer. The theme was "Advancing with Christ through Publicity." It was led by Mrs. Hubert Ferrell. Others taking part were Mesdames Guy Ferrell, Mildred Watson, and Miss Omettie Raper.

During the business period the fifth vice-president reported that she had sent 146 coupons to the Middlesex Orphanage this year. Twenty-five dollars is to be sent to the Home extra, since the crops were damaged by the storms.

We secured four new subscribers to the Baptist paper at this meeting. It was decided at this meeting that our Auxiliary would send a member of the Junior auxiliary to Crumpton for the week August 7 through 15.

We closed this meeting with song and prayer. The hostess served refreshments which were enjoyed by the eleven members present.

Mrs. Hubert Ferrell, Cor.-Secy.

ANNUAL AUXILIARY REPORT SYLACAUGA CHURCH

AUGUST 18, 1949—July 20, 1950

Total amount collected -----	\$431.41
Total amount spent -----	398.96
Balance in treasure -----	32.45

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid for flowers -----	143.45
Paint and material for church ----	40.94
Paid on church property -----	47.00
Sent to Children's Home -----	25.65
Home Mission -----	10.00
Gifts to Bro. Pinson -----	24.75
Paid on Piano -----	13.40
Given to Brother and Sister Little -	16.50
Given to Brother Sizemore -----	15.13
Building Fund -----	25.00
Revival Posters -----	10.00
Paid for Literature -----	8.69
Given to Perry baby -----	8.50
Light Bulbs and stamps -----	2.30
Plate for Lord's Supper -----	2.95
Given to Mr. Haynes Harris ----	5.00
Clothing sent to Childrens Home --	24.75
Given to Charity -----	369.00
Sick visits -----	1635
Hospital Visits -----	306
Trays carried -----	157
Personal Flowers, Pots sent -----	60
Fruit Baskets -----	12

Mary Mull, Secy. and Treas.

When to anger I am stirred
By a hasty, thoughtless word,
And for a quick retort I'm ready—
Dear Lord, hold Thou me steady.
Selected

Do you read your church papers?

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

TWO COATS

Esther M. Payler

Shirley opened her sleepy eyes and saw the sun was streaming into her bedroom. She burrowed more comfortable into the covers, and complained: "It's Saturday, Mother, why aren't you letting us sleep?"

Jim, in his bedroom across the hall, grunted and kept his eyes closed. "Aw, let a fellow sleep, Mom! This is the one day of the week I can sleep. Week days, I got to go to school early, and then to Sunday School on Sunday!"

"Today's the clothing drive for overseas missions," said Mother patiently. "I want you to go through your cupboards and drawers to see what you can spare. At 11:00 is the rally when Sue's Aunt, Miss Hayne, will talk. At 11:30, Jim, you're supposed to help with the pick-up trucks! Shirley and I are to help with sorting and bundling clothes which the trucks bring in."

"O. K.," snorted Jim, rolling out of bed. "It will be fun to ride the trucks."

Shirley, stretched and yawned: "Give clothes away again? It's more clothes, more new ones, I need instead." Shirley wrinkled her turned-up nose like a rabbit, the way she always did when she was displeased.

Jim bellowed from the other room: "Sis, you were just complaining yesterday you didn't have enough room in your room cupboard, and you wanted part of the big one in the hall." He mimicked her: "I just haven't a thing to wear! That's because you can't decide which of all you have."

"Keep quiet, Jim," retorted his sister. "You should talk, you walking clothes ad! You wear a different sweater every day of the week, and you always got slacks to match! And shirts, well—it looks to me like you could start a store!"

"Children!" came Mother's voice from downstairs, accompanied by the odor of boiling cocoa, and browning toast. "Stop bickering! Come down and eat breakfast. Then sort your clothes."

Soon afterward, Mother was helping the children pick out the clothes to send, when a telephone call came from the church for her to come early to see that everything was ready for the sorting and receiving. "You finish up, children, and be sure to be generous," she instructed. "If Jesus, Himself, were to come asking for clothes, you'd give Him without stinting. When you're giving to those who need it, you know you are really giving to Him, because He said: 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me.'"

"Yes," answered Shirley absently, tossing the blond ringlets, which were falling into here eyes, as she bent over a drawer.

"Sure," replied Jim, frowning until there was a wrinkle between his dark eyes.

Shirley was going through her skirts: "I won't send this one! I can still wear it!" She looked critically at a red and black plaid. "I won't send the blue one! I can use that some time. I'll just send this green one! I never did like the way it bulged." She help it against her and looked into the mirror, making a face.

Jim had a pile of sweaters his mother had put aside for the drive. He went through them looking at each one. "I think I'll keep this one for hikes and rough stuff! This red one is just the shade to look fine with my new slacks!" Soon he had only about half the pile his mother had sorted out. He tossed some socks back into the drawer, and tried to shove it shut, but it was so full it stuck.

Shirley kept putting back sweaters, blouses, and underwear. "This is all I have!" she said to Jim, as she carried her bundle into the hall. "Haven't you got more than that?" she raised her eyebrows as she eyed his small pile of clothes.

"That's all," said Jim, brushing his burr hair cut bricly. "If Mother sees this, she won't like it a bit! Come, we must hurry, it's nearly 11:00 now!" answered Jim.

When they got to the church hall, most of the seats were already taken. Jim slipped into a row with some of his fellow Boy Scouts, and Shirley sat with her classmate, Sue. The children had put their clothing with the pile at the door. Mother, busy elsewhere, did not notice the size of the bundle. Shirley breathed easier for that, and Jim winked at her.

Sue's aunt, Miss Hayne, had been a teacher in a mission school in Greece. "How thin and white she looks," exclaimed Shirley to Sue. "She used to look stouter than that."

"It will take time for her to get back her weight and strength. She has been on a starvation diet so long," answered Sue.

Sue's aunt was talking in a clear, ringing voice. "A picture speaks louder than words. So I am going to show you some pictures which I took at our mission. I am sure they will help you in realizing how desperately help is needed. And that you will remember everything you share will be appreciated and help those in need to know you love Jesus so much, you are willing to share what you have with others who are also His precious children."

As the lights were turned off, Shirley could hear the sound of the projector machine. Light was thrown on the screen.

Shirley gasped, for the first picture showed a group of little children dressed in rags and they were barefoot. She saw plates with a tiny bit of food on them: "That is all those children will get in a whole day! Some will not get that much." Shirley thought of the heaped bowls on their table at home, and how often she had failed to clean her plate. "This can't be now!" she said aloud.

"Oh, yes," replied Sue. "Auntie just took them before she came home."

Shirley saw little babies wrapped in rags; eyes the biggest features in their pinched faces. "Look at the lines of people waiting for food," said Miss Hayne. "They may get only a tiny bit, or none, after waiting most of the day."

She saw people who looked like walking skeletons, with just skin stretched over their bones. Some of the little ones had had abdomens too big for their skinny legs and pigeon chests, which Miss Hayne explained were due to poor nutrition.

As the pictures were shown, Sue's Aunt told stories about these children and people calling them by name. "They're real people," wondered Shirley, out loud, and not knowing she said it. "Like you and me."

"Sure," snapped Sue, staring at Shirley. "You'd get just as hungry!" Shirley could feel her eyes staring at her in the darkened room. There seemed to be eyes all around, and they were looking not only at her and Jim, but also at the pile of sweaters, blouses, skirts and socks, in her cupboard at home. Shirley felt hot with shame and she knew red was coming up over her face from her neck.

Shirley knew those eyes would still be looking at her the next time she wasted any food. "I didn't realize," murmured Shirley to Sue.

"We didn't either, till Auntie came to our house," replied Sue, and now she stared no longer, but her voice sounded softer than usual. "Doesn't it make you want to give and give?"

"Yes," answered Shirley. "I must go home at once. Please excuse me."

Passing where Jim was sitting as she tiptoed out, she tapped him on the shoulder. "Come home with me," she whispered. He arose at once and followed her. Shirley did not care if others wondered.

The lights snapped on. At her shock to find herself standing so conspicuously, Shirley impulsively did what she would not have had the nerve to do otherwise. "Miss Hayne," she said loudly. "May I say something?"

"Of course! Just go ahead," answered Miss Hayne.

"Jim and I are going home to get some more clothes we can spare, now that we realize the need. I was just wondering if everyone would not want to do the same? Perhaps take a half hour to go home and get other things they didn't give which they could give and then come back and go

to work as if Jesus, Himself, had directly asked each one and depended on Him alone."

"Yes!"

"We do!"

"Sure thing!" There were murmurs, calls, and clapping.

"Thank you, Shirley. That is a fine thought in keeping with the words of Jesus who said if we have two coats to give one to someone in need. He was God's Son and everything belongs to Him, but His wardrobe was only a seamless robe given to Him."

Mother whispered to Shirley, as she passed her: "I'm proud of you."

As they hurried down the street Jim grinned. Shirley said: "I'm ashamed of myself for being such a pig!"

"We just did not realize. We were selfishly thoughtless just like so many more, but from now on, we'll do better, God being our helper." Jim's blue eyes were serious for a change.

"Yes siree," answered Shirley, her dimple showing like it did when she was happy. "I wouldn't be one bit comfortable in my clothes, if I forgot about Jesus' idea of the two coats."

DIVINE REVELATION

(Continued from page 3)

many ways, it might have been by the Angel of the Lord, by the spoken word as he spoke to Gideon through the test of the fleece. When it came to the time of the prophets God spoke more in dreams, visions and word of mouth.

The vision method can be divided into two kinds, the ones seen with the inner spiritual eye and do not need the aid of the physical and the ones seen only by the physical. Likewise the word of mouth method can be divided into two kinds, the inner voice which does not need the aid of the physical and audible spoken words which need only the physical to hear.

During the time of Christ he spoke to man through the different miracles and Parables which Christ did and told while here on the earth.

There is one method God used through all the ages to speak to men and is still using it in this age in which we live and that is the Holy Spirit. Yes, even in our own day He speaks in different ways to different people; to you he might speak through the still small voice of the Holy Spirit but to me he might speak through a minister or some Christian worker. The thing that you and I need to do is stay so close to the Lord until the moment he speaks in whatever manner He chooses that we will be able to discern and know that God is speaking to us.

Now we come to the last section of the lecture—the agents of revelation. In these three verses we have two agents spoken of although there were others, such as angels

and the Holy Spirit, we are interested in only the two mentioned for the time being.

By the prophets, the author means one who has a message from God for the people. In this phrase the author might mean to include all persons whom God has ever been pleased to use as mediums for communicating His will to men. I think the main reason for bringing in the prophets is to contrast the prophets with Christ showing how much superior He was to the prophets or all the other agents used by God for communicating a message.

"In Christ all the fragments of previous revelation were compiled, all the methods of it concentrated, and all its apparent perplexities and contradictions solved and rendered intelligible. Sonship naturally suggests heirship, and in Christ was fulfilled the immense promise to Abraham that his seed should be heir of the World." (Farrar).

However, by this we do not want to discredit the older revelation but rather to show its richness, its fullness and its adaptation to the increasing needs of mankind. The contrast between the old and the new is drawn in the phrases which are added as a comprehensive description of the Son. There are six of these phrases and from these we can see why Christ was the superior agent to deliver the Divine Revelation.

(A) "Whom he hath appointed heir of all things." This points to us that God appointed, constituted or ordained Jesus, His Son, to be a possessor with Him of all things. Because Jesus is the Son, then this makes him an heir. Then by acceptance of Him we become an heir with Him, Gal. 4:7, "Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then and heir of God through Christ." Does not this help to prove that Jesus is the superior one.

(B) "By whom also he made the worlds." So then the heir of all things was also the creator of all things. Jesus the Son was God's agent in the creation of the world. Paul, in describing the activity of Jesus in the work of creation, gives us these words in Col. 1:5-8: "Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the pre-eminence." (Farrar).

(C) The next phrases are: "Being the brightness of His glory and the express image of his person." "There may have been a time when there were no "Worlds;" there never was a time when God was without glory, and that glory was ever being

revealed through the Son. He is related to the father as the sun's rays are related to the sun." (Erdman).

These statements describe the relationship between God the Son and God the Father. Both of the statements are metaphors. The first meaning the bright shining forth, thus the brightness of God was shining forth from Jesus. The second statement, "Very image" means the stamp cut by a die, and so the impress made upon a seal; thus this statement signifies that the essence of the divine nature was stamped on the person of Christ. He was in essences, God.

(D) The fourth phrase is "Upholding all things by the word of his power." He who is the heir of all things, the creator of all things, the essence of God, is also the sustainer of all things. He not merely supports, as one would support a heavy weight, but he carries forward, he guides, he governs, he brings to its right conclusion the whole course of nature and of history.

(E) "When he had by himself purged our sins." This tells us about the work of Christ during His earthly ministry. It emphasizes the atonement made by Christ on calvary where He gave Himself to purge our sins. The writer of Hebrews deals with this doctrine very much and puts much emphasis on it.

(F) The sixth and last phrase is "Sat down on the right hand of the majesty on high." This position at the right hand implies commanding, ruling and administrative authority. After His lowly position as a servant, which ended with his death on the cross, He was exalted to a high position at the right hand of the majesty on high.

The six phrases are not the summary of the writers conception of Christ and does it not help us to better understand more about the relation that exists between God and Jesus, and because of that we better see just where we stand? May God help each one to draw closer unto Him and learn more of Him daily.

Jesus Is Our Saviour

Shelby Jean Skinner
Wilson, N. C.

Jesus is the loving Saviour,
He is yours, and He is mine;
He is our spiritual light,
So, let Him shine.

He loves everybody,
He loves you and me;
And He's just what
We'll let Him be.

There's a mansion on the hill,
And if we'll be humble,
He'll lead us to that Home
Of pure peace and love.

See You at Cragmont August Seventh

Say, young people, I hope you're planning to catch the Cragmont bus for Cragmont Assembly August 7th. Great things are in store for all who attend that week. Anyone may attend. Children under nine years of age must be accompanied by parents or a larger person capable of taking care of them. Everyone from nine up may register and attend that week. Send your name, address, name of your church, Conference, age and two dollars (\$2.00) registration fee directly to Cragmont Assembly, Inc., P. O. Box 118, Black Mountain, N. C. The bus schedule is as follows:

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Yours in Christ,
R. P. Harris

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Albert T. Coates

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Candle-Light

Distressed, I looked out on the world
So torn by strife and sin,
And felt a thrill of thankfulness
For calm and peace within.

But pity surged up in my soul,
And through my tears I prayed,
"Oh, blessed Lord, how can I help
Lost souls, forlorn, who've strayed?"

I wish I had an angel's voice
To sing of Thy great love,
Or moving eloquence to make
Their hearts to look above.

I'd like to be a tall lighthouse
So drifting lives might see
My streaming ray, and in its path
Come safely Home to Thee.

But I am small and useless, Lord,
There's little I can do.
Then, all at once, a whisper came,
"The Lord needs candles, too."

"Oh, wilt thou light my candle?"
I cried with heart aglow.
"Perhaps some soul will see its flame
And know the way to go."

So let Him light your candle!
Although it may seem dim,
A thousand candles burning
Will guide a host to Him.

—Emma Lee Davis

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≈ A Greater Than Angels ≈

Heb. 1:4-14

Two disciples of Christ, Matthew and Luke, dared to record in their Gospels that "A greater than Solomon is here." Solomon, who was no doubt the richest and wisest man that ever lived; yet Matthew and Luke said that Christ was greater than he. The writer of Hebrews goes even further than that. He says that Jesus is greater than Angels. Then he sets forth his argument or proof in the latter part of chapter one. Knowing that the writer is well acquainted with the Hebrew laws, traditions, and customs it is not surprising to find that he proves the superiority of Jesus over Angels by quotations from Old Testament passages.

He begins by saying that Jesus is greater because of his name, "He hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent Name than they." Jesus was the only begotten Son of God. "For unto which of the Angels said he at any time Thou art my Son." There is not an Angel who could become the Son, not one that could be exalted high enough to be called a Son. Jesus is greater than all the Angelic host of God.

The writer of Hebrews has plenty of Biblical basis for saying that Jesus has "A more excellent name than they (The Angels)." For we find especially in Paul's writings this fact, that Jesus' name had been exalted above all names. Here is a passage found in Eph. 1:21: "Far above all principality and power and might and dominion and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come." So then the name of Jesus is above all principality, all powers who ever it belongs to, all might no matter how mighty, all dominion no matter how great, in fact. His Name is above all names that have ever been named in this world or the world to come. Then in Phil. 2:9-10 Paul has this to say in regard to the greatness of Jesus' name, "Wherefore God also hath

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highly exalted him, and given him a Name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth." You may never bow your knee and confess to Jesus while you live here on the earth but one day for sure you will stand before the judgment bar of God with Jesus as the righteous judge. Then you will bow your knee and confess to the name of Jesus. Oh, but how much different the outcome of the judgment if you would only bow your knee now and confess him as your Lord and Saviour. Luke in Acts 4:12 says, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." For all who do not have salvation and desire it there is none other NAME to turn to than to the name of Jesus. There is no Angel whose name is great enough for you or me to find forgiveness of our sins. No man that ever lived has a high enough name through which we could receive salvation. "There is none other NAME under heaven."

Then to the Christian, Paul would say in Col. 3:17, "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus." If we want the things that we do to be worthy of reward at the judgment, whether it be by what we say or the deeds that we do, it must be done in the name of Jesus. So then the writer of Hebrews has established his statement that Jesus has a more excellent name than angels.

Then he proceeds with the proof of Jesus' greatness by saying that Jesus is greater in position. What is the position of this one who is so great, the one who was with God in the beginning, the one who was laid in a manger some 1900 years ago,

and the one who died on calvary for the sins of all mankind? Is not his position that of a Son, was not he a Son in the beginning and has not he always been a Son and will He not always be one? "Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? . . . And again I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?"

What about Angels, what is their position? Certainly it is not that of a Son that are created spiritual beings of a nature exalted far above that of man, and far inferior to that of God. Their duties are "to do Him service in Heaven, and by his appointment to succor and defend men on earth." Yes, they are to praise and glorify Jehovah the true and living God and protect His saints from all danger and harm that would come from the evil spirits of Satan.

Christ was exalted so high in position above the Angels until the Angels were commanded to worship Him. "When he bringeth in the first begotten into the world, he saith, and let all the angels of God worship him." As the Angelic host of God announced the birth of the Saviour to the Shepherds even there they worshipped Him. Luke 2:9-15, "And, lo the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another. Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass,

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NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

It was our happy privilege to attend the Carteret County Union meeting of Free Will Baptist churches July the 29th. It filled our heart with joy to see the work which has been done by this Union for the past few years. It was our happy privilege to help to organize this union back near a quarter of a century ago. On several occasions I have visited, as well as being a member, for about three years of the life of the union.

For the past year J. R. Davidson of Davis, N. C., has been the moderator, but due to his leaving the Union District, in that he is becoming the pastor of St. Mary's church in New Bern, his assistant, Brother Ralph Wilkins, was elected moderator.

The reports coming in from the churches showed a healthy growth since the last union three months ago. It is encouraging to hear reports that show an increase in conversions and additions to the church along with an increase in the finances and attendance at worship, etc.

The speakers for the day were Revs. J. R. Davidson, Clifton Styron and L. E. Styron. They were all good messages, centered on the "Worship of God." Several special selections were rendered by individuals. A quartet by the Davidsons, and a duet by the ladies of the Russell Creek church, and special music by the choir of the host church, and a solo by Rev. J. Albert Harris, with congregation singing sandwiched all through the services. The closing part of the services was a testimony service piloted by your servant—J. C. G.—in which many witnessed to the "Saving Power" of the Lord Jesus. Truly it was good to be there. We cannot close without saying that the host church is tops when it comes to taking care of a union meeting. They really did it in a great way. God is blessing the union. It was a great joy to our soul to meet with those whom we have worked with in past years and to meet new spirit-filled workers of the Lord. We were very happy to meet with Sister J. F. Harmon, Sr., of Georgia and her son J. F., Jr., the latter being stationed at Cherry Point Marine Base. Sister Harmon is visiting Junior.

HEINOUSNESS OF SIN

With all the hateful, destructive, deceptive characteristics of sin, millions of people prefer to follow after sin and the Devil instead of accepting the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus Saves. Sin Damns. Jesus takes the believer to heaven. Sin administered by Satan, prepares the soul for a Demon's Hell.

Yet in the face of the facts men prefer to follow the broad way of death and hell. You preach to them and they think you are silly, in many instances, if you condemn the sin in their life. But brother, here is one who cannot compromise with sin. The thing that damns the souls of men will not be "soft peddled" by me.

"No man can serve two masters", therefore, we are either on the Lord's side or we are living for the devil. Too many preachers are compromising with sin and patting folk on the back, telling them that they are good fellows, when actually they are on their way to the "Lake that burneth with brimstone and fire. I don't think that a man can please the devil better than to live in the church—the visible church—when his life is so corrupt that he stands in the way of lost souls. Jesus said, "Take heed that your light be not darkness." The one who professes to have light and then walks in darkness is a well-pleasing servant of the devil. "By their works ye shall know them."

HYPOCRITS

Often I find some good-for-nothing, self-righteous servant of Satan who stands back and hides behind some fellow whom he calls a "hypocrite," saying, "I'm as good as that fellow." That may be true or it may not be true. I am satisfied that all the hypocrites in the world are not members of some church. There are some very big ones who are outside the church, criticizing "weak-kneed Christians." Every fellow who falls down is not a hypocrite. Often it is one who is weak in the flesh. Jesus said "the flesh is weak." A great many of the Bible characters committed some sin. Jesus said, "He that is without fault, cast the first stone."

I had rather see a poor weak Christian who keeps repenting and following after righteousness than to look at the self-righteous criticiser.

I have known weak Christians to grow stronger and finally reach the place of entire consecration and die happy in the Lord; but I have never seen a "self-righteous" man leave this world happy. I have seen them go as wretched undone sinners.

Pastoral Announcement

I am now an ordained minister of the gospel, and will be available for pastoral work, or to render any service that the Lord's people may want me to hold for them. I shall be glad to get churches to pastor for the coming year. Anyone interested can contact me at the following address.

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Do you read your church papers?

The Need of Humility

Various circumstances burden people with feelings of dejection, suppression, and subordination, which, in many instances, subject individuals to the terrible malady of inferiority complex. This feeling of humiliation often renders one unfit for living the fullest and most useful life, and it is not the humility which we believe to be the ground work of the criterion, or the remedy, for this confused, distrustful, and sin-blighted generation.

Christ gives us the pattern for true and effective humbleness in Matthew 18:1-4. He very definitely declared to His disciples that no one is fit for the kingdom of heaven, neither can one enter therein, without the simple humbleness of a child. The childlike kind is not brought on nor strengthened by pressure or force, but it has its setting in a feeling of innocent dependence upon and trustful confidence in the one to whom the helpless one looks for protection, support, and guidance. Love and the innate longing for someone to trust and lean upon humbles the child before the parent. That is the kind of humility God looks for in His people.

We notice also that there is power in that kind of humble submission. Jesus said that those who possess childlike humbleness before God are greatest in His kingdom. Evidently, then, those who are greatest in His sight have most power at the Throne of Grace. The entire New Testament places strong emphasis on the value of prayer. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16).

A truly humble servant of God can discern more divine truth on his knees in his private bedchamber than an egotistic theologian can standing atiptoe on the misty mountain peak of theological learning. Christians would have more power for good in the world today if they spent more time in communion with God in prayer and less time riding those who spend their time trying to devise ways and means of carrying on without Him.

If the leaders of the so-called Christian nations were childlike humble before God, and spent as much time in fervent prayer for the safety of mankind as they spend in conferences in efforts to devise means of destruction, God would hear their appeals for peace and safety, and use them to work out answers to their prayers. We pray for peace, but we work for destruction. Such prayers cannot go heavenward because they are bound to the earth with selfishness, greed, and hatred. We have power for good according to our humbleness before God. Let us humble ourselves before Him so that He may use us during these days of uncertainty and peril.

J. E. Wooten

The eighth verse of the ninety-seventh Psalm is the middle verse of the Bible.

PREACHER WITH A PURPOSE

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Florida. He was a good schoolman. For the school year 1945-46 he received the Florida Education Association citation for having the best junior high school program in the state. All of this time he was preaching.

To give his children opportunities that he had not had, the Reverend Mr. Pelt bought a farm five years ago near Marianna. The family moved in during the Christmas season. On January 17 the house burned to the ground, and with it nearly all the family possessed—hard luck again! But hard work and generous contributions from grateful church and community members soon put a better house in the place of the old. Mr. Pelt farmed personally sixty-five acres for two years while he performed his duties as principal. Now two of the children are in college and the third nearing completion of high school, partly on money they have made in FFA projects.

All of this time Daniel Pelt was preaching, and 1950 has seen the culmination of his career. For the *Progressive Farmer Magazine* has this year awarded him recognition as Florida's Rural Minister of the Year. His educational work may have had some bearing on the choice, but the real basis lies in church leadership and community service.

At present, Mr. Pelt is serving three churches in north-west Florida. When he went to Christian Home Church in Blountstown twelve years ago, it was a tiny, unpainted, one-room structure. Now it is a modern building with six Sunday School rooms in addition to the auditorium. It is cooled in summer and heated in winter. "There is no excuse to stay away because of the weather," he smilingly tells the congregation. There has been a like spiritual improvement. During 1950 there have already been four baptisms held. At one of these there were seven new

members received, and two or more at all.

The story at Hickory Grove Church, Bascom, is much the same. On Mr. Pelt's coming in 1942 the membership had been losing ground for ten years. Now there is a harmonious, growing congregation worshipping in a new church building.

This is Mr. Pelt's first year at Traveler's Rest Church at Altha. Already there is a building fund of \$800 and a forward-looking spirit among the people. Besides these three church building programs, Mr. Pelt has organized and built three churches in southeast Alabama.

What is the secret of his success? One thing is to get help. "I don't do anything that a member of the church can do just as well or better," Mr. Pelt declares. That is the human side; but there is another side, too. "My few accomplishments have been the Lord's blessing and leadership. I was so timid that I almost fainted the first time I spoke in public," professes Mr. Pelt. That timidity is gone, and in its place is a confidence and optimism built on faith and experience.

Another secret has been in the handling of church finance. Mr. Pelt gets each church on a percentage basis in the disposal of its funds. This replaces the old system of paying current expenses and giving the rest to the preacher. Mr. Pelt believes that many congregations feel the preacher receives an unfair share the old way. "When selfishness is removed from the picture, God lays it on the hearts of the members to give more and more," he declares. Incidentally, by giving up the greater part of the church funds, he has found his monthly income from one church increasing from eight dollars to sixty for quarter-time work!

Mr. Pelt's influence has not been merely local. He has founded a summer camp to which young people from churches all over Florida may come for religious instruction. Five years

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This is a hard-luck story—but more than that. It is the story of a man who has met hard luck with courage, foresight, and Christian conviction. And he has overcome it, with something to spare.

Daniel F. Pelt seemed marked for obscurity when he was born, the second of ten children, on a little farm near Marianna, Florida, in 1909. His family had little of the world's goods. In spite of this fact, Daniel made a beginning in school and managed to complete the tenth grade before he had to quit and help his father farm.

Thus, when Daniel married Ruby Carroll in his twentieth year, he was virtually unschooled and without prospect for any life beyond what he already knew. But he had something else.

A year before, he had become a Christian and had joined the local Free Will Baptist Church. Then, a few weeks before his marriage, he received the call to preach and answered it. Now he faced life with the hope of bettering himself in order that he might better serve the rural church. What is more, he did something about it.

Daniel Pelt finished high school and two years at the Free Will Baptist College in Nashville. Then he went on to get a degree of Bachelor of Science in Education from Troy, Alabama, State Teachers College. This was long before the days of the G. I. Bill. All of this time he was preaching. While at Troy, he served nine rural churches, drove three thousand miles a month, and preached from three to five sermons each week end. It took him ten years to get a degree since much of the time he went to school only in summer. His small church income was all that made schooling possible.

And Daniel Pelt had family responsibilities. To him and Ruby were born three children, Roland, Ramona, and Daniel, Jr. So Preacher Pelt—for preaching was his primary concern—undertook another job. He became a teacher and principal at Central Junior High School, Jackson Co.,

Tennessee Personalities and Events

C. F. Bowen

Good revivals have been held in Middle Tennessee within the past few weeks. Rev. Raymond Riggs, Detroit, Michigan, held a successful meeting at New Hope Church during July with many results. Ronald Creech, Bible College student from Kenly, N. C., closed a sweeping revival at Oaklawn Church about the same time. The writer held a two-weeks meeting at Friendship Church near Nashville the latter part of July with 43 responses, about half of them conversions. Rev. George Ludwig is pastor. The writer will hold another revival in Mr. Ludwig's Bethel Church beginning August 13.

The Foreign Mission Board of the National Association plans to hold a special conference on missions at the Bible College in Nashville October 10 and 11. The evening services will be held in the East Nashville Church.

Two important meetings are scheduled for East Nashville Church this summer and fall: The Cumberland Woman's Auxiliary Convention will meet there on August 23. The State Association of Tennessee will convene there in October.

Advance reports show a heavy enrolment at the Bible College this fall . . . The College Girls Quartet has started its tour in Middle Tennessee, visiting many churches in this section . . . They sang at East Nashville last Sunday . . . Rev. T. O. Terry, pastor of Ashland City church, is in an extensive revival tour during August . . . Twenty-four from the Nashville area attended the National Association in Richmond, California in July . . . Many Free Will Baptists, on the way home from the Association, stopped by the College and some of the churches to exchange greetings.

LAST CALL!

Cragmont Woman's Auxiliary Conference

There are not many reservations left for the Woman's Auxiliary Conference at Cragmont. Women who plan to go should send in their reservation at once. The registration fee is \$2.00. Eastern North Carolina women who plan to ride the chartered bus should reserve seats now, as we will engage bus of proper size to take care of reservations. Send \$5.00 deposit on fare; pay balance of fare when boarding bus. You will be informed of time and place to meet bus.

We are hoping for the greatest of all conferences at Cragmont this year, and expect a capacity crowd. Women, don't

wait until it's too late to make reservation. If you miss Cragmont, you will miss a great blessing.

Send all registrations to
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WHEN THAT MORNING COMES

When earthly graves have opened,
And surrendered all their dead;
When bodies in the ocean awake
And see that light ahead,
Then Jesus' voice I will hear,
For from that great beyond,
He will take us home to glory
When that eternal morning comes.

I'm going home to glory,
When that morning comes.
I'll sail away to glory,
When the battle's won.
I will see the one called Moses,
And Peter and James and John,
And I know I'll see my Saviour
When that morning comes.

When mountains start to crumbling,
And this earth is all ablaze,
Then we'll see our Saviour
On that great Judgment Day.
He'll put his arms around us,
Wipe away our tears,
Because we'll never cry again
WHEN THAT MORNING COMES.

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Life's Arithmetic

Add to your store of knowledge
Such learning as you may;
Let each day find you wiser
Before it pass away.
The chain across the river,
Stretching from brink to brink,
It was not forged and cast at once
But link was put to link.

Subtract from all your service
The things that mar and spoil;
Face duties with a cheerful heart,
Without a grumble toil.
Your childhood will be sure to lead
The poet said of old;
And you shall find a wiser truth
Has never yet been told.

Sweet deeds of love and service
Still learn to multiply;
There is so much that you can do.
If you will only try.
For little hands small tasks are set
That men could never do,
And you may speak so many words
That helpful are and true.

Divide your time up wisely;
Within each separate day
There is a time for you to work,
A time for you to play;
And if your time is wisely spent,
And portioned out like this,
Your childhood will be sure to lead
On to an age of peace.
—Unknown

Watery Branch Church Has Good Bible School

Our Vacation Bible school was held the week of June 19 through 23, under the leadership of L. V. Jones. There were five classes which were conducted for the different age groups of the school. Our pastor, Rev. T. P. Ellis, taught the adult class. Some of the women of the church served as teachers and helpers in the school.

On Friday afternoon a picnic was enjoyed by all the children and young people who attended the school. The church people gave to the pastor, Brother Ellis, a "pounding"—good things for his pantry. This was to show to him how the church appreciates his services.

Our church people are looking forward to having a good Bible school next summer.

Mrs. J. S. Jones
Stantonsburg, N. C.
Route 2

Books Reviewed

"Steps to Nebo"

Author: J. A. Van Gorkom
Publisher: Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Michigan
Price per copy: \$1.50

The author gives us vivid pictures, in simple story form, of thirteen Bible heroes from Abraham to Esther. These biographical sketches are written with the view of appealing to young people. They attract the minds of young readers.

Place orders either with the Baker Book House, or with the F. W. B. Press, Ayden, N. C.

"Principles of Biblical Interpretation"

Author: L. Berkhof, B. D.
Publisher: Baker Book House
Grand Rapids 6, Michigan
Price per copy: \$2.50

This new book is comprehensive, and is designed for class use in Bible colleges and seminaries. Pastors and Bible teachers will find it helpful to them in their Bible studies.

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: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

WHY NOT GIVE AS UNTO THE LORD?

Some individuals, churches, and church organizations have the habit of giving very largely of their means to certain objects, or specifically designated purposes, or projects. They say, on the whole, that such projects stimulate, or interest persons to give more liberally and cheerfully than giving to some fund for a certain movement. While there may be some truth in this way of giving, yet we believe that it serves, in a great many instances, to hinder the larger purposes for which the money is given. For example, if certain members of a local church give only to the support of the pastor, then they withhold their support of church improvement and expansion. On the otherhand, if there be some who give very little for the support of the pastor, they make it hard for those who do seek to support him. Consequently, the church program is not receiving a balanced financial support, not to say anything about the support of the National program.

We believe that every local church should give "as unto the Lord." By this we mean, let the church set up a balanced budget at the beginning of the year, including in the budget of different phases of the church work both for the State and the National work, and then set plans by which the money can be raised at different periods during the year to reach the goal. Since money is needed in the church treasury every week in the year, it is necessary for the local church to keep the budget plan before the church people, and train them to give cheerfully all along during the year.

This plan will be greatly helpful, when carried out, to the State and the National work. For example, Christian education, Missions, Superannuation, the Orphanages,

and other denominational projects must receive support month after month during the year. They cannot wait for certain seasons for money to be placed into their treasuries for their use; they must be supported each month, as is true of salaried and laboring individuals in this country, whatever may be their vocations. The missionaries, the orphans, the Christian workers, as well as the pastors, must be paid each month if they are to be able to meet their bills. And the church people want them paid on time. It would be a shame not to want them to receive their checks in due time each month.

In view of these things, this is what we are coming to: Since all local church, State and National work of our denomination receives its support in a financial way from the church people in general all over the denomination, it therefore is the fact that the money must come from the pockets of the families that go to make up the churches of the denomination. They are the ones who are to assume the responsibility for the adequate support of Christian education, Missions (home and foreign), Superannuation, Orphanages, etc. Each church of the denomination is duty bound to do its part in a liberal and cheerful way for these causes, in addition to the liberal support of its own local church obligations. No church can afford to sit idly by and see the mission cause suffer. Certainly, God would not be pleased with such indifference. No pastor can afford to neglect emphasizing the necessity of liberal and systematic giving, on the part of the churches which he is pastoring, to the State and National programs of our denomination. Certainly, every pastor is to be alert concerning these vital matters of our denomination. The church people will do, on the whole, the things that their good pastors lead them to do for the cause of the gospel in the world.

FATHER'S VOICE

Dear Friendly Boys and Girls,

If I were to ask you if you knew your father's voice, you would look at me in wonder and say, "Of course I do!" You would think I was ignorant to ask you such a question, would you not?

It is a good thing if you do know your father's voice. Now I will tell you what kind of boys and girls do not know their father's voice. They are the kind who do not obey him. Father will say to them, "Come home at such and such a time," and they will say, "Yes, Father." But when that time comes, playing goes so well and they wish to stay away a little longer. They think that perhaps Father will not care if they stay just a little longer. So they stay. Boys or girls who do this kind of thing have heard their father's voice all right, but it means little to them. Just the sound of his voice was familiar to them.

They could tell whose lips the words came from, but to them the words meant nothing. They took their own way and did just as they pleased. They did not really know their father's voice, because they did not obey him.

A boy may go out to skate. After he has been out for an hour, Father calls that he shall come home now. But he skates on a while longer, really disobeys his father. Do you think that boy really knows his father's voice?

One time the Lord Jesus said the sheep follow their shepherd "for they know his the voice of strangers" (John 10:4, 5). A-f- but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers" (John 10:4, 5). Afterward He said: "I am the Good Shepherd, and know My sheep, and am known of Mine" (vs. 14). He is the Good Shepherd, and if we are his sheep we will follow Him, for we shall know His voice. When we know His voice, we will obey Him. We

cannot say we know His voice unless we do what He tells us to do. He is faithful and He may often speak to us and tell us when we are wrong, or tell us to do things for Him.

When good children do wrong they are sorry and will confess the wrong. The parents then know that they can trust them. When a sheep goes wrong, and the shepherd seeks it, it will hear his voice and come with the shepherd to the fold.

So also, when we are Jesus' sheep or lambs, and go wrong, and He shows us that we are wrong, we will feel sorry and repent and Jesus will forgive us.

Are you Jesus' little lamb? Do you know His voice?

Yours, in the Lord Jesus,
Leota L. Knopp

Whenever a man does uncover his sin, God is always ready to cover it.

—Augustine.

BEGGAR OF IRAN

C. D. Carter

"No papa, no mamma, no bungalow," whined the little beggar pitifully.

"Backsheesh Backsheesh!" he cried again and again as he held out his hand expectantly for money. The little fellow kept dogging the steps of the American soldiers who were stationed in Iran, always begging for "backsheesh" and whining, "No papa, no mamma, no bungalow."

At night, he slept on the floor of the railroad station, if no one booted him out. All he had to sleep under was an old piece of gunnysack, which he also used as a coat when he was awake. Apparently he was only ten or eleven years old, and what little clothing he had was too filthy for words.

Finally the American boys decided to adopt the little beggar, and what a tremendous change they made in him! They had been calling him "Ali" or "Hassan," but now they changed his name to Matthew J. Casey. He was inducted with a haircut, a bath, and the destruction of his old rags.

ADOPTED

An American uniform was cut down to fit him, and you could hardly imagine it was the same little boy. Now he brushed his teeth night and morning, took a shower several times a day, and had a soldier's bunk to sleep in. He was easily earning his keep by running errands, shining shoes and taking his turn at K. P. And he seemed to be a completely happy little boy in his new position. Instead of continually begging for "backsheesh," he was now able to dig down and lend a soldier a few toman—pending pay day.

And what these boys did for "Matthew J. Casey" is a nice little picture of what the Lord will do for you, if you allow Him to adopt you into His family.

For in your natural condition before God, you are only an unclean, filthy sinner like the little beggar of Iran. Oh, you may be a good moral person, and you may even have a reli-

gion of some kind, but you are still utterly sinful and filthy in the sight of a holy God. "We are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags" (Is. 64:6). So if your very best deeds are only filthy rags in His sight, how can you expect God to accept them? And what do you think your sins look like to Him?

STRANGE BUT TRUE

If we are so sinful and filthy in His sight, then why does He want to adopt us? Only God knows why. I cannot understand it myself why a Holy God would think of adopting me and made me His own dear child, and my heart rejoices in this fact. I know He loves me, and He loves you too, dear friend. And He is ready to cleanse you completely from all sin, and adopt you today into His royal family! It is astonishing but it is true.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). "Having predestinated us into the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, * * in whom we have redemption through His Blood, the forgiveness of His grace" (Eph. 1:5, 7). "That we might receive the adoption of sons" (Gal. 4:5) "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God" (John 1:12).

So you see that God loves you and desires to save you, and He offers to adopt you into His family and make you one of His own dear children, if you want to be. But He will not adopt you against your will. You must want Him more than anything else in the world, or you will never become His child.

Think of the tremendous change that will take place if you let Him adopt you! For you will be "born again" into His family, you will be cleansed completely from every stain of sin, and you will be clothed completely with the righteousness of Christ. Then instead of being a beggar, always begging God for something, you will be His dear son, and

He will give you what it takes to make you happy. And you will also have something with which to help other people when they are in need of spiritual help and comfort.

So if you would like to be adopted into God's family, look to the Lord Jesus today. For He is the only One who can do it. He says to you, "Look unto Me, and be ye saved" (Is. 45:22). "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28).

Christian Evidence

A generation ago Charles Bradlaugh, an atheist, challenged Hugh Price Hughes, a godly minister, to debate with him the truth of the Christian faith. The challenge was immediately accepted in these words: "The courts, as a rule, in rendering their verdicts, do not rely solely upon the arguments of the lawyers on either side. They carefully scrutinize the evidence offered by those who have firsthand knowledge of the facts. I will bring with me to the debate one hundred men and women who have been saved from lives of sin by the Gospel of Christ. They will give their evidence and you will be allowed to cross-examine them. I will ask that you bring with you one hundred men and women who have been similarly helped by the gospel of infidelity which you preach."

The debate was abandoned. The agnostic had no evidence. The Christian had evidence.—H. T. Kerr, in the *Elim Evangel*

REAL OR IMITATION

The world is full of imitations and counterfeits. It is the same in connection with the Christian life. There is much hypocrisy and imitation.

It is said that the way to reveal the real and the imitation pearls is to hold them up close to the fire. If they are real nothing happens. If not, the skin of the imitation curls up. The sure test to distinguish the hypocrite from the real Christian is to watch the imitation under fire. No doubt he will get all ruffled up. The true Christian can stand the white-heat. But no Christian is any stronger than he is under "the fiery trial which is to try" him. Never measure your genuineness except under the white-heat of trial and persecution.—*The Prairie Overcomer*.

You can't fly with the owls at night and keep up with the eagles in the daytime.

Do you read your church papers?

:-: Department of Foreign Missions :-:

CONCERNING THE INDIA CAR FUND

An Open Letter

I understand there has been considerable objection because of the fact that the money, which was turned in designated for the purpose of purchasing a car for the India mission field, has been used as general funds to keep our missionaries on the field during the past year when funds became so scarce. I desire in this letter to make myself clear concerning the matter. I hope you will read every word.

On July the 19th, 1949, I received from Rev. J. W. Alford, Missions Treasurer for North Carolina, the amount of \$2,026.06, which amount was designated to apply on the car for India. I had received some money before that, and have received quite a sum since; making a total received to date (July 27, 1950) of \$3,247.91, all designated for the India car. When I received the money from Bro. Alford in July, 1949, I immediately corresponded with the Director on the India field, and told her I was ready to send all the money I had for the purpose of purchasing the car. She answered and said cars were too high to buy in India. Asked that I hold the money until she returned home for furlough in 1950, and perhaps the purchase could be made in the states while she was home. Naturally I followed her instructions and held the money. In the mean time, during the year of 1949-50 the treasury became very low. Different times there was not enough money to send to the fields promptly as it should have been sent. In my desperate efforts to keep up with the allotments due the foreign fields, each month I proceeded to use the "car money." The intention was, and still is, that this money be replaced from the general funds when the time comes that it is deemed the time to make the purchase of the car. Had

I not transferred this money to the general funds for use in the past emergencies our workers on the foreign fields would have suffered. They came near suffering as it was. I thought it best to keep our workers on the field by the use of this money rather than let it lay in the treasury doing no one any good for the time then present.

Please understand that this money could be replaced most any month from the general funds, and that we will do any time the officials get ready to purchase the car. Of course, when we replace the money from the general treasury it will mean that our workers on the foreign fields will be compelled to do without for a while unless there is a sudden quickening of pace in receipts for foreign missions. But they would have had to do without had we not used the money, and so it will just be a matter of postponement of the unpleasant situation for them, understand.

When you people get to where you are willing to give your money, "as unto the Lord" instead of giving to some person or object, and let your foreign missions board distribute the money, as and where it is most needed, we will be spared these unpleasant situations. We have prevailed with you for years to quit designating your money. Seems it has done little good. You continue to designate. Are you afraid to trust your board? If so, then why not dismiss it and get one you can trust? Why are you not willing to give your mission money to "missions?"

In closing let me say please rest assured that when the "green light" is given for the purchase of the car for India the entire amount as stated above will be turned into that channel.

Winford Davis,
Promotional Secy.-Treas.

The thirty-seventh chapter of Isaiah and the nineteenth chapter of II Kings are alike.

THE STORY OF THE SPRINKLED BLOOD

This old, old story of the lamb that was slain, the blood that was sprinkled, and the boys that were saved, never grows old. How could it when it is a picture of the Gospel which is "old, yet ever new," and just as mighty to save all who believe it, as it was hundreds of years ago.

The lamb chosen (Exod. 12:3) from the flock, without a spot or blemish, is just like Jesus—God's Holy Lamb. During the four days it was kept, nothing but gentleness was seen; so with Jesus during His earthly days. The Babe of Bethlehem, the Boy of Nazareth, the Man Christ Jesus, everywhere, always, Jesus was perfect. This is how He can be a Sacrifice, a Saviour.

But the lamb chosen, and kept with its snow-white fleece, its gentle ways, was not enough. It had to become the lamb slain (Exod. 12:6). Yes, its blood had to be shed, its life poured out. And so the Lamb of God—the holy, gentle Jesus—had to die. Apart from His death, there could be no shelter from wrath, no salvation from sin, no title to Glory.

And soon after the lamb had been slain, its blood was taken by the Israelite father to the door of his house, and with a bunch of hyssop taken from the wall, the lintel above and the posts on both sides were blood sprinkled (Exod. 12:13). That lamb has died instead of the first-born son, that blood is sprinkled to save him from judgment. Then they all pass in under the shelter of the sprinkled blood, and God has told them—"When I see the blood, I will pass over you." "The firstborn son" (Exod. 12:13) was safe by that blood outside: he was made sure by the Word of God. Yes, safe and sure, while the angel of death passed thru the land, smiting wherever no blood was seen.—Little Ones' Treasury.

In the one hundred and seventh Psalm four verses are alike—the eighth, fifteenth, twenty-first and thirty first.

No names or words with more than six syllables are found in the Bible.

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Miss Mary E. Talton, Manager

(All services at 8:00 p. m. unless otherwise indicated).

Day	Date	Church
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French Broad Association

ROCK FISH CONFERENCE

Friday, August 11	—Red Springs
Saturday, August 12	—Hickory Grove
Sunday, August 13	—Sandy Grove
Monday, August 14	—Bethel

PEE DEE CONFERENCE

Tuesday, August 15	—Bladenboro
Wednesday, August 16	—Oak Grove No. 1
Thursday, August 17	—Mill Rock
Friday, August 18	—Mt. Calvary
Saturday, August 19	—Mt. Olive
Sunday, August 20	—Beaver Dam
Monday, August 21	—Emerson
Tuesday, August 22	—Mission Valley
Wednesday, August 23	—Pine Level
Thursday, August 24	—Cedar Branch
Friday, August 25	—Cypress Creek

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Miss Bonnie Farmer, Manager

(All services at 8:00 unless otherwise noted.)

DAY	DATE	CHURCH
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Western Conference

Saturday, August 12	—Peoples Chapel
Sunday, August 13	—Little Rock, Lucama
	—Cape Fear Conference
Monday, August 14	—Raleigh
Tuesday, August 15	—Johnston Union
Wednesday, August 16	—Hopewell
Thursday—August 17	—Smithfield
Friday—August 18	—Bethel
Saturday, August 19	—Stevens Chapel
Sunday, August 20	—Prospect
Monday, August 21	—Corinth
Tuesday, August 22	—Shady Grove
Wednesday, August 23	—St. Paul
Thursday, August 24	—Black Jack Grove
	(Western Conference)
Friday, August 25	—Daileys Chapel
Saturday, August 26	—St. John
Sunday, August 27	—Riverside

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Mrs. E. A. Taylor, Manager

(All services at 8:00 p. m. unless otherwise noted.)

DAY	DATE	CHURCH
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Western Conference

Friday, August 11	—Barnes Hill
Saturday, August 12	—Piney Grove, Nash County

Sunday, August 13—Wilson

Cape Fear Conference

Monday, August 14	—Wooten's Chapel
Tuesday, August 15	—Powhatown
Wednesday, August 16	—Lanwood's Chapel
Thursday, August 17	—Yelverton's Grove
Friday, August 18	—Tees Chapel
Saturday, August 19	—St. Mary's Grove
Sunday, August 20	—Pleasant Grove
Monday, August 21	—Lee's Chapel
Tuesday, August 22	—Robert's Grove
Wednesday, August 23	—Oak Grove
Thursday, August 24	—West Clinton
Friday, August 25	—Spring Hill (Western)

(Conf.)

Saturday, August 26	—Casey's Chapel
Sunday, August 27	—Goldsboro

COBWEBS AND CHAINS

Edwin Adams

"Sin often begins in cobwebs and ends in chains." Does that need explaining? Nothing could be thinner or more easily broken than a spiders network. And few things are stronger or less easily broken than chains.

In the Middle Ages a smith was imprisoned for some crime, and was chained to prevent his escape. He anxiously examined the chains that bound him. But suddenly he found on them some marks which proved that they were of his own making, and he had always had the reputation for making flawless, unbreakable chains. He at once gave up all hope of getting free. The chains of habit that we make ourselves are the most difficult to break. "Be sure your sin will find you out."

You know the saying:

"Sow a thought and reap an act;
Sow an act and reap a habit;
Sow a habit and reap a character;
Sow a character and reap a destiny."

"The older I get," said habit, "the longer I shall live." The great Duke of Wellington said, "Habit is ten times nature." He perhaps had in mind the habit of discipline in an army, but it is true that when a boy or girl keeps on practicing a certain wrong thing, whatever it may be, the cobwebs, as it were, grow stronger and stronger, until, at last, it be-

comes like a chain. Anyone in chains is certainly not free.

"Frank" means free. But whatever your Christian name may be, you are not really free if your sins are unforgiven, and if you are the slave of any habit or practice. And sin, of whatever kind, is an enemy that is too strong for us. We cannot deliver ourselves. In spite of all we try to do, a real cure of sin cannot even begin in that way.

But a cure for sin is possible. We cannot forgive our sins, but Christ can. We cannot cleanse our hearts and lives of sin's power, but Christ can. And He wants to come into our hearts, forgive all our sins, give us a new life, and a new start. Do you want to be freed from sin enough to let Him come in, and take control?

Then let this be your prayer:

"Into my heart, into my heart,
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus;
Come in today, come in to stay,
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus."

GOD'S ANSWER

Sarah Schuster

Jesse and Danny Thorsen were Boy Scouts. Every day, of course, like all fine scouts, they did their good deed. Once in awhile at the supper table Father, by way of conversation asked. "Well, sons, have each of you done your good deeds today?" When hearing how Jesse had helped a poor little frightened squirrel across the street through thick traffic and how Danny had picked up a parcel for an old lady, he often led the family in hearty applause.

"Give the boys a clap," he would call out and Mother and even Jimmy with his two-year-old chubby fists clapped heartily.

On Sunday, however, Father made the rule that the good deed should consist of a good thought learned in Sunday School or from the pastor's sermon. At the dinner table after he or Mother had asked the blessing he always inquired, "Now boys, what is the good thought for the day?"

Jesse, the older answered, "Pastor spoke to our department today on

prayer and said that we must listen after we pray to see what God answers to our prayer."

Danny's eyes brightened excitedly as he said, "That was my good thought, too. Papa." He went on to explain, "Pastor said that prayer was a conversation and we ought to listen to what God says, too."

"That is a very good thought. Practice it, boys," said Father as he began serving the food to his hungry family.

The next night, after a busy day at school and a rollicking hour in the school playground the boys got their homework done as quickly as possible so that after supper they could work a little at their workbenches in the basement and get to bed. At nine o'clock sharp they were in their room ready to tumble into bed. Two sleepy boys knelt at their bed.

"Prayer is a conversation—listen as well as speak." Danny heard the pastor's voice, clearly. He wondered whether Jesse could remember.

Danny talked to God, and he thanked Him for the fine day, for the sunshine, for good health, and a good home, he listened and he thought he heard God say, "Thank you, Danny, My child; you are welcome."

Then he arose from his knees and wanted to tumble into bed but Jesse was still kneeling and, of course, he could not disturb him.

"He's listening," he thought earnestly. "I wonder what God is saying to him?"

At last Jesse arose.

"What were you praying so long for?" asked Danny with frank surprise.

"Listening," answered the older brother.

"What did He say?" asked Danny, his sleepy eyes open wide with curiosity.

Jesse blushed with shame, "He said I'd better make up with Joe, the fellow I had a fight with at school today.

"Didn't he beat you up? Isn't that enough?" inquired Danny.

"No," answered Jesse. "I have to say to him, 'Let's be friends, Joe'."

Ncah was 600 years old before he knew how to build an ark—don't lose your grip.

NEW BETHLEHEM TO HOLD REVIVAL

Our revival is to start at New Bethlehem Church August 14th, Monday night after Second Sunday, with Rev. Clinton Lupton of Bayboro, our pastor, doing the preaching. It will go on through third Sunday, and every body is cordially invited, and will be welcomed each night. Pray for it to be the best revival we have ever had and that many souls will be converted, for if we ever needed a revival, it's now.

Mrs. L. L. Price

NINE RULES

- Keep skid-chains on your tongue.
- Make promises sparingly.
- Never let an opportunity pass to say a kind word.
- Be interested in others.
- Preserve an open mind on all debatable questions.
- Let your virtues, if you have any, speak for themselves.
- Be careful of others' feelings.
- Pay no attention to ill-natured remarks.

Pineywoods Summer Camp

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Seven jam-packed days of fellowship, inspiration, recreation and information at PINEYWOODS, one of the most beautiful summer camps in the Lone Star state, nestled among the picturesque pines of East Texas.

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"Breathes there a man with soul so dead . . ." who could not feel the nearness of God under the "Whispering Pines" here surrounding the faculty cottage? There are many such beautiful spots at Pineywoods. Join your friends here August 13-19 for the best week of your life.

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You may sleep in the large dormitory rooms, (each cooled with large fans) on the easy-sleeping double deck Army beds—or if you prefer to rough it, you may camp out.

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Meals will be served regularly in the camp dining room. Meals are served cafeteria style and those who have attended will vouch, "There's no better food anywhere."

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You Will Need

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Your Bible; A notebook and pencils. Bedding, which includes blankets, sheets and a pillow. Toilet articles, such as your toothbrush, soap, towels, comb, etc.

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You May Want

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A camera, bathing suit, bath robe (this is required if swim suit is brought), musical instruments (no radio), tennis shoes, outdoor clothes (girls may wear slacks and bluejeans for play, but no shorts), and some spending money.

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You Will Always Remember a Few Days Spent at Pineywoods

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State Woman's Auxiliary Convention,
State Minister's Conference,
State Sunday School Convention,
State League Conference.

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Rev. Damon C. Dodd, promotional secretary for the national association of Free Will Baptists, will speak Friday, August 18, at the state League Conference.

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Courses during the week will include Bible Doctrine, League, Bible Story-telling and Soul-winning. A competent faculty has been secured.

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Application Blank

Mrs. H. Ray Berry, Camp Registrar
1031 East 14th Street
Houston 9, Texas
Dear Mrs. Berry:

The Texas Free Will Baptist encampment sounds wonderful, and I sure plan to be there. I am enclosing my \$2.00 registration fee and will bring the other \$8.00 when I come to camp, making it a week's vacation for just \$10.00.

Name _____ Age _____ Address _____

Church _____ Association _____

Signature of pastor _____ Parent _____



JOHN, PREACHER OF REPENTANCE

(Lesson for August 20)

LESSON: Luke 3:7-20; Matt. 14:1-12.

GOLDEN TEXT: Luke 3:8.

I. HEART OF THE LESSON

From the very beginning of human history, God has made preparation in advance for every important event which had to do with His programs for man's benefit and welfare. When He knew that it was time for Christ to make His appearance in the world, He sent a man to prepare the way for Him by preparing the hearts of the people to receive Him. John the Baptist was the man whom God sent for this purpose.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

1. The "seed of the serpent" has become a "generation of vipers" and is under the wrath of God (Luke 3:7).

2. There is no profit in being a descendant of a Godly father unless by personal choice we put ourselves on his side (vs. 8).

3. The ax of God's judgment will not fail to find the lives that are fruitless in God's sight (vs. 9).

4. Whosoever honestly seeks to know what God would have him do is sure to get an answer (vss. 10, 12, 14).

5. Kindliness and helpfulness in place of selfishness is one evidence of repentance (vs. 11).

6. Honesty in all matters of business in the place of deceit is also an evidence of repentance (vs. 13).

7. Satisfaction in the place of greediness and violence is a further evidence of repentance (vs. 14).

8. Even well-meaning people can make the mistake of overestimating a servant of the Lord (vs. 15).

9. The greatest Prophet that ever lived has not sufficient merit of his

own to untie a shoe string for the Lord (vs. 16).

10. The baptism with fire is the baptism of judgment which shall one day purge this world (vss. 16, 17).—Selected

11. It is significant that in Acts 1:5 Jesus mentions the baptism of the Holy Ghost for believers but, He does not say they are to receive a baptism of fire which is evidently for the ungodly. See Acts 11:16.

12. According to John 8:39, the Jews boasted of being children of Abraham. They held to the idea that no son of Abraham could scarcely ever be lost. But the Old Testament prophets had warned them long ago that special privileges of the children of God, without religious duties performed by them, were no assurance of perfect security (Jer. 7:3, 4; Mic. 3:11b; Isa. 48:2, etc.). We see from Matthew 8:11 how Christ taught the Hebrews that Abraham's seed had no exclusive offer of salvation. John the Baptist impressed upon their minds the fact that their most important need was repentance.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

13. The heart of John's message was a call to repentance in preparation for the coming of the Christ. He said, "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 3:2). But he did not leave the matter there. He helped his hearers to understand what repentance meant, and what fruits would reveal a genuine sorrow for their past sins. It is one thing to give a well-rounded homiletical discussion of the place of repentance in God's plan of salvation; it is something very different and much more essential to arouse the conscience and produce, with the help of the Spirit of God, such conviction of sin as will lead to amendment of life. To all classes of people John gave advice that met their specific needs. He even rebuked Herod for his sins, though eventually this cost John his head. Real preaching of repentance is something that is never likely to become popular. There is "loss of face" in making confession and restitution, where necessary, and in changing one's pattern of life. Nevertheless, repentance is just as needful as it ever was if a person is going

to experience the joys of salvation and become acquainted with Christ.—Arnold's Commentary.

II. THE LESSON ILLUSTRATED

The Correct Label Necessary

Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman told of a distinguished Methodist minister who preached on sin. He did not beat around the bush. He called sin "this abominable thing which God hates." One of his church officers afterward came to see and talk with him in his study. He said to the minister: "Mr. Howard, we don't want you to talk as plainly as you do about sin, because if our boys and girls hear you talking so much about sin, they will more easily become sinners. Call it a mistake if you will, but do not speak so plainly about sin." The minister took down a small bottle and showed it to the visitor. It was a bottle of strychnine and was marked "Poison." He said: "I see what you want me to do. You want me to change the label. Suppose I take off this label of 'Poison' and put on some mild label, such as 'Essence of Peppermint,' don't you see what happens? The milder you make the label, the more dangerous you make the poison."—W. S. Bowden.

Two Knees, or One?

William Dawson once told this story to illustrate how humble the soul must be before it can find peace. He said that at a revival meeting a little lad went home to his mother and said, "Mother, John So-and-So is under conviction and seeking peace; but he will not find it to-night, mother." "Why, William?" said she. "Because he is only down on one knee, mother; and he will never get peace until he is down on both knees." Until conviction of sin brings us down on both knees, until we are completely humbled, until we have no hope in ourselves left, we cannot find the Saviour.—1000 Evangelistic Illustrations.

The ninth verse of the eighth chapter of Esther is the longest verse in the Bible.

The thirty-fifth verse, eleventh chapter of St. John is the shortest.

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

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An Urgent Appeal to North Carolina Women

Dear Sisters in Christ:

Are you pushing the Anna Phillips Loan Fund as you should in your local auxiliaries and churches? Right at this time we have more than the usual number of fine young men who are seeking preparation for the ministry. Some of them have gone to our Bible School under the "G-I Bill" about to the limit of their credit, and need help to finish. Others are entirely "on their own" and have labored hard during the summer months to make their own way as far as possible, but are going to need some help to get through the coming year. Still others are about to enter school. Some who are entering under the "G-I Bill" will need some help during the early weeks, or until their money begins coming in from the government.

I feel that it will be to the glory of God for us to push this fund with all our power during the next month or two. If you have cards now, fill them as soon as possible. If you do not have cards write to the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C., for as many as you think you can get filled at once. Send in a contribution out of your auxiliary treasury, if you can spare it. Get your pastor to say a word for you from the pulpit. PRAY! PRAY! PRAY! Let us not fail these young men and women who have surrendered their lives for full time service to Christ. Remember, the more we have to use for these now, the more we will have with which to help during future years for all Anna Phillips Loan Funds are only loaned out (on good notes) and are paid back to those who borrow get out into the field.

Send all monies for the Anna Phillips Loan Fund to Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Winterville, N. C.

Yours for Christ,
Gertrude Ballard, 2nd Vice-Pres.
N. C. Auxiliary Convention
826 Pollock St., New Bern, N. C.

Ladies' Chorus to Broadcast Over WGTC

There will be broadcasted over the radio station WGTC, Greenville, North Carolinas, a Ladies' Chorus on the second Sunday in August, at 2:30 P. M. These ladies will be substituting for the King's Cross Roads Choir on that date. The people living in and around Greenville are requested to tune in for this broadcast of

sweet music selected of some of the leading church hymns.

By the Reporter

Oak Grove Auxiliary Reporting

The Woman's auxiliary of Oak Grove church met at the church on Thursday before the first Sunday in July. Mrs. J. Walter Sheffield, our president, opened the meeting with song and prayer. Mrs. C. E. Crozier had charge of the program. The subject for the day was: "Advancing with Christ through Publicity." Different members gave comments on the subject, and everyone enjoyed the talks very much.

After a brief session, the group of twelve ladies went out on the church grounds and enjoyed refreshments which were served by Mrs. H. A. Harbin, and Mrs. Lester Smith. We as a united group of women are trying to advance in Christian service, and are trying to help the cause of righteousness in every way possible. We extend an invitation to visitors and new members to become active in our auxiliary by coming and taking a part in the meetings. We feel the need of prayers of all of God's people.

Mrs. Myrtice Mock, Reporter

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A good thing to remember,
And a better thing to do,
Is to work with the construction gang
And not the wrecking crew.

PROGRAM

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- 9:30—Devotions, Rev. Willie Renfrow
- 9:45—Welcome Address, Rev. W. R. Williams
- Response, Rev. D. W. Hansley
- 10:00—Appointment of Committees
- 10:15—Report of Executive Committee
- 10:30—President's Message
- 10:40—Report of Committee on Church Government
- 11:00—Report of Historian
- 11:15—Special Music by Local Church
- 11:30—Introductory Sermon, Rev. M. E. Godwin
- 12:00—Lunch

Wednesday Afternoon

- 1:00—Devotions, Rev. E. E. Edwards
- 1:10—Report of Woman's Auxiliary, by President
- 1:20—Report of Promotional Service, Rev. J. A. Evans
- 1:30—Special Music, Rev. R. P. Harris
- 1:40—Report of Mission Board, Rev. J. W. Alford
- 1:50—Report of Board of Superannuation
- 2:00—Report of Cragmont
- 2:15—Report of Church Finance Association
- 2:30—Report of Board of Education
- 2:40—Business Session
- 3:30—Adjournment

Evening Service

- 8:00—Preaching Service, to be supplied
- ### Thursday Morning
- 9:00—Devotions, Rev. Carroll Hansley
 - 9:10—Reports of Appointed Committees
 - 10:00—Orphanage Alumni Association, Ralph Pate
 - Orphanage Report, Chairman
 - 10:30—Business Session
 - 11:30—Convention Sermon, Rev. J. J. Brooks
 - 12:00—Lunch

Thursday Afternoon

- 1:00—Devotions, Rev. P. C. Wiggs
 - 1:10—Report of Treasurer and Finance Committee
 - 1:30—Business Session
 - 3:30—Adjournment
- Music Director, Rev. J. R. Davidson
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CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

HOW KETURAH WAS COMFORTED

W. N. Burr

It was the last day of school, and in that log school house up among the Colorado mountains this meant just what it used to mean to your papa and mamma when they were children and went to "district school" in the country. The last lesson had been recited, books and slates were gathered in neat piles ready to be taken home, and now some of the older girls were to "speak pieces," after which the good-bys would be said, and school would be over.

Annie Brooks was one of the first to be called upon "to speak." She took the place assigned her beside the teacher's rude table and recited clearly and without any hesitation a sweet poem entitled "Little Ministers:"

"A single word is a little thing,
But a heart may be starving for just one glance
For lack of the comfort a word may bring
With its welcome help and its sweet surprise."
As the words of the first stanza fell upon the ears of the listeners one girl who was about Annie's age might have been seen to drop her head, and set her lips as if to keep back tears.

"A kindly look cost nothing at all,
But a heart may be starving for just one glance
That will show by the eyelid's tender fall
The help of a pitying countenance."

Keturah Strong's head dropped lower and the tears sprang from her eyes and made way down her cheeks in spite of all her efforts to keep them back.

"It is easy enough to bend the ear
To catch some tale of sore distress;
But men may be fainting beside us here
For longing to share their weariness."

Keturah was holding one corner of her apron to her eyes when Annie finished the third stanza, and the tears were coming up from their fountains faster and faster.

"These gifts nor silver nor gold may buy,
Nor the wealth of the richest of men bestow,
But the comfort of words, or ear, or eye
The poorest may offer wherever he go."

And then Annie noticed her weeping schoolmate just as she stepped from be-

side the table to take her seat—poor motherless, fatherless Keturah Strong, who seemed to live in a world of her own to which none of her schoolmates were ever invited by look or tone or gesture.

"I wonder if she's crying because—why, perhaps it was my piece, Keturah don't have many kind words spoken to her, I guess, and it may be she misses them as much as any of us would, though she acts so cold sometimes one don't like to have much to do with her."

This was the character of Annie's thought as she sat casting hurried glances toward Keturah. As the next speaker finished she was saying to herself: "If it is a kind word she wants, I'm going to find it out after school."

Annie stopped to say a few hurried good-bys and then ran from the school-room to join Keturah who she knew would be walking alone along her usual way through the pine woods.

"O Keturah, wait a minute!" she called, as she saw the rapidly retreating form of her schoolmate before her.

The poor girl whose eyes were so filled with tears that she was only hurrying to get a little farther into the pine forest that she might "sit down and have her cry out," as she afterward said to Annie, stopped as she heard the call and waited, wondering what could have caused Annie to leave the other girls and come after her.

"I just wanted to know what made you cry so," Annie said, as she came up and threw one arm about Keturah.

This occasioned a fresh burst of tears, and without speaking another word, Annie led her to a pine log, and sitting down upon it drew the head of the weeping girl to her shoulder and sat quietly waiting for the storm of grief to pass.

"What is it, Keturah?" she at length ventured to ask.

"No matter, Annie. I'm foolish, that's all," was the sobbing reply.

"Is it anything you really don't want to tell me, or would you like to if you thought I'd care to hear it?" Annie asked very kindly.

"You'll think it's very foolish of me if I say a word about it, and so it is. I wouldn't have thought of crying, but something in your piece—"

Keturah could not finish the sentence, but Annie was sure now that the secret was what she had imagined it, so she said:

"The girls haven't been very friendly with you this term, that's true, and I'm as much to blame as any of them. I knew in a minute this afternoon what it was

troubled you, and I don't see why I didn't think much about it before."

Miss Britton, the teacher, had noticed Keturah's tears, and was sure, too, that she knew the secret of their appearance. As soon as she could leave the school house she took Keturah's well-known path thru the woods, and came upon the two girls as Annie was trying to speak comforting words to the unhappy schoolmate who sat beside her.

"Do you know what your name means, Keturah?" she asked, after Annie had told her all that she knew about Keturah's trouble.

"I don't want to know or to hear anything about my name, Miss Britton," was the reply. "That just a part of my trouble. Everybody laughs at such a name, and I'm getting so I almost hate it."

"Keturah means 'incense,'" continued Miss Britton, kindly. "The sweet pine fragrance made me think of it as I came along. Don't you think you can make your name a help to you now by remembering it's sweet meaning though the name itself may seem odd and old-fashioned? It's like some of the sweet old garden herbs, very dear to us just because they are old-fashioned. Out of the life of one who carries such a name should rise every day the incense of patience, and thankfulness and love, and all pure, good qualities which are so pleasing to the Father. I am sure we will all be more careful hearer for to show you the love we feel for you," and then Miss Britton took Keturah's hand in her own, and offered a prayer to the Father-Friend, thanking Him that He had put it into Annie's heart to select that helpful little poem to speak on that day.

And Keturah went home comforted.—The Child's Paper.

A GREATER THAN ANGELS

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which the Lord hath made known unto us."

As he continued to set forth his proof of Jesus' greatness, He points out that he is greater in His title. What could be the title of one whose name was so great, whose position had been so highly exalted until the angels worshipped Him. "But unto the Son he saith thy throne." Do not kings sit upon thrones? Then we come to the conclusion that Jesus' title was that of "King of kings and Lord of Lords." But what is more amazing is the fact that this kingdom is an everlasting, a never ending kingdom. "Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever." Not only is it

an eternal kingdom but it is a kingdom of righteousness, "A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of thy kingdom." As the righteous king rules and reigns in the hearts of his believing children he sheds abroad to the world righteousness. The King "loved righteousness and hated iniquity," thus if he rules on the thrones of our hearts we shall take the same position—love righteousness and hate iniquity.

God has not said at any time to any angel, thou art "King of kings and Lord of lords." Thus Jesus is the one who claims this as His title; Angels are ministering spirits, servants, not Princes or Kings.

As he continues his argument he says that Jesus is greater as seen in His creative activities. The beloved apostle John wrote in John 1:3, "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made." Now the writer of Hebrews confirms this by saying, "And thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands." Then to show that Jesus was even greater than all the creation, the earth, the heavens, and all the beings that dwell therein. He says, "They shall perish; . . . and they all shall wax old as doth a garment: and as a vesture shall thou fold them up, and they shall be changed." When you or I buy a new suit of clothes we take the old suit and fold it up and put it away somewhere in a rag box. Why? Because it has lost its usefulness as a suit, it has served its purpose and now it ceases to be of any service, thus it is put away. The same with the creation when it has served its purpose, lost its usefulness and ceased to be of any more service. It has waxed "Old as doth a garment." God is going to fold it up and put it away to be burned, "but thou (Jesus) remainest . . . but thou art the same, and the years shall not fail." Though all the creation would perish and pass away Jesus would remain the same. He confirms this in Heb. 13:8 when he says, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Jesus is the same now that He was in the beginning with the Father, the same as He

was when he was a babe in Bethlehem of Judah, the same as he was when he walked the earth doing good to all men, the same as he was when he died on calvary, laid in a tomb, and rose again victor over death, hell and the grave. He is the never changing Son of God.

Now as he concludes this argument that Jesus is greater than Angels, He does it by saying that He is greater in his mission. What was the mission of Christ? Why did he become incarnate in the flesh? Why did he become a servant? Was it that he might perform miracles, tell parables to the inhabitants of the earth? No, Christ had a mission greater than performing miracles, greater than telling parables. The mission, the purpose, the reason Christ became a servant was that he might die on Calvary, might give his life for many. Every thing else that Jesus did while here on earth was secondary, the one purpose was to die, to give his life a ransom.

Then what about the angels—what is their mission? "Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation." The angels minister to us, the children of God. As we read God's word we see how in times past the angels have ministered to those who have lived before us. It was the angels who delivered Lot from Sodom. God was about to pass judgment upon the wicked city of Sodom but before the judgment was to be passed two angels came and delivered Lot. It was the angels that delivered Daniel from the den of hungry lions. Daniel had been cast into the lion's den because he had disobeyed the decree of Darius. But Daniel had courage, He had faith, He believed that the God he served was going to deliver him. When the king came to the den the next morning to see if Daniel's God had delivered him from the lions, here are the words of Daniel himself, "O king, live forever. My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lion's mouths, that they have not hurt me." Not only these but there are many more the angels delivered. They delivered Jacob from Esau, Peter from Herod and the Jewish Sanhedrins, and the nation of the

Israelites successively from the Egyptians, Canaanites, and Assyrians.

It was an angel that conducted Joseph and Mary when the life of the Baby Jesus was endangered by King Herod, to depart into Egypt. It was an angel that conducted Cornelius to Peter when he was seeking the way of salvation and as a result of this Cornelius, along with his family and friends, accepted the Gospel as it was told to them by Peter. It was angels that instructed Abraham, Joshua, Gideon, David, Elijah, Daniel, Zachariah the Prophet, Zachariah the father of John the Baptist, the Virgin Mary, the Apostles, and their fellow disciples.

It was angels that comforted Jacob at the approach of Esau, Daniel in his peculiar sorrows and dangers, Zachariah in the sufferings of his nation, Joseph and Mary in their perplexities, Christ in his agony, Apostles at Jesus death, Paul before his shipwreck, and the church universally by the testimony and instruction given in the Revelation of St. John.

The mission of angels is great but the mission of Christ far surpasses it in glory and results. This is the Christ you and I serve one who is superior to the angels in His name, His position, His title, His creation and His mission.

I wonder if we believe that Christ is as great as we say He is. Can the world-tell that we serve one so great as Christ? We lack faith in Christ, lack true belief in his greatness; thus, the world can see in us just how great we believe Christ to be by how far we are willing to trust and have faith in him.

The hymn writer, Stead, wrote these words: "Jesus, Jesus, How I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er! Jesus, Jesus, Precious Jesus; Oh, for grace to trust Him more."

The last phrase should be our prayer to God—"Oh, for grace to trust Him more," that we might show to the world the greatness of Jesus.

It's easy enough to be pleasant
When there isn't a jolt or a jar,
But the man worth while is the man
who can smile
When he has no gas for his car.

PREACHER WITH A PURPOSE

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ago he led in the formation of a Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists. This organization has been an important instrument for cooperative church effort.

One feature of the Minister of the Year Award was a scholarship to attend the School for Town and Country Pastors at Emory University, Ga., July 3-19. "Through this school I have learned things that I can look for in my own situation and do something about them," says Mr. Pelt.

This hard-luck story has not ended. Undoubtedly there are great problems that lie ahead. But Daniel Pelt will meet them stoutly. He is young at forty-one, and past accomplishments foretell future ones.

He has done highly creditable work in other than church fields, but this is what he says: "All the outside things I have done—going to school, teaching, farming—have been to fit me better for the work of the rural church. That is my real dedication." A man like Daniel Pelt will turn hard luck into achievement and misfortune into an opportunity to serve God and man.

Announcement of Christian Service

This is to advise that I, Albert T. Coates, have been granted license to preach the gospel by the members of Hopewell F. W. B. Church. This was done in regular quarterly meeting in February.

I am available at this time to conduct prayer meetings, and to hold special services wherever needed within reasonable distance of Smithfield, N. C. Anyone desiring my services may write me at Smithfield, N. C., Route 1, or by telephone 3403, Smithfield, N. C.

Albert T. Coates

NOTICE!

I am in a position to preach in the afternoons of the First and Third Sundays, provided I can get such work, in Carteret County or near by Morehead City, N. C. Should any church desire my service, you can write me at 1115 Evans Street, Morehead City, N. C.

L. E. Styron, Licensed Min-

PORTAL TO PORTAL

All of us enter life by the same portal. Birth is an arbitrary process by which we are thrust into the world without our knowledge or consent. Having arrived, we are free to choose our destination.

God has prepared a way for us from the foundation of the world. That way is Christ. But we are not compelled to follow God's way. We may choose our own way, which leads in the opposite direction. It is left to us to decide which way we shall take on our brief passage from the portal of birth to the portal of death.

The parting of the ways is at the Cross of Christ. Here we inevitably face the decision as to whether or not we shall receive Christ, "The Way, the Truth and the Life" (John 14:6). Receiving Christ is a definite act of the will by which we surrender our self-centered life for a Christ-centered life. The issue is vital, for it is a matter of life and death.

"He came unto His own and His own received Him not" (John 1:11), and for nineteen centuries the Jews have exemplified the tragedy of rejecting Christ. "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name; which were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God" (John 1:12, 13). To receive Christ is to be born again by the power of the Holy Spirit; "not of blood," that is, not by any process of moral evolution or human perfection; "nor of the will of the flesh," through piety or good works; "nor of the will of man," by virtue of baptism or church membership; "but of God," through spiritual rebirth; for "flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God."

A complete transformation is wrought in those who receive Christ as their personal Saviour, for "if any man be in Christ he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold all things are become new" (I Corinthians 5:17). To those who receive Christ, His word, "Ye must be born again" (John 3:7), is a factual experience; but it is hidden from the world, for the dead have no perception of life.

We are saved or lost by our attitude toward Christ. "God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved" (John 3:17). The world is self-condemned by its failure to receive Christ, for "this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil" (John 3:19). God does not condemn the believer for his sin, for Christ took the believer's sin upon himself, once for all: "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1). It is rejection of Christ which shuts men outside the pale of God's mercy; for His love is centered in Christ. "He that believeth on Him is not condemned;

but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 1:18).

God in His great love provided the only sacrifice that could save us. "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). On the cross Jesus died that we might live; as the "Lamb of God" (John 1:29) He did what all the animal sacrifices of Old Testament days could never accomplish. "For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins" (Hebrews 10:4), but we are "redeemed . . . with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (I Peter 1:18, 19).

The world today is full of spiritual fifth columnists, traitors to God and Christ. They proclaim one world, a common destiny, the universal fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man; they betray Christ with a kiss by hailing Him as the Great Example and not as the Lamb of God.

Two thieves died on Calvary. Both were notorious sinners; both were justly condemned to death; both met Christ face to face. There was no time to reform, no way to acquire merit, no priest to grant absolution. One sinner received Christ, and entered the portal of the eternal city "whose builder and maker is God" (Hebrews 11:10). The other, sharing the same condemnation, facing the same Christ, equally free to make his choice, went out by the dark portal into the blackness of eternal night, without God, without Christ, without hope.

Forever three crosses stand on Calvary's hill to mark the parting of the ways. You must decide between Christ and chaos. There is no alternative, no detour around Calvary's hill. Your decision is personal, but it involves your loved ones, for "none of us liveth to himself" (Romans 14:7). "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." (Acts 16:31).—*Stephen E. Slocum.*
—Selected.

"THE LAST SHALL BE FIRST"

The Lord has told us, the first shall be last and the last shall be first. What a fulfillment of these words will there be when His servants stand before His tribunal to receive their rewards! Popularity and notoriety will have no place there; the cup of cold water given for love of Him will in no wise lose its reward there!—Springing Well.

The life of the Christian is not freed from pains, but out of the pains come rich blessings. The crown of thorns must be worn by the Master's friends who follow Him faithfully, but the thorns burst into sweet flowers as the light of heaven's morning touches them.—Tract.

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The Life That Counts

The life that counts must toil and fight;
Must hate the wrong and love the right;
Must stand for truth by day and night:
This is the life that counts.

The life that counts must aim to rise
Above the earth to sunlit skies;
Must fix its gaze on Paradise—
That is the life that counts.

The life that counts must helpful be;
In darkest night make melody;
Must wait the dawn on bended knee—
This is the life that counts.

The life that counts must helpful be;
The cares and needs of others see;
Must seek the slave of sin to free—
That is the life that counts.

—A. W. S.

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Introduction to Hebrews

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The Epistle to the Hebrews differs in form from all other of the New Testament books. The question has been raised by some as to whether or not it is an Epistle. "It begins as an essay or treatise; it progresses as a sermon or homily; it ends as a letter." (Erdman).

The Epistle to Hebrews along with the first Epistle of John is not addressed to any particular person or church as many of the other Epistles are, but the tenor of the Epistle is unmistakable to the Jews. The traditional and commonly accepted view held by most scholars is that it was addressed to the Jewish Christians of Rome; though some think it may have been to the Jews of Palestine, or a colony of Jews in Alexandria, or elsewhere.

"The purpose of the author is to prevent his readers from abandoning their faith in Christ. He is not attempting to keep them from relapsing into Judaism, as many have supposed. What he fears is a complete eclipse of faith, an actual apostasy, a 'falling away from the living God.' It is not the appeal of the Jewish ritual, or the attraction of an elaborate ceremonial, which is endangering their souls. It is rather the pressure of persecution, the assaults of sin, or the peril of religious indifference. The writer's aim, therefore, is set forth the incomparable glory of the person and work of Christ. He intends to show that the greatest sufferings are infinitely compensated by the supreme blessings secured by Christ for his followers." (Erdman). Through this he intended to encourage and inspire the Christians to meet the challenge of the enemy with fortitude and heroism.

The Epistle was written to explain that the Old Testament laws of sacrifices were fulfilled in Christ, and that now there was no need to continue the sacrificing of bulls and goats. Christ had once for all laid down his life and become a sacrifice for all. It was now through Christ

that they found pardon from their sins not in the old temple sacrifices. So through this the writer is trying to show the superiority of the Christian religion as based upon the facts of Christ, its founder.

It was never an easy thing in the first century, especially to the Jew himself, to reconcile Christianity with the Old Jewish faith. To the minds of the Jewish people, it was a fundamental belief that the Old Testament contained the final and complete revelation of God and that in the law of Moses God had made known completely his will and purpose to them, and so far as they were concerned it was a closed book. But the Epistle to Hebrews denies that the Old Testament contains a complete and final revelation of the will of God—God spoke to the prophets "in broken fragments," 1:1. It is only in Christianity—in the revelation through God's Son—that He has given to mankind a final and complete manifestation of His will.

What was the name of this writer who had found such blessedness in Christ and who had such deep concern for his fellow believers? To this question no final answer has been given. For it is quite impossible to determine who was the author of the Epistle to the Hebrews. Origen, writing about the year 225 A. D., said, "Who wrote the Epistle to the Hebrew God only knows," and modern scholarship today is equally incompetent to arrive at a sure decision. Although no one is certain who is the author of the Epistle, the traditional view held through the centuries, on the whole and still widely held, is that Paul was the author.

Although we do not know the name of the author of this great book we know many of his characteristics: (1) He was first of all pre-eminently

a preacher. He speaks of the Epistle as a "Word of exhortation," 13:22. (2) He was a man of great literary ability. There is no other book in the New Testament written in better Greek than this Epistle to the Hebrews. (3) He was a man of wide philosophical knowledge. (4) If he was a Jew, as he possibly was, he belonged to the more liberal school known as the Hellenists. The Bible which he used and quotes from is the Greek translation known as the Septuagint (LXX), and not the original Hebrew text. (5) In interpreting the Old Testament, like all the scholars of Alexandria, he used the allegorical method. The best illustration of this method of interpretation is his treatment of Melchizedek in 7:1-10. (6) He was passionately devoted to the Christian faith. To him it was the only adequate and final religion.

"The limits within which it is possible for the Epistle to have been written lie between the years 60 and 96 A. D. . . . Within these limits there are two dates which have been warmly advocated by different scholars of repute. The earlier, which puts the Epistle between 64 and 67, connects it with the period immediately following the Neroian persecution. The main argument upon which this theory rests is the absence of any reference in the Epistle to the destruction of Jerusalem, which occurred in the year 70 A. D. . . . The other date suggested for the Epistle falls in the reign of Domitian (somewhere between 80 and 90)." (Andrews). From the external and internal evidence the book was unmistakably written before the destruction of Jerusalem. This would put the date of the book somewhere between the years 61 and 64 A. D.

It is rather surprising to find that an Epistle of such value and richness as Hebrews had some difficulty in securing its place in the New Testament Canon and that it was a long time before it won general accept-

Saved Sinners Proclaim the Gospel

Alexander Whyte

"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Why does the Lord ask that question with such anxiety when He has all these shining seraphs standing at His side, and each one of them with six wings? Why was Isaiah, the son of Amoz, a man of such unclean lips, and a man so woeful and undone, so accepted, and so sent? Seraphs, not sinners, should surely be the preachers of such holiness as that of the God of Israel, and the heralds of such a Saviour—that is what we would have expected. But God's thoughts in these things are not as our thoughts. It was not a seraph burning with heavenly love which was sent to preach to Jerusalem in Uzziah's day, but a young man who but a moment before had been laden to the earth with his own and his people's sin. It was Isaiah, the son of Amoz, who took boldness to say, "Here am I; send me." And it was to that same Isaiah that the Lord said, "Go, and tell this people." And this has always been God's way in choosing and in ordaining and in sending prophets, and psalmists, and priests and preachers for His church on earth. Only once did God choose a completely sinless preacher. Always, but that once, God has chosen sinful men; and, not seldom, the most sinful of men He could get to speak to their fellowmen about sin and salvation.

Gabriel might come with his six wings to announce to Mary that the fullness of time had come and that the Word was to be made flesh, but it was John, who was less than the least in the kingdom of heaven, who was sent to preach repentance to the vipers of his day, and to urge them to flee from the wrath to come. And, just as for the awakening and the warning of sinners, so for the edification and the comfort of saints. "For every high priest (is) taken from among men . . . who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity."

Isaiah, accordingly, of all men on the face of the earth at that moment, and of all angels in heaven, was the man chosen of God to preach repentance to Jerusalem, and to prophesy to her, as never before, the coming of her Messiah. He preached on all these matters as no angel in all heaven could have only a leper could preach to his brother lepers, and as only one undone man could preach to other men.

Just hear him in his first sermon. "The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib. Ah, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers. Why should ye be stricken any more? The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrefying sores."

All God's seraphs taken together could not preach like that. It takes a great sinner to preach as well as to hear like that. You must call, and ordain and inspire a leper if you would have passion in your pulpits like that. And you must be lepers yourselves to put up with passion in your pulpits like that. You cannot have preaching like that from your commonplace men, and from your commonplace sinners. You must have a man of men to see, and to feel and to say things like that. And then, on the other hand, no seraph of them all, with all his eyes and with all his wings, had seen down so deep, and had come up so close to the holiness of God as Isaiah had seen and had come close. The seraphs cry, Holy, Holy, Holy, to one another, but they do not know what they are saying. The seraphs are innocent children. And He whom they so innocently praise charges His seraphs with folly. But, "Woe is me; for I am undone!" The Lord likes to hear that. He takes great pleasure in that. He bows down from His high throne at the sound of that. He sees what pleases Him in every syllable of that. With that young man will I dwell. He says to Himself, as He see and hears Isaiah on that day of atonement.

This young preacher, then, having seen both sin and holiness as no ser-

aph ever saw these terrible things, proceeds in his sermon in this way: "Wash you, make you clean; cease to do evil. Learn to do well; judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow: though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

Every syllable of that is out of Isaiah's own experience. Preaching like that never yet came out of the schools of the prophets, any more than it ever came out of the mouth of an angel. Isaiah had done it all to himself, and had had it all done to him of God. From unclean, he had washed him and made himself clean. From doing evil, he had put away the evil of his doings from before God's eyes. He had judged the fatherless, and he had pleaded for the widow. We hear him doing all that in tremendous words in this very sermon. And then the Lord had commanded His most evangelical seraph to take a live coal with the tongs from off the altar till Isaiah's iniquity was taken away and his sins purged, and till all Jerusalem knew that a prophet of the Lord had arisen among them.—Selected.

A Little Missionary

I may not go to India,
To China, nor Japan;
To work for Jesus here at home
I'll do the best I can.
I'll tell of His great love to me,
And how I love Him too,
And better far, I'll show my love
In all that I may do.

The little waterdrops come down
To make the flowers grow,
The little rivulets flow on
To bless wherever they go.
The little seeds make mighty trees
To cool us with their shade.
If little things like these do good,
To try I'm not afraid.

I'll be a missionary now,
And work the best I may,
For I want to work for God,
There surely is a way.
I'll pray for those across the sea.
My offering, too, I'll send,
And all within my power I'll do,
This great bad world to mend.

—Unknown.

F. W. B. Bible College Continues to Grow

A Fundamental School for Christian Training

Almost nine years ago the Free Will Baptist Bible College opened with nine students. At that time we occupied one building which had an indebtedness of about \$10,000. Shortly after we opened, sufficient money had come in for us to retire the indebtedness on the property we owed at that time. From the very outset everyone associated with the College recognized the blessings of the Lord upon the institution. Today in almost every state where there is Free Will Baptist work you will find former students of the Bible College. Our denomination is already feeling the impact of their ministry. For each of the last two years we have registered nearly one hundred students.

In the meantime another building has been purchased for which we were able to pay cash. As most of you know we have been operating on a two-year level and giving a diploma at completion of two years' work. It was necessary for us to do this for these first few years. But during the years the Bible College has become stabilized to the extent that it has been deemed necessary for us to go to a four-year program. So beginning next year, the Free Will Baptist Bible College will be offering four years of Bible College work at the completion of which the student will receive a B. A. degree in Bible.

There were two major reasons that made it necessary for the Board of Trustees to authorize a four-year school program leading to this degree. First, the demand from our people and from our students made it necessary. All through the years students who have come to the Bible College and completed two years of work have insisted that we offer them the other two years which would enable them to receive their complete Bible College training in our own institution. We have had to deny them this privilege. Students finishing the two years here have had to transfer to other institutions

to complete their training. Naturally these institutions to which they have transferred have received the credit for giving them their degrees, and they go out not so much students of the Free Will Baptist Bible College as students from these other institutions to which they have had to go to receive their training. Our students were not to blame for this, but it was a situation over which none of us had any control.

The next thing that made it necessary for us to go to a four-year program was the need. It is absolutely necessary that there be a certain degree of unity in the Free Will Baptist Church. If there is to be unity in our church, there must be unity in our leadership. With students going to various schools and coming back to places of leadership within our church we cannot expect to have a great degree of unity. These schools to which they transfer will color their thinking and will give them a different slant on interpretations of the Scriptures and various other things that will cause us to have a heterogeneous group of leaders with very little degree of unity. It is highly essential that the Free Will Baptist Denomination have Free Will Baptist leadership. If we are to exist as a denomination or have any right to exist, we must emphasize the things that make us distinctive as a church. Everyone has recognized this need and even though it is a tremendous undertaking, we felt impelled under the leadership of God to take this step which would give well qualified Free Will Baptist leadership to the Free Will Baptist Church.

Now if this undertaking is to be successful, every Free Will Baptist who is interested in the growth and development of our church must pray for and support with his money the Free Will Baptist Bible College. We have never had a financial crisis in the history of the institution. The Free Will Baptist people have always rallied to the support of the institution sufficiently to give us all the money necessary over the past years.

But we have not been able with the income to lay up a great surplus in the form of endowments or cash assets. We are asking every friend of the Bible College who has been supporting to continue his support and if possible increase his support to the College. We are asking those who have not been supporting the College to definitely pray about the matter and help other loyal Free Will Baptists support this institution which means so much to the on going of our church.

Many have said as the colleges or training institutions of a church go so goes the denomination. If we remain loyal Free Will Baptists and true to the Word of God with an evangelistic fervor and a passion for lost souls here at the Bible College, we are going to send out ministers who have this same passion to fill the pulpits of our churches. I believe the things that Free Will Baptists stand for are the things that the world needs today. Many churches are going modernistic, and are denying the virgin birth and the atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ; many are denying the fundamentals of the faith in these days of apostasy. God is looking for a group who are true to the Word and who have a missionary and evangelistic fervor. If we have properly trained leadership in the closing days of this age, we can give to the world the gospel that it so much needs.

Friends, pray for the College, support the College, and let us hear from you with an offering either through your church or individually.

L. C. Johnson, President

OPEN FOR PASTORAL WORK

This is to advise that I am open for pastoral work for another year for second and fourth Sundays. Any church desiring my services may write or contact me at the following address:

Rev. D. A. Windham,
Greenville, N. C.

May the blossoms of liberty never be blighted by the frosts of disloyalty.

Tennessee Personalities and Events

C. F. Bowen

Good Springs Church, near Nashville, schedules a revival beginning August 13, with Rev. Everette Hall of Owensboro, Ky., doing the preaching. The Good Springs church, having undergone extensive remodeling during the past year, was formally dedicated June 11, 1950. Rev. J. B. Parsons is pastor.

Gifts still come in for Jeffrey B. Bowen, the writer's nine weeks old son. Many dear friends, especially from our former churches, have been so thoughtful. While Mrs. Bowen has acknowledged these gifts with a card or letter, please let TENNESSEE PERSONALITIES AND EVENTS also say, Thank you!

School officially opens at the Bible-College, Nashville, on September 6. Many students have already arrived and are hard at work doing first one thing and then another. Some are preaching in revival meetings, some are leading singing in revival meetings, some are out among the churches with sacred concerts, and some are doing chores around the college buildings. Then, too, there are the students at work in the administrative offices. The enrolment looks good for this time, and as usual, the college will be taxed for adequate space.

THE MORNING STAR

I awoke and the night was passing,
And over the hills there shone
A star all alone in its beauty
When the others stars were gone.

For a glory was filling the heavens
That came before the day
And the gloom and the stars together
Faded and passed away.

Only the star of the morning
Glowed in the crimson sky;
It was like a clear voice singing,
"Rejoice, for the sun is nigh."

O children, a star is shining
Into the hearts of men;
It is Christ with a voice of singing,
"Rejoice, for I come again.

"For the long, long night is passing,
And there cometh the golden day.
I come to My own who love Me,
To take them all away.

"It may be today, or tomorrow;
Soon it will surely be,
Then past are the tears and sorrow,
Then Home forever with Me."

Our Foreign Missionary Program for Year

1950-1951

Following is a table showing the missionary quota and the State Director for each state in our national connection for the national associational year, which opened with July 1, 1950.

The director in each state is to take the oversight of the missionary program in his respective state during this year. He is to strive toward the raising of the quota assigned to his state before the closing of the year, which is June 30, 1951. Every possible effort should be made to raise the full amount of the quota. All itinerate work is to be under his supervision. He is to plan all itineraries within the state and employ all itinerate workers that may work in the state; these workers are to be employed at his own discretion. Furthermore, he may do itinerate work himself if he desires. No more than \$7.00 per service plus travel expense is to be paid himself or any other itinerate worker.

Please take notice of your assigned quota. May every one work hard during this year to reach the goal.

NAME OF STATE—QUOTA—DIRECTOR
North Carolina—\$11,000.00—Rev. Rashie Kennedy, 713 Simmons St., Goldsboro, N. C.

Missouri—8,000.00—Rev. Winford Davis, Route 1, Monett, Mo.

Tennessee—5,000.00—Rev. Adam Scott (address unknown)

Michigan—4,000.00—Rev. Homer Willis, 1023 Longfellow Ave., Royal Oak, Mich.
Oklahoma—4,000.00—Rev. Reford Wilson, 1904 S. Central, Oklahoma City, Okla.

South Carolina—3,000.00—Rev. L. A. Holliday, Manning, S. C.

Illinois—2,500.00—Rev. George Waggoner, 605 S. 24th St., Mt. Vernon, Ill.

Georgia—2,000.00—Rev. E. C. Morris, P. O. Box 553, Tifton, Ga.

West Virginia—2,000.00—Rev. Carl Valance, Monaville, W. Va.

Ohio—2,000.00—Appointment pending
Texas—1,600.00—Rev. H. Ray Berry, 1031 E. 14th Street, Houston 9, Texas

Alabama—1,550.00—Rev. Harold A. Pitts, Brilliant, Alabama

Virginia—1,500.00—E. J. Kilgore, Coeburn, Virginia

Kentucky—1,200.00—Rev. Rendell Goble, Box 36, Bypro, Ky.

Mississippi—850.00—Rev. Luther Gibson, East Tenelo, Miss.

Florida—800.00—Rev. John M. Rich, 4134 Jackson St., Pensacola, Florida

Arkansas—500.00—Rev. Wayne Tucker, Peach Orchard, Ark.

California—200.00—Rev. Hampton (address unknown)

Winford Davis,
Promotional Secy.-Treas.

Do you read your church papers?

Introduction to Hebrews

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ance. Speaking generally, it may be said that the Epistle at the end of the second century A. D. was accepted in the Eastern division of Christendom and rejected in the Western division. But today it has been accepted by all Bible believing Christians as a part of the true word of God.

The book seems to be divided into two general divisions: (1) Doctrinal 1:1—10:18 and (2) Practical 10:19—13. The first part deals more with doctrinal points about Christ. The latter part of the book seems to deal with the practical application of the doctrinal portion.

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

The following is the report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the N. C. State Convention of Free Will Baptists for July, 1950.

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand July 1, 1950	\$ 776.52
Receipts for July	\$ 84.20

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid to Superannuated Ministers	\$ 262.50
Operating expense	\$ 27.50
Paid to National Board	\$ 14.18

Total Disbursements	\$ 304.18
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Balance on hand August 1, 1950	\$ 556.54
Allocations already approved for balance of year	\$ 27.50
Needed to meet demands for balance of year	\$ 1182.50

RECEIPTS ITEMIZED

Sound Side Adult League	\$ 50
Friendship (Johnston Co.)	1.00
Davis	5.00
Gum Swamp S. S.	3.00
Rocky Mount S. S.	1.00
Robert's Grove S. S.	1.00
Core Creek S. S.	11.70
Goshen Aux.	2.00
Cape Fear Union Meeting	52.00
Pine Level	7.00

M. L. Johnson, Chairman-Treas.

JOHNSON TO HOLD REVIVAL AT CORE CREEK

Reverend M. L. Johnson of Lucama, N. C., will begin a revival meeting in the Core Creek F. W. B. Church on the forth Sunday night in August. The meeting will continue through the second Sunday night in September. The public is given a cordial invitation to attend this meeting. Please be much in prayer for the success of the meeting. We are praying for a great spiritual revival.

C. F. H.

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

We are informed that the National Foreign Mission Board has outlined its mission program for the ensuing church year. Quotas for the different states and the directors for the states are named.

We believe that this is a step in the right direction because the quota for each state is specified, thus setting up the goal to be reached by the end of the year. The plan gives definite meaning as to what each state is expected to raise for foreign missions. Moreover, the director of each state is given the opportunity to set up his plans to work toward the raising of his quota through the churches of his state. A well arranged program by each director for the churches, together with adequate publicity for the cause of missions, and the co-operation of the pastors, will enable the movement for mission funds to move forward in a good way.

When church people are properly informed concerning the need of a greater support of foreign missions, and the good that they will be doing for the cause of righteousness in the world, they will respond cheerfully and liberally to such need. By this plan the directors in the different states are given a splendid opportunity to do a noble piece of work for the cause of Christ, and the extension of interest among the church people for the missionary program. Let us hope that each state will go beyond its quota before next June 30.

THE COLLEGE IN NASHVILLE TO OFFER FOUR-YEAR COURSE

President L. C. Johnson has an announcement in this issue of the Baptist paper setting forth the fact that the F. W. B. Bible College will step up its curriculum from two-year to four-year program of studies. It will give the Bachelor's degree in Bible to students completing the four-year studies in Bible training. This will enable many of the former students to return and complete their studies in Christian education for the degree.

It is gratifying to learn that the college is making splendid progress, and is now planning to put on an expansion program for additional buildings. More room is necessary, president Johnson states, to enable the college to accommodate the students who are seeking entrance for the pursuit of Bible training. It is quite evident, therefore, that greater financial support on the part of the church people in the various states is becoming more and more necessary. When church people spend money for the training of Christian leadership in the denomination they are preparing the way for greater efficiency, and an extended service on the part of the ministry of the denomination. Others found this to be true years ago, and they have realized wonderful fruits from their investments in seminaries, Bible schools, hospitals, orphanages, and so on.

The growth and improvements of great numbers of our churches in the various states for the past several years have brought about a greater need for better trained pastors, Bible school directors, Sunday School teachers, mission workers at home and abroad, and the like. And the calls keep coming for well trained young men to fill the pulpits of the leading churches of the denomination. The Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, is seeking to do all it can to train young people for these places of Christian service. It is going to take time, money, and much sacrificing for quite a while before all of our pulpits can be assured of being able to get the leadership they will need. This being true, it behooves the church people throughout our entire connection to give liberally of their finances for the expansion of the college in Nashville, Tennessee.

UNITED EFFORTS AND FRUITFUL SERVICES

Once a small son asked his father why was it that he failed to kill a single bird when he shot in the tree where a great number of birds were sitting. His father's reply was that the reason he did not kill a single bird was that he did not hold his gun still on the bird but that he kept it moving about, and it was not directed on a single target. Thus, the boy wasted his load of ammunition.

Some church people are like that sometimes. They don't concentrate and pull together long enough to bring about gratifying results. Their shots are scattered, consequently their labors often bring poor results. They should, we believe, first count the cost, reason out future results, and unite their efforts to achieve the goal in view.

When the enemy invaded Judah, and proceeded to enter the city of Jerusalem, they concentrated their forces upon certain strategic spots, and fought ferociously until they broke through the city wall, and won their objective. Their method of centralized attack gave them the victory.

In the support of denominational enterprises, or objectives, church people, when united in efforts and have the willingness to give freely of their financial means, will achieve much success and attain the goals which they set for the cause of Christ. Obviously enough, united efforts and fruitful service on the part of loyal Christians will bring the victory for the cause which is dear to the hearts of the people.

Many a poor struggling congregation has contributed more to the advancement of the Kingdom of God than many of the so-called successful churches.

"Next to love, sympathy is the divinest passion of the human heart."—Burke.

Don't Blame the Lord for Your Sins

No, dear people, do not blame the Lord; blame yourselves for your mistakes. God does what he says that He will do, and you need not to expect that he will run to you as a dear mother runs to her children when they get into trouble. As long as you sit astride the fence, with one foot on the side of the world, and the other foot in the church door, how can you expect God to be mindful of you? How can you expect him to answer your prayers, even though they are long and attractive to the ears of the church group? You cannot fool God with your false worship.

There is something else, dear people, that you may fool the people with in this life, but you cannot fool Christ when you get to that door of salvation, for He said that He is the door. To enter his door you must get right in heart and in your daily living. You cannot get into the kingdom of God with your mind clogged with corrupt things of the world.

Please remember that every good work and every evil work will be brought into judgment when the great day of the Lord comes, and you will have to face your deeds then before a great and just God. You will not have there any lawyers of your class to plead for you before the great and final Judge. I do wish that many of you people could see as I do about this matter. I wish you would stop following after the worldly things, as beer drinking, dancing, going to the wild shows, and so on. Unless you repent, you will have to spend your future time in torment. You have the right to choose for yourselves to serve the Lord, and be assured of a place in heaven when this life is over.

Remember, God can run his business without you, but you cannot get to heaven without obeying him and serving him. He will gladly accept you as his dear child if you will turn unto him and do as Christ said for you to do. But if you prefer the joys of Satan for a season, then you are headed to a demon's hell. The way is open for you to turn unto God and live, or you can continue on down

the road of despair and eternal damnation. There is plenty of room for you in either place. Your choice will determine where you will go, when this life is over. You are to look down the two ways, and then see the one which will mean the most to you, and then follow therein. Remember, when you call upon God he will answer, if you mean business.

Listen, dear people, those wild shows, shorts, and bathing suits will finally come to an end and don't think they won't. They will do you no good when you are called before the great Judge, nor will you be privileged to wear them at that time.

There is one thing I do not believe: God has never seen one of his angels with shorts on, unless it was some of those that he cast out of heaven because of their sins. Remember, God clothed Adam and Eve when they recognized their nakedness. He put a curse upon Noah's son for looking upon his father's nakedness. What does God think about the nakedness today of those women who put on shorts and bathing suits and are seen in public? We believe he is not pleased about it, for the Word says he does not change.

B. E. Coxwell

Fifth Annual Convention of National S. S. Association

The Place, Town Hall, Philadelphia

Christian workers from every part of the country will converge in Philadelphia November 2 through 4 for the fifth annual convention of the National Sunday School Association in Town Hall. Joint sponsors of the convention are the Evangelical Teacher Training Association and the Philadelphia Area Sunday School Association.

Some 30 leading Christian educators and inspirational speakers will be included in the heavily packed three-day program.

"This year the National Sunday School Convention program will include demonstrations, colorful illustrated lectures, and practical sessions on all phases of Sunday school and related work," according to Dr. James

DeForest Murch, president of the NSSA.

Twelve workshop sessions have been planned as well as eleven departmental conferences.

Speakers include Dr. Robert C. McQuilkin, Dr. Harold C. Mason, Dr. Henrietta Mears, Miss Eunice J. Fischer, Dr. Archer Anderson, Mrs. Billie Davis, Rev. Nels Anderson, Dr. R. A. Forest, Rev. William E. Kirschke, and Dr. Murch.

Departmental conference leaders include Miss Mary DeBar, Miss Lois E. DeBar, Miss Winona Walworth, Mrs. Bernice T. Cory, Dr. Adrian Heaton, William Lane, Miss Fischer, Dr. Murch, and others.

Workshop leaders include Rev. Paul Copeland, Rev. Paul G. Kiehl, Rev. Frank A. Kehrl, Rev. Raymond White, Mrs. Isabelle Hall, Dr. Walter A. Carvin, Rev. A. L. Brown, Dr. Clyde Meadows, Dr. Roy L. Grace, Dr. Clarence H. Benson, Mrs. Davis, and others.

Dr. Meadows also has been chosen as convention song leader.

The Sunday School Convention will be launched in the Wednesday evening prayer meetings of Philadelphia area churches. Convention speakers, conference leaders, and NSSA board members will serve in various pulpits.

Active in the promotion of the meeting will be the Rev. Ulphin A. Davis, of Portland, Oregon, who will conduct a number of pre-convention rallies in the church within 150 miles of Philadelphia for several weeks preceding the convention.

Theme of the convention is "Revival Now Through the Sunday School."

A Good Way to Raise Money for Missions

Each member of the Intermediate Sunday School class of the Free Will Baptist Church of Morehead City saves one penny every day for foreign missions. At the monthly meeting it is all put together. In about five months we raised around \$16. We hope that other leagues and S. S. will start saving more for missions, because we realize that much more money is needed in order to spread the Gospel.

Frances Brinson, Reporter

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Let Us Turn to Fasting and Prayer

Dear Friends:

Do you have loved ones who are eligible for training for military service in this present war? If you do, I am very sure that you are anxious to save them from having to go to the battle fields.

Listen, I believe that I can help you, if you are willing to co-operate with me and others who will enlist in the crusade of fasting and prayer for stopping this cruel bloodshed.

Please remember that in the two former world wars, after months and even years of fighting, suffering, and dying, we resorted to repentance, fasting, and prayer for peace, which soon came.

And now that another great war is upon us, and the enemy is making haste to destroy our young men to bring us under their cruel will, we now find it very necessary to blend our faith, fasting and prayer to counteract their deadly onslaught. May we not wait as we did before, but let us act in the living present. Let us turn to God in faith, fasting, and prayer, and call upon him to stop this bloody conflict.

The church people everywhere should set a day of fasting and prayer, and call upon the Lord for the war to cease. Read Isaiah, chapters 58 and 59. Jesus said that something go not out except by fasting and prayer.

—One who is interested in seeing the war cease.

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And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.—Mark 1:35.

 ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

 CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Miss Mary E. Talton, Manager

(All services at 8:00 p. m. unless otherwise indicated).

Day	Date	Church
		French Broad Association
		PEE DEE CONFERENCE

Saturday, August 19	—Mt. Olive
Sunday, August 20	—Beaver Dam
Monday, August 21	—Emerson
Tuesday, August 22	—Mission Valley
Wednesday, August 23	—Pine Level
Thursday, August 24	—Cedar Branch
Friday, August 25	—Cypress Creek

 CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Miss Bonnie Farmer, Manager

(All services at 8:00 unless otherwise noted.)

DAY	DATE	CHURCH
		Western Conference

Western Conference

Saturday, August 19	—Stevens Chapel
Sunday, August 20	—Prospect
Monday, August 21	—Corinth
Tuesday, August 22	—Shady Grove
Wednesday, August 23	—St. Paul
Thursday, August 24	—Black Jack Grove (Western Conference)
Friday, August 25	—Daileys Chapel
Saturday, August 26	—St. John
Sunday, August 27	—Riverside

 CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Mrs. E. A. Taylor, Manager

(All services at 8:00 p. m. unless otherwise noted.)

DAY	DATE	CHURCH
		Cape Fear Conference

Cape Fear Conference

Saturday, August 19	—St. Mary's Grove
Sunday, August 20	—Pleasant Grove
Monday, August 21	—Lee's Chapel
Tuesday, August 22	—Robert's Grove
Wednesday, August 23	—Oak Grove
Thursday, August 24	—West Clinton
Friday, August 25	—Spring Hill (Western (Conf.))
Saturday, August 26	—Casey's Chapel
Sunday, August 27	—Goldsboro

I have tried to keep things in my own hands, and I have lost them all. But what I have given into God's hands, that I still possess.—Martin Luther

I am convinced that nothing in Christianity is so rarely attained as a praying heart.—Charles G. Finney



NEW CHURCH ERECTED IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Organized in November, 1949

This is the picture of the new church, Enoree Free Will Baptist Church, and the congregation gathered in front. This church was organized on November 20, 1950 with nine charter members. As a result of a revival meeting which was conducted by Rev. J. W. White (who is shown at the extremem right in the picture) several new

members were added to the church membership.

It was on Easter Sunday that the new building was occupied, or services were held in it for the first time. We now have twenty members. This church is located near one of the large textile mills, and it is expected to become one of our strongest churches in the near future.

Floyd A. Sawyer
Arcadia, S. C.
P. O. Box 144

 "WHO'S WHO" IN HEAVEN

There is a book of which some people think highly and in which, for some great attainment or service, you may have your name written. This book is called "Who's Who." It contains the names of the so-called aristocrats of earth.

I want to tell you about another book. There is only one copy of it, and no human eye has ever seen it. It contains nothing but names, and there are no mistakes in it. It is Heaven's edition of Who's Who, and in it are the names of the "saved" of all the centuries. The names of some prominent people, which are often in the newspapers and are sometimes on church rolls, are not in this book, for God has written it, and He is "no respecter of persons."

The book I have in mind is the "Lamb's Book of Life," often mentioned in the Bible, in which are listed the names of all those who know the Lord. It contains the names of those who have already reached Home, and of those who will reach

Home, by the way of the cross.

The Gospel of Luke tells us how the Saviour sent His disciples on a preaching tour. When they returned to Him they told Him with joy of their great success. "Lord," they said, "even the demons are subject unto us through Thy name." But Jesus said to them, "In this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

In other words, no amount of success, even in Christian work, ought to make us as happy as the knowledge that our names have been written in the Lord's Book. Paul writes to the Philippians about certain of his fellow laborers "whose names are in the 'Book of Life.'" He adds: "Rejoice . . . again I say rejoice."

When the Book of Life is finally opened (Revelation 20), those whose names are not in it will be forever lost. Thus it is of the utmost importance to you that your name be included in that volume. Your eternal welfare is hanging in the balance.

People get their names into "Who's Who" by what they do, but no name

was ever added to the Book of Life because of "works of righteousness which we have done." Names are entered in Heaven's Who's Who because of Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Tell Him, as a repentant sinner, that you want your name written in His book. "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ." Ask Him to cleanse you from all your sins by His precious blood. Then trust Him to do it.

This is all you can do and get your name in the Book of Life, and it is all you need to do."—Anon.

Paul's Perseverance

There was a time when Paul said to the Lord Jesus, "What wilt Thou have me to do?" (Acts 9:6). He meant that and his own testimony later on is, "I was not disobedient unto the Heavenly vision" (Acts 26:19). From that point on his persevering was not for self or selfish interests, but according to the Divine choice for his life. As the Lord's will was revealed, he went unhesitatingly forward. No tears, no temptations, no danger from enemies lying in wait (vs. 19), could hold him back. The secret lay in the fact that he counted not his own life dear unto himself (vs. 24). Every Christian has received a ministry of the Lord Jesus. Every one has the privilege of finishing their course with joy. The reason so many do not is because they shrink from suffering. Saving their own life is more important to them than "to testify the Gospel of the grace of God." "I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus" (Acts 21:13), said Paul when friends would have held him back from suffering, and until we are ready with a like consecrated determination we can hardly place ourselves in the ranks of those who really persevere for God.

There is a race before each one. I cannot run yours and you cannot run mine. God Himself has marked out our pathway. How we cover the course is not a private matter that we alone know of, however. We are "compassed about" with a great "cloud of witnesses." Best of all, we know the Lord is beholding. And as we keep "looking unto Jesus" it becomes easy to "lay aside every weight" and run with patience." Not for a moment it is safe to look elsewhere. "The sin" of unbelief is lurking always by the way and if not thoroughly ignored—"laid aside"—will "beset", and as the old negro said, "upset" one, before the race is scarcely begun. Jesus endured more for us than we have ever endured for others and as he despised the shame of the Cross, it is possible for us also to persevere for the "joy" that is "set before" (Heb. 12:1, 2).

—Anonymous

The National Home Mission Board Made Good Report

The National Home Mission Board met in Richmond, California July 13, 1950. The meeting was called to order by the retiring chairman Rev. J. B. Bloss, of Columbia, Tennessee. Rev. J. B. Bloss was elected chairman for the coming year and Rev. Harry E. Staires, Bristow, Oklahoma, Rt. 2, Box 187, was elected clerk and treasurer.

A vote of appreciation was given to Rev. C. D. Dees for his splendid work as Secretary-Treasurer for the past year.

It was voted that we have a Home Mission Director in each State. The following Directors were elected: Rev. George W. McClain, California; Rev. Willard Day, Oklahoma; Rev. R. H. Doan, West Va.; Rev. J. A. Evans, N. C.; Rev. William Michler, Tenn.; Rev. E. C. Morris, Georgia; Rev. W. E. Holly, Florida; Rev. Jake Armstrong, New Mexico; Rev. M. L. Sutton, Tex.; Rev. W. A. Heles, Virginia; Rev. Seldon Bullard, South Carolina.

Plans were adopted to start a National Home Mission Membership Drive. Membership cards are being printed at one dollar per member per year. Those wishing to help in this great work, please mail all monies to the treasurer or if you wish to become a member of this home mission organization write any member of this board or one of the State directors.

Mission work among the Indians of Oklahoma is conducted by Rev. John Elliston, Oklahoma. It was endorsed by the National Association.

Through the evangelistic efforts of the Home Mission Board six churches were organized the past year and are now operating.

Names and Addresses of the Board are as follows:

- Chairman—Rev. J. B. Bloss, Columbia, Tennessee, Route 5.
- Member—Rev. George W. McClain, Richmond, Calif., 440 S. 24th St.
- Member—Rev. Willard Day, Wewoka, Oklahoma, 401 Patton Ave.
- Member—Rev. J. A. Evans, Wilson, North Carolina.
- Secy.-Treas.—Rev. Harry E. Staires, Bristow, Okla., Route 2, Box 187.
- Secy.-Treas., Harry E. Staires

REPORT NATIONAL HOME MISSION TREASURER, JULY, 1950

Home Mission Offering at National Ass'n.	\$ 75.06
Raymond Riggs (tags)	25.00
J. B. Bloss (tags)	72.00
George McClain (tags)	2.00
F. M. McCaee (tags)	3.00
Rev. J. K. Royett	1.00
George King	1.00
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Mrs. Grace Wiley	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Termes	1.00
Mrs. Violet Young	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Thompson	3.20
O. E. Yeager	1.00
J. B. Bloss (sale of tags)	37.00
J. D. Tyree (tag)	1.00

Total ----- \$253.26

BE CALM IN THE LORD!

Peace, troubled souls, need'st not fear
Thy great Provider is still near;
Who fed thee last, will feed thee still,
Be calm, and sink into His will.

The Lord who built the earth and sky,
In mercy stoops to hear thy cry;
His promise all may freely claim,
Ask, and receive His precious name.

Without reserve give Christ your heart,
Let Him his righteousness impart;
Then all things else He will freely give,
With Him you all things shall receive.

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In time and in eternity.

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Mary, the Mother of Jesus (Lesson for August 27)

LESSON: Luke 1:46-48; 2:48-51;
Mark 3:31-35; John 19:25-27; Acts
1:14.

GOLDEN TEXT: Luke 1:46, 47

I. Heart of the Lesson

The mother of Jesus has a special place in Christian thought and religious literature. She, with Hannah and other outstanding women of the Bible, occupies a place of first importance. Saint Luke gives us in chapter one, verses 25 through 56 the principal account concerning Mary as the Virgin mother. Gabriel's annunciation of the divine will of God concerning her, as becoming the Mother of the blessed Son, was received with her submissiveness and a sense of great joy.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

1. There is no joy so great as the joy of salvation through the God who is our Saviour (Luke 1:46-48).

2. A proper estimation of Jesus Christ will never think of Him as the Son of Joseph (2:48).

3. The business of the Lord Jesus Christ is the work God planned before the foundation of the world (vs. 49).

4. Not even the mother of Jesus could understand Him when He was only twelve years old. Is she any better qualified now that He is in the glory? (vs. 50).

5. The mother of Jesus had authority over Him only when He was a Child in the home in Nazareth (vs. 51).

6. The mother of Jesus was not permitted by Him to interrupt His ministry to men, let alone direct Him in it (Mark 3:31-35).

7. The mother of Jesus appealed to the multitude to help her get in touch with Jesus. How then can she intercede for them? (vs. 32).

8. To be the mother of Jesus, or

one of His human brothers or sisters, is of less value than to be one of His believing disciples (vss. 34, 35).

9. The mother of Jesus stood helpless when He died. Is it possible that she should have as great, if not greater power than He today? (John 19:25-27).

10. The mother of Jesus needed to pray with the other believers. Could she then possibly answer the prayers of others? (Acts 1:14).—Selected.

11. In the Gospels Mary is pictured simply as a beautiful example of a pious and devoted mother. The New Testament affords no ground for any undue exaltation of her. In fact, a warning which Jesus uttered against this ought to be sufficient. Look up Luke 11:27-28. But in the course of time false ideas and improper practices arose. From the fourth century on, there was an exaggerated reverence in the church for the ascetic life and also for celibacy, as monasticism became strong. Mary became the type and ideal of perpetual virginity, and from about that time the title "Virgin" was associated with her name. The theory was that her marriage to Joseph was no real marriage, but merely nominal. This is believed by Roman Catholics to this day. This idea is contradicted by the plain import of Matthew 1:8, 25.—Arnold's Commentary.

12. She came of the kingly line of David (Luke 3:23). Her father's name was Heli, and he was a descendant of David through Nathan. Because of her descent from David she had a right to hope that she might be chosen of God for the incoming of the Messiah, but there is nothing to indicate that she expected it.

She was a highly favored woman (Luke 1:28). That is what the angel Gabriel told her when he came to announce the wondrous fact that she was to become the Saviour's mother. God had graciously accepted her for this great service, and in that consisted her favor. Some four thousand years earlier God had given a promise concerning the "Seed of the woman," and that was now to be fulfilled through her.

But none of this gave her a higher spiritual standing than that of other sincere believers in the promises of

God. We are so prone to ascribe some spiritual superiority to any man or woman whom God had signally blessed. The evangelist or personal worker who has a marked success in winning souls for the Lord is easily put upon a pedestal in our minds and looked upon as one who is more holy than others. And so many men have thought of Mary as a woman of spiritual superiority, even as one born without sin. But there is nothing in the Scriptures that leads us to think anything else than that as an ordinary woman Mary was a sinner, born in sin like the rest of us. Rather, the Scriptures point out that this was the case: (1) Because she needed to bring a sin offering for her cleansing after her Son was born.

This was in compliance with the Mosaic Law for the purification of women (Lev. 12). There was no thought in her mind that she was free from this obligation because she had given birth to the Son of God. (2) Because she needed a Saviour. In that wonderful song "The Magnificat," to which she gave expression in the home of her cousin Elizabeth, she said: "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour" (Luke 1:46, 47). She was a highly favored woman, but she needed the Saviour God provided for all men.

Furthermore, she was a woman who needed natural care. From the Cross the Lord Jesus committed her to the care of the Apostle John, and the disciple "whom Jesus loved" gladly and lovingly provided it for her (John 19:26, 27). Surely, there is no indication of anything supernatural about her in all these things.

Finally, she was a woman who needed to pray (Acts 1:14). After the resurrection and ascension of the Lord Jesus, she met with the disciples who gathered in Jerusalem and waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit which He had promised. They met for prayer, but they did not pray to her; she was a part of the praying company. This is the last mention of Mary in the New Testament; but what a beautiful record with which she moves from the scene—with the disciples praying!—Dr. Thiessen.

Fellowship with God

Andrew Murray

The first need of Christian life, the very basic need of man, is fellowship with God. The divine life within us comes from God and is entirely dependent upon Him. As I need the air to breathe every moment, so it is only in direct living communication with God that my soul can be strong. The manna of one day was corrupt when the next day came. I must every day have fresh grace from heaven, and I obtain it only in direct waiting upon God himself. Begin each day by tarrying before God and letting Him touch you. Take time to meet God.

To this end let the first act in your devotions be a setting yourself humbly before God. In prayer or worship everything depends upon God taking the chief place. We must bow quietly before Him in humble faith and adoration. God is. God is near. God is love, longing to communicate himself to you. God, the Almighty One, who worketh all in all, is even now waiting to work in you and make himself known. Take time till you know God is very near.

When you have given God His place of honor, glory and power, take your place of deepest lowliness and seek to be filled with the spirit of humility. As a creature it is your blessedness to be nothing, that God may be all in you. As a sinner you are not worthy to look up to God; bow in self-abasement. As a saint let God's love overwhelm you, and bow still lower down. Sink down before Him in humility, meekness, patience, and surrender to His goodness and mercy.

Then accept and value your place in Christ Jesus. God delights in nothing so much as in His beloved Son, and can be satisfied with nothing less in those who draw nigh to Him. Enter deep into God's holy presence, in the boldness which the blood gives and in the assurance that in Christ you are most well-pleasing. In Christ you are within the veil. You have access into the very heart and love of the Father. This is the great object of fellowship with God, that we may have more of God in our life

and that God may see Christ formed in us.

Christ is a living Person. He loves His people with a personal love, and He looks every day for the personal response of your love. Look into His face with trust till His love really shines into your heart. Make His heart glad by telling Him that you love Him.

We have not only Christ's life in us as a power and His presence with us as a person, but we have His likeness to be wrought into us. He is to be formed in us, so that His image can be seen in us. Say to God, "Father, here I am for thee to give as much in me of Christ's likeness as I can receive." And wait to hear Him say, "My child, I give thee as much of Christ as thy heart is open to receive."

The likeness of Christ may be described as the likeness of His death and resurrection. (Romans 6:5). The death of Christ was the consummation of His humility and obedience, the entire giving up of His life to God. In Him we are dead to sin. As we sink down in humility and dependence and entire surrender to God, the power of His death works in us, and we are made conformable to His death. And then we know Him in the power of His resurrection, in the victory over sin, and all the joy and power of the risen life. Therefore, every morning present yourself unto God as one that is "alive from the dead." He will bestow the grace to live as a risen one.

All this can only be in the power of the Holy Spirit who dwell in you. Count upon Him to glorify Christ in you. Seek in God's presence to have the anointing of the Spirit of Christ so truly that your whole life may every moment be spiritual.

As you meditate on this wondrous salvation and seek full fellowship with the great and holy God, and wait on Him to reveal Christ in you, you will feel how needful is the giving up of all to receive Him. Seek grace to know what it means to live as wholly for God as Jesus did. Let every approach to God and every request for fellowship with Him be accompanied by a new, very definite and entire surrender to Him.

"By faith." Here, as through all Scripture and all the spiritual life, this must be the key-note. As you tarry before God let it be in a deep, quiet faith in Him, the invisible One, who is so near, so holy, so mighty, so loving; in a deep, restful faith, too, that all the blessings and powers of the heavenly life are around you and in you. Yield yourself in the faith of a perfect trust to the ever blessed holy Trinity to work out all God's purpose in you. Begin each day thus in fellowship with God, and God will be all in all to you.

Roman Catholics Bring Pressure

Cardinal Spellman and Bishop McClay (Brooklyn) are reported to have secured the backing from high State Department officials in putting pressure on President Harry S. Truman to appoint Myron C. Taylor's successor to the Vatican.

Our source of information says that the Roman Catholic Hierarchy is saying that if we had had a Vatican Envoy we would not have been caught off guard in Korea.

Actually, our State Department had been warned of the possibility of the attack by the Communists on South Korea well in advance of hostilities. Thus, war hysteria is being used to regain the unconstitutional appointment of a Presidential Envoy to the Vatican.

Now is the time to act! Protestants must deluge the President with telegrams and letters expressing opposition to such an appointment. If enough of us will wire and write we will protect our heritage of separation of church and state, which enables us to preach the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Kindly bring this to the attention of the members of your church and request them to write or wire immediately. Act Today!

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CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

A SCRAPBOOK

"Listen, Ralph, I want to sit in this chair now. You were sitting here all morning. Now, go away!"

Phyllis snuggled into the big chair more comfortably as she said this to Ralph, who was gathering his stamp collection from the floor where she had pushed it.

"Well, you didn't have to throw my stamps on the floor to sit down, did you?" scolded Ralph, frowning, as he crawled under the bookcase to get some stray stamps.

"Oh, yes, you want your things treated nice, but you think you can treat mine any old way you want to," Phyllis said, winking back the tears that would come, just remembering about it! It was only yesterday morning that she had found her doll's best dress—the one she had made all herself with ruffles and even a pocket—lying torn and dirty on the back porch steps where Ralph had carelessly thrown it after dressing Skippy, their yellow kitten, in it. Skippy had not liked it and had crawled under a woodpile before Ralph could take the dress off!

"Why must boys be so mean anyhow!" sighed Phyllis beginning to read.

"Ah, doll's clothes aren't anything to cry about," retorted Ralph, feeling a bit guilty, for the dress had been a mess!

The next day passed without any bitter outbreaks between the two until supper-time. When the cake was passed to Ralph, there were two pieces left, a big one and a smaller one. Ralph took the big piece! An outburst from Phyllis, quick retorts from Ralph, and another storm was in the air.

"Children! Children!" began Mother, "do stop fighting. You behave more like a cat and dog than like a boy and girl. Cats and dogs don't know any better, but an eight-year-old girl and a ten-year-old boy ought to know how to live together in peace."

The next day, Saturday, was rainy and cold. The children had to play indoors, and before eleven o'clock, sounds reached Mother's ears that were not happy sounds. When she went to see what the trouble was, she found, as usual, a tearful, pouting girl and a flushed, angry boy.

"Phyllis and Ralph," Mother said firmly. "This quarreling must stop. Both of you sit down until I come back."

She left and returned in a few minutes carrying a scrapbook.

"We are going to try to cure this annoying habit—for much of it is habit, I believe," said Mother, sitting down between them. "If you would stop finding fault with each other, you would discover that you really love each other.

"I know you both like scrapbooks. You each have two or three. I want you to make this scrapbook together and you will either be proud or ashamed of it, just as you choose. Every day you quarrel or scrap, I am going to write all about it on a page of this scrapbook. If you have been good and kind that day, you can paste your favorite pictures or poems on the page. Shall we try it?"

The children agreed eagerly, for they did love to have scrapbooks.

Each evening during the next week they discussed the day, deciding if it were good or bad. On Saturday evening, after they had seven pages done, they looked at them. Two of the pages were pretty and interesting. But five of the pages the children did not like to look at long. Every single quarrel was written on those five pages!

"It's so awfully hard," sighed Phyllis, looking very sorrowfully at the five pages. "It makes things see so much worse when they're written down where anyone can read them," Ralph said soberly.

"God has a book, too, where He keeps the record of our lives every day. It is filled with an account of either our sins or praise for doing good. Shall we ask God to help us so that we need not be ashamed of our scrapbook and so much more serious of our pages in God's record book?"

Phyllis and Ralph nodded and the three knelt and asked forgiveness for their past sins and help for the coming days.

The following weeks were not easy, for the children did not change over night, but in two or three month's time they could look through their scrapbook with pleasure. Only a "bad" page now and then would spoil their joy.—Words of Cheer.

NINE MUST DIE!

By Jessie L. Miller

First squad all present, second squad all present, third squad . . .

Our nerves grew more tense, why did this have to happen, could they really have "taken off"? "Oh! God be merciful: put a little love in those Japs' hearts, if that's at all possible."

Fourth squad all present. As the "bango" (roll call) came closer to us our hearts beat more fearfully. We knew the penalty. We had seen it happen before, in front of our very eyes. Nine men must pay the price if one man escapes. We were hardened: We had seen death in every way, shape and form. We had watched our buddies die (seventy-five percent of them) on that horrible death march out of Bataan. But now the finger points at us. "Oh God! not us! not me!" It was coming closer; sixth, se-

venth squad had reported. Why did they have to ask the ninth squad this evening? But it was coming, coming. Eighth squad all present. Ninth squad—one man absent.

Immediately the Japanese rushed us over to their headquarters, Nip guards ran out of the building with arms. How our fellows hated them! They were ruthless; they loved to see the Americans tortured. Hurriedly ammunition was pumped into the chambers of their rifles. "Get over there," howled a Jap in Nipponese. One can't realize the ghastly fear that gripped the fellows. "Oh God, have mercy," I heard as the thoughts of one fled heavenward.

Oh, I was praising the Lord that I had that peace of God which passeth all understanding. I had life in abundance which no man could take away. Death had no more dominion over me; for back there in 1937, placing my faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, I had passed from death unto life. Christ had said, "He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation: but is passed from death unto life" (John 5:24). As I saw the guards and the rifles, from deep within me were welled up a great "Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul."

Innumerable thoughts were flashing thru my mind; but there was joy, that same joy I had when Jesus first came into my heart, that same joy I saw in my buddy, Fred, the day he came to know that Jesus loved him and took Him into his heart. I remembered the first time I had seen Fred, Satan had dominion over him: he was drunk. But Jesus loved him, and a few days later I had the privilege of telling him that Jesus was knocking at his heart's door and that if he would hear His voice and open the door, Christ would enter in and sup with him. I never had to tell Fred that we were shapen in iniquity and sin at our fleshly birth; he knew there was lots wrong in his life. I did tell him, however, that we were all in need of a spiritual birth and that if he let Jesus enter his heart, Jesus would remove from before him his poisonous cup of sin. Christ bore it all on Calvary.

Oh what a joy came over Fred when he passed from death unto life! Coming out of Bataan wasn't a death march to Fred because he had life. He proved it, for when he dropped from the column exhausted, he went to be with Christ.

"He is there with Christ this very moment," I thought. "Are those Nip guards going to pull those triggers? Am I going now up there where Fred is, up there in the arms of my Saviour Jesus? It would be grand to be with Him away from this war, away from tears and pain, disease and starvation. What joy He gives me, even here on the firing line!"

The seconds of waiting seemed to lengthen as my thoughts jumped to others. Joe knew this same joy. It was before the war that his sister sent him a letter from

America saying that at an old-fashioned altar she had accepted Christ as her personal Saviour. Through Him joy came into her heart, and her prayer was that Joe also might experience that same joy. His heart was troubled when he came and asked me, "What can I do?" Rings of fresh soil showed on the knees of his trousers as he went to the barracks that day. Tears of joy were flooding over. That is what you call being saved and knowing it. As all these events raced through my head I could see again that first day of war, December the eighth. Joe was right out in the bombing, driving an ambulance with not a fear or a doubt. Christ called him then, with the bursting of a bomb.

"Is this my departure from the earth?" I asked myself. "Am I going up there with Jesus, my soul in the arms of Jesus? Is my body going to fade away for a while?"

I could not have been any closer to Jesus, dead or alive, than I was at that moment. He was within my heart, speaking softly, "Won't you reveal Me to others that know not this joy?" "Yes, Lord, if need be to the uttermost parts of the world . . . even Japan, back to the Philippines."

Immediately I knew then there would be no massacre. As badly as the Japs wanted to press their triggers, they couldn't. The Lord is all powerful. Oh, what a joy, what a privilege it is to have a Lord up there in heaven making intercession for you. "I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from evil" (John 17:15). God intervened; there was no slaughter. For some reason, those Japs commanded us to return to the barracks and to be prepared for the shooting, tomorrow morning. Tomorrow morning came and left. The Lord has brought me home to tell you the story.

And I'm thinking, as this is being written, of the reader. What experiences have you had with the Lord? Are you ready for that long journey? These are good questions to die for your faith? These are good questions to meditate upon. "Sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death" (James 1:15).

But remember God's Servant did the job, a lowly Man some ridiculed. "He made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross . . . that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man" (Phil. 2:7-8; Heb. 2:9). That Servant who came from heaven and paid the price for your sin is none other than Jesus Christ. If you haven't received from Jesus joy, peace and eternal life, accept Him now. Get on your knees and receive Him as your personal Saviour. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12).

"Jesus is the joy of living; He's the One I'm waiting for."

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

William Perry Gaskins

On Saturday, July 8, 1950. God saw fit to call suddenly the soul of our dear father, William Perry Gaskins, from this world of conflict and strife to his heavenly home of rest. He was 71 years old and made his confession of faith early in life at Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church, Ernul, N. C., where he served faithfully until his death. His love and talent for Gospel music gave him many opportunities to witness for the Master. His greatest pleasure was in rendering services unto others.

We do miss him very much, but we know that God's will is best and that he has joined the heavenly choir and is now at rest.

The funeral service was conducted at the home of his son, Cyrus C. Gaskins by Rev. W. C. Foster and Rev. Ballard conducted the service and the Gospel Quartet were in charge of the music. The large crowd of relatives and friends present and the numerous beautiful flowers attested to the high esteem in which the deceased was held.

The survivors are his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Gaskins, one daughter, Mrs. Henry L. Dixon, one son, Cyrus C. Gaskins, two grand-children, Carol and Eleanor Dixon.

Written by his daughter,
Mrs. Henry L. Dixon

Death of M. M. Woodall

It is with saddened hearts that we attempt to write of the death of our loving husband and father, whom God called from this life on January 30, 1950.

He had been a member of Tee's Chapel F. W. Baptist Church for about 40 years. He had been a Ruling Elder about 25 or 30 years. He was devoted wholeheartedly to his church and Sunday School, which he held in higher esteem than anything else he knew, and he was always ready to lend a helping hand to its needs. During the 40 years of his Christian life, he worked tirelessly for the upbuilding of his church and community and was especially interested in his Sunday school and the youth of his community. The vacancy which he has left in his church and community cannot be regained, but he has left with his many friends and loved ones a pleasant memory of him that will never fade.

He was married to Hettie B. Davis on April 1, 1906, and to this union were born nine children; six girls and three boys. At his death there were 25 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Our sorrow at the loss of him can never be fully overcome, but our broken hearts are at least partially mended by the thought that he lived a true and faithful life until his death. We join together in praying that we might live such a life that will merit our being reunited with him where we can join in singing praises to our Almighty God around His throne in Heaven.

Mrs. M. M. Woodall and Children

Mr. R. A. Winstead

On June 7, 1950, Mr. R. A. Winstead suddenly passed away to join his friends and loved ones who are gone to rest. He was loved very much by everyone. He did all he could to help those about him in need.

He was a faithful church worker and everyone looked to him for advice. He was about the oldest member of People's Chapel Church, being 72 years old. He had been a member of the church for over fifty years, and had held several offices in the church.

We do feel his absence very much, but we hope and trust that he is at rest with the Lord. Surviving are his wife, seven children, and several grandchildren. There is one great-grandchild. We pray that God may direct and guide them in their grief and great sorrows.

Mrs. Paul Joyner

Resolutions of Respect

Whereas: The heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom and tender mercy has seen fit to call to his heavenly reward, our brother, George Harrington, (who was the oldest member of Piney Grove Church), we the members of Piney Grove Church, Pitt Co., submit the following resolutions:

First, That we bow in humble submission and due recognition to His holy will in calling the spirit of our brother Home to be forever with Him;

Second, That we extend to his family our deepest sympathy, and may they find comfort and peace in Him who said, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest;" and

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to the Baptist paper for publication, and a copy for the minutes of the church.

Mildred Humbles

Irene Tyson

Myrtle Ruth Tyson

Committee

NOTICE!

I will be available for Pastoral work in the S. C. Conference for the next Conference year, but not for more than one church as I do not feel that I can do justice to more than one.

E. P. Kirby, Cades, S. C.

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

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Auxiliary Report of Shady Grove Church

Durham County, N. C.

We are glad to report that our Woman's auxiliary is going strong, and the ladies are really doing things for our church and the Lord. Indeed we are enjoying the privilege and opportunity to work and serve in a religious way.

We held our regular monthly meeting on the third of August at the home of Mrs. Esther Pickett. After we had entered upon our business, and completed it, iced watermelon was served to nineteen members of the auxiliary. Our auxiliary agreed to adopt John H. Rowe at our orphanage as our child for clothing him. Our women raised \$37.50 as payment on our parsonage, and \$10 has been raised for missions.

We wish to solicit the prayers of all Christian people that we may never fail as an organization of our church. Pray that we may continue to carry on for the blessed Master.

Mrs. J. L. Clements, Pres.

Mrs. R. Penny, Secy.-Treas.

Cramerton Auxiliary Doing Good Work

The Woman's auxiliary of the Cramerton F. W. B. Church held the regular monthly meeting on August 5 at the home of Mrs. Bill Allen. The subject for the program was: "Advancing with Christ through Christian Education." Mrs. R. B. Paris was in charge of the meeting. It was a very good program.

Following the routine business of the auxiliary, the officers for the coming year were elected. A homecoming was observed in honor of the fourth year of the organization in the church. The Reverend Wayne

Smith spoke during the morning service in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Roy Rikard, who is in the Memorial Hospital, recovering from injuries received from a fall which he received while working on the new parsonage, which is being built at the church. Rev. Walter Carter of Rockingham spoke at the evening service.

Guy Nell Rick

Fourth Union Auxiliary Report

Mrs. David Gay, Secy.

The Fourth Union Auxiliary of the Central Conference of North Carolina met with Saratoga on Sunday, July 30, 1950, with Sunday School at 10:00. The devotions were led by Rev. R. H. Jackson, whose scripture lesson was taken from the second chapter of Titus. The welcome address was made by Miss Joyce Proctor and Miss Jamie Dildy responded. We were favored with a solo by Mrs. Pauline Whitley. A collection was taken for the orphanage, which amounted to \$54.24. We were favored with special music by the Daniel's Chapel Quartet. Rev. L. B. Manning introduced the guest speaker of the morning, Rev. C. I. Patrick, who delivered the morning message, was enjoyed by all. We were dismissed for lunch by Rev. T. P. Ellis.

Afternoon devotions were led by Miss Joyce Proctor. A special selection in song was rendered by the Spring Branch Trio, after which the Daniel's Chapel Quartet again rendered special music.

The business session was entered into with roll call of Sunday Schools and Ladies Auxiliaries. There was only one Ladies Auxiliary not represented by a delegate and two Sunday Schools. However, all three of these were represented by report and donation—a record of which we were very proud.

It was moved and carried that this convention send a delegate to the next District Auxiliary Convention, which meets in September. Mrs. R. H. Jackson was appointed as the delegate.

The Banner Committed decided that the Ladies Aid Banner should go to La Grange and the Sunday School Banner to Aspin Grove. The Finance, Banner and Program Committee reports were accepted.

Following a short program by the local church, we were adjourned by Miss Joyce Proctor to meet in October with Aspin Grove.

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Revival at Dublin Grove Church, Royal, N. C.

On the first Monday night in July, the Rev. W. H. Willis of Kinston, N. C., pastor of the Dublin Grove Church, began a series of meetings which lasted two weeks.

We, the members of the church and visiting friends, really enjoyed the soul-stirring messages which Rev. Willis delivered.

Along with the good sermons we had some special music. The little folks enjoyed having a part in the singing each night.

The church was revived, and the members drawn closer to one another. We feel that Rev. Willis is a consecrated man. We need more men like him to day.

A large crowd attended these services, twenty took membership with the church, there were more in our midst who needed to come to Christ and surrender all.

The baptismal service was held on fourth Sunday afternoon by Rev. Willis, at Cayton's landing.

May God bless our church and help us to carry on his work for another year. We pray for the success of our labor, in which he may win more souls unto the Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Mrs. Belva Mayo,
Mrs. Beatrice Aldrich

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Rules for Daily Life

Begin the day with God;
Kneel down to Him in prayer;
Lift up thy heart to His abode,
And seek His love to share.

Open the Book of God,
And read a portion there;
That it may hallow all thy thoughts
And sweeten all thy care.

Go through the day with God,
Whate'er thy work may be;
Where'er thou art—at home, abroad—
He still is near to thee.

Converse in mind with God,
Thy spirit heavenward rise;
Acknowledge every good bestowed,
And offer grateful praise.

Conclude the day with God,
Thy sins to Him confess;
Trust in the Lord's atoning blood,
And plead His righteousness.

Lie down at night with God,
Who gives His servants sleep;
And when thou tread'st the vale of death,
He will thee guard and keep.

— Author Unknown

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The annual Stockholders and Board of Directors' meeting of the Free Will Baptist Press will be held on Thursday 7 of September. Those holding stock and representing stock for churches, Union Meetings, Conferences, Associations, etc., are specially urged to be present for this meeting. Important business matters will be presented in this meeting for consideration. If those holding stock, or representing stock for church organizations cannot attend, they should send written proxies, naming the persons to represent them in the meeting. The meeting will begin at ten o'clock A. M.

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Ranton H. Jackson, Saratoga, N. C.	18	Wm. B. Glover, New Bern, N. C.	7
Mrs. Eddie Flowers, Kenly, N. C.	17	Mrs. John Leon Snipes, Princeton, N. C.	7
Mrs. C. T. Brock, Kenansville, N. C.	17	Mrs. C. V. Ward, Johnsonville, S. C.	7
Mrs. C. G. Fone, Pikeville, N. C.	17	G. W. Nobles, Chipley, Fla.	7
Mrs. C. M. Waley, Richlands, N. C.	17	A. F. Delauder, Wellston, Ohio	7
Mrs. B. H. Matthews, Spring Hope, N. C.	16	Mrs. R. E. Byrle, Hilton, Ga.	7
A. C. Austin, Aurora, N. C.	16	Mrs. H. S. Swain, Columbia, N. C.	7
Fred Whitton, Brilliant, Ala.	16	Mrs. Delsie I. Waters, Pinetown, N. C.	7
R. N. Hinnant, Micro, N. C.	16	C. J. Harris, Greenville, N. C.	7
Mrs. Swift Jones, Kinston, N. C.	16	L. J. Potter, Sneads Ferry, N. C.	7
Mrs. Johnnie Humbles, Ayden, N. C.	16	Mrs. B. G. Hardy, Merrimon, N. C.	6
Owen Thomas, Four Oaks, N. C.	15	Mrs. C. F. Swindell, Belhaven, N. C.	6
Mrs C. F. Heath, Cove City, N. C.	15	Miss Emma Frances West, Dover, N. C.	6
Mrs. Robert Cunningham, Donalsonville, Georgia	15	W. H. Fonden, Denmark, Miss.	6
G. W. Owens, Chipley, Florida	15	Mrs. Raymond Wiggs, Pikeville, N. C.	6
Mrs. J. C. Edmundson, Pikeville, N. C.	14	J. E. Ingalls, Greenville, N. C.	6
Mrs. Venie Carney, Durham, N. C.	14	Mrs. B. T. Dail, Snow Hill, N. C.	6
James Stanell, Kannapolis, N. C.	14	Mrs. Della Whitaker, Burdine, Ky.	6
Mrs. Oliver W. Smith, Goldsboro, N. C.	14	Marie B. Horton, Kinston, N. C.	6
Mrs. L. S. Howell, LaGrange, N. C.	14	Mrs. V. A. Banks, New Bern, N. C.	6
Mrs. J. E. Floyd, Marion, N. C.	14	A. J. Lambert, Sylacauga, Ala.	6
Mrs. G. C. Carter, Sr., Baxley, Ga.	14	Mrs. Pearl Pearce, Micro, N. C.	6
J. R. Bennett, Bridgeton, N. C.	13	L. H. Boykin, Kenly, N. C.	6
Mrs. Fannie Swindell, Arapahoe, N. C.	13	H. L. Knighton, Phenix City, Ala.	6
Rufus Hyman, Slocumb, Ala.	13	Mrs. T. L. Parnell, Pikeville, N. C.	6
Mrs. J. K. Aldridge, La Grange, N. C.	13	Clifton Rice, Kinston, N. C.	6
Mrs. Arthur Trawick, Dotham, Ala.	13	Mrs. R. R. Griswold, Selma, N. C.	6
John Kornegay, Mt. Olive, N. C.	13	Mrs. W. E. Felts, Joelton, Tenn.	6
Mrs. S. B. Strickland, Middlesex, N. C.	13	Mrs. D. L. Powell, Enfield, N. C.	6
Mrs. O. M. Hilburn, Rockingham, N. C.	13	Mrs. J. F. Harmon, Camilla, Ga.	5
C. B. Thompson, Nashville, Tenn.	13	Milford Hales, Kenly, N. C.	5
Mrs. V. A. Glover, Wilson, N. C.	12	J. W. Hollingsworth, Goodman, Mo.	5
Mrs. M. M. Woodall, Smithfield, N. C.	12	Mrs. Will Nobles, Ayden, N. C.	5
Mrs. J. L. Welch, Nashville, Tenn.	12	B. H. Champion, Graceville, Fla.	5
Mrs. Bettie Dawson, Dunn, N. C.	12	Mrs. John Wrinkle, Antlers, Okla.	5
Mrs. J. R. Cayton, Aurora, N. C.	12	J. B. Ferrell, Elm City, N. C.	5
Mrs. Marshall Joyner, Winterville, N. C.	12	Mrs. Wilmer Martin, Jakin, Ga.	5
Mrs. J. L. Nobles, Winterville, N. C.	12	Mrs. Edwin Roper, Ransonsville, N. C.	5
Mrs. Lonnie Strickland, Portsmouth, Va.	12	Ira D. Garrison, Delmar, Ala.	5
T. L. Walker, Columbia, Miss.	11	Mrs. C. A. Christian, Surgonsville, Tenn.	5
H. E. Willis, Hazel Park, Mich.	11	Paul Jenkins, Kannapolis, N. C.	5
Mrs. Eula Morris, Vanceboro, N. C.	11	J. L. McIntosh, Lyles, Tenn.	5
Mrs. Charlie Humbles, Ayden, N. C.	11	Mrs. R. C. Potter, New Bern, N. C.	5
Adam Scott, Ashland City, Tenn.	11	Miss Mattie Beacham, Arapahoe, N. C.	5
Jennings Williams, Clayton, N. C.	11	Earl H. Glenn, Durham, N. C.	5
Mrs. Charlie Thigpen, Tubeville, S. C.	11	M. M. Franks, Tifton, Ga.	5
Mrs. W. J. Paul, Columbia, Tenn.	10	Nathaniel Cox, Blounts Creek, N. C.	5
Mrs. Dorothy N. Harris, Jacksonville, Florida	10	Mrs. M. S. Jones, Goldsboro, N. C.	5
		Mrs. B. S. Peters, Dunn, N. C.	5
		Alton Hill, Jr., Kinston, N. C.	6
		Mrs. Guy H. Ferrell, Fremont, N. C.	5

THE SO-CALLED SOCIAL GOSPEL

W. A. Criswell

"Take heed that no man deceive you"

Men with a passion for social righteousness are to be commended. The lot of many in this life is sad and weary. Poverty and disease and hunger oppress a vast portion of this earth's humanity. May heaven's richest blessing rest upon whoever can help alleviate human misery whether he be preacher or legislator or judge, "Englishman or American or Turk." The clearance of slums, the abolition of liquor and gambling, the amelioration of working conditions, the building of better community playgrounds, the organization of groups for the peace and good of the world, all these things and a thousand others like them are acceptable to God and to men.

It is not for these things that we arraign the social gospelers. We would support these humanitarian movements with all our hearts and souls. Then what is the indictment against these men, it is this: The social gospelers "have committed two evils; they have forsaken the Lord God, the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water."

The Origin of the Social Gospel

The roots of the so-called social gospel go back through many years. It has a philosophical, a pseudo-scientific, a social, and a religious background.

In philosophy it reaches back to Jean Rousseau, the French rebel and dreamer who lived an unspeakably immoral life but who promulgated the most naive and felicitous of all happy doctrines. He taught the doctrine of the perfection of the natural man. "If it is natural it is good." To Rousseau the nature of man is inherently good. Let man be himself and he'll be perfect.

In pseudo-science it goes back to Charles Darwin with his theory of evolution. Darwin changed the intellectual outlook of the modern world. From him developed that school of thought which sees in human history

nothing but certain and inevitable progress, like the expression invented by the pseudo-psychologist Coe, "Every day in every way we are getting better and better." The biological facts that Darwin thought he discerned in the origin of species, observations which caused him to believe that life has ever evolved upward, the historian applied to all the departments of human story. Not only were we evolving physically, but we were progressing socially, nationally, morally, and every other way.

The social gospel has a collectivist background. Much of the attitudes and doctrines of Karl Marx is to be found in it. Like him, the social gospelers hope to find in a new economic order the source of all the blessings of the human family.

And, of course, the social gospel has a religious background. Its prophets are Washington Gladden and Horace Bushnell. These preachers believed that we are born Christians, that we grow up into Christianity in the same way that we grow up into citizenship. The famous sentence of Horace Bushnell is, "The child is to grow up a Christian and never know himself as being otherwise." If the child is never taught he is a sinner, he will never be one. So thought Bushnell. Since human nature is naturally good, all we need to do to build a paradise here in the earth is just to get our environment adjusted and the kingdom will be realized. So preached Gladden.

The Doctrines of the Social Gospel

The first thing the social gospel did was to sentimentalize the relationship between God and man. They invented a watchery for the new religion. "The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man." That God should be a God of judgment and of wrath was impossible. That man should be a sinner lost and undone was not vicious. But that God should be all sentiment and no discipline, and

that man should be by nature all goodness and godlikeness seemed to be flattering to both parties. So the flabby God and the deified man become partners in the new gospel to build the new heaven here in the old earth.

Here is a summary, therefore, of the doctrines of the social gospel:

1. The doctrine of God.

He is no longer a sovereign judge who will hold men accountable for their sins. He is a soft, yielding father who has so made the world that we inevitably grow better and better. That one should think there is a final reckoning for evil or a hell awaiting the wicked is to insult the sentimental fatherhood of God.

2. The doctrine of man.

If man is already a child of God, is of the same nature of God, then there is no need for the old-fashioned Pauline theology of salvation and redemption in Christ. We only need ethical teaching, the development of the divinity that is within us. The life and death of Christ become merely moral influences for the encouragement of the human race in its climb toward perfection. Conversion becomes a matter of religious education.

3. The doctrine of sin.

Sin is no longer the black curse that the Scriptures make it to be. In the social gospel sin becomes "a loss of direction." It is a "stumbling upward in the process of evolution." It is "a wrong against the social good." It is "the transgression of certain taboos established by custom."

4. The doctrine of the social order.

The social gospel has a vision of the coming Golden Age that is as naive as it is impractical. Their idea is that we shall inevitably grow into it. The evolution of life assures it. It will come through the preaching of the principles of the Sermon on the Mount. It will come through education, ecumenicity, reform. The new socialism will dissolve all troubles, create perfect governments, eliminate wars, supply an abundance for all. The great end and aim there-

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NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

WICKEDNESS ABOUNDS

"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn" (Prov. 29:2).

We are in a state of mourning; and, by the signs of the times and the fulfillment of prophecy, we are in for a greater state of mourning. It does not take a wise man to see what is just ahead of the nations of the world. Sin abounds on every hand. Wickedness with all manner of crimes grows daily. The world "waxes worse and worse." Rape, murder, homes destroyed by drunkenness, and adultery, fornication, and the like become more evident with each passing day. Why not the people mourn, when our National Capitol is set on the fires of hell in drinking and gambling, even in the highest ranks gambling is reported. Our Government is rotten to the core.

Let me quote some facts gathered by those who keep tab on official Washington. Quote: "Washington drinks more intoxicating beverages than milk. So it was announced by a nationally-known radio commentator during the recent milk strike here." This is a serious condition, but what could we expect better when the head of our government, our law makers, advocate alcoholic beverages and drink themselves, many of them, unto drunkenness, according to reports.

Quote: "Arrests for drunkenness are steadily increasing in Washington. Since the war the population of the city has decreased slightly, but in the same period the number of jail drunks has increased thirty-three per cent. More than 2,000 persons were hospitalized last year for physical and mental ailment arising from alcoholism. More than 100 persons died from drunken driving, homicides, poisoned alcoholic drinks, and other such troubles associated with the free use of liquor. The city's population has declined but in these last five years licensed liquor stores have increased from 1,962 to 2,396. More than 37,000 arrests for drunkenness were recorded last year."—The Evangelical News-front in the UEA.

We need not to be surprised at wars being in the world. It is the sinfulness of the rulers and law makers together with the population of the world. People have turned their backs on God. Russia is the damnable communistic country in the world with the most BLOODTHIRSTY, and GOD DEFYING ruler on earth. He is setting every nation on the fires of hell, and yet

crying peace. Other nations have gone after the gods of this world. The whole world lieth in wickedness. We call ourselves CHRISTIAN AMERICA, but where is much Christianity. Yes, thanks to God that there are yet those who have not defiled their garments with the "mark of the beast." They are looking for the "COMING OF THE SON OF GOD," who will clear the mountains and fields, and the principalities of sin from the face of the earth. Then the works of the devil shall be put down once for all. Wait patiently brethren, it will not be long. Praise the Lord for His early coming.

"Be patient therefore, my brethren unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh" (James 5:7, 8). Get your Bible and read the whole chapter preceding these verses.

THE COMING OF THE LORD

From the ascension of Christ the faithful have been looking for His return. The early church looked for Him to come from the heavens with a shout and the trump of God. Christ taught His disciples the truth: "If I go away, I will come again." The men in "white apparel" said, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11).

Notice that it is the same Jesus that is coming again. He was seen with the natural eye of men. They beheld him going up as they "stood gazing up into heaven." He went away in clouds, and now listen, "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen" (Rev. 1:7). So it is an established fact that Christ is coming just as he went away.

THE SIGNS OF HIS COMING

The disciples of Christ wanted to know what were the "signs of his coming." Christ told them that there should be wars and rumors of wars. . . . For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places." Then Christ said, "All these are the beginnings of sorrows." "Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations" . . . "And many false prophets shall arise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness to all nations; then shall the end come." All these things have come to pass; every sign given here by Je-

sus has been fulfilled. Read the whole 24th chapter of Matthew.

Jerusalem was to be captured, "not a stone was to be left one upon another of the Temple." This prophecy was literally fulfilled 70 A.D. The other prophecies have been fulfilled up to the minute. God's word cannot fail. "Jerusalem was laid waste, the inhabitants were led away captive into all nations to remain until the time of the Gentiles be fulfilled." See Luke 21:24. So the Jews have gone and are going back to the land that God gave to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. God scattered them because of their sin, and God has regathered them because of HIS FAITHFULNESS, as He promised. Now all is set for the Lord Jesus to come.

"Now we beseech you brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and by our gathering together unto him, that ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled neither by spirit, nor by word nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand . . . For that day shall not come except there come a falling away first, . . ." (2 Thess. 2:1-3).

The falling away is here. Modernistic teachers are denying the "Virgin Birth" and the Atoning Blood of Jesus Christ, His literal resurrection and "His return in Glory." They have deceived the masses, and thousands and thousands, led by these deceivers, are falling headlong into everlasting death. Church pews are empty on the Lord's day and seats are filled at the movies and ball parks, sea shore resorts, and thousands of places of amusement. They are denying the Lord Jesus Christ and are counting His blood worthless. Thousands of church members go to church only on Easter or attend the annual revival, or a Christmas pageant. They are lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God. These deceived persons are being led by modernistic preachers. "Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God," says the Lord Jesus. The church is full of unconverted people.

Think of a church member who cannot get up in time to get to Sunday school and church. But he can rush to the ball game, or the movies, or to the beach, or lake, as soon as he can eat his noon day meal. That man needs salvation and without it he will cry for rocks and mountains to fall on him and hide him from the Lamb of God. See Rev. 6:16.

UNCHANGING LOVE

C. H. Spurgeon was talking to a farmer who had on his barn a weather-vane on the arrow of which was inscribed, "God is love." He said to the farmer, "What do you mean by that? Do you think God's love is changeable—that it veers about as the arrow turns in the wind?" The farmer answered, "Oh, no! I mean that whichever way the wind blows, God still is love."

If the New Testament Were not True--What Then?

By MAX I. REICH

It is a very serious matter for a Jew to reject the testimony given by his own Jewish brethren, in the pages of the New Testament, to the person and work of the One whom that book proves to be the Hope of Israel. For a Jew not to believe in the New Testament reflects discredit upon his own accepted Scriptures, the writings of Moses and the Prophets.

1. The prophets raised up since the carrying away to Babylon and the return—Daniel, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi—spoke of the coming of the Messiah as to be expected during the existence of the rebuilt Jerusalem and of the second temple. (See Daniel 9:24-27; Haggai 2:7-9; Zechariah 9:9, 10; Malachi 3:1). Jewish unbelief therefore not only reflects on the veracity of Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Paul, Jude, James and Peter, but also charges the holy prophets of the Old Testament with having uttered false predictions. The second temple has been destroyed, and unless the Messiah came before that calamity took place the post-exilic prophets were deceivers.

2. Jewish unbelief also relegates the rest of the Old Testament to the rubbish heap. The line of Messianic prophecy begins in Genesis with the germinal revelation of the suffering but triumphant "Seed of the woman," and extends through each book to the coming to His temple of the long-absent "Angel of the Covenant" in Malachi. Only the Messianic hope explains the Old Testament and gives meaning and consistency to its story. Was that hope a chimera, an hallucination?

3. The portrait of Jesus as it is given to us in the four gospels has appealed to

nineteen centuries. Considered as literature, these brief books are by far the greatest writings coming out of the first century of our era. And yet they were produced in a decadent age, conspicuous for the absence of genius and originality in art and literary output. Jewish unbelief, when it denies the accuracy of the story recorded in the Gospels, compels us to acknowledge an inexplicable first-century literary miracle. How could the gospel writers have forged this picture of Jesus? It must be a portrait from life, for the wit of man never could have invented it. It is an inspired record of the greatest event in the history of this planet—the appearance in the flesh of "Immanuel," God with us.

4. It is unthinkable that the God of Israel should have permitted the destruction of His people, and the cessation of the sacrificial system He once established, without putting something better in their place. Had this occurred, God would have been defeated by the forces of evil. What has happened is that the outward temple has been superseded by the more wonderful spiritual temple made up of the entire body of the redeemed. They are the present dwelling-place of the Shekinah. The oft-repeated sacrifices of bulls and of goats have come to an end because a sacrifice of richer worth, the atoning death of the spotless Lamb, has put away sin. The glorified Messiah, now in the heavenly sanctuary, has a more excellent minister than that of the Old Testament priests and is

the Mediator of a better covenant, established upon better promises.

5. Jewish unbelief implies that the millions upon millions of enthusiastic followers of Jesus down through the centuries have been the victims of a delusion. Christian experience, however, is a universal phenomenon which cannot be disposed of by sophistries. While on the margins of professing Christendom there is a confusing babel of sects, at the center all true Christians are absolutely one. There is no people on earth more united. In spite of racial, educational, social and environmental differences, they share the same life and speak the same language. They have drunk of the same fountain, and have felt the same Spirit. Their experience is the same everywhere—in the orient or the occident—in the present or centuries ago.

Jews enter upon this experience, along with believers from all other backgrounds, when their hearts bow before the Lord Jesus in penitence and faith. The yellow man of China—the black man of Africa—the cultured gentleman of Caucasian blood—when they come with their sins to the feet of this divine Saviour they all find pardon, peace, purity and power. They become members of a new fellowship, the larger and universal "Israel of God," of which the Messiah is the center and sun. The unity of Christians in spiritual experience is a rock against which no criticism can prevail. The gospel of Christ is "the power of God unto salvation, to the Jew first." Will you, as a Jew, receive as your Saviour the One who came "to the lost sheep of the tribe of Israel?"

—American Tract Society

Tennessee Personalities and Events

C. F. Bowen

August 6 was a significant day in the life of Bethlehem Church, near Ashland City. According to the best information the pastor, Rev. Adam Scott, could secure, the church held its first homecoming on that day in its history which covers more than a hundred years. The large congregation that was present gave an offering of \$425.00 to be used for building of more Sunday school rooms. Rev. T. O. Terry, pastor of Ashland City Church, recently closed a successful revival at Bethlehem.

Mrs. Mary Reed, second vice-president of the woman's auxiliary of Bethlehem Church reports three study classes held there in

the past few weeks: stewardship, manual of methods, and vacation Bible school.

The Bible college at Nashville is launching a nationwide offering Sunday, October 1. This united offering, to be received from every church in the denomination, is expected to exceed the \$10,000.00 hoped for as an initial fund for the new four-story addition to the college plant. Rev. Henry Melvin, college business manager, has already begun mailing out literature on the project.

Rev. Charles Thigpen, Bible college instructor, is holding a revival at Shady Grove Church, Hickory Point. Rev. Bayless McDonald is pastor.

Rev. LaVerne D. Miley, Bible college graduate and graduate in science from Northeast Missouri State Teachers College, has been added to the faculty of our college as professor of Greek and science. His home

is Kirksville, Mo. Mrs. Miley is the former Lorene Norris of Benton, Ill., a graduate of our Bible college.

Rev. J. L. Welch, pastor of Cofer's Chapel, Nashville, has been in revival services in eastern North Carolina with Rev. J. W. Alford of Columbia, N. C.

OPEN FOR PASTORAL WORK

This is to advise that I am open for pastoral work for another year for second and fourth Sundays. Any church desiring my services may write or contact me at the following address:

Rev. D. A. Windham,
Greenville, N. C.

A man says to himself before he goes out, "What shall I say?" A woman meditates, "What shall I wear?"—*Metternich*

Middlesex Orphanage

JULY RECEIPTS FOR 1950

(Note: Receipts have been mailed to each individual auxiliary or person contributing but totals here are shown for all amounts from each church regardless of organization through which it came for the period covered. Our books and files are open at all times for inspection or checking for and particular receipt.)

GENERAL FUND

<i>Central</i>	
Hull Road	\$ 16.25
Bethany	117.27
La Grance	19.03
Dilda's Grove	7.50
Shiloh	32.00
Saratoga	4.00
Watery Branch	10.00
Rocky Mount	2.88
Elm Grove	27.85
Marlboro	4.20
Greenville	28.29
Winterville	16.00
Aspin Grove	9.00
Gum Swamp	5.11
Spring Branch	10.00
Rose Hill	5.00
2nd Union Sunday School Conv.	5.00
Total	\$319.38
<i>French Broad</i>	
Avery's Creek	\$ 2.72
Horney Heights	5.00
Beaverdam	10.00
Canton	1.00
Cedar Hill	10.00
Total	\$ 28.72
<i>Eastern</i>	
Folkstone	\$ 9.24
Mt. Zion, Onslow County	2.09
Arapahoe	101.34
Ruth's Chapel	8.82
Warden's Grove	13.99
Davis	12.50
Oriental	5.80
Core Creek	30.00
Whaley's Chapel	12.95
St. Mary's	18.16
Dublin Grove	13.87
Kinston	28.51
Beulaville	14.73
Union Chapel	38.71
Wintergreen	9.15
Sneads Ferry	3.58
Smiths New Home	9.00
Total	\$332.26
<i>Cape Fear</i>	
Shady Grove	\$ 1.00
Roberts Grove	6.00
Corinth	6.00
Tees Chapel	13.11
Powhatan	5.00
St. Paul	13.41
Union Meeting	70.00
Total	\$114.50
<i>Piedmont</i>	
Aleo	\$ 8.33

<i>Western</i>	
Orphanage Memorial Chapel	\$ 9.20
Rosebud	1.00
Mt. Zion, Nash County	12.05
Pleasant Plain	37.05
Shady Grove	5.00
Wilson	22.12
Little Rock	25.00
Total	\$111.42

<i>Albemarle</i>	
Soundside	\$ 5.00
Mt. Olive	6.52
Total	\$ 7.02

<i>Rockfish</i>	
Union Meeting	\$ 20.00

<i>Pee Dee</i>	
Cypress Creek	\$ 9.62

<i>Miscellaneous</i>	
Parents and Relatives	\$ 79.80
Concert Class Receipts	4,197.22
Young People's Friend Sub.	4.59
Farm cash sales and hail insurance adjustment	1,770.29
Rev. J. C. Moye	1,000.00
Sale of pony	40.00
Friends through Mrs. H. L. Spivey	137.70
Dr. Edwin A. Rasberry, Jr.	5.00
Dr. Ralph Fike	5.00
Marvin E. Petway	5.00
E. G. Swindell	5.00
T. G. Sullivan	10.00
Dr. C. W. Goodwin	10.00
Thomas Yelverton Company	25.00
Mrs. Joy Edmundson	1.00
Mr. Roland Edmundson	1.00
Mr. Roy Harper	1.00
J. R. Davis	5.00
Ira Davis	5.00
W. W. Shingleton	5.00
H. N. Felton	1.00
Ottingers Young Men's Shop	1.00
H. M. Jeffries Sr. and Jr.	5.00
J. D. Davis	3.50
Harry Newcomb	1.00
Refunds	91.39
Loyal Order of Moose	200.00
Total	\$7,616.31

MUSIC FUND	
Kinston (Eastern)	\$ 5.00
Greenville (Central)	5.00
Bethany (Central)	5.00
Total	\$ 15.00

STOVE FUND	
Morehead City (Eastern)	\$ 15.00
5th Union Meeting (Eastern)	159.71
Total	\$174.71

FUND TO REFURNISH GIRLS BLDG.	
2nd Union S. S. Conv. (Central)	\$ 33.76

CHAPEL FUND	
Edgemont (Western)	\$ 50.00
Elm Grove (Central)	7.71
Johnson Union (Cape Fear)	10.00
Total	\$ 67.71

BOWL FUND	
Rose Hill (Central)	\$ 10.00

Total General Fund	\$8,567.56
Total Music Fund	15.00
Total Stove Fund	174.71
Total Refurnishing Fund	33.76
Total Chapel Fund	67.71
Total Bowl Fund	10.00

Grand Total -----\$8,868.74

BUDGET RECEIPTS

Eastern Conference	\$12,928.29
Central Conference	9,150.95
Western Conference	6,980.78
Cape Fear Conference	3,857.94
Albemarle Conference	1,849.47
Jacks Creek Association	814.68
French Broad Association	1,388.60
Piedmont Association	1,731.47
Pee Dee Association	511.55
Rockfish Association	320.17
Toe River Association	813.35
Western Yearly	11.00
Total	\$40,358.25

Correction: Last month we credited Mt. Moriah and Mt. Calvary Church Class offerings in the Piedmont Association. It should have been in the Rockfish Association.

DONATED COMMODITIES

Roberts Grove S. S., gilt	\$ 35.00
Holly Springs Int. League, household supplies	1.50
N. C. Markets Division, food	227.50
Wilson Lion's Club, food	63.34
Pleasant Plain Church, food	96.60
Holly Springs Auxiliary, household supplies	5.50
Reedy Branch Young Women's Auxiliary, food and H. H. Sup.	8.35
Hull Road Auxiliary, Household Supplies	3.00
Mrs. R. G. Turnage, Household Supplies	1.50
Mrs. W. M. Carroll, Household Supplies	5.00
Free Union Auxiliary, Greene County (Glasses)	6.00
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wood, Household Supplies	8.15
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JULY, 1950

MISS CLEE EATMAN, Manager

Toe River

Young's Chapel	\$ 61.90
Low Gap	65.93
Pensacola	29.80
Price's Creek	37.35
Terry's Fork	26.00
Pilerim's Chapel	29.00
Mine Fork	10.00
Green Mountain	34.01
North Bend	22.70
Big Creek	22.50
Bald Creek	4.45
Patterson's Branch	7.45
Piney Hill	26.00
Hiegin's Chapel	23.07
Millers Chapel	9.80
Covey Rock	30.25
Brummitts Creek	10.23
Pigeon Roost	30.89
Huntdale	26.71
Poplar	18.00
St. Paul	11.00
Greasy Creek	10.17
Odoms Chapel	8.60

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: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

HUMAN SACRIFICE

In the Korean war many American boys are being sacrificed in battle for the principles of right and justice. Democracy stands for the right of the individual to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience, and to grant him the privilege to pursue gainful occupations for the good of self, family, and the nation.

It is because of the stand which our country takes for human rights and Christian privileges that many American boys are suffering. It is tragic that this war was brought on by those who have little regard for the rights and privileges of honest people. War is always a poor means by which justice for any people can be obtained. Then when it is over, the devastation and ruins of the areas of the country where the battles were fought become practically useless for a long time. Poverty and starvation among the masses of the citizens of those areas are always tragic and heart-breaking.

Things accomplished by this war, when it is over, can never justify the loss of human life and the expense to which the warring nations were put to end the struggle. And usually the signed agreements do not stand very long before further trouble arises. The truth is, many soldiers have died in vain, and many a family has born sorrows and heartaches through the passing years, all because their sons were forced in the conflict of battle.

Peace among the different peoples of the earth cannot be secured for long by wars, treaties, and parliaments. Those are not the sources for lasting peace, nor are they a panacea for the shedding of blood. Lasting peace will have to come another way. It will have to come thru the Prince of Peace. Christ came to give peace to all mankind, but the nations, as a whole, will not seek peace for the world through and by His divine teachings. As long as men seek peace through their own knowledge and wisdom, that long will they fail to effect a lasting peace among men.

In view of these things, we believe that the great need today is for the Christian people to turn to God in sincere prayer, petitioning Him to intervent in this great struggle, and to bring peace among the nations that are

involved in this heartrending struggle. God can in some mysterious way bring the conflict to a speedy end, but the Christian people are to call upon Him and to trust Him to effect a lasting peace. Think how multitudes of people would rejoice, and think how many lives would be spared, if this war would cease without further destruction and carnage.

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FIRST SUNDAY IN OCTOBER DESIGNATED FOR
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

We have information that the Bible college in Nashville, Tennessee, is laying plans to ask the churches of the denomination to raise special offerings on the first Sunday in October. They are hoping to realize from this drive at least ten thousand dollars for the purpose of applying it to the construction of a new college building on the present campus. This new building is vitally needed to enable the administration to make room for the Four-Year College program. The present conditions for classroom facilities are very poor, and it is very necessary that the college officials get more money to enable them to expand, and to give more room for the young men and women who are desirous of taking training in Nashville.

May the pastors of the various churches over the country stress this great need, and encourage their church people to give liberally to this most needy cause on the first Sunday in October. Each church should feel responsible for raising a creditable offering for this special purpose. The returns will be forthcoming in the future when well trained young men and women will go out from the college, prepared to render efficient Christian service to the churches and communities of the whole denomination. Every dollar raised and well spent for this cause will mean much to the cause of Christ in the world. No church member should hesitate to give liberally for this purpose, for God has promised to bless the cheerful giver, and the ways in which He does this are manifold. He never fails those who have faith and trust Him with all their heart. Inexpressible joy is always in store for the Christian who does his part for the building up of God's kingdom in the world.

Why Worry?

Why worry? Are tomorrow's skies more blue

If on our beds we restless roll and toss
With burning sleepless eyes until the morn,
Building bridges that we may never cross?

Why worry? Are we not the children dear
Of Him who like a shepherd feeds His sheep

And in His bosom gently holds the lambs
Safe from the slinking wolves that near-

by creep?

Does not the one who numbered every hair,
And marks the little sparrow when it falls,

Give ear to us in His own image made
As well as to the raven when it calls?

And does He love the lilies of the field
That do not toil or neither do they spin
More dearly than His helpless storm-tossed child

For whom He gave His life to save from sin?

Is He who weighs the mountains with His scales

And measures in His hand the mighty deep,

Who meted out the heavens with a span,
Not able every trusting soul to keep?

Then why these weary hours of nameless dread

That bring but shattered nerves and hoary hair,

When He who rules the earth and restless seas

Bids us to cast on Him our every care?

MAKE MUCH OF YOUR HOMES

By J. C. Massee

The oldest human institution is the home. God created it. Its foundation is marriage. It sternly stands for and encourages sex and social purity, as well as faith in God.

The home is a garden spot in which all graces are rooted. There we learn how to live together. Its laws are simple but very vital. They are courtesy, patience, forbearance, unselfishness and kindness. All these are spelled in one word, love. In the home the holiest and most intimate relations are seen and understood in the light of chaste and pure thoughts.

Here are twelve laws for building and keeping a happy and successful home.

1. Marriage is the foundation of the home.
2. Love is the law of the home.
3. Purity is the health of the home.
4. Unity is the power of the home.
5. The family is the glory of the home.
6. Simplicity is the beauty of the home.
7. Joy is the atmosphere of the home.
8. Hospitality is the blessing of the home.
9. Sorrow is the sanctifier of the home.
10. The Altar is the security of the home.
11. Christ is the Saviour of the home.
12. Heaven is the hope of the home.

Obey these simple rules and your home will be a sanctuary of peace and joy.

Live much at home. Love best the folks at home. Trust, love and obey Christ the Saviour of the home. Build your home into the church. Keep the home out of debt. Keep all impurity away from the home. Cherish the children of the home. Train them in the way of faith, truth, love and obedience. God save the home.

The truly Christian home is the most perfect institution in the world. Christ saves it, in an all embracing way. Here love finds its perfect theatre of action. Here man and wo-

man, parent and child, employee and servant, age and youth, host and guest, the home body and the stranger find their perfect opportunity to fulfill the two greatest of all commandments, to love God supremely, and to put the interests of others before one's own interests.

Here the voice of rancor must never be heard nor the spirit of contention be permitted a place. The constraint of Christ will provide the restraint of the spirit.

The marvelous cluster of fruit produced by the Spirit of God ripens so perfectly no where else: Consider, love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, self-control.

What an atmosphere is created by the rich aroma of that cluster. Surely its fragrance will fill the whole house, even as the sweet odor of Mary's precious spikenard when she broke the box of alabaster.

In such an atmosphere authority is not, cannot be arbitrary, nor discipline harsh, or impatient. In such a home self-denial becomes easily the way of privilege and joy, rather than the path of duty. Here personality truly expands by giving. And faith, trust, confidence and love put to rout all the flying squadrons of jealousy, suspicion, bitterness and censoriousness.

Make your homes Christian. Enthroned Christ to reign in your hearts. Give the Holy Spirit free reign, and soon the God of peace will guard your hearts and homes in Christ Jesus.—
F. W. B. Messenger.

A PUSH-OVER

The Seeing Eye dog boarded the crowded streetcar with his master and led him to the only available space on the seat running the length of the car. It was too small to accommodate even a child, but the dog began pushing the passengers on each side farther apart with his nose. Every other passenger in turn squeezed against his neighbor. When there was room enough to accommodate two people, the dog signaled his master to be seated. The passengers' pleased expressions dissolved into laughter when the dog climbed into the remaining space beside his master and relaxed with his head on the blind man's lap.—Contributed by Elna Cuthbertson.

The Most Important People

The boys and girls in their teens are the most important people in the world. It is they who settle all the great questions of life. These great matters are:

What calling are you going to follow? What are you going to do with your ideals? What will be your philosophy of life—will you be materialistic, egotistic, or altruistic, a lover of right and beauty?

All of these subjects are disposed of by young people under twenty.

It is the boy that selects the profession or trade the man has to follow. It is the girl who chooses the husband the woman has to put up with all her life. It is the child that, as a rule, determines the religion the adult must adhere to until death or be called an infidel.

When we remember that the most weighty, important and fateful issues are in the control of the children, we realize that the happiness and welfare of this world is in the hands of the boys and girls.

We look on the age between ten and twenty as a sort of interlude to life. But there is need to remember that teen-agers need more love, more companionship, more sympathy and more attention than they ever needed before or will again.

—Mutual Moments, F.
W. B. Messenger

MY GREATEST AMBITIONS

I would be true,
for there are those who trust me;
I would be pure,
for there are those who care.
I would be strong,
for there is much to suffer,
I would be brave,
for there is much to dare.
I would be friend to all—
the foe, the friendless;
I would be giving,
and forget the gift.
I would be humble,
for I know my weakness;
I would look up —
and laugh — and love — and life!
—Howard Arnold Walter

I have so much to do today that I cannot get along with less than three hours of prayer.—Martin Luther.

WHAT DO YOU STAND TO LOSE

Many years ago this story came out of Russia; long before the Communistic regime.

It seems that a certain Athiest was parading up and down the country side, pouring out his verbiage against the very thought of God, and ridiculing all those who believed in God.

On one occasion he addressed a group agthered in a large hall. He stirred them to a high pitch, and then he hurled an invitation to God, that if there be a God, He reveal it by smiting him to death. Of course, God did not, and so he turned to his audience and said: "See there is no God."

Whereupon a little Russian peasant woman with a shawl about her head arose to speak. She addressed her remarks to the speaker and said:

"Sir, I cannot answer your arguments; your wisdom is beyond me. You are an educated man! I am merely a peasant woman. With your superior intelligence will you answer me one question?"

"I have been a believer in Christ for many years. I have rejoiced in His salvation, and I have enjoyed my Bible. His comfort has been a tremendous joy. If, when I die, I come to learn that there is no God; that Jesus is not the Son of God; that the Bible is not true; and that there is no salvation nor heaven; pray, sir, what have I lost by believing in Jesus Christ during my life?"

The room was still. The audience grasped the woman's logic, and then they turned to the Athiest, who by that time was swayed by the woman's simplicity.

In quiet tones he remarked: "Madam, you won't stand to lose a thing."

At which the peasant woman answered: "You have been kind and answered my question. Permit me to ask another. If, when it comes your time to die, you discover that the Bible is true that there is a God; that Jesus is His Son; and that there is a heaven and a hell; pray, sir, what will you stand to lose?"

Of course, the logic was so over-

You can't believe everything you hear—but you can repeat it.—*Answers (London)*

whelming that the crowd leaped to its feet and shouted in ecstasy.

The Athiest had no answer.—*Anon.*

COOPERATION NEEDED

The Home Mission Program Needs to Go Forward

Rev. J. L. McIntosh, Lyles, Tenn.

There is a close relationship between the general home missionary program, and the future success and well-being of our church. If we are to fulfill God's thought for us as a church, escape the penalty of unfaithfulness, and see the church go on to greater heights, we must forge ahead with the general home missionary activities. If we are to expand in this great work, it is imperative that our entire constituency must rally to the support of the home missionary program.

Occasionally, visionless souls look with disdain upon the work of others, and with little or no appreciation of the church and the kingdom of God. Being materially minded they ask why this outlay of dollars. Why this added expense? But we should remember the great commission of our Lord Jesus is bearing upon us in these words: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." The darkness of sin and the ever increasing unbelief here in the United States is appalling.

As a church we must not fail in our duty to take the Word to lost souls. We must be true to the souls of men. The spiritual condition of the world should alarm us today. We are living in a day of popular holiness, of compromised conviction, and of lowered Christian principles. Religious standards are not what they should be. Our church needs to be alert herself, and with unified effort, establish strong spiritual churches in every community, town and city. But it seems that we are becoming more a church people. Much of religion is being carried on with a social and recreational slant. The confused condition of the sinner, and also that

of some church members bring a challenge to the home missionary program of our church.

The problem facing the Home Mission Board is not a lack of vision, nor is it the lack of opportunities. Our board members have the vision, and before us are the open doors, but they must have the co-operation, and the support of our entire constituency. Fellow Free Will Baptists, it is to be seen what can be accomplished, if together we will do our best. Shall we not acquaint ourselves with the Home Missionary department, and its program of work, and then rally to its support? There is a three-fold need facing this department. The first is prayer. If we have financial resources, and a personnel equal for the occasion, we must of necessity have guidance of the Holy Spirit. Every Free Will Baptist can join with us in this great movement.

We need further workers for this great task. This means more than to have a minister with a certificate in his pocket, and an ambition to get a large church to serve. We need workers who have a vision, a willingness to sacrifice, and a desire to serve the cause of missions. Such will succeed in establishing the work of God in new places.

Thirdly, we need finance. In this day of high prices, we need an increasing flow of dollars into the treasury of this great program of missionary work. At the present time the funds are very low. Let us rally wholeheartedly to the support of Home Missions. Let us actually do our best. Every church and each individual of our denomination should get busy and do something for this cause. Yes, Free Will Baptists all over the country should support the Board of Home Missions in this great work. God will be pleased if they will do this very thing, and our hearts will rejoice to go forward with this great work.

"Nothing makes people so worthy of compliments as occasionally receiving compliments. One is more delightful for being told one is delightful—just as one is more angry for being told one is angry."—*K. F. Gerould.*

The So-Called Social Gospel

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fore, of the gospel is this: through preaching, conferences, adjustments, to lead mankind into a Garden of Eden.

The Golden Age

Through countless generations men have dreamed of a perfect world to be realized by setting up better social systems. From the days of Plato's "Republic," written 400 years before Christ, through the days of Sir Thomas More's "Utopia," written 1500 years after Christ, through the days of the present sentimental gospel dreamers, the race has sought a way out of the terrible oppression caused by the heavy hand of the wicked in the earth.

We have manipulated our political machinery for thousands of years; we have experimented with despotisms, dictatorships, autocracies, democracies, bureaucracies, obligarchies, monarchies of several types and republics of every kind; and still the Golden Age has never come.

We have been seeking to create social orders that were just and equitable; we have tried capitalism, socialism, communism, fascism; but still the Golden Age has never come.

We have even tried political ecclesiasticism, we have let the church run it all. Surely, surely, if there were ever a social, political utopia, it would be realized when the church sat on the throne. But oh, that is the worst of all. When the church governed the earth we call the years "the Dark Ages."

Is there, then, to be no Golden Age? Is there to be no kingdom of God, no reign of righteousness? Yes, yes, indeed. The prophets foretold it. Listen to Isaiah:

"The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid. The suckling child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

Listen again to Micah: "They shall

beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

If the old prophets pictured the glories of that coming day, what could we say of the incomparably beautiful pictures of the age of righteousness painted by the Apostle John in the Revelation? It is like Handel's "Messiah," ending with the Hallelujah Chorus: "The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever, King of kings and Lord of lords. Hallelujah."

What is the matter, then, that the Golden Age never comes? Just one thing—sin. Human sin must be reckoned with first. Isaiah 11:5-9 describes the coming kingdom of peace, but only after Isaiah 11:4 says that the Great King "shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked." No cheap, flabby, sentimentality about that King. Micah 4:1-5 describes the abiding blessings of the age of righteousness, but only after Micah 3:8-12 had "declared unto Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin" and "Zion for their sakes was ploughed like a field." Evidently, it was a God of judgment that had His hands to that plough.

Revelation 21 and 22 picture the new heaven and the new earth and the holy city, new Jerusalem, but only after Revelation 20 describes "the great white throne and him that sat on it, from whose face heaven and earth fled away . . . and death and hell were cast into the lake of fire . . . whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." He who sat on that throne was certainly a God of wrath.

It is just here that the social gospel fails. It does not recognize the depravity of the human heart nor the judgment of God upon human iniquity. Man has one need above all other needs; it is the need of redemption. If he cannot be saved from his sins, no system in which he is placed

will work toward peace and perfection.

What God Says About the Future

God's Word is diametrically opposite to the easy, liberal conception of historical evolution. God's Word is realistic and says the truth about the world in which we live. God says it is a wicked world; the daily newspapers say the same thing. God says it will be wicked until it is judged in the great, final day human history says the same thing. It is a sheer theological fiction that all men are brothers and sons of God. They are sons of the Evil One and every headline of every paper screams the same thing. The myth of inevitable and perpetual progress based on the theory of evolution has been atomized by the recent wars that make the battles of the ancients look like tournaments of tin soldiers. The words of the scientists today are terrible words of threatened judgment, words that sound like the sermons of the old-time fire and brimstone preachers.

God's Word does not speak of a world getting better and better thru the eternal processes of evolution. Rather, it speaks of a final Judgment Day which will bring the day of man to an end. If you listen you can always hear the ominous trampling of the hoofs of the Apocalyptic steeds. They are riding and riding hard. If you look around you you can see the helplessness of mankind in striking contrasts to the idealistic assumption that we will remake this world to our will. This world is not soft modeling clay but hardened granite, a stuff so set and steeped in sin that our banners break against the resistant material.

Jesus pictured the last days, "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of Man. As it was in the days of Lot, even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed." Paul's picture of the last times in I and II Thessalonians and in I and II Timothy was no different. The Revelation is full of the agony and woe born of the travail of the closing chapters in this world's history.

These social gospels, these utopian dreamers, these impractical idealists, are like the false prophets in

Amos' time who were describing the coming day of the Lord as the perfect era when man is triumphant. But Amos thunders, "Woe unto you that desire the day of the Lord! to what end is it for you? the day of the Lord is darkness, and not light. As if a man did fless from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him. Shall not the day of the Lord be darkness, and not light? even very darkness, and no brightness in it?" The day of man is the day of sin, of misery, of death. It is a day of wrong and war and violence. It is a day of failure and catastrophe. The day of the Lord is the day of judgment and the day of reckoning with sin.

What, then, is the basis for the hope and optimism of the prophets and the apostles? How could they sing in the face of so stark a reality? It was because the hope in their hearts was Messianic, heavenly. It rested, not upon their confidence in man, but on their trust in God. The heavens may be dissolved in fire and the elements may melt in heat but "we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness" (II Peter 3:12, 13). These men of God saw the gloom and the darkness and the night. But they also saw over and beyond it. They saw the light of the glory of God. They say Jesus coming in power, reigning triumphant.

The Work of the Church

What, then, is the work of the church? What is the task God hath called us to do? Has God laid upon us the burden of the reformation of Sodom and Gomorrah? No, no. Lured by the theories of Darwin and Marx, beguiled by the false prophecies of Gladden and Bushnell, we can find ourselves buried in the morass of economic determinism and lost in the utopian hopes of a false optimism. God has revealed to us in His immutable, unchanging, eternal Word, the true nature of man, the only way of salvation and the ultimate destiny of this earth.

On the basis of this revelation He has plainly told us what to do. The

primary task of the church is to preach the Gospel of salvation to all men everywhere, to tell them of redemption from the bondage of sin and eternal life in Christ Jesus now and in the world to come. Our main business is everlastingly one of evangelism. We can never have a better world until better people live in it.

There is more lasting social good accomplished by bringing men to Christ than by all the high-spun theories of all the arm-chair philosophers in the world. Social reform at best is palliative rather than regenerative. The root of all our trouble is not in the system but in the sin of the soul. Liberal churches today, with their abandoned Sunday evening services, their deserted prayer meetings, their cold, intellectual sermons, are occupying themselves with the pimples on the skin when the disease of death lies in the blood scream of the heart.

Our hope lies in the Gospel of repentance and faith. We sin individually. We sin collectively, but we still must repent individually. Each one of us must accept for himself pardon in the atoning grace of Christ Jesus and eternal life through a personal faith in Him. However we may change these social orders and these economic systems, our world is ruined by the presence of sin and death. Until One comes who is able to deliver us from these foes, we helplessly face the pale horseman whose scythe has cut down every man, every nation, every civilization, the world has ever known.—Christian Digest.

A WORD ABOUT YOUR MISSIONARY CHART

You have noticed on your missionary chart it was dated for both 1950 and 1951. The reason they were so constructed was to make them fitting for use in this coming national associational year of 1950-1951 as well as during the past year of 1949-50. We have a supply of these on hand and if any State Director of Foreign Missions will let me know how many you can use in your state I will gladly mail them to you for distribution. They should be in our churches for use this coming year, but it will take co-operation on your part to get them out.

However, if you would rather not undertake to distribute a supply again this year then I have here a plan to offer whereby you may continue to use the one which may now be posted in your church or churches. First, adjust, if need be, the figures on the chart in keeping with the states' quotas for this present national year, especially should you make that change as to the quota for your own respective state. The table of these quotas has been given in all our leading denominational papers. While it may be that your state quota is the same as that of last year, hence will need no changing. Second, take a narrow strip of white paper, which has been carefully cut out for the purpose, and paste carefully over the red mercury, which has been raised on your chart during the past year, and thus you have a white center again on which to begin raising the mercury in keeping with the receipts from your state, month by month. Watch the papers closely each month for instructions as to the raising of the mercury on your charts. We hope to have the careful cooperation of every one possible in the use of these charts. Remember, if you desire a new supply, please let me know.

Winford Davis
Monett, Missouri

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PETER, WHO BECAME A MAN OF POWER

(Lesson for September 3)

LESSON: Acts 4:7-20.

GOLDEN TEXT: Acts 5:29.

I. THE HEART OF THE LESSON

Please take time to read Matthew 21:42-44.

There is a very striking and beautiful story linked with these verses quoted by our Lord. It is said that they have reference to something that occurred during the building of the Temple. It will be remembered that Solomon was seven years in constructing this glorious Sanctuary. From the Book of Kings we learn that the stones for the Temple were all hewn and cut to order in the quarry before being set up to the great platform on the top of Mount Moriah where the Temple stood. It is a marvelous picture of God's present temple.

The Jews say that these stones were practically all of the same size and shape but that one stone was sent up which was so different from the rest that they were at a loss what to do with it. It did not seem to fit anywhere. After consultation they decided a mistake had been made, and so they placed it upon rollers and pushed it over to the edge of Mount Moriah and tumbled it down into the vale below. "The stone which the builders rejected!" But as time went on and the Temple was nearing completion the day drew near for the placing of the chief cornerstone. There was nothing suitable on the platform. Word was sent down to the quarrymen to send up this cornerstone as they were now ready for it, but the answer came back. "We sent it to you long ago; you must have it there upon the Temple site." But a thorough search failed to reveal it. Then an old workman said, "I remem-

ber now there was a stone sent up when we first began to build, but we saw no place for it and we hurled it down into the abyss. Go down below and you will find it." And so they sent a searching party and eventually discovered it almost covered up with debris and overgrown with moss. They raised it with great effort to the platform above and found it fitted exactly in the place prepared for it. Thus the rejected stone became the head of the corner. Now our Lord appiles all this to Himself. "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not." They did not realize who He was, and so they fulfilled their own Scriptures in rejecting Him. The Apostle solemnly charged them after the Day of Pentecost concerning this saying, "Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain," but, he adds, "God hath raised (Him) from the dead." And in I Peter 2:4 we read, "To whom coming, as unto a living Stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious." This is indeed the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes.—Dr. Harry A. Ironside.

1. The Spirit-filled man is not afraid to address those who hold a superior position (Acts 4:8).

2. No Christian should ever be brought to trial before a court because of an evil deed he has done (vs. 9).

3. The best proof of the power of Christ is in the changes He brings about in human lives (vs. 10).

4. The rejection of Christ by the Jewish rulers was used of God to make salvation possible for the whole world (vs. 11).

5. There are many "names" in religion, but the only name in which there is salvation is the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth (vs. 12).

6. Not boastfulness but a holy boldness will convince men that we have "been with Jesus" (vs. 13).

7. One human being saved from the power of sin is a testimony that the greatest haters of Christ cannot gain-say (vs. 14).

8. The evidence of supernatural power in the life of a Christian is perplexing to unbelievers (vss. 15, 16).

9. Down through the centuries the world has tried in vain to silence the lips of true believers (vs. 17).

10. Christians are expected to obey the laws of any government except when that involves disobedience to God (vss. 18, 19).

11. "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh" (comp. vs. 20).—Selected

12. Peter was pointed and dynamic in his words to the council members on this matter. He declared "there is none other name under heaven . . . whereby we must be saved" (12b); God has not made any other plan by which one can be saved; and those who refuse to accept Jesus as Lord and Master will be eternally lost. All other means were only subordinate, and referred to him, and had their efficacy from him alone."—Adam Clarke. Peter here advanced from the healing of the lame man to the matter of the salvation of the human soul. Moreover, since Christ was able to heal the lame man, he could also, from this fact, exercise the divine power over sin, and thus free a rank sinner from the burden of his past sins.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

13. The members of the council found themselves in an embarrassing position, for they were placed between two known facts with no apparent outlet for escape. They were aware of the fact that all the people of the city who knew the healed man recognized in his healing a notable and convincing miracle. Along with that, they realized that if the work of healing in the name of Christ, and the preaching of His gospel, continued with such amazing power and conviction the people would receive the gospel and accept Jesus as the Saviour. The question with them was, What shall we do to these men?—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

We should behave toward our country as women behave toward the men they love. A loving wife will do anything for her husband except stop criticizing and trying to improve him. We should cast the same affectionate but sharp glances at our country. We should love it, but also insist upon telling it all its faults. The noisy, empty "patriot," not the critic, is the dangerous citizen.—J. B. Priestly, *Rain Upon Godshill* (Harper)

"When Christ Controls"

By Nadine Shadrack
General Director, East Nashville Church
Nashville, Tennessee

Have you ever looked forward to some event so long and wished so fervently for it to happen that, when it actually did happen, you felt as if you were dreaming? That is the way most of us leaguers felt Monday morning, June 12, as we boarded the chartered bus that was going to take us to the Third Nationwide League Conference in Norfolk, Virginia. Actually, dreaming was one thing we did not do on the bus. Several people gave humorous readings and we sang, ate, and joked. Eva Ellen Coville, the Best All-round Traveler, kept some entertainment going all the time. We rode the entire day and night making stops at various towns and cities. It was a very tired group of travelers that rode the ferry to Norfolk across the Elizabeth River from Portsmouth early Tuesday morning. All of our thoughts can be summed up with the words of one leaguer who said, as she registered in her hotel, "At last, we are here!"

On Tuesday evening strains of organ music filled the municipal auditorium as we waited for the first service to begin. Many people were already seated, and yet the ushers continued to lead more and more people down the aisles to their seats. We waited tense and excited until Billy Melvin walked to the center of the stage and said, "Let's sing." How we sang! The old hymns that we had sung so many times before had never seemed so beautiful. But Tuesday evening was just the beginning; we sang much more Wednesday and Thursday. The congregation, college quartets, our own girls trio, college chorus, several choirs, and soloists sang magnificently. But if the joy, which no words can describe, that rippled through our hearts could have been put to music and sung, it would have resounded across the nation.

There were dramas, too. Some made us laugh, some showed us God's need of us in His service, and all thrilled our hearts.

All of the programs were enriched by excellent speakers. Outstanding among them was Miss Laura Belle Barnard. She spoke of the need of money and sixteen new missionaries in India. She said that we must supply our missionaries' needs "for Christ's sake, for the Gospel's sake, and for the sake of dying multitudes.

Other features were morning discussion groups and afternoon conferences. We got much information and the leaders answered our questions concerning full-time Christian service. There were tours to the naval

base, Ocean View, and Seashore State Park where a beach dinner was served.

During the last service, the North Carolina contestant, Jane Smith, won first place in the nationwide sword drill and the Tennessee contestant, Nadine Walker, won second place. North Carolina led in attendance with Tennessee second. At the close of the service, six young people dedicated their lives in full-time service to God. All too soon, the two full days and three wonderful evenings were over and we had to come home.

But we returned home with grateful hearts. We are grateful unto God for the many blessings we received. To Mr. Bowen goes much sincere gratitude for planning the program so well and doing so much to make the conference a success. We thank the National League Board for sponsoring the conference. Everyone who received interest on money saved in the conference bank is grateful to the church for help. And some leaguers thank friends for special gifts that they received.

Perhaps the conference is over, but never will we forget it. We will remember how you suffer, do you think that you cause vividly. It was an experience that will help us live fuller, happier, and more Christ-controlled lives this year as we look forward to the Fourth Nationwide League Conference.—"Contact."

An Open Letter Concerning Prayer

Dear Editor:

In regards to your article on National Prayer which was published in the August 2 issue of the Free Will Baptist, the members of Tabernacle Church of Coward, S. C., join with you in believing that a day of National Prayer should be declared in this country. Let us ask God to cease the conflict. He wants His people to live at peace with all nations.

God answered our prayers during the last war and not one casualty from Tabernacle Church was reported. God hasn't changed. He's the same now as He was then. He still hears the cries of His children and answers their requests.

Many of us can't join the service nor work in war plants, but we can prove our love for our boys by remembering them in prayer. Even if we do enter the war we can ask God to save our boys so if they are called into service and later into eternity they can meet Him in peace.

But why wait until the eleventh hour to pray? Begin now! If we ignore God now and wait until the crucial moment to call upon Him, surely He will laugh at our calamities and mock when our fear cometh.

Set a day and hour and pray for peace until victory is won. Then let us continue to pray and thank God for what He has done.

Sincerely,
Ella McAlister

On Trial!

Allen E. Claxton

There is an old story about a man who walked in the front door of the Boston Art Museum and observed a company of persons with a guide studying a large painting near the entrance. After glancing at its main theme, the visitor passed along the corridor to inspect the contents of the museum. Within an hour he had rushed through the Egyptian Room, the special exhibits, and a dozen other departments containing statues and paintings valued at millions of dollars. As he was leaving the building, he was amazed to find that same company of people still standing before that picture at the entrance. He approached an attendant and asked, "Are those the same people I saw when I came in?"

"They are," was the reply.

"Well, what are they doing here all this time?"

"They are studying the picture," answered the attendant.

"Do you mean that they are over an hour studying one picture?"

"Oh, longer than that sometimes," came the answer.

"Well, said our visitor, "that doesn't make sense to me. I surely don't know what they can see in that painting."

The attendant, being something of a connoisseur himself, and a student of Rembrandt, made this simple reply, "Sir, that picture is not on trial. You're on trial."

For nearly two thousand years people have been testing the Gospel of Christ with its Golden Rule, its law of love and its message of forgiveness and redemption. Speaking of the Ten Commandments, Jesus Himself said, "Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven; but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." The commandments are not on trial; we as human beings are. The Gospel is not on trial. We are.

THE LADDER OF SUCCESS

100% I DID
90% I WILL
80% I CAN
70% I THINK I CAN
60% I MIGHT
50% I THINK I MIGHT
40% I WISH I COULD
30% I DON'T KNOW
20% I DON'T KNOW HOW
10% I CAN'T
0% I WON'T

Do you read your church papers?

CHILDREN'S STORYLAND

THE YELLOW KEY

Grace Simon Swanger

On Sunday afternoon Robbie brought Mother her Bible, and Baby Neil was allowed to hold the yellow key. Then the children got their Bibles.

"The first thing we want to know is what the yellow key unlocks. Luke 11:52 tells us."

Howard found it first and read: "Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered."

"We see the yellow key is the key of knowledge. What does yellow make you think of?"

"Corn," said Ruthie.

"Gold," said Big Brother.

"Pumpkin pie," said Howard.

"Let us find Proverbs 8:19 and Proverbs 3:13, 14, and see what God says about knowledge."

Big Brother was the first to find the passage and read: "My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver."

"Solomon is here speaking of the value of knowledge, and saying it is better than gold," exclaimed mother. "Who is really with Proverbs 3?"

"I am," answered Robbie. "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold."

"I made the key yellow because wisdom is spoken of in terms of gold," said Mother. "Now there are two kinds of wisdom. The useful kind and the useless kind—and we want to see what God's Word says about it. Howard, find I Corinthians 3:18, 19, and Robbie, find James 3:17."

"Where is Corinthians, I can't find it?" said Howard.

"In the New Testament. Look! Mother, he's hunting in the Old," laughed Big Brother.

"That is one reason I wanted you all to hunt the verses," said Mother, "you need to know your Bibles."

Howard soon found his verses and read, "Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God."

Robbie continued with, "But the wisdom that is from above, is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, with-

out partiality, and without hypocrisy."

"You have to belong to Jesus to have that kind of knowledge," remarked Big Brother. "I'm sorry I made fun of Howard for not finding his verse," he continued haltingly.

"Yes, even ignorant people can have that kind of wisdom if they are Christ's," said Mother. "Ruthie, here is Acts 4:13, you may read it to prove it."

Ruthie read, "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus."

"Big Brother, after you have mastered your lesson in algebra at school, what do you do?" asked Mother.

"Put it on the board, and explain it to the others," he replied.

"That is just what true knowledge of Christ causes us to do. Tell others of Him. We are living epistles to be read of all men."

"Do you remember the woman who came and asked me how we liked corn flour?"

"Yes," said the children.

"Why did she ask me?"

"'Cause you had used it and knew about it," said Ruthie.

"Read Revelation 12:11," said Big Brother read, "and they overcame him (Satan) by the Blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony."

"That is far enough," said Mother. "I gave a testimony about corn flour. I told what I knew. That is giving testimony, to tell others what we know. When we belong to the Lord, then we will love to tell others of His power to save. How did Jesus prove His love for us?"

"He died for us," came the answer.—The S. S. Times.

JULY RECEIPTS FOR 1950

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Union Hill	30.00
Cane Creek	77.48
Crabtree	11.03
McCourry's Rock	31.50
Roaring Creek	12.50
Lewis Chapel	93.93
Ivey Heights	14.50
Curtis Creek	12.69
Vale	18.90
Total	\$798.35

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Eastern

Antioch	\$ 82.00
Ruths Chapel	40.00
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Pilgrims Home	40.00

Moseleys Creek	75.43
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Total \$357.43

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(continued from page three)

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Malachi's Chapel	113.20
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Newport News	25.00
St. Paul	75.18
St. Johns	20.27

Total \$558.27

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Daniels Chapel	\$104.25
Spring Branch	76.60
Friendship	85.80
Free Union	203.37
Hull Road	111.00
La Grange	20.15
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Rose Hill	35.00
Black Jack	126.20

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Burgins Chapel	41.00
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Homers Chapel	83.82
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Howells Tabernacle	15.12
Sweeten Creek	\$ 23.24
Avery's Creek	8.75
Horney Heights	6.65
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Canton	32.46
Hyatt's Creek	17.85
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Hazelgreen	4.44
Cedar Hill	50.00
Mountain View	30.86
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Spring Hope	21.07
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Trinity	-----	73.25
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Mt. Zion	-----	46.50
Finney Grove	-----	21.05
Soundside	-----	31.37
Gum Neck	-----	48.50
Portsmouth	-----	40.00
Fairmont Park	-----	111.00
Little Creek	-----	20.52
Total	-----	\$474.09

Central

Shiloh	-----	\$ 93.25
Saratoga	-----	138.00
Antioch	-----	68.31
Harrell's Chapel	-----	81.00
Walnut Creek	-----	25.00
Ayden	-----	83.03
Elm Grove	-----	53.56
Pleasant Hill	-----	67.37
Total	-----	\$657.64

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greetings to Brother Hart. Rev. R. H. Jackson gave a short talk on the value of the union meeting. It was moved that C. D. Hamilton and R. H. Jackson visit the orphanage sometime before the next union convenes and report back to the union the conditions of the Home. It was moved and carried that the committee reports be adopted.

After a standing vote of thanks was given to Saratoga Church and community for the kind hospitality shown to this union, it was moved that we adjourn the meeting. We are to meet the next time with Aspin Grove Church, in Wilson County, on October 23, 1950.

Rev. R. C. Proctor, Moderator
Hubert Burress, Clerk

Treasurer Report for 29 July, 1950

On hand from last Union	-----	\$ 76.43
Received from churches	-----	93.55
Offering for Orphanage	-----	26.25

Paid Out

Clerk, Moderator, Press and Treasurer	-----	16.00
Orphanage	-----	57.27
Missions	-----	7.75
Education	-----	7.75
Church Finance	-----	7.75
Superannuation	-----	7.75

Total	-----	\$104.27
Total on hand	-----	196.23
Total paid out	-----	91.96

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Fairmont Park F. W. B. Church of Norfolk, Va., is now broadcasting its evening services from 8 to 9 p. m., each Sunday evening on two radio stations, WCAB, 850 on your dial, Norfolk, Va., and WHED, 1340 on your dial, Washington, N. C. Our many friends in and around Washington are urged to tune in and listen to this program.

Rev. W. A. Hales

Report of Fourth Union of Central Conference

The Fourth Union meeting of the North Carolina Central Conference convened with Saratoga Church, on Saturday, July 29, 1950. The devotions were led by the pastor, Rev. R. H. Jackson and Mrs. Paul Thigpen gave the welcome address. The response was by Rev. T. P. Ellis. Special music was then rendered by Irene Wooten and Pauline Whitley.

The ministers present were R. C. Proctor, C. D. Hamilton, N. D. Beamon, H. T. Sowers, T. P. Ellis, and A. G. Baker. The visiting ministers were R. H. Jackson, of the Cape Fear Conference.

Fourteen churches were represented with an offering. An offering of \$26.25 was raised for the orphanage at Middlesex. Rev. A. G. Baker delivered the Union sermon. His subject was: "Thou Art the Man." His scripture lesson was taken from Second Samuel, chapter 12, and verses 1 through 8. Following the message the union adjourned for lunch.

In the afternoon session the devotions were conducted by N. D. Beaman. A report was made by the committee in regard to the progress being made in the effort to get beer, wine, and whiskey voted out of the Fourth Union meeting district.

A love offering was taken for Rev. W. L. Hart to the amount of \$17.72. The clerk was requested to send

Only when we play the game fairly can we merit a good name.

AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT

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AUXILIARY OF ST. MARY'S GROVE
HOLDS MEETING

Saint Mary's Grove auxiliary held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday night, August 10 at the church with 13 members present. The program leader presented the following program, using the topic: "Advancing with Christ through Christian Education." The scripture reading was taken from the 121 Psalm, and it was given by Miss Martha Stephenson. Miss Doris Coats gave a definition of Christian education, while Miss La Veta Barbour explained the Bible basis for education. The available agencies for Christian education were given by Miss Zona Feye Barbour.

Mrs. Oliver, a Bible teacher visited with us, and gave a very inspiring talk on some of the old patriarchs of the Bible. We closed the program with prayer, which was by Mrs. Cora Coats. The September meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Myatt Stephenson.

Mrs. Hilda Lawrey, Reporter
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As a necessary part of their education, rich little boys and girls at a New York prekindergarten school are taught how to walk up and down stairs. Living in elevator apartments, they never use stairs and have to be trained.—*Meyer Bergen in N. Y. Times.*

Wisdom from a Watermelon

William Jennings Bryan

I was passing through Columbus, Ohio, some years ago, and stopped to eat in the restaurant in the depot. My attention was called to a slice of watermelon, and I ordered it and ate it. I was so pleased with the melon that I asked the waiter to dry some of the seeds that I might take them home and plant them in my garden. That night a thought came into my mind—I would use that watermelon as an illustration. So, the next morning when I reached Chicago, I had enough seeds weighed to find out that it would take about five thousand watermelon seeds to weigh a pound, and I estimated that the watermelon weighed about forty pounds. Then I applied mathematics to the watermelon.

"A few weeks before, someone, I know not who, had planted a little seed in the ground. Under the influence of sunshine and shower that little watermelon seed had taken off its coat and gone to work; it had gathered from somewhere two hundred thousand times its own weight, and forced that enormous weight through a tiny stem and built a watermelon. On the outside it had put a covering of green, within that a rind of white, and within that a core of red and then it had scattered through the red, little seeds, each one capable of doing the same work over again. What architect drew the plan? Where did that little watermelon seed get its tremendous strength? Where did it find its flavoring extract and its coloring matter? How did it build a watermelon?"

"Until you can explain a watermelon, do not be too sure that you can set limits to the power of the Almighty, or tell just what He would do, or how He would do it. The most learned man in the world cannot explain a watermelon, but the most ignorant man can eat a watermelon and enjoy it. God had given us the things that we need, and He has given us the knowledge necessary to use those things, and the truth that He has revealed to us is infinitely more important for our welfare than it would be to understand the mysteries that He has seen fit to conceal from us.

"So with Christianity; if you ask me if I can understand everything in the Bible, I answer; No; I understand some things that I did not understand ten years ago, and if I live ten years longer, I hope some things will be clear that are now obscure. But there is something more important than understanding everything in the Bible, it is this: If we will only try to live up to the things that we do understand, we will not have time to worry about the things that we do not understand."

Note, one thing is perfectly clear and may be tested by anyone. "But as many as received Him (Jesus Christ), to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name" (John 1:12).

Here is another clear statement:

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36).

"O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him" (Ps. 34:8).—Selected.

CONSECRATED LIPS

"The sweetness of the lips"
(Prov. 16:21)

Spiritual conditions are inseparably connected with our physical life. The flow of the Divine life-currents may be interrupted by a little clot of blood; the vital current may leak out through a very trifling wound.

If you want to keep the health of Christ, keep from all spiritual sores, from all heart wounds and irritations. One hour of fretting will wear out more vitality than a week of work; and one minute of malignity, or ranking jealousy or envy will hurt more than a drink of poison. Sweetness of spirit and joyousness of heart are essential to full health. Quietness of spirit, gentleness, tranquility, and the peace of God that passes all understanding, are worth all the sleeping draughts in the country.

We do not wonder that some people have poor health when we hear them talk for half an hour. They have enough dislikes, prejudices, doubts and fears to exhaust the strongest constitution.

Beloved, if you would keep God's life and strength, keep out the things that kill it; keep it for Him, and for His work, and you will find enough and to spare.—A. B. Simpson.

The Faults of Others

Charity does not imply ignorance relative to the faults of others, but it covers them and magnifies the good. We should remember what God does momentarily for us, including also the most unworthy creatures. Contempt for others is generally accompanied by harshness and arrogance, which can only emanate from a heart at enmity with the Cross of Christ. Should we be less forgiving toward others when they are weak? Fenelon queries: "You, who complain so much of what others make you suffer, do you think that you cause"

Jules Verne was the only convert to the by your neighbor's defects, do you imagine that you are perfect?" How astonished you would be, if all those whom you cavil at, should begin to make all possible comments about you. Does it never occur to you that your God will hold you responsible for your attitude toward your brother, as implied in the words of Jesus: "Judge not, and ye shall not be judged; condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned; forgive and ye shall be forgiven" (Luke 6: 37). "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy" (Matt. 5:7).

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A Lost Chord

Seated one day at the organ,
I was weary and ill at ease,
And my fingers wandered idly
Over the noisy keys.

I do not know what I was playing,
Or what I was dreaming then;
But I struck one chord of music
Like the sound of a great Amen.

It flooded the crimson twilight
Like the close of an angel's psalm,
And it lay on my fevered spirit
With a touch of infinite calm.

It quieted pain and sorrow,
Like love overcoming strife.
It seemed the harmonious echo
From our discordant life.

It linked all preplexed meanings
Into one perfect peace,
And trembled away into silence,
As if it were loath to cease.

I have sought, but I seek it vainly,
That one lost chord divine,
That came from the soul of the organ
And entered into mine.

It may be that Death's bright angel
Will speak in that chord again,
It may be that only in heaven
I shall hear that grand Amen.

—Adelaide Anne Proctor

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"The Task of the League in Training for True Worship"

Worship, as defined by Webster is: "Courtesy or reverence paid to merit or worth; respect; especially reverence or adoration paid to God."

The League as the training service of the church plays an important part in training for true worship. However, before one can be trained for true worship, he must learn to whom true worship must be paid. Let us look at Matthew 4:10, "Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence Satan; for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." In Revelation 19:10 we learn the testimony of Jesus—"Worship God." Now let us look at Psalm 99:5, "Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at his footstool: for he is holy."

After learning to whom true worship must be paid, we must learn that the house of the Lord (the church) is the true place to worship and that it must be entered with reverence. Many young people seem to think the church is no more than any other building and that they may act there just as do any other place. Young people need to respect and reverence the house of the Lord in order to develop a true spirit of worship. Psalm 5:7, "But as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple."

In the League, we are now training people from the youngest ages of learning to the ages of full maturity. Beginning with the Story Hour League, we can begin training our children for true worship. Here are a few things with which to begin:

- (1) Teach them that they are worshipping a true and living God.
- (2) That the church is the house of the Lord and that they are to reverence above all places.
- (3) That they must take part in the worship services of the church. Psalm 100. "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that made us, and not we ourselves; he is his peo-

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ple, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations."

By beginning with this plastic stage of life, we are able to lay the foundation which, to a large extent, will determine how they will worship in later life. We need to train and teach our youth respect for things in the church. Song books, Bibles, pews, furniture and instruments of the church must be respected and taken care of. Nothing of any kind must be taken into the church that will detract from true worship. The sticking of chewing gum on the benches is a terrible thing which young people, as well as older ones do. The strowing of paper in the church is a thing that many people seem to do rather than disposing of it so as to keep from littering the church. Many children seem to think the church hymn books are things with which to play. We notice many things, writing in song books as well as many other kinds of marring marks.

Many young people, as well as older ones, have a bad habit of placing their feet on the church pews and other furniture. Many parents stand their children on nice church pews, and this, as well as putting feet on the pews, mars them and causes them to be less beautiful. Discipline which proposes to prohibit this type of practice among youth and adults will stimulate a true spirit of worship.

In many church auditoriums, there are various types of denominational placards, as well as those of other types, advertising different phases of

church work. The auditorium of worship should never be used for this type of thing as it detracts from the worship service. The vestibule is the proper place to have these.

Adding also to the marring of the beauty of the house of worship is that people heedlessly and thoughtlessly come in the auditorium without taking care to wipe their feet on mats provided for such, thus marring the beauty of the floors and carpets. These things mentioned are things which Leaguers should be taught to avoid, and in turn, the Leaguers instructed in these things so as to produce a better atmosphere for true worship.

Giving in the League is training to worship the Lord with the means which He has given unto us—not by given or stated amounts, but by any amount which one may wish to give. Also in the League, singing in the house of the Lord should be that which is conducive to true worship. Talking while others are speaking is a big hindrance in the church, and through the League we train our youth to avoid such things.

The things mentioned being given to those of the plastic stage of life, will be continued through the Junior League, in which age-group more young people are reached and brought to Christ than at any other stage in life. After we leave the Junior group, we come into the most difficult age-group with which to deal—the Intermediate. However, if the Leaguers through the years until this age have been trained for true worship, they will be more susceptible to better and more advanced training. Then we leave the Intermediate age-group and come to the group upon which the church will, to a large extent, look for examples. The steps of training for true worship from the youngest of Leaguers up through the Intermediates, will thus enable those of the Senior group to go forth in true worship of the Lord as well as making useful workers of the church for tomorrow.

NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

Sinning Saints

I heard a preacher speak of the "Sin of Saints," and he said, "The best of believers commit sin." While on the other hand, I heard a preacher say over the air in his weekly broadcast, and I quote: "There is no such thing as a sinning Christian." Then later he said, "I'm living above sin, I don't commit any sin."

Well, perhaps both of these men were sincere in their statements, but I think that it all depends on what we call sin. What one man calls sin another will say, "That is no sin to me." Man wants to be his own judge.

I have known some who say, "I do not commit any sin;" and I have heard them say things about some one that I consider to be sin, at least it would have been sin to me. There are many people who run their tongues spreading false rumors. In other words, they spend their judgment on some one whom they dislike. But this is my thoughts, so let me go back to the man who said, "All believers sin."

This man says, "to eat too much is sin, or to let your eyes gaze upon that which is of a worldly nature." This man, when passing a baseball game, or a foot ball game, would not turn his head to see the players in action. He says, "It is of the flesh, it belongs to the carnal mind, and the carnal mind is not subject to God." I know a man who would close his eyes before he would see the action. He argued: "Shun the very appearance of evil," as taught by the Lord and the holy apostles. It is sin to speak falsely of any one. It is a sin for a man "to look upon a woman to lust after her." Christ says that he has committed adultery in his heart. I am afraid that there are a large number of mighty good people—good in their own sight—who have committed heart adultery.

I actually knew a man who argued that he was "living above sin." This man broke up a home and took the wife of another man, but it was all right with that preacher, because they were both God's children, they thought.

Thousands, define sin to suit their own minds. But God says, "There is a way that seemeth right to man, but the end thereof is the way of death." It is not what you, or I might say that is sin, but what God says that will stand. One man says, "It is no harm to take a drink of alcoholic beverages." But God says, "Look not upon the wine when it is red." Not even look, but some good-for-nothing church members

will guzzle it down, not only wine, but hard liquor and say it is all right. But God will see you in the judgment and you will be judged by His word, and not by your measure.

I met a preacher who said in the pulpit, "I've not sinned in fourteen years." But when I went to his community, I could not find any of the people who would believe it. They knew the tree by the fruit. The fruit is as far as we can go. What we see we know. I cannot believe what everybody says.

I do believe that no born again child of God will wilfully sin. I believe that every true child of God disdains sin. We hate sin. We hate the devil, the author of sin. I hate to hear a person say that he is living above sin, when actually he cannot get credit at a grocery store where he is known.

The Sin of Omission

I hardly think that there is a man living who has done everything that might have been done for the salvation of lost souls and for the on-going of the church. Thousands and thousands have given a nickle to the cause of Christ, when they could have given a dollar, and then lie by saying, "That's the best I can do." Ananias was a professor of the Christian faith, but lied to the Holy Ghost, and "kept back part of the price," which cost him his life. Brother, you better be careful how you spend your money, or the money that God has made it possible for you to put in your pocket. You better give God the part that He calls for and not lie about it. The man that buried his talent, got in trouble along with the "teeth gnashers." God has plainly told us to do things, which if we leave off and refuse to do, we are sinners by omission. Thus we are obedient to God's command. "Therefore, thou oughtest to have put my money to usury, that I might have received my own." It is a sad thing to refuse to obey God. Sin is sin whether it is by commission or omission.

Have you visited every sick person that you ought to have visited? Did you ever say, "Sorry, friend, but I just don't have the time." If you denied when you could have accommodated the needy, you sinned according to God's word. Did you ever tell a lie about your money? And then sing, "Oh, How I Love Jesus." When some brother asked you for money to help paint the church, or to make a payment on the church debt, did you say, "Sorry, but I don't have it to give," when you did have it. You have been robbing God since the day you joined the church. If you are guilty of any of these things, don't come around me, testifying to your goodness. You have to prove your life by doing. Did you ever stay away from the prayer meeting or the regular worship when you could have gone, and then offer a poor excuse as an alibi? What are you going to do about it when you stand face to face with God? No getting

by when we meet God face to face. He knows all about us. It is a sin for a professing Christian to stay away from worship. Paul says, "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is." Are you guilty? It is a sin of omission. What did you say when the preacher said, "I missed you this morning from the school and service." Then, what did you say, when the preacher found out that you had not told the truth? One of your children or your wife let it slip out as to your whereabouts.

Lovers of Pleasure

Just a few Sunday nights ago, I passed a movie, and two or three "Drive-in theatres," and about all the parking space at each place was taken. Along the same highway I saw two churches where services were going on, and I drove slowly, and as the doors were open I saw plenty of vacant seats, and plenty of parking space on the church yard. Don't tell me that you love God and His church, when you leave the house of God and go to the movies. What would you do if Jesus should step over the battlement of heaven, ride down on a cloud, and sound the Trump of God? First place, you cannot convince me that you have ever been born again. You are not worth much to the church. I would not give five cents for your religion. "No man can serve two Masters." We either love God or we are hypocrits when we say we are Christians. If the love of the world is in us the love of the Father is not in us. Let us see what God says in John: "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (1 John 2:15); and again, "They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them" (1 John 4:5). Such people are ". . . lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away" (2 Tim. 3:4, 5).

WINTER GREEN REVIVAL, DOVER, NORTH CAROLINA

The Winter Green F. W. B. Church will hold its annual revival meeting Monday night after the second Sunday in Sept. (Sept 11-24 at 7:45) Rev. Clifton Rice of Kinston will conduct the services. Every one is invited to attend.

Mildred Civils

HOME-COMING AT MT. TABOR

We are having homecoming day at Mt. Tabor Church near Creswell, N. C., Saturday, September 9, 1950. We invite all former pastors and friends to come and be with us. We are having a program to begin at 10:00 clock. We extend to all a cordial invitation.

Rev. L. E. Ambrose, pastor
Mrs. Howard Ambrose, clerk

THE LEAGUER

MARTHA ANN'S SONG

For the past several years our Leagues throughout the state and nation have been in need of a news paper or magazine of their very own. As time changed from year to year the need became more and more apparent. Before World War II our young people were getting strong enough in their organization to make such demands but during the days of the war their interest was lessened because of so many upsets in league groups and because of the war interest many of their activities were curtailed. Since the war many of our groups have failed to reorganize and for the need of a publication to encourage them through the medium of the printed page they have not as yet regained what they lost.

Now, the present officers of the State League Convention and certain other interested parties are determined that such a news paper shall be made available. It was during the business session of our last Convention held at Kenly that the green light was given. We are most happy to announce to you through the pages of the Baptist paper that the first edition of our young people's paper is scheduled to be distributed on or around the 20th of September.

In a recent executive board meeting of the convention held at the home of your writer he was duly elected acting editor of the paper. I immediately set out to make preparations for the first issue. I am glad to announce that our paper will be our very own and will be printed here in the city of Durham. It will not cater to syndicated materials but will insist that all materials shall be prepared by our own young people and adults who are interested in making such contributions for publication. It is our desire to place into the hands of every Free Will Baptist church in the state copies of our publication will be determined by the channeling of the right kind of materials and their use in our churches, augmented by your constant support in prayers, introducing it to your friends and the enthusiasm by which it is received and used.

The cost of the publication is high due to the fact that your editor refuses to have anything "cheap" about it. The paper will be good book stock paper. The print will be No. 8 leaded type and will be set up in four-column standard newspaper print. This will give the reader the advantage of non-gloss, non-crowded, highly legible print, the kind every one may enjoy reading. To begin with, the paper will be only four pages 9 by 12 inches. The name of the paper is **The Leaguer** and will carry picture cuts of our young people, our League emblem and many other familiar markings of the Free Will Baptist Leaguers.

The publication will carry all news items worthy of publication, editorials, snappy sermonettes, illustrations, games, quizzes, helpful "The-Way-to-Do-It" ideas for socials, business meetings, training courses, pertinent "sayings and expressions" of known Free Will Baptists and others. The paper will also be most happy to print programs, announce outings, assemblies, Bible schools, mission drives and all things which will be needed for the general good of our cause.

Now, what do you say we get down to business? We are offering this kind of consideration to all League or young people's groups who wish to give us a punch in the forward direction. The first 50 Leagues or Sunday School groups sending in ten subscriptions at one dollar each will be given the distinction of being a **Charter Member Instigator** of our publication. These fifty names will appear in our publication with high honors. Not only this, but should our publication grow with the strength and power we anticipate, a bronze plaque will be made up and will grace the wall of our office or be placed in the most conspicuous place possible to give them the place of honor they deserve. Will you take this up immediately with your league group and insist that ten or more turn in their dollar immediately and forward it to **The Leaguer**, Post Office Box 1265, Durham, N. C.? I shall be counting the hours when

Martha Ann was out in the back yard hanging up the weekly wash of the Brown family. As she toiled she sang, loud and clear, a merry little song.

The grocer's boy, trudging along in the dusty street, heard it, and whistled the same tune, forgetting that the basket he held was almost too heavy for him to carry.

Mrs. Brown heard it, too. Poor Mrs. Brown! She was always at work in her stuffy little house, and always tired, but the song flew in through the open window, and she smiled at it, because it was a careless, happy little thing, and before she knew it, she was singing, as she moved about, something she had not done for many a weary day.

Baby Mary heard the rippling sounds. Her little white teeth were pushing their way up into sight. They hurt the little maid, those tiny hidden teeth, so that she fretted uneasily and cried to be comforted. But the merry song laughed at her, and she listened and cooed it and dimpled with delight and reached out her pretty arms as if she would catch and hold it fast.

A little girl who had been a shut-in for several weeks, and was down-hearted and blue because she could not go about, also heard the song, and unconsciously hummed the merry tune.

Just a little song, such as any one might sing, quickly sung and quickly sinking into silence, but what a pleasant mission it had in the world!

It is worth while to be a Martha Ann; to drop a little oil of gladness on the grinding wheels of life, to make them run a little easier and a little smoother. Even you and I can do that.—Selected.

these subscriptions shall come rolling in. Let us make this the very best Christian News Paper ever to be printed!

Yours in Christ's name,
R. P. Harris, Acting Editor

Echoes of the Third Nationwide F. W. B. League Conference



HEY are still showing pictures and talking about the Third Nationwide F. W. B. L. Conference all over the country, so here we let our readers take a look and a listen to some of the things that are being talked about. It was a great meeting. Did you go? Aren't you glad! Don't you wish you had?



Benito Rodriguez, Cuban convert, and student at our Bible College last year, was a popular speaker at the Conference.



Miss Laura Belle Barnard, home on furlough from the India mission field, thrills a group of young people with her experiences. This is typical of many groups that gathered around her at the Nationwide F. W. B. L. Conference.



Rev. Henry Melvin, Chairman of the National F. W. B. L. Board, speaks at a luncheon attended by national, state and district leaders, only a few of whom are seen in this picture.



The contestants in the Nationwide Intermediate Sword Drill "Charge!" during the lively drill on the evening of the last day of the conference. Jane Smith, of North Carolina, (second from left) won the drill.

WE MUST PRAY MORE



YOUNG man had been called to the foreign field. He had not been in the habit of praying, but he knew one thing, how to prevail with God; and, going one day to a friend, said, "I don't see how God could use me on the field. I have no special talent."

His friend said, "Brother, God wants men on the field who can pray. There are

too many preachers and too few pray-ers." He went.

In his own room in the early dawn a voice was heard weeping and pleading for souls. All through the day the shut door and the hush that prevailed made you feel like walking softly, for a soul was wrestling with God.

To his home hungry souls would flock, drawn by some irresistible power. In the morning hours some would call and say: "I have gone by your house so many times

and have longed to come in. Will you tell me how I can be saved?"

The prayer power has never been tried to its full capacity in any church. If we want to see mighty wonders of Divine grace and power wrought, in place of weakness, failure and disappointment, let the whole church answer God's challenge: "Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not" (Jer. 33:3).—J. Hudson Taylor.

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE BAPTIST

As has been true heretofore, the fall of the year is a good time for the renewal of subscriptions to the Baptist paper. It is also a very good time for our old solicitors to get busy in the churches and secure large numbers of new subscriptions. Each church should have some active member to be responsible for soliciting the church membership for subscriptions.

Remember, each solicitor has the privilege to give to some worthy person the Baptist for one year free when she has secured ten annual subscriptions from her solicitations. This offer holds true for each group of ten subscriptions which a solicitor gets. Last year, for example, one person was able to give five free subscriptions for one year to persons who wanted the paper but were not able to pay for it. In this way those persons were greatly benefitted by having the Baptist paper in their homes to read.

A great many children in the church homes enjoy reading the Boys and Girls' story each week on the Children's Storyland page. More children could have this privilege in their homes if their parents would subscribe to the church paper. It will be a good incentive to get them to read good religious stories each week if those parents would take their church paper, and request their children to get acquainted with the Story page of the Baptist paper.

BETTER EQUIPMENT TO DO BETTER WORK

Within recent months the Business management of the Press has been able to do much better work in printing the covers for the Sunday School and the League literature. This has been brought about by the purchase of better equipment and new machinery. The results are gratifying, and many compliments have been made in the interest of better workmanship now shown for these publications. As time passes, further improvements are expected to be made in other phases of the work here at the Press.

With the new press machine having been installed a few months ago the business manager is in position to do more work in the way of printing for the denomination. It is now arranged so that two press machines run at the same time, in case of increased business, and a greater output of printed matter is possible as time passes. We can print the various reports and minutes of the church organizations, and other matters for publication of the denomination. The Press at Ayden is always ready to render services for the church people whenever possible to do so.

THE NEW HONOR ROLL

The new Baptist Subscription Honor Roll will begin September the first, as has been the custom in previous years. We are urging that more of the friends of the Baptist paper get on the Roll this coming year than got on during the closing year. From a search of the records, it is shown that a goodly number had three and four subscriptions to their credit, but did not get on the honor roll because it takes five to be placed on the roll. We are hoping that this will not be the case during the new year, for we want each solicitor to be able to get as many as five, at least, so that the name of every solicitor can be entered on the roll.

It takes a little work to do this, but it will be well worth it because the more subscriptions you get the more homes will be receiving the Baptist paper week after week. And more people will be reading the church paper each week. We are asking each one to put forth more effort, and never stop short of getting at least five subscriptions for the paper.

HONEST CHURCH MEMBERS

What is really embraced in the term, "Honest Church Members"? How should a church member live so as to be classed as an honest member?

In the first place, for a church member to be honest and fair with God he is to be loyal to the cause of Christ, and obedient to the commandments regarding the way a Christian should walk. To be honest with God, he is to be a regular church attendant, performing the duties which becomes a good church member. He is to give of his means to the cause of the gospel, and do what he can to build up the cause of Christ in his church and community. On the other hand, the church member who is negligent of his Christian duties, who stays away from church without valid excuse, and who puts other things first in his life is a dishonest person.

The honest church member will treat his neighbors right. He will be a good friend to those with whom he deals. He will be just and upright in his home among the members of his family. The honest Christian will seek to lead the members of his family in the Christian way of life, and to set before them Christian principles which will influence them for their own good. Such a Christian will seek to improve the conditions of his church and community by exercising a good influence among the people. The honest member will not seek to take advantage of anyone in order to obtain personal gain or prestige. He will be trustworthy at all times.

CHRISTIAN GRACIOUSNESS

Ilion T. Jones

In II Corinthians 8:7 Paul writes, "As you excel in everything . . . see that ye excel in this gracious work also." The work to which he is referring is making a contribution to the fund for the relief of the poor Christians in Judea. Christians are supposed to "give graciously," not "grudgingly or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver." In the original language the word "gracious" is the same as the word "grace," which means literally that which bestows or occasions pleasure.

Live Graciously

Since God has so generously and graciously provided us with life and everything that nourishes and redeems life, we should live always under the consciousness and compulsion of a great thanksgiving, a great obligation, a great dedication. Dr. George Washington Carver used to sign all his letters, "Your humble servant in God." In one letter to a friend he said, "I am taking better care of myself than I have. I realize that God has work for me to do and consequently I must be careful of my health."

Work Graciously

Think of doing our work graciously. Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes said he was sustained by "the larger perspective of cosmic truth which but glorifies dull details and uplifts and sustains weary years of toil." One of his favorite quotations were these lines from George Herbert's poem,

All may of thee partake;
Nothing so small may be
But draws, when acted for thy sake,
Greatness and worth from thee.

What kind of lawyers and judges and policemen and politicians would we have if they lived their lives under the domination of "grace"? George Elliot made the builder of violins, Stradivari, say that if he slacked in his work he would rob God. What

kind of manufacturers and craftsmen would we have if they also did their work under the influence of "grace"?

Be Appreciative

Again, think of maintaining human relations graciously. "Manners," said Emerson, "aim to facilitate life, to get rid of impediments . . . they are a happy way of doing things." The best manners should come from Christians who have been touched by the graciousness of Christ.

Some years ago on New Year's day an accountant in a certain office in New York committed suicide. Everything was found in order. He left a brief note on his employer's desk in which he said, "In twenty years I have never had a word of encouragement. I'm fed up." Encouragement is as essential to life as bread and water. Dr. Henry H. Goddard devised an instrument to measure fatigue in his Vineland Training School for boys in New Jersey. When they found fault with a boy his energy curve would go down. When they praised him his energy curve would soar. Praise is actually a physical tonic. What if we were gracious in all our relations with our fellows?

Be Good Graciously

Still again, think of being good graciously. We were made, so Peter tells us, to be a "royal race," "a holy people." God equipped us with reasons, consciences, moral judgments, and wills in order that we might be good. But he wants us to be good, not "grudgingly or of necessity," but joyously and graciously. "Hast thou virtue? Acquire also the graces and beauties of virtue," enjoined Benjamin Franklin. It is not sufficient to be good: we must be good good-manneredly. What kind of a world we would have if people were good spontaneously, from the heart, because they themselves were touched by the graciousness of God!

Do Good Graciously

Finally, think of rendering service graciously. The Macedonians gave

JESUS NAILED TO THE CROSS

The manner of nailing the criminal, or the victim, to the cross was laid upon the ground, and the one to be crucified was stretched upon it and spiked there. The hole for the cross was previously dug. Then the cross was carried to the hole and dropped into it. This, of course, drew every nerve and muscle into tension and produced the greatest imaginable suffering.

A teacher of a class of working girls showed them a steel engraving of a famous picture of the crucifixion. Three crosses were upon the ground. Soldiers were struggling with the two thieves, and forcing them down upon the crosses, while others drove the spikes. Upon the middle cross Christ lay down. Quietly, He extended the quivering palms to receive the spikes. As the young women looked at the picture, one cried, "Oh, was Christ nailed there alive! I thought that He was dead before He was nailed there." The teacher replied, "Yes, He was nailed there alive for you." The girl, weeping, said, "Then I am His forever."—Alliance Weekly.

Out duck hunting with a friend, Irvin Cobb was so anxious to shoot that he aimed his shotgun at the ducks the moment they settled on the water. "Irvin," protested his friend, "you mustn't shoot now. Wait until the ducks are on the rise, and give them a chance."

Cobb turned patiently toward the other hunter: "When I shoot, the ducks always have a chance."—John Newton Baker.

graciously. They were extremely poor. They were severely afflicted. But Paul said of them: "in a severe test of affliction their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty overflowed in a wealth of liberality." (Moffot's Translation). Lowell once spoke of "a graciousness in giving which doth make the smallest gift greatest." Any service for God, however small, is really large if rendered graciously.

If we are filled with "divine passion"—the passion which gave us the grace of Christ, we will indeed excel in every "gracious work."

:- It Is Time for Christian Honesty :-

Joseph T. Lawson

Christian honesty is one of the greatest needs of the present age. In the midst of sinfulness, graft, theft, slander and crookedness, Christian people should set an example of honesty.

Christ said, "But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest . . . heart have heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience" (Luke 8:15). This is Christ's estimate concerning those who hear the Word of God and do it.

Honesty is essential for all classes of people. "Honesty is the best policy." It is essential in business, in service, in conversation, and in governmental positions. "Provide things honest in the sight of all men." The tale-bearer is seldom honest; he hears things in a distorted manner and reports them still more exaggeratedly. "Thou shalt not be a talebearer in the midst of thy people." "Do that which is honest" (II Cor. 13:7).

Things done in the sight of men may seem honest, but is it honest in principle before God? To contract bills which one does not intend to pay is dishonesty of heart and of action. Businessmen appreciate honest dealings with all customers. Honesty in intentions, thoughts, words, usually precedes honesty of action. "Let us walk honestly as in the day" (Rom. 13:13), "that ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing" (I Thess. 4:12). "In all things willing to live honestly" (Heb. 13:18), "that ye may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty" (I Tim. 2:2).

Some people are not honest before a

searching sermon; they rebel against the truth intended to correct their errors.

Some people expect conversion without repentance, peace without cleansing from sin, forgiveness without confession of sin, Christianity without Christ, saving faith without conversion, feeling without faith, the love of God without punishment for sin, and power of God without His presence. They expect sonship without the Lordship of Christ, eternal glory without suffering for Christ here, righteousness without justice, and peace in heart without restitution for wrongs done!

A cowboy working for President Theodore Roosevelt, showed his boss some cattle he had taken. "You're fired!" roared Roosevelt. "Any man that will steal for me, will steal from me!"

To steal someone's good name is as dishonest as cattle rustling. Pray to God to make you always 100 per cent honest.

It is time to practice honesty. There should be honesty in daily life and business dealings. Leaders and members need to exercise honesty in dealing with one another. Servants of God need to be supported by His people. To smile sweetly, and to say, "God bless you, I enjoyed that sermon," and then go forth with another report is hypocrisy. To speak well of a person at one time, and ill at another time, is double-dealing. There needs to be honesty of interpretation of the Bible, in daily living, and in abstinence from that which is dishonest.

Dishonesty is expensive. Cost what it will, honesty pays! Honesty for Christ's sake is a good policy. An honest and

cleansed heart, made so by God, is the foundation for Christian honesty. Destructive criticism may be overstating a truth, in writing, thus making it dishonest. Readers need to be honest in their acceptance of God's Word and in appropriating His truth.

A thief is one who takes something from another without consent, be that money, time, or merely little things. Twice in one week \$5.00 too much was handed to me by bankers or other persons in such a way that when I returned it the correction was appreciated.

Honesty in paying debts builds up a credit rating and promotes confidence among all people. Let us pray to God for honesty. Let us practice honesty. God will reward honesty to the one who deals honestly. Many a man has attained positions of trust because it was learned that he could be trusted.

Some years ago, a Danish-American man sitting in the state-house at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, saved the people about \$400,000,000 per year by stopping fraudulent schemes. They even sought to bribe him with large sums but his honesty and character were not for sale. Thank God for honesty, and may we all have more of it!

It is time for God's truth to go forth, for revival to come, for salvation to be manifested and for grace to be experienced! His truth will be our constant inspiration, His presence our power, His life our life, His holiness our shield, His purpose our purpose. Indeed, "It is time for Thee, O Lord, to work, for they have made void Thy law."

SOME years ago a favorite author published for the comfort of little children *Little Pillows*. How many of the Father's larger children are poor, weak, unwise, sick, and so tired that they need soft pillows! Our Bible is a storehouse of them. Let us number a few. We all remember how deftly our grandmothers numbered their pairs of pillow cases. In many a home is some beautiful relic of a more regular penmanship than may be found among even the excellent specimens of our modern school upright writing.

1. "I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the Lord sustained me" (Ps. 3:5). "I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep for Thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety" (Ps. 4:8).

2. "Return unto thy rest, O my soul" (Ps. 116:7). "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give



you rest" (Matt. 11:28). (How wide the bidding! "All"!)

3. "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee" (Ps. 55:22). "Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you" (I Peter 5:7).

4. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Ps. 46:1). (A help, a present help, a very present help.) "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne * * that we may * * find grace to help in time of need" (Heb. 4:16).

5. "The meek will He guide in judgment; and the meek will He teach His way" (Ps. 25:9). "I am meek and lowly in heart" (Matt. 11:29). (He was lowly in heart then—in His humiliation. He is lowly in

heart now—in His incomparable glory. For He is "the same yesterday, and today, and forever.") Is not this knowledge a soft pillow?)

6. "Even to your old age I am He; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: * * (yea,) I will carry, and will deliver" (Is. 46:4). "For this God is our God for ever and ever: He will be our guide even unto death" (Ps. 48:14). Blessed be God * * the God of all comfort" (II Cor. 1:3).

7. "And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy" (Is. 35:10). "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither * * pain" (Rev. 21:4).

I am glad Mark thought to write the simple item about Jesus sleeping on a boat pillow. He slept and rested just as we do.

"Let us labour therefore to enter into (God's) rest" (Heb. 4:11).—*The World's Crisis*.

Baptist Church Oldest in Village

The Baptist church, which was the first to have a building erected in Breckenridge, was organized April 10, 1878. It was started as a branch of the St. Louis church, under the direction of Rev. P. P. Farnham, who was the first pastor.

Nine members constituted the original membership of the church.

William Kipp was the leader of the first choir, which was composed of H. Gladwin, Cynthia Howd, Addie Comstock, Dr. C. S. Watson and wife, and Belle Watson. Ada Watson was the organist.

The church became an independent organization April 10, 1879, with a membership of 24. The present church edifice was erected in 1882 and was dedicated Feb. 20, 1883, with Rev. Shafelt of East Saginaw and Rev. H. C. Beals conducting the services.

For the past two years Rev. Everette D. Hellard has been pastoring in the Baptist church. He graduated from the Free Will Baptist college, Nashville, Tennessee, in 1948. He was born and raised in Tulsa, Oklahoma and is married and has a five-year-old daughter.

Last year, the church came into the Free Will Baptist organization, changing from First Baptist. This made the church a member of the Free Will Baptist Wolverine Association of Michigan and also a member of the National Free Will Baptist Association of the U. S.

Sunday School Board—John Corbett, Jim Briggs, and Mrs. Earl Dutcher.

The church has made recent plans to sell the present parsonage which is located on Third street, and erect a new home on the church property. Plans also call for re-decorating the exterior of the church and repair the steeple.



John Corbett is the church pianist and Rev. Hellard directs the choir which has ten members.

Until just recently the church did not have much organization and there were no officers in active positions. Today, the church officers are on the move and advancement is beginning to take place.

GOD ANSWERS

I wandered into quiet woods
Distressed that things went wrong.
My heart rose up to God in prayer,
And He filled it with song.

I felt His strong hand clasping mine
And as we talked it over
He led me gently by the hand
To fields dew-fresh with clover.

And suddenly the answer came
To the problem that distressed me.
A course of action opened up
To solve what had oppressed me.

New hope within my soul was born
When I felt Him so near me
I know that when I truly pray
God answers—for He hears me.

—Carolyn Prince Payseur,
Kings Mountain, N. C.

To be 70 years young is sometimes far more cheerful and hopeful than to be 40 years old.—*Oliver Wendell Holmes.*

In My Heart

Lord Christ, I'm blind!
I cannot see
How Thou wilt work this out
For good to me.
But, Lord, by faith—
Though not my own—
I take Thee at Thy word,
Trust Christ alone.
He never fails!
He satisfies
As God and Lord and Friend!
And joy supplies,
Though dark the day,
And weary—I
Can't understand just how,
Nor why;
Yet by Thy healing hand I know
That darkness will depart,
And I shall see as well as hear
Thy handwork in my heart!

—Nancy M. Carpenter

F. W. B. Orphanage Concert Class Itinerary

Western Conference

Miss Bonnie Farmer, Manager

(All services at 7:30 p. m. unless otherwise noted)

Friday, September 1—Pleasant Plain
Saturday, September 2—Selma
Sunday, September 3—Pine Level (11 a. m.)
Sunday, September 3—Rains Cross Roads
Monday, September 4—Stancils Chapel
Tuesday, September 5—Holly Springs
Wednesday, September 6—Micro
Thursday, September 7—Kenly
Friday, September 8—Fremont Chapel
Saturday, September 9—Stoney Creek
Sunday, September 10—Pleasant Grove
Wednesday, September 13—Stoney Hill
Friday, September 15—Union Grove, Wayne County
Saturday, September 16—Pleasant Hill
Sunday, September 17—Piney Grove, Johnston County
Wednesday, September 20—Friendship
Friday, September 22—St. Marys
Saturday, September 23—Marsh Swamp
Sunday, September 24—Mt. Zion, Wilson County
Wednesday, September 27—Milbournie

For This I Pray

O God,
For great consistency of thought,
For steadfast aim that falters not,
For power to do the things I ought—
For this I pray.

Make me
To run the race courageously,
To falter not, nor fail to see
The path Thy hand hath set for me—
For this I pray.

Forgive
My sin—my inconsistency,
The pride which clothes my human frailty;
Create in me a real humility,
Dear Lord, I pray.

Give me
The faith to take Thee at Thy word,
To know that Thou, who seest each little bird,
Dost know the way where it to me seems blurred.
Guide me, I pray.

Help me
To cleanse and keep my soul from dross,
To count my righteousness but total loss,
To point another to Thy blessed Cross—
For this I pray.

—Douglass Milburn Parsons.

True friends are like diamonds,
Costly and rare;
False friends are like autumn leaves,
Strewn everywhere.

Digest of the Report of the First Union Meeting

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

CONFERENCE CONVENING WITH
KENLY CHURCH, JULY, 1950

Enrollment of the Sunday Schools for the quarter, 3,116	
Enrollment of the Woman's Auxiliary, 455	
Money Given for Different Causes	
Superannuation -----	\$ 10.00
Cragmont -----	21.00
Christian Education -----	161.78
State promotional work -----	13.25
Donation to the convention -----	132.50
Missions -----	534.10
The orphanage -----	526.80
For local purposes -----	8,883.03

W. A. Hansley,
Kenly, N. C.

Elm Grove Church to Hold Revival

Elm Grove Church, near Ayden, North Carolina, will hold its revival meeting, beginning on first Sunday night, September 3, and will continue for a week. The Reverend Burkette Raper will be the evangelist. The services each evening will begin at 7:30. Special music during the week will be a special feature of the meeting. The public is given a cordial invitation to attend these services. The Reverend J. C. Moye of Snow Hill, N. C., is the pastor of the church, and greatly desires that we may have a good attendance and great success in the meeting.

Mrs. Levi Worthington

My Subscription

My paper I do not want to miss,

For I read each line with care;

It helps me my worries to forget,

And to breathe a silent prayer.

If the people would heed the warning,

That's printed within its pages;

We could shout and sing to Christ our King

Throughout the eternal ages.

The "Notes and Quotes" are very plain,

So we all can understand;

Just what for us to do upon this earth,

That we may reach the Promised Land.

My subscription is a Birthday Gift,

And it fills my heart with cheer;

For it's not gone within a week,

But lasts throughout the year,

And may the Lord bless the giver,

And all who read our paper, too;

For I'm so thankful, dearest Lord,

That my subscription I can renew.

Mrs. Sallie Carraway,
Robersonville, N. C.

No Trespassing

Rev. James B. Orth

Very often as we pass through the country we see a sign "No Trespassing." Sometimes a farmer puts it up to keep hunters off his land. Often we see it in front of a flower bed in a city park to keep people who are thoughtless from destroying its beauty.

"Trespass" is a very interesting word. It means "to cross the line." When the farmer puts that sign "No Trespassing" on his fence he means that no one may cross the line of his farm.

There are several lines in life which carry this "No Trespassing" sign which will warn all who would be tempted to cross. First, there is the truth line. There was a good man long ago who said, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth." I am sure that there is not a father or mother who would not say the same thing. It is a great joy when you walk in truth. Sometimes boys and girls and men and women do not walk in truth. They step over the line. When a person steps over that line he is on dangerous ground and may find himself in serious trouble.

Second, there is the line of obedience. After the surrender of General Cornwallis at Yorktown in the Revolutionary War, a French officer was one day introduced to Mrs. Washington, the mother of the great American general. One of the first things the Frenchman said to her was, "I wish you would tell how to train a boy so that he will become a man like your son, General Washington." Mrs. Washington answered, "I taught him to obey." How often one sees no reason in obedience and yet is thankful later on that he did not cross that line.

Third, there is a line of purity. David once asked who was fit to come before the Lord, and this was his answer: "He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart." None of us would think of going to church or Sunday School, with anything but clean hands. But there is something else that is very necessary. It is a heart that is pure, one in which evil thoughts are not allowed to set up housekeeping and take over our lives. If you lived in Texas and were to cross over into Mexico, some years ago, the moment you crossed that line you were in danger. In the same way when you cross the line of Truth, and Obedience, and Purity, you are trespassing. May God keep us on the right side of the line.—The Youth's Evangelist.

If a man makes a stupid mistake, the other men say: "What a fool that man is." If a woman makes a stupid mistake, the men say: "What fools women are!"—Quoted by H. C. L. Jackson in *Detroit News*

Home-Coming at Watery Barnch Church

There will be a home-coming day celebration at Watery Branch Free Will Baptist Church the second Sunday in September.

All former pastors, members and friends are invited to attend this occasion. Lunch will be spread on the church lawn at the noon hour. We are hoping to have special music for the morning and evening service.

Mrs. J. S. Jones

Home-Coming

We the members of Antioch F. W. B. Church, Craven County, N. C., have decided to have our annual Home-coming Day the first Sunday in September. This is one month earlier than usual because the Eastern Conference will convene here in October.

All members, former pastors and friends are urged to attend.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Louise Tripp

Announcement

I am planning to go back to Hospital on September 6th for another operation on my eye, and I am asking every one who reads this to remember me in their prayers. The operation will take place the morning of the seventh.

Your humble brother in Christ,

Rev. L. J. Potter,

SUPERINTENDENT'S GUIDE GOING NOW FOR HALF PRICE

We have only a few more copies of the Superintendent's Guide on hand. We are now letting them go for 25 cents each. The regular price is 50 cents.

This little pocket-size Guide for Sunday School superintendents is quite unique for use of the Sunday School. Teachers also find it helpful in presenting vital points on the lesson subject. All Sunday School superintendents will do well to have a copy of this booklet.

Please note, these remaining copies are going for only 25 cents each for anyone who wants one. Place your order now before we have sold out.



John Mark, Who Made Good

(Lesson for September 10)

LESSON: Acts 12:25; 13:4, 5, 13;
15:36-40

GOLDEN TEXT: Philippians 4:13.

1. THE HEART OF THE LESSON

1. Cottage prayer meetings may be as rich in blessings and results as gatherings of much larger proportions (Acts 12:12).

2. Service for the Lord may begin in a very humble way, but may lead to great results (vs. 25; 13:5).

3. It is cowardly for anyone whom the Lord has called to service to forsake it for any reason whatsoever (13:13).

4. Workers out of fellowship with God sometimes lead to division among the believers and other workers (15:37-40).

5. Satan sought to hinder the Lord's work by the separation of Barnabas and Paul, but the Lord knew how to bring blessing out of it (vss. 39, 40).

6. It is possible for the most zealous of Christian workers to have differences of opinion on vital matters (vss. 37, 38).

7. It is a blessing to go into the Lord's work with the approval and blessing of Christian brethren (vs. 40).

8. There should always be a fine spiritual relation between the one who is saved and the one who led him to Christ (I Peter 5:13).

9. By the grace of God it is possible for one who was a failure once to become profitable in the work of the Lord (II Timothy 4:11).

10. The account of John Mark is that of a man who started out nobly in the Lord's service, then turned his back upon it, and finally came back to it again. Someone has called his ex-

perience, "The Gospel of the second chance"—not a second chance for salvation but for service.—Selected.

11. The first passage of our larger lesson pertains to the night of Christ's betrayal. It tells us that after Christ's arrest a certain young man followed him who had only a linen cloth about his body. He was seized by some of Jesus' enemies, but escaped by leaving the linen cloth in their hands and fleeing in the darkness. This rather trivial incident is recorded in the Gospel of Mark alone. How did Mark learn about it and why did he tell it? There is now a very widespread belief among Biblical scholars that the young man was Mark himself, and that "here we have in a hidden corner of his Gospel his own signature." If that young man was Mark, then almost certainly it was at his mother's house that Jesus ate the Passover with his disciples that night. Then when they left the upper room, the curious youth got out of bed and in his nightrobe followed them to Gethsemane.—Arnold's Commentary.

12. After the initial successes and the blessing of God, the two preachers, Barnabas and Paul, determined to sail from Paphos to Perga in Pamphylia. When they arrived at Perga, it is recorded "John departed from them and returned to Jerusalem" (v. 13).

Many have been the conjectures as to why John Mark went back to his home. Some suggest homesickness; others, anxiety for his mother's safety; others suggest that there were home duties which called for his attention. There are those too who indicate that he wanted to rejoin Peter, who had won him to the Lord Jesus. Of course, there are others who suggest that the perils and rigors of the journey were too much for the young man.

There is also a suggestion that he turned back because he objected to the offer of salvation to the Gentiles on the condition of faith alone. One advocate of this view finds some corroboration of his opinion in the fact that in both Acts 13:5 and 13 he is called John. The name John is Jewish, Mark is Roman. While cer-

tain incidents which occurred on Cyprus and the determination to go on into Asia Minor and what happened there may also be used as corroborative material for such a view. Whatever the reason, John Mark did turn back. Thus his period of initial service was definitely cut short.—Moodly Monthly.

13. Go over the lesson material in our Advanced and Senior Quarterlies prayerfully.

14. No one has mentioned the fact that it was unnecessary for Paul and Barnabas to quarrel. They neglected to ask their Leader, the Holy Spirit, whether he wanted John Mark to go with them.

II. THE LESSON ILLUSTRATED

"It's What's in You"

It is interesting to walk through a big shop and watch the workmen at their work. But it is even more interesting sometimes to listen to them talk.

"Can't do it, Bill; 'tain't in my line."

"I could do it if I had fittin' tools," says Bill, flinging his chisel upon the bench.

A passing workman, an eagle-eyed, shaggy-bearded old man, picks up the chisen and runs his thumb over the edge. "What yer trying to do?" he snaps.

"Mortise this piece. 'Fraid it's going to split."

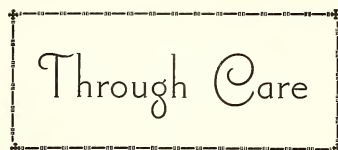
"Gimme room. Git out of my light." And in five minutes the job is done, with Bill's derided chisel.

"Young man," says old Eagle Eyes, "it ain't what's in your tools that counts; it's what's in you."—Edward Leigh Peel.

Wholly Consecrated

General Booth lay dying. He had lived a great life. By his influence countless thousands "down," if not "out," had been made new again. A friend said to him, "Tell us, General, be fore you go, what has been the secret of your wonderful life?" The old veteran of "The Way" thought a moment, and then said, "If there is any secret it is in this, that Christ has had everything there is in me." Has He had everything in us? What a searching question in these perilous days!—Congregationalist.

Four Things God Wants You to Know



1. Your Need as God Sees It—

For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23.

There is none righteous, no, not one; there is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.—Romans 3:10, 11.

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?—Jeremiah 17:9

We are all as unclean things, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags.—Isaiah 64:6.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own.—Isaiah 53:6.

Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of oGd.—John 3:3.

2. Your Own Helplessness

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me.—John 14:6.

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.—Acts 4:12.

By the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.—Galatians 2:16.

For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.—James 2:10.

There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.—Proverbs 14:12.

3. God's Provision for Your Need

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.—John 3:16.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.—Isaiah 53:6.

Him (Jesus) who knew no sin he (God) made to be sin on our behalf; that we might become the righteousness of God in him.—II Corinthians 5:21 (R. V.)

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God.—I Peter 3:18.

4. God Provides Perfect Security—

The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished.—II Peter 2:9.

In that he himself hath suffered being

tempted he is able to succour them that are tempted.—Hebrews 2:18.

He is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.—Hebrews 7:25.

THEREFORE

Repent—

Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.—Luke 13:3.

Believe—

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.—Acts 16:31.

Confess Your Sins to God—

For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.—I Timothy 2:5.

Confess Him Before Men—

If thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.—Romans 10:9, 10 (R. V.)

—Selected.

Monthly Report National Foreign Mission Treasurer

Receipts by states during July, 1950

Build forward from month of	
June	\$646.48
Received during July by states as follows:	
Missouri	393.55
Texas	328.84
Tennessee	197.62
North Carolina	185.58
Illinois	148.88
Georgia	93.15
Oklahoma	68.44
South Carolina	41.34
Alabama	15.61
Mississippi	13.47
California	10.00
Virginia	6.25
West Virginia	6.00
Cuban Association on loan	25.00

Total	\$1,533.73
Grand total	\$2,180.21
Total disbursements during month	2,860.55
Balance to be made up for early	
August receipts	680.34

Winford Davis, Treasurer



WEALTHY nobleman, suffering from depressing melancholy, went to consult a famous physician, who told the count he could discover no trace of disease.

"That is strange," said the nobleman, "this melancholy endangers my reason, so help me."

The doctor said, "What subject most occupies your thoughts?"

"I am a skeptic; I do not believe in the Bible; but one of its dogmas haunts me like a specter."

"What one?"

"The judgment. It is constantly before me. There is One on the great white throne whose look of justice terrifies me."

"What makes you fear?"

"My life is deemed irreproachable, but in the presence of such dazzling purity my best actions seem blank. That Eye searches my heart and I feel guilty and long to hide."

"Is this the cause of the melancholy?"

"I suppose so. This terrible vision is always before me."

"I have an old Book that contains the remedy for your disease," the doctor said, handing him a Bible opened at Isaiah 53. The count read aloud the first six verses, then stopping at "the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all," he asked, "What does that mean?"

"That the Son of God took the sinner's place, and bore his punishment. He became the willing victim, and God laid upon Him the iniquity of us all, and with His stripes we are healed."

"What! did the Son of God take my place and die for me?"

"Read on a little farther." Reading two more verses the count stopped and said: "Oh, what great love to sinners!"

Finishing the chapter he cried out, "I see it clearly—justified by another. Doctor, such salvation could never have originated in the heart of man. None but God could carry it out. What love in God—What love in His Son! What grandeur, what beauty! My load is gone." And the count went out of the doctor's office a saved man.—*Christian Life*.

At a particularly loud clap of thunder, a lady walking along a London street involuntarily and visibly startled. "It's all right, lidy," said a passing urchin. "It ain't 'tler, it's Gawd."—*Janus in The Spectator*.

A man is rich in proportion to the things he can afford to let alone.—*Thoreau*.

CHILDREN'S STORYLAND

How the Bird Came Back

Sannie Shelly Berry

Ann was a happy little schoolgirl. She liked her teacher and the boys and girls in her second grade room, and especially she liked Yellow Bill. All the children liked his merry songs, and everyone was his friend. I know that you have already guessed that Yellow Bill was a bird—yes, a bright yellow canary.

Each week some pupil was allowed to take Yellow Bill home to care for him over the week end. Only children who were good in school and diligent in their work were given the privilege of having Yellow Bill for a guest. The children considered it a great honor to take care of him, and every week Ann hoped she would be the one chosen. At last her turn came, and she happily carried the bird in its cage to her home. You may be sure he received the best of care. How Ann and all her family delighted to hear his merry trills!

On Saturday afternoon Ann wanted to play on the lawn, but she did not wish to be separated from her bird friend. So she decided to take him out with her. As she was carefully carrying the cage out to the lawn something happened—the bottom fell out of the cage! Now this was no fault of Ann's, but resulted from a defect in the cage which her father could easily fix. But I need not tell you that Yellow Bill was freed, and flew upward to the top of a tall tree. He rested there a bit, then flitted away out of sight. Poor Ann! She burst into tears and sobbed, "Oh, how can I ever go back to school without Yellow Bill? What will the teacher and the boys and girls think of me?"

All the family felt sorry for Ann, and tried to comfort her. All afternoon and evening they watched, but the bird did not return. That evening they put a tall stepladder on the lawn and put the open cage on top of it, hoping Yellow Bill might come back during the night. Sunday morning came, and Ann's first waking thoughts were on the bird. She hurriedly dressed and ran down to the lawn. She mounted the stepladder and looked into the cage, but Yellow Bill was not there.

That Sunday morning, as usual, Ann and her two older sisters and her father and mother went to church services where her father was superintendent of the Sunday School. It was here, as well as in her home, that Ann had learned about Jesus, the Friend of little children, and of how He went about doing good, healing and feeding people, and how He said of children, Let them "come unto Me." During Sunday School Ann decided to tell the Lord

Jesus all about her troubles, and ask Him to send Yellow Bill back to his cage. Ann felt better after her little talk with Jesus.

Monday morning came, and again Ann hurried to the lawn where the cage was. Again she climbed the stepladder and looked into the cage—and Yellow Bill was there! Her prayer was answered. It was a happy and thankful family that gathered around the breakfast table that morning.

As Ann proudly carried her precious bird back to the schoolroom she thought she had never heard Yellow Bill sing more sweetly than he did that morning. And again the Lord Jesus' blessing rested on a little one who trusted in Him.—The S. S. Times.

Jesus, the Children's Friend

I love to think, though I am young,
My Saviour was a child;
That Jesus walked this earth along,
With feet all undefiled.

He kept His Father's word of truth,
As I am taught to do;
And while He walked the path of youth,
He walked in wisdom, too.

I love to think that He who spake
And made the blind to see,
And called the sleeping dead to wake,
Was once a child like me.

I know 'twas all for love of me
That He became a child,
And left the Heaven so fair to see,
And trod earth's pathway wild.

Then, Saviour, who was once a child,
A child may come to Thee;
And oh, in all Thy mercy mild,
Dear Saviour, come to me.

—Selected

Pleasant Hill to Hold Revival

The revival meeting will begin at Pleasant Hill Church, on highway between Greenville and Vanceboro, North Carolina, on August 31, and continue through the second Sunday in September. Reverend Sam Kennedy will do the preaching. The public is cordially invited to attend these services each evening. There will be good music rendered by the local choir and the congregation.

On the first Sunday in September we will have our homecoming day observed. We will have special music by the Conway singers, and other special groups will sing for us. The former pastors, friends and all church members are invited to attend this service.

By H. H. Stocks, Church member

PROGRAM

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Wednesday Morning

- 9:30—Devotions, Rev. Willie Renfrow
- 9:45—Welcome Address, Rev. W. R. Williams
- Response, Rev. D. W. Hansley
- 10:00—Appointment of Committees
- 10:15—Report of Executive Committee
- 10:30—President's Message
- 10:40—Report of Committee on Church Government
- 11:00—Report of Historian
- 11:15—Special Music by Local Church
- 11:30—Introductory Sermon, Rev. M. E. Godwin
- 12:00—Lunch

Wednesday Afternoon

- 1:00—Devotions, Rev. E. E. Edwards
- 1:10—Report of Woman's Auxiliary, by President
- 1:20—Report of Promotional Service, Rev. J. A. Evans
- 1:30—Special Music, Rev. R. P. Harris
- 1:40—Report of Mission Board, Rev. J. W. Alford
- 1:50—Report of Board of Superannuation
- 2:00—Report of Cragmont
- 2:15—Report of Church Finance Association
- 2:30—Report of Board of Education
- 2:40—Business Session
- 3:30—Adjournment

Evening Service

- 8:00—Preaching Service, to be supplied
- Thursday Morning**
- 9:00—Devotions, Rev. Carroll Hansley
- 9:10—Reports of Appointed Committees
- 10:00—Orphanage Alumni Association, Ralph Pate
- Orphanage Report, Chairman
- 10:30—Business Session
- 11:30—Convention Sermon, Rev. J. J. Brooks
- 12:00—Lunch

Thursday Afternoon

- 1:00—Devotions, Rev. P. C. Wiggs
- 1:10—Report of Treasurer and Finance Committee
- 1:30—Business Session
- 3:30—Adjournment
- Music Director, Rev. J. R. Davidson
- R. N. Hinnant
- L. B. Manning
- W. R. Williams
- P. S.—The Church is located on Kenly-Princeton Highway.

David Not to Build God's House

Truly, King David was a man who honored God! He did love the Lord, and above everything else wanted to please Him. One day as he sat in his house thinking, he knew he wanted to build a house for the Lord. A place where God's people could come and worship Him. David lived in a house made of cedar wood, and the house was beautiful. He wanted the Lord to have a house more beautiful. So he said to Nathan a Prophet of the Lord: "See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains." He meant the people had to worship God in a tent. And this did not suit David at all. So Nathan the Prophet said to the king: "Go, do all that is in thine heart; for the Lord is with thee."

But that night God spoke to Nathan and told him to tell David that he could not build the house of the Lord, but his son would do it. David was a man of war; that is, he had been a brave soldier and had fought with the enemy, and had seen blood shed. God wanted David's son Solomon, to build His house. David could gather together the material to build the Temple, he could make the plans for it, but when he died, Solomon would see to it the Temple was built. David was glad that God would have a beautiful place where His people could come and worship Him. And we are sure David planned a very beautiful place.

When Nathan told David that God wanted his son to build His house, David sat before the Lord. This means, he was at rest, and was not a bit excited over the news Nathan told him. He prayed and told the Lord: "Who am I, O Lord God"? David knew he was unworthy to build God's House, but he was glad his son could do it. Whatever God said was all right with David. He loved the Lord enough to let God do all his planning for him. And this is the way we should all live. Let God had supreme rule, and we will be a happy people.—L. L. K.

Popularity—or persecution—which do you prefer.

KEEPING BY THE WORLD

"I am determined to keep by the world," said a giddy girl to an earnest servant of God, Robert Murray McCheyne, who was pleading with her to care for her soul's interests.

"Determined to keep by the world." Yes, this is the definite intention of many who listen to the Gospel's proclamation week after week. The world's pleasures of sin, the world's plans for success, the world's prospects of satisfaction. By all these they will keep. By all these they mean to abide as long as they can.

The condition of the world is therefore glossed over. The fact that the Son of God has been scorned and crucified is conveniently forgotten. The Scripture declarations that "the whole world lieth in wickedness" and that the friendship of the world is enmity with God" are explained away or unheeded. Thus deceived by the god of this world they drift on toward the certain judgment pronounced against it, little reckoning that keeping by the world now will involve their keeping by the world when wrath is poured out by a righteous God.

The preacher before-mentioned heard the girl's decision with sorrow of heart and penned the following lines:

She has chosen the world,
And its paltry crowd—
She has chosen the world,
And an endless shroud!
She has chosen the world,
With its misnamed pleasures;
She has chosen the world,
Before Heaven's own treasures.
She hath launched her boat
On life's giddy sea,
And her all is afloat
For eternity;
But Bethlehem's Star
Is not in her view;
And her aim is far
From the harbor true.

When the storm descends
From the angry sky,
Ah! where from the winds
Shall the vessel fly?

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When stars are concealed,
And rudder gone,
And Heaven is sealed
To the wandering one!

The whirlpool opens
For the gallant prize
And, with all her hopes,
To the deep she hies!
But who may tell
Of the place of woe,
Where the wicked dwell—
Where the worldlings go?

For the human heart
Can ne'er conceive
What joys are the part
Of them who believe;
Nor can justly think
Of the cup of death
Which all must drink
Who dispise the faith.

Away, then—oh, fly
From the joys of earth!
Her smile is a lie—
There's a sting in her mirth.
Come, leave the dreams
Of this transient night,
And bask in the beams
Of an endless light.

—Scattered Seed.

TOMORROW

God is in every tomorrow;
Therefore I live for today,
Certain of finding at sunrise
Guidance and strength for the way;
Power for each moment of weakness,
Hope for each moment of pain,
Comfort for every sorrow,
Sunshine and joy after rain.

God is in every tomorrow,
Planning for you and me;
E'en in the dark will I follow—
Trust where my eyes cannot see:
Stilled by His promise of blessing,
Soothed by the touch of His hand,
Confident in His protection,
Knowing my life-path is planned.

God is in every tomorrow.
Life with its changes may come;
He is behind and before me,
While in the distance shines Home!
Home—where no thought of tomorrow
Ever can shadow my brow;
Home—in the presence of Jesus
Through all eternity—now.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Fairmont Park F. W. B. Church of Norfolk, Va., is now broadcasting its evening services from 8 to 9 p. m., each Sunday evening on two radio stations, WCAB, 850 on your dial, Norfolk, Va., and WHED, 1340 on your dial, Washington, N. C. Our many friends in and around Washington are urged to tune in and listen to this program.

Rev. W. A. Hales



Facing the Sun

Don't hunt for trouble,
 But look for success;
 You'll find what you look for—
 Don't look for distress.
 If your eyes see the shadow,
 Remember, I pray,
 That the sun is still shining—
 You're just in the way.

Don't grumble, don't bluster,
 Don't dream and don't shirk;
 Don't think of your worries,
 Just think of your work.

The worries will vanish
 The work will be done—
 No man sees his shadow
 If he faces the sun.
 —Optimist Magazine.

SERENITY

Be serene, with the sweet, strong, life-giving, joy-imparting serenity of sunshine—joyously happy.

Happy in the Lord, not necessarily in self or surroundings, yet serenity of spirit will bring mental, moral, physical forces in line, and our entire being will be kept in perfect peace.

Serenity is one of the gifts and graces of the Holy Spirit, and by it through Him strength is imparted, quiet strength which is real power. Ye shall receive power, not pow-wow, as I formerly thought, but calmness and gentleness, quietness and assurance forever. Serenity is strength. Strong ones are serene; strong in the Lord. "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city."

Resolute and cool, determined and self-possessed and self-reliant, and ever trusting in the Lord, for in Jehovah is everlasting strength. Be serene at all times, under all circumstances.—Stephen Merritt.

OPEN FOR PASTORAL WORK

This is to advise that I am open for pastoral work for another year for second and fourth Sundays. Any church desiring my services may write or contact me at the following address:

Rev. D. A. Windham,
 Greenville, N. C.

If you would climb to the heights you can not wallow in the depths.

AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT

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Piney Grove Auxiliary Report

The Woman's Auxiliary of Piney Grove Church, Johnston County, held its monthly meeting in the home of Mrs. Ora Davis, Friday evening at 8:00 p. m. The program began with song and prayer. The program topic was: "Advancing with Christ through Christian Education."

Following the program, the roll was called with ten members and four visitors present for this meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. After the business meeting closed the hostess served delicious refreshments which were enjoyed by all present.

We are asking the many friends to pray for us in our auxiliary work. Pray that we may go forward in the work of the Lord.

Mrs. Rachel Hinnant, Cor.-Secy.

Wouldn't It, Now!

Wouldn't this old world be better
 If the folks we meet would say,
 "I know something good about you,"
 And then treat us just that way?
 Wouldn't it be fine and dandy
 If each handclasp warm and true
 Carried with it this assurance,
 "I know something good about you"?

Wouldn't life be lots more happy
 If the good that's in us all
 Were the only things about us
 That folks bothered to recall?

Wouldn't life be lots more happy
 If we praised the good we see?
 For there's such a lot of goodness
 In the worst of you and me.

Wouldn't it be nice to practice
 That fine way of thinking, too?
 You know something good about me;
 I know something good about you.

—Anonymous.

—Sent in by Mrs. Sallie Carraway

Looking for the Good

Anybody can point out anybody else's bad qualities. If you want to distinguish yourself, go around pointing out good qualities.

Pick out the man whom every one dislikes. Select the one you feel could best be spared from your office, from your circle of acquaintances, from the community in which you live. Ask yourself if there is not something good about him.

Put him on a mental dissecting table. Cut him to pieces and see what is in him. Remember—you are looking for the good. Throw away the bad in him and forget it. Make a list of his good qualities. It will surprise you how many you can find.

The next time you hear him criticized tell people the things you know about him—the good things. You will at least be different and you will find that it does you more good than it does him.

How would you feel if you knew that people whenever they talked about you talked only about what was bad in you? You know it is there, plenty of it, but you would rather not have it talked about. It is much nicer to have only your good points discussed.

Give the other fellow the kind of a deal you would like to have yourself. If you can say nothing good about him, say nothing.

There are mighty few people in the world we cannot say something good about if we try. The trouble is, we do not try.

And yet, the more good you find in other people the more good other people find in you.—Christian Work and Evangelist.

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He walked with God, by faith, in solitude,
At early dawn or tranquil eventide;
In some lone leafy place he would abide
Till his whole being was with God imbued.

He walked with God amid the multitude;
No threats or smiles could his firm soul divide
From that beloved presence at his side
Whose still small voice silenced earth's noises
rude.

Boldly abroad to men he testified
How "the Lord cometh" and the judgment brings;
Gently at home he trained his "sons and daughters";
Till praying, a bright chariot he espied
Sent to translate him, as on angels' wings,
To walk with God beside heaven's living waters.

—R. Wilton

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NOTICE

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

"Go Tell Circle" Entertained at Bingham Home

The "Go Tell Circle" of the Bethany community was entertained in the Bingham Home Thursday, August 17. Dot Bingham and Joy Langston served as hostesses.

The subject for the program was: "The Turning of the Youth Toward God." The scripture lesson was read by Miss Dot Bingham. It was taken from the book of Psalms. Miss Louan Welch led the group in prayer, which was followed by singing by the group, "Jesus Is Calling." Next a poem was rendered, entitled, "Have You Prayed?" by Miss Annie Ruth Lee. A reading was then given by Shirley Hancock, "In the Shadow of the Cross." The Bethany Trio, consisting of Misses Joan and Ruby Jean Cusco, and Jean and Louan Welch sang, "Wait upon the Lord." Another poem was given, entitled, "You Can," by Mrs. Elsie Vause.

Following the program the group was dismissed by Miss Winnie Lou Vause. The hostess served a delicious plate consisting of sandwiches, assorted cookies, mints and tea. The group closed the program after the business was over by repeating together the Lord's Prayer.

Miss Annie Ruth Lee
Timmonsville, S. C.
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A Brief Message from M. A. Woodard

While sitting alone in my room of study, my mind wanders back over the past. I think of the many friends I have met, and the many churches which I have pastored. I think of the many couples that I have married, and the many funerals that I have conducted. It is wonderful that in all the battles that I have fought the Great God has been my buckler and shield.

The first church that I pastored was Hugo in Lenoir County, and the last was Smyrna in Beaufort County. I wish that I could go back and visit the churches that I have pastored. It would be a great pleasure to me, but I am now retired from active service on account of my health. The Lord is wonderfully blessing me, nevertheless, for I am up and able to be out. I conduct a funeral occasionally and marry couples for other ministers when called on.

I have served churches in Florida, Georgia, and North Carolina. When I was in active service, I never had to advertise for work, for more calls came than I could fill. Calls would always come to me more than I could fill without being sought. I do not wish to boast, but I attribute this to the life that I have lived. I have tried to live right, and to be honest with all mankind. I have defrauded no man. I owe no man anything, but love. I have lived in many places during my active life, and I am glad to say that I can go back to any place that I ever lived, look every man square in the face, so far as debts are concerned.

My advice to the young preachers who are now beginning their life's work as gospel ministers is to stay out of debt. Live within your income, because debts always hang heavy upon the soul of an honest man. Keep your life straight and clean, for there is no use of a preacher having crooked tales following him every place he lives.

My life's work is in the past, but I approach the future days as a good soldier of the Cross. I can say as did the Apostle Paul in his closing

days: "I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith," and I know that there is laid up for me a crown of glory. To those of my brethren and sisters in the Lord who chance to read this, pray for my soul. I need your prayers, for more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of; for the whole round world is bound by golden chains about the feet of God.

People often ask about my age, so if I should live until the sixth day of September, 1950, I shall witness my 73rd birthday. May God bless and keep you all is my prayer.

Do You Just Belong!

Are you an active member,
The kind that would be missed,
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list?

Do you attend all the meetings,
And mingle with the crowd,
Or do you stay at home
And complain both long and loud?

Do you take an active part
To help the organization along,
Or are you satisfied to be
The kind to just belong?

Do you ever go to visit
A member who is sick,
Or leave the work for just a few
And then talk about the clique?

There's quite a program scheduled
That means success if done,
And it can be accomplished
With the help of everyone!

So attend the meetings regularly
And help with hand and heart
Don't be just another member,
But take an active part.

Think this over, Fellow Member,
Are we right or are we wrong?
Are you an active member,
Or do you just belong?

(Read by Mrs. Catherine DeShazo
at 14th Annual NCFWB Convention.)

A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband, while a man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.—
Quoted in *Woman's Home Companion*.

PROGRAM for the Eastern Conference October 18-19, 1950

First Day

- 10:10—Devotions by Rev. W. H. Willis
- 10:15—Appointment of committees
- 10:30—Report of executive committee
- 10:45—Enrollment of visiting ministers
- 11:00—Calling list of ministers
- 11:15—Devotions by Rev. Lee Whaley
- 11:30—Introductory sermon, J. W. Alford
- 12:00—Lunch

Wednesday Evening

- 1:00—Devotions by Bro. L. E. Styron
- 1:15—Calling list of churches
- 1:45—Message on Superannuation, Rev. M. L. Johnson
- 2:00—Business
- 2:30—Message on education, Rev. D. W. Hansley
- 2:45—Message on Sabbath Schools, Bro. Charlie Hines
- 3:00—Adjournment

Second Day

- 9:30—Devotions by Rev. E. E. Edwards
- 9:45—Reading minutes, business
- 10:00—Enrollment of visiting ministers
- 10:05—Calling list of churches
- 10:15—Committee reports: Temperance, Sabbath Schools, Education, Ministerial Character
- 11:00—Petitions for next conference
- 11:15—Orphanage message by Supt., Bro. Walter Croom
- 11:30—Conference sermon, Rev. J. R. Bennett
- 12:00—Lunch

Thursday Evening

- 1:00—Devotions by Rev. S. R. Kennedy
- 1:15—Committee reports: Woman's Auxiliary, by Mrs. J. C. Moye, State President, Resolutions, Apportioning, Treasurer, Digest
- 2:15—Report of Examining Board
- 2:30—Miscellaneous Business
- 3:00—Reading of minutes of the day
- Adjournment

This program is arranged by the Executive Committee of the Conference.

J. W. Alford, Clerk

Request for Prayer

A letter from a soldier in Korea is requesting prayer. He says it's terrible over there and getting worse, to pray for him that prayer is the only thing any body can do now.

Christian people, where ever you are offer up a prayer for this terrible situation. The soldier in question is:

Sgt. Charlie Tripp, 6948342
Co. C. 5th Cav. Regt.
A. P. O. 201, 7/4 P. M.
San Francisco, Calif.

Sincerely,

Mrs. J. Hassel Harris

NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

They Cry "Peace"

"They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people, slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace" (Jer. 6:14).

This Scripture is given concerning the Jews, who have been a problem in the world. Yet, God has preserved the Jew. They have been persecuted in every land wherever they have gone, except Great Britain and the United States. But where the Jew has been persecuted, a curse has fallen on the persecutor. That is in keeping with God's promise to Abraham. "And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: . . ." (Gen. 12:3). One reason that the United States has been blessed so greatly is that it has furnished the Jew a home without cursing.

"Slightly Healed"

The UN, that organization of nations that was formed without seeking the advice of God; that organization that was ashamed to invoke the blessings of God-Almighty (out of respect for God-hating, Christ-rejecting Russia and her Communist buddies), has managed by the powers of man to "heal slightly the hurt" of Israel—the Jews—and given them part of the land that God gave to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. For months, this organization formed by man without God, has been saying "there is no danger of war," that is, some of the head leaders of our government have said, "we think there is no immediate danger." But all the while the danger line was seen by those who have discernment, and very likely those in authority saw it, and cried falsely, or otherwise they were blind leaders. This saying, "Peace, peace," actually went on until almost the very day that our boys were ordered to the shooting war yonder in Korea. Thus the "cold war"

ceased and the "hot war" broke out in reality, and now we stand at the gate way to the bloodiest struggle that the world has ever known. The "crisis is on," as I see it, and I am not alone in seeing this destruction. The war is gathering momentum daily, nations are being drawn in, and finally it will involve the whole earth.

Russia wants to rule the world. Communism is a deadly foe to the Christian faith and to all democracies, and she is ready to strike as soon as she sees an opportunity to get her selfish desires accomplished. Major Alexander P. de Seversky says: "The present challenge to peace is far more serious than any in the past. Should war come, America, its cities, industries, communications and population, will be the main target. It will be a relentless struggle between two worlds, two ideologies, with absolute victory as the only conceivable goal. And this time we shall face a foe with total resources and man power greater than our own."—Taken from Readers Digest, September, 1950.

But in the face of the present conflict and the danger of the two worlds coming hand to hand in the death struggle there are those who are taking it lightly and saying, "Peace, peace," when there is no peace.

Too Many Like Nero

It is said that "Nero fiddled while Rome burned." Millions of people are going crazy after the "pleasure god," while the United States and the world are being set on "fire of hell" to destroy the human family. While our boys are giving their lives, at the command of our Government yonder in Korea, even the brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers, of those boys are going wild after base-ball—Sunday Base Ball—and leaving off the Worship of God. They are going to the movies, the dog-racing, horse racing, and every conceivable habit of sin and recklessness. They are spending and drinking alcoholic beverages, and dancing even in so-called church festivals, benefit shows, etc., and taking the matter of war in Korea as a light thing.

If John the Baptist were to come

back on the scene today I am pretty sure that when he looked at some of our so-called churches, he would say, "Oh generation of vipers." The writer of holy writ would say, "Ye eat and drink, and rise up to play." Just think of a church festival when they dance to the music of the devil.

The Great Need of the Hour

The great need of the hour is not more weapons of war and soldiers, and other service men, but more love for Christ and His word to be manifest in the lives of men on earth. Men have rejected Christ and lined up with the modernists, unbelievers, and false prophets, and from all appearance, we have a religion that is of the devil in many places, even in "high places."

God has said as recorded, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways: then will I hear from heaven, and forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chron. 7:14).

We are called "Christian America." But the call is false. America is not Christian except in name. Many in high authority, who should be Christian leaders, are known to be gamblers and drunkards and haters of others. Prayer from the mouth of such is an "abomination in the sight of God." Search the Scriptures and see if God has promised to hear a prayer of any man who "regards iniquity in his heart." Sin must be confessed unto God, not to man, but to God. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh to the Father, but by me." If those who are called "Christians" would humble themselves, clean up their wickedness and beg God's pardon for their hypocrisy, in the name of the Lord Jesus, then all of Russia and her communist buddies in the rest of the world would not destroy our foundations. Gideon put the whole Midianite army to flight with his three hundred faithful soldiers. (See Judges, chapter 7.) David licked the giant Goliath with a single stone in a sling, because David went "In the name of the Lord." The name was a

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"The Will of God Concerning You"

"Men's hearts (are) failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming to the earth." These are troublous days, economic unrest and atomic fear grip the heart of our nation. Men and women, young and old, walk today as blind men in the dark groping for light. America and the world seek security for self and have left off the seeking of the WILL OF GOD. We must repent and seek to know the sweet will of God in this crisis hour. Isaiah speaks to us very pointedly when he says "your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you." Peace can only come to an individual or a nation as Christ, the Prince of Peace, is enthroned.

In Paul's first letter to the Church at Thessalonica, the fifth chapter in verses 16 through 18, he tells us three things that are the will of God concerning every believer in Christ. Here Paul presents a perfect three-point homiletical outline which I have chosen to use as the basis of my message. This message from Paul has been a particular blessing to me in recent days, thus I feel led of the Spirit to pass it on to the readers of the Free Will Baptist paper. My prayer is that this truth might be blessed to the innermost part of your hearts.

Each of Paul's exhortations seem quite paradoxical in meaning. By paradoxical I mean contrary to natural logic. The question is, How can one "rejoice evermore," pray without ceasing, and "in everything give thanks"? These seem like hard requests until we have really studied them, then they blossom as a rose in the morning dew. Let's discuss the first point first—REJOICE EVERMORE. According to Webster the word "rejoice" means "to feel great delight or joy in the soul." Certainly every born-again child of God has something to rejoice about, doesn't he? Then why do we see so many long-faced, down-in-the-dump, blue-Monday Christians? Paul evidently did not believe in this kind of reli-

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gion. Neither can I say that I believe in the kind of religion which the colored people sing about "sometimes up and sometimes down." God has planned it from the foundations of the world that His people should be genuinely and consistently joyful. To prove it we take three portions of Scripture. According to Job 38:7 the world was born with joy "when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God (or angels) shouted for joy." We know also that the world was redeemed with joyfulness. In Luke 2 we read how on the same night in which our Saviour was born, a choir of the heavenly host descended from heaven to sing "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." This world will also end with music in the air, because we read in Revelation 15:2-4 about when the saved of all ages will stand on the glassy sea in the New Jerusalem and with the harps of God will join in singing the song of Moses and the Lamb. Won't that be 'joy unspeakable and full of glory'?

Speaking of rejoicing evermore or at all times, reminds me of an incident which took place about two summers ago. I was teaching in a Daily Vacation Bible School held in the West Nashville Free Will Baptist Church and staying in the home of a saintly old Methodist lady in the community. She was a widow and had taken the responsibility of rearing five motherless children. From my viewpoint I considered her a very unfortunate woman, but her brave and joyful spirit convinced me of my mistake. She refused money for my week's stay but finally consented to my helping her with her unusually large weekly wash. That afternoon she preached to me an unforgettable sermon. The subject was "a formula for JOY." It was at a time in my life when I needed the message of the

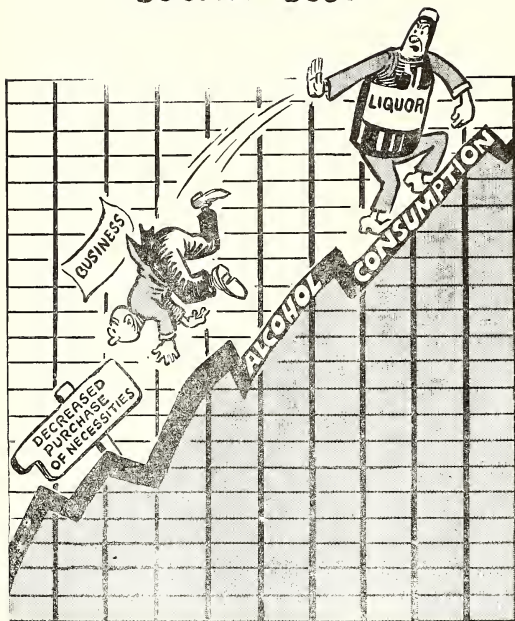
hour desperately, thus I applied it by faith as she gave it. Praise God, it works! This is the message she gave me: "Let the 'J' stand for 'Jesus,' put Him first in everything in your life and I guarantee happiness, let the 'O' stand for 'Others,' if Jesus has first place then the joy of serving others will follow, then let the 'Y' stand for 'Yourself,' always consider your own interest last and the joy of the Lord shall be yours." Are you happy in the Lord today? You should be. Remember when Jesus sent out the seventy two by two into every city whither He Himself would come. In Luke 10:17-20 we read how they "returned with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. And he said unto them, rejoice not that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven."

Next, we look at the second point of Paul's outline to hear—Pray without ceasing. The question is, How can I? It has been said that 'Prayer is the breath of a Christian,' then it must be essential and needs to be constant and unceasing. Prayer must become habitual with the Christian. Prayer to Hannah was just speaking to God in the heart. I Samuel 1:12, 13 says "she continued praying before the Lord—she spake in her heart—but her voice was not heard." Prayer can become just as natural to the believer as breathing and it ought. I once heard Brother Henry Melvin say, "A prayerless Christian is a juiceless and a useless one." How true it is that if we are going to be used of the Lord and keep sweet in our personality we must literally soak in prayer daily. The Psalmist must have known the joy of prayer when he said "In the presence of the Lord is fulness of joy." One never knows real and lasting joy until he has lingered in the presence of the Almighty for a revelation of His Will.

The Prophet Samuel believed in the same kind of praying religion which

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BOOM AND BUST



THE COST OF ALCOHOL

We spent \$320,000,000 more for alcoholic beverages in 1946 than we did on every kind of educational, religious, cultural, and social movement for the building of stronger character and better life. When you add to that the indirect expenditure for police forces, jails, accidents, broken homes, days lost from work, and hospitals, an intelligent guess is perhaps another eight billion must be added in indirect costs. In direct and indirect costs we are spending twice as much to tear down society thru alcoholic beverages as we are spending to build it up thru all social, cultural and educational efforts and religious efforts.

The cost does not end with the financial bill. It is estimated that there are today 3 million to 4 million people who are in the clutches of excessive drinking, and perhaps a million more of them are alcoholics—people whom the liquor traffic has practically ruined and who are a liability to themselves and to their community.

When we consider the accidents, the blurring of right and wrong, the going over into immortality of hundreds of thousands of young people, the social and moral unhappiness toll taken by the alcoholic beverage traffic, the cost is literally incalculable in this country.

If our Lord, and Paul were alive today, I have little doubt where they would stand in regard to the alcohol traffic. While Christ did not teach total abstinence, He did not say anything against the slave traffic, either. He did teach, as Paul did also, that we should not do the things to cause our brothers to stumble, that we who are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak and that if any man would follow Christ, we must take the burdens of mankind that are not his and put them upon his own shoulders. That is the teaching spirit and example of Christ.

“YOU CAN’T DO IT”

Would your boy and your girl have a better chance in life if there were no saloons and no organized vice of any kind? The only reason for allowing a traffic which causes so much peril to our young people, and so much disaster to all of us, is the false Wet slogan: “You can’t do it!”

Why can’t we do it? Have we ever tried to do it? How many people are there in your church who are not registered to vote? Up in Pennsylvania, investigators found to their astonishment, that a substantial majority of the State’s stay-at-home voters are church members! Maybe if all of our people would get out and vote, we could do something about all of this vice and crime—even do something about inflated taxes which are the direct result of the governmental inefficiency which is always the product of liquor politics. “When the wicked rule, the people mourn.”

PROGRAM F. W. B. Missionary Conference

October 3-5, 1950

to be held at

F. W. B. Bible College
Nashville, Tennessee

Music by College Choral groups
Missionary Message—Miss Laura Belle Barnard

Wednesday

9:00—Devotionals, Rev. Rashie Kennedy
9:20—Rev. Thomas H. Wiley
10:15—Miss Laura Belle Barnard

11:20—Rev. Thomas H. Wiley
2:00—State Directors’ Clinic (Leaders to be designated by Foreign Mission Board.)
3:10—Open Forum, Rev. Raymond Riggs
7:30—Special Music by College Choral groups
8:00—Showing of the film of our Cuban Mission Work

Thursday

9:00—Devotional, Rev. J. W. Alford
9:20—Miss Laura Belle Barnard
10:15—Rev. T. H. Wiley
11:15—Miss Laura Belle Barnard
12:00—Lunch
2:00—State Directors’ Clinic
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HOME-COMING AT STS. DELIGHT

Saints Delight Church at Ormondsville, Greene County, will observe its annual home-coming Sunday, September 24, next. All members are urged to be present with well-filled baskets, and all former pastors and friends are cordially invited. Come! Let us enjoy the day in Christian fellowship in praise to our God.

K. L. WOOTEN, Member

NOTICE TO EASTERN CONFERENCE

All licensed ministers, who wish to be examined for ordination by the Eastern Conference, please notify Lloyd Vernon, Box 307, Mt. Olive, N. C.

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

ROAD-SIDE PICTURE SHOWS

Road-side picture shows are becoming more and more popular in this country with a certain class of people. Every enticement conceivable is offered to people who will be allured to patronize such worldly amusements, and spend money foolishly for sensual pleasures. The Devil and his agents are doing everything imaginable to entice people to drive in and see the worldliness of sinful people displayed on the screen. And thousands of people, both old and the young are patronizing such places of amusement, and think nothing of it.

But, is that the place for Christians to go? Do they have to see such demonstrations of theft, murder, drunkenness, trickery, false love scenes, etc., to be entertained? Do such pictures elevate their thoughts, raise their standards of life, give them a feeling of serenity and peaceableness? Do they? Are they better in spirit, and can they rejoice more in the Lord after having sat in their cars and looked upon those pictures on the screen for an hour? Can they go home with a clear conscience, and turn unto the Lord in prayer, as they retire for the night for rest and sleep, when they know what they have seen displayed on the screen was on the whole anything but uplifting to the soul?

What are people thinking about, anyway? What is it that constitutes their peace and happiness? Must they cater to the low and vulgar, the questionable and the indecent types of entertainment to satisfy their longing for pleasures and pastime? Are there not ample opportunities available for most people to obtain a high type of pleasure and happiness in this country? Certainly, Christians should seek this type of enjoyment rather than to be habitual visitors of the road-side shows and city theatres. Indeed, it will be more wholesome to their mental bearings if they would seek to find wholesome and refined kinds of entertainment for themselves and their children.

We will grant that there are some pictures cast upon the screens that are instructive and beneficial to the average person, but they are too few to justify the time and the expense of people who make a habit of visiting the shows by the roadside or in the cities. Why can't people see what such places are doing for this country? Don't they know, from authoritative statistics, that the roots of the great crime wave are embedded in the acts displayed in the pictures flashed on the screens of the theatres and shows? Surely they know that picture shows

are the places where the youth acquires ideas of crime and adventure, of chance and fortune, and of victory, or defeat. Why set examples, then, before the youth of the church, you mothers and fathers, in making a habit of visiting the shows, when you know that no lasting good can come from ninety percent of them? It is time to think, and to think seriously, in regards to this matter.

ORDERS FOR FOURTH QUARTER LITERATURE

Since the shipping force at the Press are rushed with booking, filling and shipping orders for the Sunday School, and the League literature at the beginning of each quarter, we are requesting this time that the Sunday School and the League secretaries mail in to us their orders ahead of time. If they will do this, more time will be given to the employees for the filling of the orders for the literature. Most of the quarterlies for the last quarter of the year are now ready for wrapping and shipping to the various Sunday Schools and Leagues. As a usual thing, the calls for literature are greater for the fall quarter, therefore it will be advisable for the secretaries to make their orders a little larger than usual, and avoid having to make out a second order for their Leagues and Sunday Schools a little later on.

N. C. STATE CONVENTION TO CONVENE

The North Carolina State Convention will convene at Rains Cross Roads Church, September 13 and 14. This session is expected to be well attended by delegates, ministers, and church people in general from the various churches of the State. There will be representatives of the National Boards from other states present for this annual meeting of the State Convention. There is expected to be present returned missionaries from India and Cuba to deliver messages from their respective fields of labor. All in all, it looks now that this will be a very busy session, and one that will go on record as setting forth forward movements for the state work.

Rains Cross Roads Church is located near the town of Princeton, and in a progressive community that has prosperous farmers living not far from the church. They will entertain the convention in a good way, and the delegates, ministers and visiting friends will be shown splendid hospitality. The Christian fellowship for the two days of the convention will be gratifying to everyone who will attend this annual meeting.

THE UNSPEAKABLE GIFT

The things which are freely given to us of God are so many and so great that we cannot know them all unless He gives us the Holy Spirit to make us know them.

Once two young friends of mine set to work to make a list of all God's gifts mentioned in the Bible. They found 530 gifts, and wrote them in a scroll, and it was more than 2 yards long in 3 columns, and in small writing, too! Suppose you try and make out a list one yard long at least.

Joseph W. Lawler of Waltham, Mass., doesn't see why it is considered news when a man bites a dog—he does it nearly every day. Lawler trains dogs, and says that his method of curing a vicious dog is first to let the dog bite him, then bite the dog right back.—AP.

"THE WILL OF GOD CONCERNING YOU"

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Paul talks to us about here. In I Samuel 12:23 in answer to the cry of a backslidden nation, He says "God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you." Yea, the Prophet goes beyond prayer and says, "I will teach you the good and the right way." May I leave you with two illustrations in connection with our relation to God in prayer. Asa, a king of Israel, had a sore foot and instead of praying and relying on God for healing he put all his confidence in the physicians. He died. On the other hand, we look at Hezekiah who was warned to set his house in order because he was going to die. He turned his face to the wall and prayed without ceasing until God heard and rewarded him with fifteen additional years of life. Prayer changes things.

I believe it was John Bunyan who said "Prayer will make a man cease from sin or sin will entice a man to cease from prayer." If we want to chase the Devil away just breathe the name of Jesus Christ in prayer. Truly, 'the Devil trembles when he sees the weakest saint upon his knees.' Prayer is a prerequisite for blessing and happiness according to John 16: 24 where Christ said "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full."

"When Christians pray as they prayed of yore

With living faith for souls implore,
In one accord, united stand

Revival fires shall sweep the land,
And sinners shall converted be

And all the world God's glory see."
(Amen. I believe it!)

Thirdly, may we consider Paul's last point in his message on the will of God concerning you who are in Christ Jesus.—In everything give thanks. To many people Thanksgiving only comes once a year in November, but to Paul it was an hour-by-hour celebration. He sets before us an example of courtesy here. Men, have you ever gotten up on a bus or

streetcar to offer a lady your seat and then regretted it because of her lack of appreciation? Just those two little words "thank you" go a long way toward the keeping of good-will among men. Suppose you gave someone a gift and they failed to show any sign of appreciation, how would you feel? Thanksgiving has a very strange multiplying effect. Start thanking your wife for all the nice meals she cooks and see how she will begin to cook more of them. I know it works because I have tried it. Jesus took five loaves and two small fishes and after He had given thanks it fed a multitude of five thousand men besides the women and children. They took up of that which remained twelve baskets full. Does not this show the value of thanksgiving? What does "everything" include? When you are forced to fill a sick bed—when you lose your job and your finances are low—when death calls away a loved one—thank God and remember Romans 8:28 "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

The all-inclusiveness of thanksgiving is again repeated by Paul in his letter to the church at Ephesus. We read his exhortation in Ephesians 5: 18-20 "Be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourself in psalms (such praise songs as 'The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want!'), in hymns (prayer songs such as 'We praise Thee, O God, for the Son of Thy Love, for Jesus Who died and is now gone above') and spiritual songs (testimony songs such as 'Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine') singing and making melody in your hearts unto the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Thus, everything we do should be done with a heart of gratitude.

Besides having a multiplying effect, expressing courtesy, and bringing joy; thanksgiving also creates new friendships. Remember when Christ once healed ten lepers, only one returned to thank him. This one, no doubt, became a real friend to Jesus. Christ says, "Ye are my friends

if you do whatsoever I have commanded you." He has commanded us to pray without ceasing, rejoice evermore, and in everything give thanks. Are you obedient, are you happy? This is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning us who are 'born from above.'

Notes and Quotes

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living reality in these instances. Often that which we call prayer "In His Name" is a sham; there is no reality. If our life is stained with sin, God pays no attention to our prayer. Confess our sins and get right with God, and then God hears. America has got to confess, that is, our Government. Our churches must confess unto God. When I say churches, I mean these institutions that are really orthodox and fundamental in faith—those who believe in the Deity of the Son of God and His atoning blood. Men can believe about those things and yet live out of fellowship with God and be under the curse of sin. We have on the American dollar, "In God we trust," but really we trust in the dollar and its purchasing power, rather than the God who blessed our forefathers with victory which gave to us the land of Freedom—the U. S. We are selling this freedom to the Communists. It started with socialism, regimentation, government ownership and the craving for political power.

There is a way out; let us find it. That way is through the Lord Jesus Christ. I mean Christ, in reality. Not through everything that is called religion. The modernists will have to go back to the faith of our fathers. Church members will have to be Christians. Our rulers and Government leaders will have to get in touch with God through the Lord Jesus. Our homes will have to become homes where Christ abides. Our schools will have to cut out the teachings of Marxism and teach the truth of God. The whole nation will have to get right with God. When this is done the World will stand back and the name of Christ will be exalted. Yes, this old world needs Christ more than everything else.

SANCTIFICATION

Sanctification, and the equivalent, is recorded one hundred forty-one times in the A. V. of the King James Bible. It is preached, and taught more or less in all the Evangelical Denominations in Christendom. The writer, as he has made careful and prayerful search, and as he views it, will admit that there are twenty-eight phases of sanctification. But out of that number, there is only a small number that apply to the human family.

We are sanctified by the blood of Jesus Christ (Heb. 10:10). But the great question is: how, and where, and when, does it take place? Some believe it to be a "first definite work of Grace," and some believe it to be a "second definite work of Grace;" still others believe it to be a progressive work of Grace, while other dismiss it as a fancy. It has become such a vital issue in Christendom until it is retarding our spiritual progress.

The great Apostle Paul said: "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (I Cor. 1:10). The Rev. Mr. John Wesley wrote a little catechism on Christian perfection laid out in questions and answers, and I quote: "When does Sanctification begin? Answer, The very moment that we are saved." If Mr. Wesley was correct, and we take it for granted that he was, why should we teach that sanctification by the blood of Jesus Christ is a "second definite work of Grace," and not put the emphasis where it belongs? and teach that it is the first definite work of Grace? For without shedding of blood is no remission (Heb. 9:22). It is the blood that maketh an Atonement for the soul (Lev. 17:11). The first thing that God does for a sinner when he, or she, meets the conditions, and repents of his sins, is to sanctify him by the blood of Jesus Christ, which will give him the akinship to Heaven.

Some who teach this branch of theology would have you believe that when you repent of your sins, you are only pardoned of your actual transgression, that you are a candidate for sanctification, as a second definite work of Grace. But that is not in keeping with the volume of inspiration: "Then said he, lo, I come to do thy will, O God." He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. We are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once and for all (Heb. 10:9, 10). The first that was taken away was the blood of calves, goats, young pigeons, and doves the second that was established was the blood of Jesus Christ.

The blood of those domestic victims, in

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keeping with the Mosaic law, was offered as an Atonement; the word "Atonement" in the Hebrew means to cover, or to wrap up, but it did not stay put when it was covered up; but in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins (Heb. 10:3, 4). "Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth in to the Holy place every year with blood of others; for then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world; but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself" (Heb. 9:25, 26).

Jesus does not wrap up sin, he taketh it away. If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin (I John 1:7). When a following of that belief makes a profession of faith in the Lord, then if he happens to get on slippery ground, or go a little ruff raff, he is admonished to seek sanctification as a "second definite work of Grace," that he is living an amphibious life, or in other words a "hybrid life," living only justified in the sight of God.

We question the philosophy of such theology, in view of the fact, that justification is the highest standard that can be achieved by angels, or men. Justification does not take place in the hearts, and lives of redeemed saints of God on earth, it takes place in the heart, and mind of God, when he looks down from the battlements of the Glory world, and views that poor lost sinner, he turns about right, stacks arms of rebellion against God, repents of his sins, and by faith accepts Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour by the merits of the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary. Then He (not we) pronounces us justified.

When the Apostle Paul was airing out a few of the most outstanding sins practiced in, and about Corinth, he said: "And such were some of you, but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God" (I Cor. 6:11). So you can readily see that in keeping with the word of God, we have to be sanctified by the blood of Jesus Christ, before we can be pronounced justified in the eyes of him with whom we have to do. "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: that every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and hon-

our; Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God" (I Thes. 4:3-5).

So you can see, at a glance, that we are either sanctified, or we are in the class with the heathen world that know not God. Sanctification by the blood carries with it a cleansing process. "For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God." (Heb. 9:13, 14). If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth. "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanseth us from all sin." (I John 1:6, 7).

Those who lay emphasis on sanctification as a second definite work of Grace, never tarry with you long enough to give you one Bible verse on one of several phases they have reference to, for the Word of God teaches that we are sanctified by the blood of Jesus Christ. When the honest-hearted saint of God happens to contact those constructive, back bone builders, he at once wants to know what it is all about. In other words, what phase of sanctification do they have reference to, and where is the scripture that backs up such theology? They at once point the honest gold digger to (Eph. 5:26). That he (Jesus) might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, the Centenary Translation gives it thus: "In order that after cleansing in the bath of baptism, he might sanctify her (the Church) by his word, so as to present her to himself, the Church glorified, without spot or wrinkle or any such blemish." So you can plainly see that sanctification takes precedence, and that the washing is by the blood, and is continually going on as a purging process, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son CLEANSETH us from all sin.

Simple words handed down to us from the English language with the three letters e-t-h attached to the end of it, means progressive tense, so you can readily see that this cleansing begins in our life the very moment that we are sanctified as a first definite work of Grace; and not a second definite work of Grace. If the second, and third definite work of Grace theologians lose that bridgehead, they then refer you to John 15:2: "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away; and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit."

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OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

Mrs. Lola E. Kennedy

On Tuesday, June 13, 1950, at 7:30 o'clock P. M., God saw fit to call from us the soul of our dear neighbor, Mrs. Lola Kennedy, widow of Rev. G. W. Kennedy. She was 73 years old and had been in declining health for a number of years.

Mrs. Kennedy was a faithful member of the Cabin Free Will Baptist Church. She was always willing and ready to do her duty in all things when she was able. Mrs. Kennedy was a true and devoted wife, a patient and loving mother, and a kind friend to every one.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Walter Jernigan, assisted by Rev. Lloyd Vernon, and Rev. Steven Smith.

Her body was laid to rest in the church cemetery under a beautiful mound of flowers, expressive of the esteem in which she was held by loved ones.

Surviving are six sons: Roy, John, Leslie, Amon, George and Rev. Sam R. Kennedy, all of the home community.

Written by a friend,

Mrs. Roland Thomas

Mrs. Cora Ferrell Lamm

On the twenty-ninth of June, nineteen hundred and fifty, Mrs. Cora Ferrell Lamm passed from this life to take her place with the saints of God in the mansions above prepared for them by Jesus. She was loved and esteemed by all who knew her and it can truly be said of her she was a Christian. The humble manner in which she bore her afflictions and sufferings was evidence of her faith in a supreme God. It was a joy to work and worship with her. In all of her activities she was a very kind and friendly person to deal with.

She was a member of Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church at Lucama, N. C., and also a member of the Woman's Auxiliary. She was always found ready to do her part and was a loyal and faithful member as long as she lived. She was a devoted mother and wife and spared not herself in performing her duties in her home.

Her absence will be felt by all who knew her but she has left a pleasant memory that will not fade and her Christian influence will be felt as time passes on. The many relatives and friends and the beautiful floral offerings at the funeral were evidence of the high esteem in which she was held.

She was a charter member of the Wo-

man's Auxiliary of her church and her passing has left a vacancy in the life of every member; therefore be it resolved.

First, that we feel deeply the loss of a devoted member and co-worker.

Second, that we recognize the faithful, loyal and unselfish service that she rendered.

Third, that we shall miss being able to render the small deeds of kindness to one who was so faithful.

Fourth, that we recognize the friendly acts and kind deeds that she did for the disabled and unfortunate in our church and community.

Fifth, that the members of the Woman's Auxiliary extend to her family and relatives our deepest sympathy and may they find comfort and peace in God who can supply their very need and doeth all things well.

Sixth, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy to the Press for publication in the Baptist paper and a copy be placed on the minutes of the auxiliary.

Mrs. Walter Blalock, Chm.

Mrs. Wade Davis

Mrs. Guy Ferrell

Jacksonville, Fla., Church Holds Joint Meeting

On the fourth Sunday in September, the First Free Will Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Florida, will hold a joint service—a Memorial and Homecoming Day—on that date. All former pastors, friends, and members of the church are given a cordial invitation to be present for this occasion. Come and enjoy the day with us. We are expecting to have an all-day service.

We are urging everyone to come who will, and to bring well-filled baskets of food for the spread at the noon hour. We will thank each one if they will acknowledge the invitation, and inform us of their plans to attend these services. We hope to make special announcements soon to this end for the benefit of those who are interested. We are hoping to see many on that day in attendance upon this occasion.

Your humble servant of the Lord,
G. W. Cloud, C. C.
Jacksonville, Florida
Box 6111

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F. W. B. Orphanage Concert Class Itinerary

Western Conference

Miss Bonnie Farmer, Manager

(All services at 7:30 p. m. unless otherwise noted)

Friday, September 8—Fremont Chapel
Saturday, September 9—Stoney Creek
Sunday, September 10—Pleasant Grove
Wednesday, September 13—Stoney Hill
Friday, September 15—Union Grove, Wayne County
Saturday, September 16—Pleasant Hill
Sunday, September 17—Piney Grove, Johnston County
Wednesday, September 20—Friendship
Friday, September 22—St. Marys
Saturday, September 23—Marsh Swamp
Sunday, September 24—Mt. Zion, Wilson County
Wednesday, September 27—Milbourne

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Fairmont Park F. W. B. Church of Norfolk, Va., is now broadcasting its evening services from 8 to 9 p. m., each Sunday evening on two radio stations, WCAB, 850 on your dial, Norfolk, Va., and WHED, 1340 on your dial, Washington, N. C. Our many friends in and around Washington are urged to tune in and listen to this program.

Rev. W. A. Hales

NOTICE!

I will be available for Pastoral work in the S. C. Conference for the next Conference year, but not for more than one church as I do not feel that I can do justice to more than one.

E. P. Kirby, Cades, S. C.

Damon C. Dodd to Hold Meeting in Wilson Church

The Reverend Damon C. Dodd, Executive Secretary of the National Association, will conduct a revival meeting in the Wilson F. W. B. Church, beginning September 10, and continuing through September 17. He will be speaking each evening at 8:00 in the church. He will also bring a message over station WGTM, Wilson, N. C., at 8:30 A. M. Monday through Saturday.

The public is cordially invited to attend these evening services, and also to tune in on their radios for the morning messages over the Radio station WGTM.

James A. Evans, Pastor

Spiritual blessings are lasting; worldly pleasures are fleeting.

PROGRAM

FOR THE
Thirty-Eighth Session

OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA ORIGINAL FREE
WILL BAPTIST STATE
CONVENTION
to be held with
RAIN'S CROSS ROADS CHURCH
JOHNSTON CO., N. C.
SEPTEMBER 13, 14, 1950

Wednesday Morning

- 9:30—Devotions, Rev. Willie Renfrow
- 9:45—Welcome Address, Rev. W. R. Williams
—Response, Rev. D. W. Hansley
- 10:00—Appointment of Committees
- 10:15—Report of Executive Committee
- 10:30—President's Message
- 10:40—Report of Committee on Church Government
- 11:00—Report of Historian
- 11:15—Special Music by Local Church
- 11:30—Introductory Sermon, Rev. M. E. Godwin
- 12:00—Lunch

Wednesday Afternoon

- 1:00—Devotions, Rev. E. E. Edwards
- 1:10—Report of Woman's Auxiliary, by President
- 1:20—Report of Promotional Service, Rev. J. A. Evans
- 1:30—Special Music, Rev. R. P. Harris
- 1:40—Report of Mission Board, Rev. J. W. Alford
- 1:50—Report of Board of Superannuation
- 2:00—Report of Cragmont
- 2:15—Report of Church Finance Association
- 2:30—Report of Board of Education
- 2:40—Business Session
- 3:30—Adjournment

Evening Service

- 8:00—Preaching Service, to be supplied

Thursday Morning

- 9:00—Devotions, Rev. Carroll Hansley
- 9:10—Reports of Appointed Committees
- 10:00—Orphanage Alumni Association, Ralph Pate
—Orphanage Report, Chairman
- 10:30—Business Session
- 11:30—Convention Sermon, Rev. J. J. Brooks
- 12:00—Lunch

Thursday Afternoon

- 1:00—Devotions, Rev. P. C. Wiggs
- 1:10—Report of Treasurer and Finance Committee
- 1:30—Business Session
- 3:30—Adjournment
Music Director, Rev. J. R. Davidson
R. N. Hinnant
L. B. Manning
W. R. Williams
- P. S.—The Church is located on Kenly-Princeton Highway.

AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT

Alice E. Lupton, Editor
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PROGRAM

DISTRICT AUXILIARY CONVENTION
HEBREW CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 12, 1950

Morning Session

- 10:00—Song and devotions by Mrs. Herbert Riddle Hoover
- 10:10—Welcome address by Mrs. Andrew Jones
- 10:20—Response by Mrs. Alma McDonald
- 10:30—Reading of minutes of last meeting
—Seating of the delegates
- 11:00—Report of district presidents
—Report of the field worker
- 11:30—Sermon by Rev. H. L. Catrett
- 12:15—Noon hour

Afternoon Session

- 1:15—Devotions by Mrs. Robert Cunningham
- 1:30—Program by Hebrew Auxiliary
- 2:30—Talk: "What Is Advancing with Christ?" by Mrs. J. L. Owens
- 3:00—Business session
—Election of officers
—Time and place for the next meeting
- 3:30—Adjournment
By the committee

REPORT

N. C. STATE AUXILIARY CONVENTION
May 25, 1950—August 25, 1950

Treasurer's Receipts and Disbursements	
Balance brought forward	\$ 239.35
Receipts by Departments:	
Co-Laborer Band	99.58
Cragmont Assembly, for roof	6.25
Christian Education (Bible College)	122.66
Superannuation	17.00
Home Missions	42.92
Foreign Missions	66.64
Delegate to Nat'l. Aux. Conv.	170.00
Check to Mrs. J. C. Moye returned	75.00
N. C. Per Capita Dues	16.38
Total Receipts	616.43
Grand Total	\$855.78
Disbursements:	
Co-Laborer Band	\$99.58
Cragmont Assembly, for roof	6.25
Christian Education (Bible College)	122.66
Superannuation	17.00
Foreign Missions	66.64
Del. to Nat'l. Aux. Conv.	170.00
Supplement to Mrs. Ballard for trip	49.00
Balance on per capita dues	151.94
Balance for printing programs	1.00
For receipt cards	7.50
Auditor's fee	10.00
Treasurer's salary, three months	45.00
Total disbursements during the quarter	\$746.57

Balance in treasurer Aug. 25, '50 ...\$109.21
Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Treas.
Winterville, N. C.

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Send all orders to Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C.

Revival at Parker's Chapel

There will be a revival at Parker's Chapel Church, beginning Sunday night, Sept. 10, and it will continue through the week. Rev. W. H. Willis of Kinston will hold the services, which will begin each evening at 8 o'clock. We are looking forward to a good revival, and the public is invited to attend these services.

Mrs. J. Hassel Harris

SUPERINTENDENT'S GUIDE GOING NOW FOR HALF PRICE

We have only a few more copies of the Superintendent's Guide on hand. We are now letting them go for 25 cents each. The regular price is 50 cents.

This little pocket-size Guide for Sunday School superintendents is quite unique for use of the Sunday School. Teachers also find it helpful in presenting vital points on the lesson subject. All Sunday School superintendents will do well to have a copy of this booklet.

Please note, these remaining copies are going for only 25 cents each for anyone who wants one. Place your order now before we have sold out.



James, Leader in the Jerusalem Church

(Lesson for September 17)

Lesson: Acts 15:13-20; Galatians 2:9-12.

Golden Text: James 1:22.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

The man about whom we are to study in this lesson is James, the son of Mary and Joseph, and the brother of Jesus. He was the leader in the Jerusalem church, and he is the author of the Book of James. He is not to be confused with two other apostles, namely, the son of Zebedee and the son of Alphaeus. He was called James "the Just" and was considered by Paul with Peter and John as "pillars" of the church at Jerusalem. He was pious, and a sincere leader of the brethren in the Jerusalem church.—Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)

1. Not while men disputed, but when they held their peace, was it possible for the Holy Spirit to reveal His will (Acts 15:13).

2. Not the conversion of the world, but the taking out of a people for His Name is the program of God for the present age (vs. 14).

3. The message of the Old Testament Prophets is never out of harmony with the revelations of the New (vs. 14).

4. The Second Coming of Christ will occur after God has completed the work of gathering out a people for His Name (vs. 16).

5. The Second Coming of Christ will bring about the complete restoration of God's ancient people Israel (vs. 16).

6. The Lord Jesus Christ is the only source of salvation for both Jew and Gentile (vs. 17).

7. There is no such thing as chance

or accident in the works of God, for He knows all things from the beginning (vs. 18).

8. It is a splendid policy not to seek to make the Christian life burdensome to anyone, especially young believers (vs. 19).

9. It is very important that, although we are not under the Law, we should lead lives that are clean before God and man (vs. 20).

10. Having been saved by grace, it is important for us not to seek the righteousness that comes by the Law (Gal. 2:9-12).

11. **James the Unbeliever**—In the Gospels James is explicitly mentioned only in two parallel passages which give the names of the four brothers of Jesus (Matt. 13:55; Mark 6:3). It is an interesting fact, and one which may have caused Jesus considerable pain, that during his public ministry his own brethren did not believe on him. During the years they lived together, until Jesus was thirty years old, his brothers and sisters had no idea that he was the Son of God. His life before them was pure and spotless, but he was engaged in commonplace work as a carpenter and he did not reveal to them the mysteries of his person. Later there was point to Christ's words as he applied them to himself: "A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house" (Mark 6:4). At the time of the feast of Tabernacles about six months before Christ's death, his brethren sarcastically told him to go up to Jerusalem and show himself to the world if he really did the works which he professed to do, for they did not even then believe on him (John 7:2-5). But the events in connection with the crucifixion probably made a profound impression upon them; and after his resurrection Jesus appeared to his brother James, which undoubtedly dispelled his unbelief (1 Cor. 15:7). Before Pentecost we find him with the 120 in the upper room (Acts 1:14).—Arnold's Commentary.

12. **James the Martyr**—James the Lord's brother, like James the broth-

er of John, laid down his life for his faith. He was martyred in Jerusalem, probably in the year 62, during Paul's first imprisonment in Rome. Two accounts of his martyrdom have been preserved which do not agree in all respects, one by Josephus. and one by Hegesippus, a second century writer whom Eusebius quotes. The account of Josephus is more reasonable and is doubtless true. He says that after the death of Festus and before the new governor, Albinus, arrived, the high priest, a bold and insolent Sadducee, "assembled the Sanhedrin of judges and brought before them the brother of Jesus, who was called Christ, whose name was James." He was charged with breaking the sacred laws, was found guilty. It was at the Passover season, not many years before the final destruction of Jerusalem, when they led him to a pinnacle of the Temple and demanded that in the presence of the multitude he should speak against Christ. But instead he testified that Jesus had ascended to the right hand of God, and would one day return in the clouds of Heaven. This enraged the assembled mob and they cried out, "Even the just has been deceived!" After this they cast him down to the ground and stoned him. It is said that he was still able to bow his knees and offer prayer for his murderers after he reached the ground, and one of the priests cried out, "What are you doing? this just man is praying for you!" But another, who was very angry, came near and crushed the skull of the kneeling man with a club. Josephus reports that his execution caused so much dissatisfaction among the people that the new governor removed the high priest from his office.—Selected.

II. The Lesson Illustrated

Not Like James

At a missionary meeting in Edinburgh, the Rev. W. C. Bunning related that a friend of his was once riding between Glasgow and Greenock, when the train began to flag, and at length stood still. The gentleman got out, and going up to the engine, said to the driver, "What's the matter? Have you run out of wa-

ter?" "No," was the reply, "we've plenty of water, but it's not boiling."

—R. Brewin.

SANCTIFICATION

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They would have the followers of their dogmas believe that this scripture does teach an instantaneous, definite, second work of Grace, subsequent to regeneration. But let us be honest with God, and take the scripture at face value. Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and by Father is the husbandman." (Jon. 15:1). Jesus has declared himself else where in the scripture that he is the vine, and that we are the branches.

He was drawing his illustration from a fruitful vine: hence a grape vine.

Would my reader go to a grape vine early in spring time, looking for ripe grapes? In no wise, but you could see, as the sap began to rise, as the buds began to swell, and as the foliage slowly cropped out, a tiny stem, and lovely little bunch of flowers. Those petals drop off, and leave a bunch of tiny grapes, and at the proper season of the year you find rich grapes, and delicious juice in the hull. So, it is all progress, and nothing instantaneous concerning the subject, they contend.

In keeping with the faith and doctrine of those good people, one has to get saved, and then get sanctified, as a "second definite work of Grace," and then get baptized with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking with other tongues. So, as they would have it, God has to make three efforts to get that poor lost sinner saved, and on his way to Heaven.

True, he may run well for awhile, but if he should get on slippery ground, and get his eye on some man's wife, or steal some farmer's mule, or a car, or something of like nature, then we all would agree at once that he would be backslidden. Then if it should be in keeping with the plan of Heaven for God to make three mechanical efforts to regenerate that man, and set him forth for the Glory world, then what if the devil came along, and slipped up on the poor fellow, while he is loitering, and at one stroke undo a job which it took God three workings of Grace to do? If that is in keeping with such theology, how can it be said of them that God is Almighty? If the Devil can tear down as much at one stroke, as God can build up at three constructive efforts, then what? When the honest-to-goodness seeker of Bible truths contacts those of like theology, they give him to understand that they are not able at present to give book, chapter, and verse, but that was their experience. They give you to understand that when God saved them, they again went to the mercy seat and received a wonderful blessing in their souls, and they called that blessing sanctification, as a second definite work of Grace.

We would be more than glad, for the sake of sharing good Christian fellowship with those saints of God, to teach, to preach, and embrace the theology of sanctification, as a second definite work of Grace, if we only could back such a statement by the Bible. But we are frank to say hat there is not one thread of scripture, from Genesis to Revelation, that teaches that any phase of sanctification, directly, or indirectly, is a second definite work of Grace.

The great Apostle Paul did not preach it, neither did he exhort his hearers to seek after it; and there is not one verse in all the Bible, when the apostles, prophets, or disciples of the Lord ever testified to such an experience; yet this theology has sown more discord in Christendom than any other thing under the sun; especially in our great Protestant Christian world.

Second Peter 1:4 to 8 "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the Divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

The Apostle Peter was one of the most constructive ministers in the Apostolic day; but he did not one time hint to us that sanctification of any phase is a second definite work of Grace.

May we conclude by a word of warning to our good ministers; preach the word.

No Disappointment with the Lord

Wait, and be strong, and let thine heart take courage!

Fear not the shadows lying on the way.

The Light of God illumines every shadow . . .

The Path is upward to the Perfect Day!

Wait, and in waiting, listen for His leading.

Be strong. Thy strength for every day is stored.

Go forth in faith, and let thine heart take courage;

There is no disappointment with the Lord!

—War Cry

God deserves more than skimmed milk from the cream of your earnings.

A NEW F. W. B. CHURCH IN HECTOR, ARKANSAS

This new church is moving forward in a good way. Our revival began on July 7 with Rev. Elvie Johnson as the evangelist. He is a home boy who has just received his Minister's Diploma from Southern Baptist college at Walnut Ridge, Arkansas. His good preaching has proved the worth of his having gone to school. We are hoping that his influence will cause other young ministers to do likewise.

The revival meeting was a success in many ways. While the revival was going on, we held also our Vacation Bible school, and we feel that it was a success in every way. There were 52 certificates that were given out to those who met the requirements set up in the school. As far as we know this was the first Vacation Bible school that was ever held in a Free Will Baptist church in Arkansas, and the first in this association. We had the cooperation of Walnut Grove and also of Welcome Home churches. Many were blessed by having this school.

This new church building is 40 by 60 feet, and it is about completed. We are hoping to dedicate it free of debt before the year closes. Our membership is small in number, but the people have a mind to work. I have been serving the church as full-time pastor since it was organized. We would like to contact some young preacher who would like to consider pastoring this church next year. If any young man is interested, please write to me at once, giving references from your association, or from your church board. There is no need to write if you have not had ministerial educational training. May God bless all of the brethren is our prayer.

J. D. Coffman, Pastor
P. S.—I am also clerk and treasurer of Arkansas State Association.

On New Year's Eve, a Negro in Harlem added a new word to the language. He stood on a street corner and shouted: "Hallalouyear!"

Before morning, revelers all over the city were shouting "Hallalouyear!"—N. Y. Herald Tribune

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

Something Glen Learned

Mildred Hyslop

Glen was having lunch with Geraldine at her home. Glen was a newcomer to the neighborhood; an only child and had only recently come with his parents from across the sea. He was ten years of age.

Glen and Geraldine had been playing ball, just back of Geraldine's home. It had been great fun, so he thought. Geraldine's mother had prepared lunch and she called them in from the back yard.

When Glen saw the nicely-set table before him, and the abundance of good things to eat, his eyes opened widely—

"Why, you have ever so many nice things to eat," he cried happily.

"Well," Geraldine's mother said, "I am glad you are pleased Glen, and I trust your appetites are both good."

"I know I'm hungry," Geraldine giggled, "and I'm sure Glen is too, after playing hard and running for the ball."

When they were seated at the table, Geraldine bowed her head and her mother said, "Geraldine, will you please repeat the blessing?"

Then Geraldine prayed very reverently over the food they were to eat, and asked the Lord Jesus to bless it.

Glen glanced at Geraldine very surprised. In Glen's home no one ever thanked God at the table for the food they enjoyed, so it was something very different to him.

While they went on with the tasty meal, Glen could not help feeling especially thankful for the good food. In the country where he had come from, sometimes they hardly had enough to last the day out and now he and his parents were living in a country where food was really plentiful and the very best. All this kept running through his mind while he enjoyed the meal. It was certainly something to be thankful for. Then Glen made up his mind that he, too, would thank the Lord at mealtime every day from then on.

Before Glen and Geraldine went out to the garden to play ball he thanked Geraldine's mother for the nice lunch and Geraldine's mother told him he would be welcome anytime.

Then Glen became engrossed with a game for a while. Then suddenly he said, "Oh, Geraldine do you always give thanks to the Lord for every meal?"

"Why, of course," she told him, "if I don't give thanks for our daily food, Papa generally does. It's only a Christian-like thing to do."

"I really think it's what we all should do," the boy said, thoughtfully, "but no one in

our family ever takes time to thank the Lord."

"Then perhaps you would like to be the one to start 'giving thanks' at meal time," Geraldine kindly suggested.

"I certainly will be the one to start 'giving thanks,'" Glen declared, stoutly, "now I feel we have so much more to thank the Lord for than we have had for years. Now here, we have peace, good friends, and plenty to eat in this wonderful country, and I am sure my father and mother are thankful and happy to find a new home in a grand new country like this."

"And I'm glad that you all like our wonderful country," Geraldine said, "and I'm sure we will all have nice times together especially at school and at church, Glen."

Glen's face beamed happily and he promised he would be at Sunday School, the next day.

We trust that Glen found not only the blessing of a peaceful country, but also heart peace through believing on the Lord Jesus Christ.

HOLD FAST TILL I COME

A Hindu was one day writing letters with the doors all open because of the heat, and to let the breeze come in. His little boy, three years old, was playing near him. Presently a servant came to call the Hindu gentleman to see a friend on business; and calling a little child outside, said to him: "Put your hand over my papers to keep them from blowing away, and hold them fast till I come back."

Many Hindu children are disobedient, but this child came at once and did as he was told. As he stood there with his hand on his father's papers he counted first how many spiders he could see in the roof, then how many squares there were in the mats, and so on. But as the minutes went by he became so tired, though he kept changing the hand, and many a little sigh and big yawn said very plainly: "I wish father would come back." But the father had to stay more than an hour, and though many a time he remembered his child, he supposed that some of his servants would go and put away his papers. When he came back at last and saw the dear little thing still there, patiently standing, he snatched him up, feeling that he could not love him enough for his obedience.

Jesus has given us each something to hold fast till He comes. May each of us prove as faithful to our trust as a Hindu child did to his.—Canadian Baptist.

To correct abuses is constructive; to permit them is destructive.

N. C. State Convention to Convene with Rain's Cross Road's Church

The North Carolina State Convention will convene this year on September 13-14 with Rain's Cross Roads Church near the town of Princeton, North Carolina.

All church clerks of the State are sincerely urged to get their church letters to the Convention Secretary, Rev. R. N. Hin-



nant, Micro, N. C., at once. Please do not fail to attend to this matter, because it is very necessary that these letters be in his hands by the time the convention convenes. It is also important that each church fill out the letter and send a contribution to the convention.

For the benefit of those who might not know where the church is located, we give the following information: Those going from Smithfield and Selma, take Highway Number 70 to the town of Princeton, and there inquire the way to the church, which is about four miles. Those travelling west from Goldsboro, take Highway Number 70 to Princeton, and there inquire the way out to the church.

James A. Evans

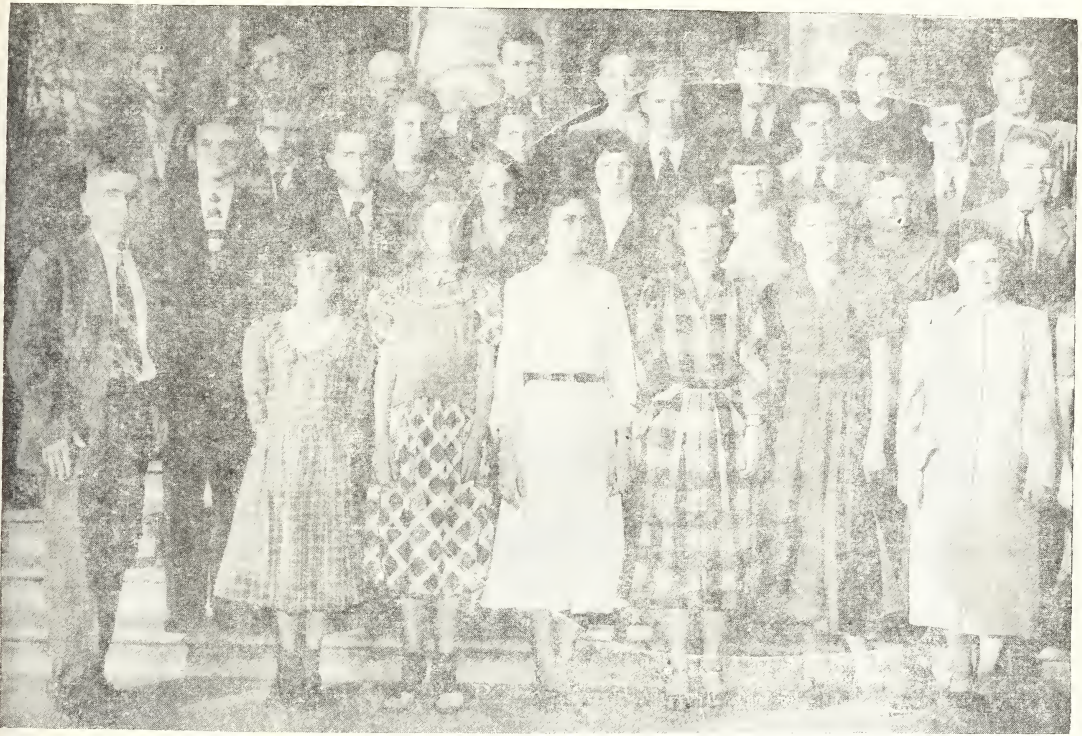
Let Us Stand by Our Students

My heart has been burdened for some time to write this letter, and I feel that it is the proper time, as the boys and girls are leaving home for school.

They will need all the encouragement we can give to them, especially the young men who will study for the ministry. Should they not need your help financially, they need your moral support. Cause them to feel assured that you are all for them, for they are soldiers in the army for God. They become discouraged often as we do, and such hinders their school work, therefore they need your prayers and encouragement.

Moreover, do not let them feel that their home churches have lost interest in them. Believe me when I tell you that I know what it will do to them to let them down. Keep them encouraged by letting them know that you are interested in them.

By a mother



Transcriptions Available

The accompanying picture is of the King's Cross Roads choir, members who until now, have been broadcasting from other radio stations than WGTC in Greenville, North Carolina. We have a number of fifteen minute continuous transcriptions that we are willing to loan to any of our churches that might need them.

The transcriptions are of the familiar hymns of the church. They are particularly appropriate for programs for old people and shut-ins. And of our churches desiring the use of these transcriptions can contact us, and we will gladly forward the same.

Miss Patsy Tyson, Secretary,
Fountain, North Carolina
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THE MAGIC OF PERSEVERANCE

The soul of Perseverance cannot be beaten. Imprison it and you will find a Eunyan to produce a *Pilgrim's Progress*. Blind it, and a Milton will give us a *Paradise Lost*. Deafen it and an Edison will search out the miracles of electricity. Isolate it in a log cabin and a Lincoln will work his way to the White House. Turn it loose in the frozen Arctic and a Peary will seek out the North Pole.

F. W. B. Church, Malone, Florida, Holds Good Meeting

Our revival meeting, which was held beginning July 5th Sunday and continued through August the first, was one of great inspiration to all who attended the services. It was a great success. Reverend Chester A. Huckaby from Phenix City, Alabama, the pastor of our church, brought the messages. They were filled with power and the Holy Spirit, causing each heart of those present to be filled with spiritual food.

There were fourteen members added to our church, and with this addition we have grown in membership to thirty four. We feel that the blessings of the Lord have come our way, and we are growing as a church as time passes.

We were indeed fortunate to have had Brother C. L. Cook and his good wife with us, as they were conducting a two-weeks singing school for us. The revival was held during the second week of the singing school, which was a very good one for our church people. The attendance was very good in the school, as well as it was for the revival. Together with the co-operation of the other churches, it was a wonderful time of rejoicing in the Lord.

Thelma Grondin

HAPPY WHEN NOT HAPPY

I heard a young Christian, who had been a wild lad, express his happiness in a peculiar way. He said: "I'm happier now when I am not happy than what I was when I was happy before." Read it twice and you'll see the sense. Even when a cloud had come over his Christian experience it was better than all the pumped up joy when he was unsaved. He was right. A miserable saint is better than a rejoicing sinner. Then what must a truly happy saint be? It is better experienced than explained!

—Hyp., in Boys and Girls

BETTER THAN DEBATING

To debate an issue with God when He is so lovingly striving to guide us is to thrust self into the place that Christ would occupy in our lives. Listening is better than debating when God speaks. No plan that we can offer to Him is a good substitute for the plans that He so lovingly offers to us. It is of no moment for us to prove our own wisdom, but it is of infinite moment for us to perceive His ways. HoHw good it is to be still and know—not that we are wise, or able, or far-sighter, but to know that He is our God!

—The S. S. Times

O B E D I E N C E

While all the world was waiting to hear whether the Republican party had nominated his father for president, Charles E. Hughes, Jr., was in camp at Plattsburg, in military training. Just as he had lathered his face preparatory to shaving, the order came, "Turn out the police squad and clean up the rubbish." Instantly he wiped the lather off his face, and fell into place and helped clean up the streets of the canvas city.

"What's the use," you ask, "of a college man and the son of a justice of the Supreme Court of the United States doing that?"

He was training for an officer in case of possible war. The very first lesson that any man has to learn before he is fit to command others is obedience. The very first requisite for good citizenship is obedience. On the courthouse at Worcester, Mass., are the words, chosen by Senator Hear as a suitable inscription, "Obedience to law is liberty." Every boy ought to learn that lesson and live it. America has some of the best laws in the world, and the least obeyed.

The reason is not far to seek. It goes back to the lack of reverence and respect for authority—beginning at home.

Obedience is the first law of the page in the Knights of King Arthur, as well as being prominent in the Scout law. For in no other way can a boy become efficient or skilled in the craft of his chosen club or organization.

The Scout law reads: "A Scout is obedient. He obeys his parents, scoutmaster, patrol leader, and all other duly constituted authorities."

This includes the highest authority which men or angels know—God. It is He who puts in every boy's heart the feeling and the message, "I ought." That is every one's highest duty—to obey this inner command. Every boy ought to live up to his convictions. That is real religion—"To obey God at any cost."—*Wellspring*.

LITTLE THINGS COUNT

We should mind little things—little courtesies in life, little matters of personal appearance, little extravagances, little minutes of wasted time, little details in our work.

And it seems that a thing cannot be too small to command our attention.

The first hint Newton had leading to his most important optical discoveries was derived from a child's soap bubble.

The art of printing was suggested by a man cutting letters in the bark of a tree.

The telescope was the outcome of a boy's amusement with two glasses in his father's shop.

Goodyear neglected his skillet until it was red hot and the accident guided him

to the manufacture of vulcanized rubber.

The web of a spider suggested to Captain Brown the idea of a suspension bridge.

Henry Ford's idea about a perfect watch plant gave him a plan for his giant motor industry.

J. L. Kraft's idea to put cheese in a sanitary package was the start of his enormous business.

Watching a spider weave its web gave Robert Bruce the courage to try again.

Little things! Every one a little thing. Yet how important they proved to be to the man who had the wit to correlate these little things with the idea in his head.—*Church and Home*.

OPEN FOR PASTORAL WORK

This is to advise that I am open for pastoral work for another year for second and fourth Sundays. Any church desiring my services may write or contact me at the following address:

Rev. D. A. Windham,
Greenville, N. C.

A barber of Plattsburgh, Neb., has had a clock dial made with the numbers running backward, so his customers looking in the mirror can tell the time.—*Albert Benjamin in The American Magazine*.

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Precious treasure, thou art mine;
Mine to tell me whence I came;
Mine to teach me what I am.

Mine to chide me while I rove,
Mine to show a Saviour's love;
Mine art thou to guide my feet,
Mine to judge, condemn, acquit.

Mine to comfort in distress,
If the Holy Spirit bless;
Mine to show by living faith
Man can triumph over death.

Mine to tell of joys to come,
And the rebel sinner's doom;
Holy Bible, book divine,
Precious treasure, thou art mine.

—John Burton

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Rev. M. L. Hollis in Meeting at Black Jack

The Reverend M. L. Hollis of the State of Mississippi is conducting a revival meeting at Black Jack Church, Pitt County, North Carolina. The meeting will continue for about two weeks, it is thought. The attendance at the opening of the meeting was very good and the interest seems to be increasing all the while.

Reverend J. R. Davidson is the pastor of the church, and is assisting Brother Hollis in the services. He has been the pastor of the church for the past two or three years, and has done a good work with those fine church people.

It is expected that the results of this revival meeting will prove a great blessing to the church and the entire community. People are praying that many souls will be saved before the meeting shall come to a close. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend these services, and to receive a spiritual blessing of the Lord.

Reporter

How many hungry souls feed on the garbade of the world when they might well feast on manna from Heaven!

News of Woman's Conference, 1950

The Woman's Conference of North Carolina for 1950 is now in the past, so far as the Conference is concerned. In the minds and hearts of the large number who was fortunate enough to compose this conference, it is still a living, breathing reality. The wonderful experiences at Cragmont this year seemed to rise above all others of past years, for many said, "Each year at Cragmont is better than the one before." Mountain top surroundings and experiences, both in the physical world and in the spiritual, brought a desire to many hearts to continue to live amid such environments and surroundings. Each day was a continual feast, not only for the body, but best of all was the spiritual feasting, which came from various messages and lectures from God's Holy Word. Rev. F. B. Cherry, of Durham, brought soul inspiring messages each day. Mrs. Ethel Whaley, of Jacksonville, N. C. in her usual earnest manner spoke to us from day to day on "Women Launching Out, and Fishing for Our Youth." Mrs. Esther Carter, was responsible for the devotions each morning. Our Director, Mrs. L. E. Ballard rendered valuable service from time to time, in keeping us informed on various topics of interest, also arranging recreation and sight-seeing trips by bus to places of interest. We had twelve or more women who had never visited Cragmont until this time, who were loud in their praise for having such a wonderful place of retreat for our women, as Cragmont, and each one expressed their desire to return next year.

Sunday morning, August 20th, we went by bus to the Swannanoa Free Will Baptist Church to attend Sunday School and the worship service. We were given a warm welcome by pastor and congregation, and several of us were invited to teach some of the classes, which we did. The message by the pastor, Rev. Sparks, was an old time gospel sermon which lifted our hearts in adoration and praise to our heavenly Father. Sunday

By Mrs. Alice E. Lupton

evening, Mrs. Esther Carter brought to us a stirring message on the "Second Coming of Christ," after which testimonies were heard from nearly all present, as to what the week had meant to them in fellowship, inspiration, information and in comradeship one with another.

Closing the evening service, the writer, heralded throughout the week as "Mother Lupton," reminded the women of the valley service, where work in the Lord's vineyard awaits each one. She spoke of the value of the "Peak of Vision," but that we have to go down in the valley of service in order to receive benefits from our visions and to bless other lives through them. There was hope expressed that each woman present would be drawn closer the Master and to keep in mind that "We are workers together with Him."

An outstanding feature of our week at Cragmont was that we were fortunate in having Mrs. Sarah Morris, of Fremont with us. She is nearing her 88th birthday, and is alert, active, did not miss a single lecture or message, nor miss a meal. We are looking forward to having her with us next year if the Lord spares her, and us.

Another feature worth honorable mention was the fact that we were blessed with a good bus driver, Mr. Carlton Jarman, of Jacksonville, who gave his undivided attention to his duties and responsibilities from beginning to ending of the week's activities. His service was greatly appreciated. Many expressing the hope that he would be able to go as our driver next year.

With what has already been said, we feel sure that we can truthfully say, "The half has not been told." We had several visitors during the week, among whom was Rev. W. L. Moretz, of near by Swannanoa, who spoke for us at the Wednesday evening service on "Witnessing for Christ, or The GO Tell." We also

had Rev. Wayne Smith, of Canton, visit and speak to us Thursday evening, on "The Power of Kindness" (Acts 28:2).

The entire week was taken up in feasting on the good things the Lord provided for us, and we were very grateful for His presence and leadership. Surely we can say with David in Psalm 103, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits."

Some Things We Were Asked to Do for Cragmont:

How we respond to this call will determine just how much we appreciate Cragmont in reality.

We found a new roof had been added since last year, and showers had been provided in the basement, but there is still much to be done. Supplies of various kinds are needed.

After facing these facts, it was agreed to ask each Auxiliary in the State of North Carolina to send not less than \$5.00 to Mr. Fountain Taylor of Richlands, by March 1, 1951, to be used for supplies and other needs. This is a small sum to ask—however we do not put a limit on how much more you may give. Ask the Father in heaven, and be guided by Him. Let us send enough to furnish necessary supplies and to screen the building before next summer. We can do it, if we want to do it bad enough.

Mr. Taylor will give credit to each Auxiliary, or person, who contributes to this cause, if you send your address. Be sure and give name of your church and the conference to which it belongs. Please keep this in mind.

NOTICE TO EASTERN CONFERENCE

All licensed ministers, who wish to be examined for ordination by the Eastern Conference, please notify Lloyd Vernon.

Box 307, Mt. Olive, N. C.

A man is never so weak as when some woman is telling him how strong he is.—
Steve Haagan, quoted by Irving Hoffman in Fascination.

NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

Spiritually the Same

"For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother" (Mark 3:35).

May we notice that Jesus did not say, "father," but he included all humanity when he said "whosoever." He had no earthly father, His Father was God. Therefore, there was no place to include Him in these words of Jesus. "Whosoever shall do the will of God," thus all human beings that do the will of God are on equal footing, "Mary the mother of Jesus included." From the spiritual standing Mary was no more to Jesus than any other mother, neither is she any more to God today than any other woman who has lived on earth and done the "will of God." Mary was a human being who gave birth to the physical body of the Lord Jesus, but the real Christ was God manifest in the flesh, therefore He (Christ) said to His mother, "wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" (Luke 2:49).

We are not taught by the holy Scriptures to pray unto Mary, the Mother of Jesus, but He said Himself, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy might be full. These things have I spoken to you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall show you plainly the Father. At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you: For the Father himself loveth you because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again I leave the world, and go to the Father" (John 16:23-28).

Here Jesus makes it plain that we can go right to the Father in Christ's name and receive what we ask for. But we are to know that "the Father loves us for believing on the name of Jesus as the Son of God" and because we love Jesus Christ as the Son of God we can go to God in the name of Jesus and get our request. I like to capitalize that statement because the Devil hates the name of Jesus, and others have been made to believe that you have to add to the name of Jesus to get the blessing, but there is no other name necessary.

Since my mother who believed in and loved the name of Jesus, and Christ said, himself, she was or is "the same as my

mother" due to that fact that she believed in Christ, I could as well ask her to get me in touch with the Father as to ask the mother of Jesus. Mary was only human, a virgin, and a virgin is a virgin and a woman is a woman, thus Christ said, "Woman, behold thy son." Notice that word "son;" there is no capital, it is the "son" of the woman, but when he is spoken of as the "Son of God," it is capitalized. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him" (James 1:5). Here James teaches us to go direct to God, and because we believe in and love His Son whom He gave to die for us, God hears and answers our prayers, when it is in keeping with His will. John says if we ask anything according to his will he heareth us. And if we know that he hears us, whatsoever we ask we know that we have the petitions that we desired (I John 5:14, 15).

Another important fact for us to remember is that Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh to the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).

Thank God, we do not have to ask any saint, nor angel, to get us in touch with the Father, but because we accept and love and obey the Son of God we are already in touch with the Father. We ask Him and He gives us our needs.

The Son and the Father with Us

May we notice another saying of the Lord Jesus which proves absolutely that we are already in touch with the Father and the Son, and they in touch with us. This is heavenly fellowship. "If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." (John 14:23).

Christ says further, "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you" (John 14:26). Thus Christ and the Father takes up their abode with the believer by the only vicar given to the church—the Holy Ghost. Yes, the Holy Spirit is the only one to teach us, and comfort us, and empower us, as we are believers in Christ. He reminds us of the things of God. He teaches us the way of truth and we need no other Vicar. Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life. These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you. But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you all things, and is the truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him" (I John 2:24-27). Notice that it

"is the same anointing," the "same" means the acceptance of Christ, the Son of God, thus being born of the Spirit, not another blessing or the so-called "second" but the "same."

Since the Father and the Son, and the Holy Ghost are one, I hold that you cannot receive one without receiving the whole Godhead bodily. "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, (the Word is the Son) and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one" (I John 5:7).

Let Us Beware

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of man, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all the principality and power. In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sin of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. Are you being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened (the word "quickened" means made alive) together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses" (Col. 2:8-13). Here again, we are taught to beware of "tradition of men." God's written word is to be accepted by the teaching of the Holy Ghost.

"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." Thus the written word is sufficient; "beware of tradition of men."

Meetings to Be Conducted

I am due to conduct a meeting for St. Paul's F. W. B. church, Elizabeth City, from September the 15th through the 24th, and one at Mt. Elon, S. C., from Sept. 27th through the 8th of October.

Brother T. F. Davenport is pastoring the St. Paul's church through whom we received the invitation, and Brother Paul J. Kettman is the pastor of Mt. Elon, Pamlico, S. C. Pray for these meetings. Pray that God will direct every move.

A NOTE OF THANKS

I wish to thank each one of my many friends for their beautiful birthday cards and gifts which I received during the week of August the 23. I was just 74 years old. I want everyone to know how I did appreciate the cards and the gifts. Come to see me when you have the time. It will be a blessing to me to see you and to have you visit with us in our home.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,
Rev. W. A. Dail,
Winterville, N. C.

Texas State Encampment Reporting

Mrs. H. Ray Berry

The Texas State Free Will Baptist Encampment for 1950 was held at Pineywoods Baptist Encampment at Woodlake, Texas, August 13-18th inclusive. There were 82 people young and young in heart listed for the week, and 141 total registration with part time campers.

We had 5 wonderful days and nights of teaching, preaching, inspirational programs and recreational activity. The army cots in the big dorms and faculty house were comfortable with innerspring mattresses and our meals (which were so good) were served cafeteria style, all for \$2.50 a day each, of which a nice portion was covered by donations from the East Texas and Central Texas Districts.

Rev. and Mrs. Damon Dodd and Marilyn, of Nashville, Tenn., were with us for the week and each contributed much to the success of the encampment. Bro. Dodd taught a Soul-winning class daily, and held conferences with the unsaved, which was climaxed by 8 conversions and 15 rededications.

Mrs. Dodd taught a study course on the 1950 Women's Auxiliary Manual and helped to organize a State Convention which is to meet yearly at the Encampment for one day. The list of officers will be found in another section.

The following courses were offered in morning classes daily: Bible History, A. F. Halbrook; Bible Doctrine, N. G. Tuttle; Flannelgraph Bible Stories were under the capable direction of Mrs. Calvary; Morning Devotions and Vesper Services were handled alternately by Bruce Barrow, A. F. Halbrook, Damon Dodd, and H. Ray Berry. J. L. Bounds, pastor from Houston was Camp Director, and Wesley Calvary, Waco, directed Singspiration. The eleven o'clock hour was given to Bro. Dodd's Soulwinning, and the afternoons were given to recreation, swimming, Intermediate Sword Drill and Ministers conference. Mrs. Ruby Withers was in charge of First Aid, and

Mesdames Dovie Fears and O. V. Breedlove were lifeguards. Other adults served as counsellors. Bro. Calvary directed a Talent Show each day, and Marilyn Dodd sang various hymns in Spanish, to the children's delight.

The State League Conference was held on Friday 10-4 o'clock. Highlights of the program were heartening reports (nine new Leagues over last year) inspiring message, special music and songs, a most interesting "History of F. W. Baptist Missions" by Miss Marvis Anderson of Hederston, and a play, "Think on Thy Way," by the Mt. Olive League. A revised Constitution and By-laws were read and adopted. The Conference voted to take as a project the financing of preparations to send Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvary as Foreign Missionaries to Japan when they are ready to go. Jane Perry, from Laneville, won the State Sword Drill for the second consecutive year.

Another interesting feature was the report from the League Board of Directors in which they announced the gift of 20 acres of land 3 miles out of Nacogdoches off the Houston highway, which has been surveyed and deeded to the Texas Free Will Baptist Association, with the League Board of Directors as temporary trustees. It was also announced that a ground-clearing meeting would be held Labor Day, Sept. 4, to clear the grounds of underbrush and make ready for building. Friends far and near are invited to attend, bringing work tools and lunch. A jeep station wagon with large Encampment sign will be on the city square from 8-11 a. m. directing people to the grounds. Wouldn't you like to be a "Charter Member" in this great denominational enterprise?

Texas State Women's Auxiliary

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Oldest City in the World

Damascus, situated southwest of Mt. Ararat, is said to be the very oldest city in the world. To-day it has a population of about 300,000, which makes it a center of commercial importance and of considerable influence. It is celebrated for the cloth made there, for its steel blades, its plums and its turpentine trees.

Twenty-seven centuries have passed into history since Rome was founded. Damascus was an ancient city when the Roman empire was merely beginning its childhood. The mysterious pyramids and still more mysterious and awe inspiring sphinx have reared their towering and massive outlines above the shifting sands of Egypt for more than 3,000 years, and yet the city of Damascus is older than they.

Even the ancient wall of China is a work of modern construction when viewed from the ancient standpoint of Damascus. And as for the cities of Northern and Western Europe and the very oldest cities of the Western hemisphere, they are as saplings compared to an ancient oak when the antiquity of Damascus is taken into consideration. In fact it makes America look like a baby.—Grit.

THE SPIRIT OF THE WORLD

Paul R. Roffe

The man or woman who has responded to the call of Jesus Christ and tasted of the grace and love of God has been lifted to a high plane and introduced into a rich life of heavenly powers and blessing. Yet, strange to say, many who know this unspeakable privilege fail to apprehend it and seem content to live very much as other people whose lives were never touched by the divine hand of the Saviour. In appearance, habits and thought, most of us who bear the name of Christ can scarcely be distinguished from everybody else, so that the Church, which was meant to be a light in the midst of darkness, has apparently been content more and more like the very darkness it was expected to dispell. Saddest of all, however, is the fact that even in those circles where spiritual fervor seems keenest, little or nothing is ever said about the way Christian people ought to carry themselves in the midst of a world which does not and can not recognize Jesus Christ as Lord. The result is that a drift towards worldliness has set in which, sooner or later, unless it is checked, will surely sap the vigor of our testimony and leave us powerless to serve the interests of our Master.

First of all, then, we face the question: What is the spirit of the world? John tells us that what is in the world is lust, or in other words, desire; and that both the world and its desires are of very short duration—they pass away. A very good example can be seen in the case of Esau, the day when he came in from his hunting, ravenously hungry, and found his brother cooking a pot of lentils. His appetite so completely filled his mind that he could not think of anything else. He must get something to eat, and get it in a hurry. Whatever else happened, he must eat, and eat at once. In such a frame of mind he was willing to barter away the spiritual blessings of eternal value for a meal that would tide him over for a matter of four or five hours. That, actually, is the spirit of the

world. It is more interested in immediate gain than in future riches; willing to forego all future satisfaction for immediate happiness. It turns from the hereafter to clutch at the "now"—from the invisible to embrace what it can see and feel and possess at once.

You see it on every hand. In business people are urged to "Get it now—pay for it later." In Bible times the slogan of the world was, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." Today it is pretty much the same: with movies, literature, conversation and custom all extolling the life of pleasure and freedom from restraint, with education based on self-expression, with psychologists urging people to get rid of their inhibitions, and with the courts treating criminals merely as unfortunate victims of their environment, it adds up to the same old spirit of the world: "Go after what you want, regardless of consequences." Dress it up as you will with culture, diplomacy and anything else, worldliness is still what the Word of God declares it to be: "the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life" and it is definitely "not of the Father, but of the world."

Over against this spirit the Scriptures present the appeal of the Spirit of God which is exactly the opposite. He urges us to buy of Him true riches, those that will never pass away. It seems as if He deliberately chooses to withhold them from us now, except in part, so as to make the contrast all the greater. He wants us to be able to say "I can afford to wait." And so the man of faith turns from the trashy gilded toys of time and chooses to await the day when heaven's wealth will all be his, by divine grace. No man ever sets out on the Christian pathway without choosing between some present advantage and eternal life. The way of life becomes in very truth a pilgrim way, and those who walk it are never more nor less than strangers in this world. It is not their permanent residence, but merely a scene that they glimpse briefly as they pass through.

One of the most beautiful developments in Christian character is the grace of patience. It is a grace which

springs from the pruning work of discipline. What strength of character comes from holding one's desires in check! That is one reason why the Lord has so ordered our lives that we must work for whatever we want. We do not find everything packaged and waiting for us to pick up whenever we want it. A crop has to be sown and sweated for before it is stowed away in the barn. A home has to be paid for with the toil of many a weary month and year before we can call it our own. An education must be won with diligent work, painful concentration and deep thought. None of these things is to be had just for the asking. The very toil, the long delay, the patient, hopeful waiting all contribute to develop that firmness and stability of character, that soundness of judgment and that toleration towards others that are absolutely priceless.

When it comes to spiritual things the Lord will never hand out true riches without putting us through this discipline of delay. Knowing this, and knowing also our hasty spirit and our natural desire to get what we are after immediately, the devil offers all kinds of things with an immediate return. Food, comforts, gadgets, amusements, business, politics—all appeal to us these days as things to satisfy us now. Marriage, if it does not work at once, is tossed aside at the least provocation. A job, if it presents some disagreeable feature, is lightly abandoned with the irresponsible hope that something better will turn up. Feverishly we run from one thing to another, always looking for something that will satisfy our cravings, and never waking up to the fact that nothing, absolutely nothing can satisfy us but God Himself.

You can know Him and have His friendship. But that experience will never come the devil's way. It comes only when you turn away from all else that men hold dear, renounce the spirit of this world, crown Him King, the Sovereign of your life and leave yourself utterly in His hands, to do His will, to wait His time and hold nothing dear except as it is hallowed by His approval.

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: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

WHAT ARE FREE WILL BAPTISTS GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

It is evident that, in a great many instances in towns and cities, Free Will Baptist churches have been and are losing many of their youthful members to other churches. And there is a reason, or a cause, for this situation.

For example, we personally know of some instances in which teen-age members of our churches have left our churches and taken membership with other denominations. Our observation in these cases is simply this: Churches of other denominations in the towns in reference furnish various recreational features for the young people in their buildings at stated times, for the enjoyment of those young people, regardless as to the churches they belong. This type of church entertainment has been and still is attractive to the youth of Free Will Baptist churches in those centers, as well as for all other young people of other churches. Consequently, after awhile many of our young boys and girls take membership with those churches which have been giving them enjoyable entertainment. And the answer is plain.

This situation has grown up in such places due to the fact, according to the statements of some of our young people, that our churches are not providing for them wholesome recreation periods and entertainment which they are seeking to enjoy from time to time. Not that they do not like our church, but that they find this feature of religious entertainment lacking in a great many of our town and city churches, and that they go out seeking such entertainment among other young people of the other denominations. And, of course, sooner or later they are moved to take membership with them.

Free Will Baptists, this is our problem. How shall we handle it? Are we to rear up from childhood our children in the Free Will Baptist church and Sunday School to lose them to other churches when they grow into their teens? Are we going to be willing to make

adequate religious entertainment for our youth in connection with our church and Sunday School work, or are we going to go on as in the past, and continue to lose them? That is the question. Their youthful nature is the same as that of other young people of other churches of other denominations. And our neglect to provide, as church people, wholesome and clean recreation and entertainment for our own young church members will not change their urge for this type of entertainment among church people. If we will not arrange it for them, they will go where they can get it with other church groups. Do you blame them?

Obviously enough, this is a matter for consideration for each individual Free Will Baptist church in those towns and cities where they are confronted with this kind of problem. Some of our churches are taking care of this condition in some of the states; and they are doing it in a commendable way, we are told. However, it does appear that in other places where our churches are not taking care of this condition, the churches of other denominations are doing it in a way as to be able to interest and entertain our young church people. Wherever this has become a problem among the town or city churches, it certainly behooves those Free Will Baptist churches to do something to hold their young people in the church. Feed the child with wholesome food, and give it a good place to stay, and it will love you. Provide adequate and wholesome spiritual recreation and entertainment for your young church members, and let them know that you love them, and they will not be so prone to join the ranks of other church groups for the very thing you are giving them. The Free Will Baptist denomination has lost hundreds, during the last quarter of a century, of our young church members to other denominations because of **this situation**, and it will continue to lose many more in **years to come** unless our church people are willing to wake up, and do something for the youth of the church. You need not doubt it.

HOME-COMING AT DUBLIN GROVE

Third Sunday in September will be Home-Coming Day at Dublin Grove Church, Royal, N. C. All former pastors, members and friends are cordially invited to attend.

September is also our last Third Sunday service. Beginning in October, services will be on fourth Sunday each month.

David Mayo, Clerk

Dane Clark tells about the unusual report card of a Hollywood producer's son. The teacher had marked it not with the customary "Poor, Fair, Good and Excellent" but with "Sensational, Magnificent, Stupendous and Colossal."—*Contributed by Andrew B. Hecht.*

THE PRINTS OF CHARACTER

Professor Marsh some years ago gave to Yale University the finest collection of footprints that ever was made. A collection of footprints! Yes, great slabs of red sandstone, on which are not only footprints of birds and reptiles, but even the autographs of raindrops left by a passing shower. These marks were made thousands and thousands of years ago. The stone was soft sand then. It hardened, as the centuries went on, but the marks are there. Boys and girls and young men and young women are making marks on their lives like that. A man's character means a man's "marks." Character is just a Greek word which means "mark." These footprints of your thoughts, and words, and decisions,

and actions will remain, and gradually they will make character. Judged by your tracks in the soft, yielding sand of your fast-hardening nature, as it matures toward manhood and womanhood, what sort of a character are you going to have?

—Publisher Unknown.

It is good to know; it is better to do; it is best to *be*. To be pure and strong, to be honest and earnest, to be kindly and thoughtful, and in all to be true, to be manly and womanly. He can do more for others who has done most with himself.—*S. D. Gordon.*

"What I spent I had—what I kept I lost—what I gave I have."—*Selected.*

VISION THROUGH PRAYER

God is calling His people to give more time to praying. As we give ourselves to prayer, realization of the appalling situation seizes us. "Where there is no vision, the people perish." As we pray, God gives us a vision of the lost world; we appreciate the value and preciousness of souls. We see them through the eyes of Jesus and feel for them after His heart. We shudder as the awfulness of sin is revealed to us, and then it is that we ask for souls until our asking becomes the most wondrous intercession; then it is that we come forth from our closet with a passion for souls that inspires us to press the battle to the very gates of hell.

Men of achievement are men of vision. This is invariable true, and especially so of evangelism. If we do not see in men marred by sin great possibilities for God, why, of course, we will not put forth an effort to secure their salvation. This is where the vision comes in, and the spirit of prayer will enable us to arise above the discouraging outward appearance and trust God to give us "brands from the burning." No man has gone down the scale of life so far but that the grace of God can reach and save him. Doubtless in the worst sinner there is a diamond in the rough, perchance a great soul-winner, why not?

Co-operation with God

The Church to-day needs a vision, but vision and prayer are inseparable. Oh that God's people as a whole had a vision of His perfect holiness, His matchless love, His limitless grace, and His infinite power! Everything is complete on God's part, and nothing can be added to completeness. God is able and willing to give revivals. "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew Himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him." Now on the manward side we need to see the great possibilities to faith and the life that is saturated with the spirit of prayer. We must co-operate with God, and then God will gladly do what is in His heart to do, but which He cannot always consistently do be-

cause His people are not in the place where He wants them. The church that prays can have a revival, but the people must not only agree to pray, they must agree to get the answer. Prayer is the course leading to the revival goal, and if there are obstacles in the way God will remove them as we pray.

The Time to Pray

An evangelist whose ministry was mightily owned of God relates to us how he was invited to conduct a revival campaign in a certain denominational church. Most of the members were rich and influential. It was not, therefore, a question of financing the meetings; but it was a question of having a revival. The first night the people sang while the evangelist wept. They thought it strange, but let it pass. The second night the same thing happened again. Now they began to think they had secured the wrong evangelist. The third night they were about to begin singing again, when the evangelist rose and said: "Brethren, if you want a revival, in God's Name close those hymn books, shut down that organ and get down on your knees; this is not a time to sing, this is a time to pray." With this pointed exhortation they all dropped to their knees. Soon they were sobbing and weeping as though their hearts would break, and before the service was over many confessions were made, reconciliations were effected, and some must needs make restitution. Then the revival broke out, and the tide of power rose every night and many souls were blessedly saved. Had not God given this evangelist to see conditions as they were, the revival would not have broken out. It took prayer to break up the deeps of the people's hearts and make them responsive to God and His demands. Once the spirit of prayer took hold of them the hindering causes were rapidly removed.—Publisher Unknown.

Listening to a group of people talking one day about the fine testimony meetings which were held in their church, a lawyer quietly remarked, "To a lawyer there is a vast difference between testimony and evidence."

NEWS FROM MOTHER CHURCH, NEW ZION, S. C.

Our Free Will Baptist league reorganized, and elected officers as follows: Pres., L. B. Morris; Vice President, Mrs. Rhames Morris; Secy.-Treas., Ivey Wallace; Group Leader, Mrs. Rhames Morris; Group Captain, Mr. F. B. Robinson; Sword Drill, Mrs. Ashbelle Knowlton, and Daily Bible reading explained by Hugh Baker.

We are happy to say that our League is wide awake and progressing very nicely. Our young people take an active part in our programs, especially our younger group, which of course gives them great encouragement and inspiration in their work. Our League isn't only enjoyed by the younger people but the older people are also interested. We feel that our organization has no age limit but we find a place for both young and old.

We are asking all those who read this announcement to be much in prayer for our League. And not only our League but our church also, that we may advance toward the training of our young people and that our church might go forward towards winning souls to Christ.

Mrs. A. M. Knowlton

Liberty Officers and Teachers Hold Meeting

Liberty officers and teachers held their meeting on August 18. They opened the meeting with prayer by Clarence Baggett. The superintendent read the scripture lesson. A discussion concerning the duty of the teacher was entered into, and Mrs. Mary Brewer, who attended the National S. S. Convention, gave to us a brief report on what a teacher's duty really is. It was an interesting report.

The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Anderson on Friday night after the first Sunday in September. The meeting closed with a song. Prayer was offered by Brother Early Brewer. Mrs. Zula Ridgeway served refreshments, which was enjoyed very much by all present.

Mrs. Frankie Ridgeway, Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENT

British Chapel Church to hold Revival near Oak bridge, beginning Sunday night, September 17th through 23rd. Rev. Walter Carter of Rockingham, N. C., will be the evangelist, with services beginning at 7:45 each evening.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services, a great meeting is expected. The Rev. J. R. Forest, New Bern, N. C., is the pastor, and desires a good attendance.

Mrs. Bessie Fields

Talents wisely invested bring big profits.

THE BIBLE

Dr. Henry Van Dyke

Born in the East and clothed in Oriental form and imagery, the Bible walks the ways of all the world with familiar feet and enters land after land to find its own everywhere. It has learned to speak in hundreds of languages to the heart of man. It comes into the palace to tell the monarch that he is a servant of the Most High, and into the cottage to assure the peasant that he is a son of God. Children listen to its stories with wonder and delight, and wise men ponder them as parables of life.

It has a word of peace for time of peril, a word of comfort for time of calamity, a word of light for the hour of darkness. Its oracles are repeated in the assembly of the people, and its counsels whispered in the ear of the lonely. The wicked and the proud tremble at its warnings, but to the wounded and the penitent it has a mother's voice. The wilderness and the solitary places have been made glad by it, and the fire on the hearth has lit the readings of its well-worn page. It has woven itself into our dearest dreams; so that love, friendship, sympathy and devotion, memory and hope, put on the beautiful garments of its treasured speech, breathing of frankincense and myrrh.

No man is poor or desolate who has this treasure for his own. When the landscape darkens and the trembling pilgrim comes to the valley of the shadow, he is not afraid to enter; he takes the rod and staff of Scripture in his hand; he says to a friend and comrade, "Good-by, we shall meet again;" and comforted by that support, he goes toward the lonely pass as one who walks through darkness into light.—"Hints and Helps."

Bring the hopeless case to Christ! Lay your burden at His feet like a palsied man, and your burden will vanish. Christ is the Magnet for the needy ones—yield then to His sweet attraction, and let nothing prevent you reaching the place of blessing and comfort and joy, at His feet. Only the sinners seek a Saviour, and only to them that mourn is given the joy

of the Lord. Your need is your "ticket" to His supply, therefore present it.—H. H. D.

The Picture-Show

Mabel Hale

"Mother, George wants me to go with him to a picture-show to-night. What shall I tell him?" The mother looked her son straight in the eyes for an instant. He was a manly fellow, possibly seventeen, and a student in the city high school.

"Do you wish to go with him?" she asked quietly.

"Of course not, mother, that point is all settled; but I want an answer which will make my refusal clear to him. He thinks it is simply a notion of mine. I want to win him, too, if I can."

I happened to overhear this conversation, and the mother turned to me and said, "Will you answer his question, please?"

Only a few days later a girl of the same age asked me almost the same question. She, too, was a high school pupil and the question had come up in their school work. Both of these young people were earnest Christians, most anxious that their lives should be good examples.

Putting aside all question as to what the picture-show might be, let us look at it fairly as it is. The pictures commonly shown are not calculated to enlighten an inquiring mind, but their purpose is to tickle the fancy of fun-lovers. There is nothing about them to awake the powers of the intellect, but rather to lull them while they please. Even if the moral tone was not low in the pictures, this would be condemnation enough to keep earnest, truth-loving people away.

But the moral tone is low. Scenes are portrayed which are suggestive and indelicate. While they may not always be really indecent, they carry the mind on to things that are very much out of place. Young men and women, boys and girls, sit together looking upon these suggestive scenes, each conscious of the thoughts of the other. How can such a course help but break down those feelings of delicacy and propriety which are the bulwark of morality?

These are also displayed before the eyes of these same young people scenes of love-making in the boldest and most daring manner. The heroes and heroines are pictured acting out scenes; there is no modesty, shyness, or embarrassment manifested in these scenes, and they can not but place wrong ideals before our young people.

Again, scenes of crime are depicted with the same truthness to life. Our boys and girls are schooled in methods and reasons for crime. Such pictures can only be demoralizing.

There are some good, educational pictures, but in with them there are generally thrown those of a foolish and light type.

This has to be done to keep interest in the good show. The thirst of the people is for the lighter kind.

When the downward trend of the show is so apparent, can a young Christian afford to yield his influence in going? While he might escape uninjured, is he ready to stand the blame for those who are emboldened to go by his example? What has been said of the picture-show is equally true of the theatre. "Lead us not into temptation."—Gospel Trumpet.

CHRISTIAN CHAPEL TO HAVE HOME-COMING DAY

There will be a Home-Coming day celebration at Christian Chapel F. W. B. Church observed on the first Sunday in October, 1950. The church is on Route One, out from the town of Pink Hill, North Carolina. We are expecting to have a great occasion on that day, with good music, a splendid service, and a fine dinner at the noon hour.

All members of the church, friends, former pastors are given a cordial invitation to be present for this all-day occasion. Come on time and bring a basket of food with you, and let us enjoy a splendid day together in the service of the Lord. Old friends and relatives, and the visiting people with us can all get acquainted, and have sweet fellowship together in the name of the Lord. There will be good singing in the afternoon by different choirs, and the congregation, which everyone will enjoy greatly.

Rev. A. P. Hill, Jr., Pastor

An Appeal for Help

My Dear Christian People:

I have never begged for anything for myself before, but it looks like the time is now come for me to ask for some financial help from the brethren.

I have, the doctor says, cataracts on both of my eyes. And the doctor says that they are now ready to be taken off. I am a poor, feeble preacher, and do not have the money to have it done. I want the churches to help me all they can to have the cataracts removed from my eyes.

If anything should happen that I did not get them removed, I will refund the money, if they will let me have their address, if they want the money back. But if they would rather for me to keep it, then let me know. I will appreciate anything and everything anybody will give to me for this purpose.

Your friend in Christ,
Rev. J. S. Overman
Fremont, N. C.
Route 2

Stilewalks in Louisburg, N. C., are divided into sections with stripes: two outside lanes for loafing, the inside one for walking. A local authority states that the plan is working satisfactorily.

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

Editor

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON

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New Sandy Hill Auxiliary Makes Good Record

The picture which you see with this article contains the members of our woman's auxiliary of the New Sandy Hill F. W. B. Church, which is located near the town of Bailey, Wilson County, North Carolina. These women are proud of their record made in Christian service. They are thankful to the Lord that they have been able to grow from a few in number to twenty members in a very short time.

This group of willing workers has among them the president of the Western conference of the second district, Mrs. Hattie Bunn. They have recently collected 4,676 coupons for the Middlesex Orphanage. They are life to right, first row: Mesdames Inez Bunn, Geraldine Williams, Frances Hall, Sennie Davis. Second row: Jennie Lee Sherrod, Shirley Creech, Evelyn Bunn, Thelma Sherrod, Hattie Bunn. Third row: Daisy Griffin, Janie Williams, Sadie Bunn, and Mary Creech. Those who were absent were Mesdames Z. C. Bissette, Bettie Lee Teddar, Cleo Bunn, Laura Bunn, Doris Bunn and Deliah Bissette. They were the 1948 winners of the banner in their district.

Mrs. Sennie Davis
Wilson, N. C.
Route 2

The Bible is like a mirror. It makes a man face himself.

You can not walk with God and run with the devil.

Notice

Dear Co-Workers,

I want to call your attention to superannuation work. Do you remember that I asked all the auxiliaries and the preachers at the first of the year to lay aside every week for superannuation month. I hope that you have done this. I feel that the Lord will bless us for our preachers having preached the gospel, and we ought to hold them up.

Preachers, remember, I want you to give ten per cent of what you make one Sunday out of the year.

For you will be old someday and would appreciate the thought of someone in the superannuation movement thinking of you in your old age.

Let's put our shoulder to the wheel and push the work, because it is a great work. Let's make this the biggest year in history. Preachers, push your churches and let's show them that we love them, and appreciate their prayers and the work for the church, and let the Lord be our guide in the work for the Lord, and may the Lord bless us in this work.

Mrs. Carrie Ringgold

EAST NASHVILLE AUXILIARY REPORT

The East Nashville Church Auxiliary met at the church Aug. 29th for their regular meeting. The newly elected President, Mrs. Edna Harris, presided over the meeting. Mrs. Fannie Polston who recently visited our Tennessee children's home thrilled every one present, as she told us of her visit. They have fifty children from two years old up to eighteen. She told of the wonderful training Brother and Sister Stanley had given them. It made our hearts glad, and made us want so much to visit the home. It's to bad that our entire church could not have been present to hear her message. The meeting closed with a prayer of dedication for the new officers, led by Mrs. Polston.

Respectfully submitted by Mrs. O. C. Briley, Corresponding Secretary.

Nashville, Tennessee, Aug. 30.—The Woman's District Auxiliary Convention met Aug 23rd with the East Nashville Church, with a large attendance. Bro. Scott from the Bethlehem Church brought a stirring message at the eleven o'clock hour, which was enjoyed very much. The laides of the church served a bountiful dinner. Officers were elected for the coming year. Several churches were represented, with one new church coming into the convention.

Mrs. O. C. Briley

LITTLE BETHEL AUXILIARY REPORT

We are glad to report that our Woman's Auxiliary is growing strong and we are enjoying the privilege and opportunity to work and serve the Lord.

We have changed our meetings from the 2nd Saturday to the 2nd Sunday on our regular preaching day, having our preaching service at 11 o'clock in the morning, and our Auxiliary meeting at 6 in the afternoon at the church.

At our last meeting we had 4 new members to join us in our Auxiliary meeting and was glad to have each one and hope it will grow stronger. We solicit the prayers of all the Christian people to pray for us as we carry on for our Saviour.

Mrs. Mamie Davis, Cor.-Secy.

PROGRAM

EASTERN AUXILIARY CONVENTION

ST. MARY'S F. W. B. CHURCH,
NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA
THURSDAY, SEPT. 21, 1950

Theme: The Stewardship of Life.

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Rev. 2:10

10:00—Devotions, Miss Sarah Gibble

10:15—Roll call of officers

—Read minutes for information

—Welcome, Mrs. C. D. Piggott

- Response, Mrs. J. B. Freeman
- Greetings, Pres., Mrs. S. A. Smith.
- 10:30—Music, directed by Mrs. L. E. Ballard
- Appointment of committees
- Report of First Vice President, Mrs. J. C. Griffin.
- Talk: Stewardship of Life: Mrs. S. A. Smith
- Greetings from ministers
- 11:00—Special Music, Directed by Mrs. L. E. Ballard
- Report of Fourth Vice Pres., Mrs. I. W. Swindell
- 11:20—Congregational singing, prayer, offering for orphanage.
- 11:30—"The First Woman's Auxiliary"
Historical Playlet presented by St. Mary's Auxiliary.
- 12:00—Intermission for lunch
- 1:15—Devotional, Mrs. Vaughan Hill
- 1:30—Report of Second Vice President, Mrs. Clara Jones
- Report of Third Vice Pres., Mrs. W. H. Marks, Jr.
- 1:45—Secretary's Report, Mrs. Alice Lupton
- Report of Sixth Vice Pres., Mrs. Walter Rhodes
- Treasurer's Report, Mrs. Rom Malard
- 2:00—An open Forum: led by Mrs. L. E. Ballard
- Special Music
- Report of Committee
- Miscellaneous
- Reading minutes for approval
- 3:00—Closing

Program

for the

CENTRAL AUXILIARY CONVENTION
to convene with

MARLBORO CHURCH

Wednesday, September 27, 1950

Theme: "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."—I Cor. 10:31

- 10:00—Registration
- Devotions, Mrs. Thomas Tyndall
- Greetings, Mrs. Alice Parker
- Response, Mrs. R. B. Crawford
- Visiting ministers and delegates recognized
- President's Remarks
- 10:30—First Vice-President's Report
- Special Music, Mr. George Harrison
- Fifth Vice-President's Report
- 11:00—Orphanage, Mr. Walter McD. Croom
- 11:15—Congregational singing
- 11:30—Convention Message, Mrs. Ethel Whaley
- Appointment of Committees
- 12:00—Lunch
- 1:00—Devotions, Mrs. Hubert Dickens
- 1:15—Cragmont, Mrs. Gertrude Ballard
- Report of Second Vice-President
- Report of Third Vice-President

- 1:30—Report of Delegates to other Conventions
- Special Music, Mrs. Guy Corbett
- Report of Fourth Vice-President
- Report of Sixth Vice-President
- Report of Field Worker
- 2:00—Business Period
- Reading of Minutes
- Report of Committees
- Report of Treasurer
- Appointment of Delegates to other Conventions
- Pianist, Mrs. Carl Barrow
- Choirist, Rev. R. B. Crawford
- Mrs. Paul Thigpen, Pres.
- Mrs. Marvin Moore, Sec.

Attention Auxiliary Workers

An Easy Way to Add Money to Your Treasury

We are in position now to supply you with Scripture Text Christmas Cards that you may re-sell and make a profit for your Auxiliary. We have on hand 500 boxes of cards that we can sell to you for 50 cents per box, and that you can retail for \$1.00 per box. These boxes contain 21 Scripture Text folders with envelopes.

Get your supply early, while they are on sale, as we are not sure we can replace these at that price. 10 boxes or more for 50 cents each.

Send all orders to Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C.

THE LEAGUER

I am sure that you are interested in knowing more about our publication, **The Leaguer**. I am happy to report to you that subscriptions are pouring in, even before the announcement is circulated in the Baptist. It was my privilege to be guest speaker in the Fairmount Park Church in Norfolk, Va., August 27, and told them about our paper. Before I left twenty-three subscriptions had already been turned in. The churches are beginning to send in their subscriptions for the CHARTER MEMBERSHIP honors. These have responded thus far: Fairmount Park, Norfolk; Calvary, Durham; Dawson Grove, Scotland Neck; Rose of Sharron, Williamston. I also have the assurance that others will be forth coming. I want you to take the matter up with your church immediately and send in at least ten subscriptions at \$1.00 each and get your name on our Honor Roll. Churches out of the state of North Carolina are graciously invited to participate with us in this great drive for subscriptions.

I must tell you of the change we have already made in our first issue. Instead of having just four pages we will have eight and with an art picture on the front page. Our first issue is scheduled to be off the press on or near September 20th. If you want to get your subscriptions in by that time get busy and send us all you can at \$1.00 each. The number you may send is unlimited, but there must be at least ten to get in on the Honor Roll.

From now on, unless we notify you of a change in schedule, our press dead line will be on the 10th of each month. It may be necessary to move this up just a few days ahead, but we will try to hold to this until you are notified. Send articles prepared by our own people. Elect or appoint a reporter in your church and have them forward all items for publication to The Leaguer, P. O. Box 1265, Durham, N. C., not later than the 4th of each month. This will give me time to prepare the copy for the press.

Rev. R. P. Harris, Acting Editor

F. W. B. Orphanage Concert Class Hinerary

Western Conference

Miss Bonnie Farmer, Manager

(All services at 7:30 p. m. unless otherwise noted)

- Saturday, September 16—Pleasant Hill
- Sunday, September 17—Piney Grove, Johnston County
- Wednesday, September 20—Friendship
- Friday, September 22—St. Marys
- Saturday, September 23—Marsh Swamp
- Sunday, September 24—Mt. Zion, Wilson County
- Wednesday, September 27—Milbourmie
- Friday, Sept. 29—Kings Chapel
- Saturday, Sept. 30—W. Hillsboro
- Sunday, Oct. 1—Calvary (11:00 a. m.)
- Sunday, Oct. 1—Edgemont
- Wednesday, Oct. 4—Rock Springs
- Friday, Oct. 6—Oak Grove, Durham Co.
- Saturday, Oct. 7—East Durham
- Sunday, Oct. 8—Union Grove, Durham Co.
- Wednesday, Oct. 11—New Sandy Hill
- Friday, Oct. 13—Sherron Acres
- Saturday, Oct. 14—Sandy Grove
- Sunday, Oct. 15—Tippetts Chapel
- Wednesday, Oct. 18—Floods Chapel
- Friday, Oct. 20—Sts. Delight
- Saturday, Oct. 21—Mt. Zion, Nash County
- Sunday, Oct. 22—Free Union, Nash Co.
- Wednesday, Oct. 25—White Oak Hill
- Friday, Oct. 27—Union Chapel
- Saturday, Oct. 28—Rose Bud
- Sunday, Oct. 29—Oak Grove, Wilson Co.

Walter McD. Croom, Supt.

You can not build real character with faulty materials.



PAUL, WORLD EVANGELIST

(Lesson for September 24)

Lesson: Acts 26:1-29.

Golden Text: 1 Corinthians 2:2.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

We deem it fitting to state briefly that Paul made five defenses of his life and Christian faith before the time when he was taken to Rome. His first defense was to the mob in Jerusalem at the time he was rescued by the captain (Acts 21:33-40; 22:1-6). Paul's second opportunity of defense was before the Jewish Sanhedrin (Acts 23:1-6). Paul was at Caesarea Philippi when he made his three succeeding defenses: one before Felix (Acts 24:10-21); another later before Festus (Acts 25:10:11); and the last defense was before King Agrippa (Acts 26:1-29) which was the most extended of the five he made while in Palestine.—Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.)

1. Obedience to the Heavenly vision will stop one from doing anything contrary to the Name of Jesus of Nazareth (Acts 26:9).

2. Obedience to the Heavenly vision will keep one from doing injustice to the servants of the Lord (vs. 10).

3. Obedience to the Heavenly vision will not seek to cause anyone to take a stand against the Lord Jesus Christ (vs. 11).

4. Obedience to the Heavenly vision supersedes the authority of any other power (vs. 12).

5. The light from Heaven surpasses any other light and penetrates the deepest spiritual darkness (vs. 13).

6. The light from Heaven reveals to us the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (vs. 15).

8. The light from Heaven brings the call of God to service for Him among men (vs. 16).

9. The light from Heaven brings the assurance of God's care and protection in His service (vs. 17).

10. The light from Heaven reveals the purpose of God through our obedience to His call (vs. 18).

11. Paul's sincerity of purpose is worthy of notice. His error lay in the fact that he **verily thought within himself**, and refused to let God direct him in his thoughts. It is possible for one to have conscientious motives, and yet be grievously wrong. One might be blinded by selfishness or prejudice, and at the same time have great zeal for a cause without sufficient knowledge and understanding to act wisely in the matter. It was so with Paul while he was Saul the persecutor.—Senior Quarterly (F.W.B.)

12. How wonderful that Saul could say to King Agrippa, "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision" (v. 19). In obedience to the call and commission of Christ, Paul had gone throughout Jerusalem and Judea and to all the Gentiles with the message that they should repent, be converted, do works worthy of repentance (v. 20). Paul's was a full message. He undoubtedly made clear to those to whom he ministered that genuine faith involved a life which honors God.—Moody Monthly

13. We can hardly realize how much time and energy this great Apostle gave to prayer. In a number of his Epistles he states that he is always praying for the churches (Rom. 1:9; Col. 1:9; Eph. 1:16; I Thess. 1:2; II Thess. 1:11), and also for those who were his associates in the work (II Tim. 1:3). No doubt when he spoke of his daily "care of all the churches" (II Cor. 11:28) he also included prayer. But he also offered up intercessory prayer in another direction. He never forgot that he was an Israelite, the race from which the Saviour came, and with all his heart he prayed to God for the salvation of Israel (Rom. 9:1-5; 10:1).—Selected

II. The Lesson Illustrated

How About Paul?

Some years ago in the Northwestern University, near Chicago, a rescue crew was organized. Their purpose was the rescue of the drowning on the lake. One day the news came that a magnificent vessel was wrecked just off shore. The young men hurried at once to the scene of the disaster, and plunged into the angry waters to rescue those who were going down. Soon they all returned, but one. Finally he came in bringing one man with him. Immediately he returned, and soon brought another, and then another, and so on until he had rescued ten. During this time his mates had built a fire and were warming themselves, all the time trying to persuade the young hero against his conviction of duty. By the time he had brought the tenth man he was completely exhausted, and had to rest for a while. Regaining sufficient strength, he again plunged into the water and brought another man. Now he was completely overcome. During the night he died from exposure. It was a sad scene. While friends stood around weeping, and his fellow students were regretting that they had not forced him to do as they had, he called one of them to his bedside, and said in a low subdued tone, just before he died:

"Did I do my best?"

Instantly his friend said: "Yes, I should think you did do your best. You saved eleven, but you have lost your life."

"But," said he, "did I do my best, my dead level best?"

"Yes, you did your dead level best."

Then a smile seemed to come over his face as if to say: "Then I am satisfied to die."

Oh, my friends, this will be somewhat of our experience when we are in the presence of God in eternity! "Did I do my best, my dead level best?"—L. G. Broughton.

Great talkers are often little doers.

Third Union Report, Eastern Conference

The third union of the Eastern Conference of North Carolina met with North East Church on July 29, 1950. It was opened at ten o'clock with the devotions which were conducted by Ralph Summers, and prayer was offered by Rev. A. L. Reynolds. The temporary committees were appointed and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The list of ministers was called with 11 present. Rev. M. E. Godwin of the Cape Fear Conference was with us. Rev. C. L. Patrick of the Central Conference was also with us. The list of churches was called with only two churches not representing. The union sermon was preached by Rev. A. L. Reynolds. He took as his text Phil. 2:5, and his subject was, "Let This Mind be in You Even as It Was in Christ Jesus." At the close of the sermon the union was dismissed for the lunch hour.

After enjoying a fine lunch, we re-assembled in the church for the afternoon session. The reports of the various boards were read and adopted. It was moved that the Finance Committee retire and settle with the treasurer, and the the treasurer make his report. This motion was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Brought forward from last union was \$2.03. Received today, \$224.50, making a total of \$226.53.

The petitions were taken up for the next union, and by vote it was agreed that the union will meet the next time with Beulaville F. W. B. Church on October 28, 1950. Rev. Alton Hill, Jr., will preach the union sermon, and Rev. A. L. Reynolds his alternate.

A motion was made that the chair appoint a Planning Committee for the district assembly grounds. Rev. Lloyd Vernon, Fountain Taylor, and N. L. Tadlock were appointed. A motion was made and carried that the church that invites the union, if they have the oldest right, gets it. It was moved and carried that we extend a rising vote of thanks to this church for

their kindness shown this session of the union meeting. It was moved and carried that Rev. Alton Hill preach tomorrow. A motion was made that an offering for Brother H. Pipkin, and for Brother Robert Kennedy, and that it be divided equally between them. There was raised \$52.00.

By motion the union adjourned.

Rev. J. R. Davenport, Mod.
Lemmie Taylor, Clerk

SECOND UNION DISTRICT OF CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Our Union met at Marlboro Church fifth Saturday in July. Rev. C. J. Harris, the moderator, was present to preside over the meeting. Brother Cicero Smith was present to give the opening devotions. Brother Leroy Forlines led in prayer and continued the program speaking on the subject, "Who Is a Missionary." He explained that a missionary is one who is sent by God to carry God's message to those who know not Christ."

Ten of our ministers were present. We had six visiting ministers. They were M. L. Tyndall, Allen Bryan, D. W. Hansley, L. B. Manning, James Evans, and J. T. Forrest.

Sister Marvin James told "Who Are Our Missionaries." She named nine and told where they are today.

Rev. James Evans spoke about "The Revival of Missions Among the F. W. B."

Preceding the Union sermon Brother Leroy Forlines led in congregational singing. Rev. W. B. Nobles preached the sermon using as his topic, "Love, Our Motive of Missions."

That concluded our morning session so Rev. D. W. Hansley dismissed us and we went out to enjoy the nice lunch prepared for us.

Rev. M. L. Tyndall opened the afternoon session. After his devotions we had special music. Miss Leah McGlohon and Brother Leroy sang, "Nailed to the Cross." Miss McGlohon and Mrs. Guy Corbett sang "Whispering Hope."

Miss McGlohon took another part on the program, speaking about "The Local Church in Redemptive Program of Missions."

During a brief business period we voted to go to King's Cross Roads church for the next union. We extended Marlboro church a rising vote of thanks for their kind hospitality shown the union.

Rev. J. T. Forrest spoke on "The Divine Message and Mission of Christ." Rev. M. A. Woodard told "What This Union Can Do for the Continuing Work of Missions."

We have a new rule as to when we will elect our officers. It was moved that we elect them at the last union in the calendar year.

The treasurer's report was as follows:

Balance brought forward	-----\$	3.34
Collection for Orphanage	-----	29.54
For Union	-----	94.00
Needy Ministers	-----	71.00
Total received	-----	\$197.88
Paid Out:		
To Clerk	-----	\$ 10.00
To Needy Ministers	-----	71.00
To Orphanage (collection)	-----	29.54
To Orphanage (appropriation)	-----	33.60
To Cragmont Assembly	-----	8.40
To Christian Education	-----	8.40
To Missions (Foreign and Home)	-----	8.40
To Superannuation	-----	8.40
To Church Finance Assn. Inc.	-----	8.40
To State Promotional Work	-----	8.40
Total paid out	-----	\$194.54
Balance on hand	-----	\$ 3.34

Rev. James Evans dismissed us.

Rev. C. J. Harris, Mod.
Mrs. Guy Corbett, Clerk

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SUPERANNUATION BOARD OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1949-1950

Balance brought forward July 1, 1949, \$6,089.41.

Receipts	
Alabama	----- 39.15
Georgia	----- 116.87
Michigan	----- 53.28
North Carolina	----- 968.01
Missouri	----- 14.35
W. N. A. C.	----- 93.18
Tennessee	----- 22.61
Premiums and Applications	----- 644.53
Unified Program	----- 136.03
Refund M. L. C. U.	----- 1.10

Total ----- \$2,089.11
Total Receipts plus balance -- \$8,178.52

Disbursements	
Ministers Life and Casualty Union for premiums and applications	1,313.52
Office expense	5.00
Secretarial service	120.00
Promotional work of Nat. Assn.	380.50
Refund to Daniel Cronk on rejected application	16.00
Traveling exp. of board members	127.00
Traveling expense of two board members to National Assn.	200.00

Total ----- \$2,162.02
Balance on hand June 30, 1950 -- \$6,016.50

J. O. Fort, Treasurer

John Henry Jowett tells of a camp meeting at which he was to speak. "At the beginning of the service," he writes, "prayer was offered for me. It opened with this inspired supplication: 'O Lord, we thank Thee for our brother. Now blot him out.'"

West Fork Association, Tex. Program

The F. W. B. West Fork Association of the State of Texas convened with the Pleasant Mound church near Buffalo Springs, Texas, on August 25 through 31.

The officers for the coming year include Rev. Tiff Covington, pastor of the First F. W. B. Church of Bowie, as moderator; C. J. Hearron, pastor of the Gartman's View Church near Comanche, assistant moderator; Mrs. A. F. Ferguson Weatherford as clerk; and A. J. Fielding, pastor of Bonnie View Church, Dallas, as treasurer.

A Home Mission Board, composed of three ministers and four laymen, was named to raise funds for the purpose of starting more Free Will Baptist churches within the bounds of the West Fork Association. This board was granted the authority to appoint a missionary, when sufficient funds have been raised, to work under the supervision of the Board. Rev. M. L. Sutton, Route 3, Box 48, Arlington, Texas, was elected chairman of the Board, and C. J. Hearron, 1114 Lewis Bellemead, Texas, was elected secretary-treasurer. The Board asks each church in the association to contribute \$25 per member per month to promote the cause of Home Missions. Fifty dollars was received at the association from those attending.

A committee of two members was appointed to work with the young director to formulate plans for a Youth Camp for the association. These plans are to be presented at the next session. Rev. W. H. Richards and Norman Ferguson were appointed to work with Mrs. Marie Bassham toward this goal.

Sincerely,
C. J. Hearron

Superannuation Report

The following is the report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the N. C. State Convention of Free Will Baptist for August, 1950

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand August 1, 1950	.....\$556.54
Regular receipts for August	.....\$183.66
For "N. C. only"	.....\$ 2.00
Interest income from "Best Memorial Fund"	.....\$194.09
Interest income from Reserve Fund	.....\$ 24.71
Total to account for	.....\$961.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid to Superannuated Ministers	.....\$252.50
Operating expense	.....\$ 27.50
Paid to National Board	.....\$ 39.03
Transferred to Reserve Fund	.....\$218.80

Total disbursements	.....\$537.83
Balance Sept. 1, 1950	.....\$423.17

RECEIPTS ITEMIZED

Carteret Co. Union Meeting	..... 10.00
Pleasant Hill Int. League	..... .50

Free Union Leagues	..... 4.00
St. Delight S. S.	..... 2.00
2nd. Central S. S. Conv.	..... 5.00
Albemarle Union Meeting	..... 20.25
2nd Central Union Meeting	..... 8.40
4th Central Aux Conv.	..... 5.00
Friendship (Johnston Co.)	..... 1.00
2nd Central League Conv.	..... 1.70
Marlboro S. S.	..... 14.61
Davis	..... 5.00
Black Jack S. S.	..... 2.00
5th Eastern S. S. Conv.	..... 10.00
5th Eastern Union Meeting	..... 15.00
1st Western Union Meeting	..... 10.00
Greenville	..... 15.44
Rose Hill S. S.	..... 2.50
Core Creek S. S.	..... 11.01
N. C. State League Conv.	..... 1.50
N. C. State Aux. Conv.	..... 17.00
4th Central Union Meeting	..... 23.75
Interest Income	..... 218.80

M. L. Johnson, Chairman-Treasurer

A Prayer

Dear Lord, I pray for guidance,
Lest I should go astray;
When the way's dark and dreary,
Lead me aright, I pray.

Here in this world about me,
Are clouds of doubt and grief;
I need your presence always,
For life is incomplete.

I know that Thou didst suffer,
Whil hanging on the cross;
That all men through you might live,
And not a soul be lost.

So, when I seek Thee earnestly,
To guide me all the way;
I know that you'll be with me,
You paid the price that day.

—Beatrice Walker Wallace

MAURY TO HOLD REVIVAL MEETING

The Maury F. W. B. Church, Maury, North Carolina, will hold their revival meeting, beginning on Sunday night, September 24, and continuing through Sunday night, October the first. Dr. William H. Carter of Goldsboro, North Carolina, is the evangelist. Dr. Carter is a well known minister of this section of the State, and is recognized as an excellent speaker.

Reverend M. L. Tyndall of Kinston is the pastor of the church. The public is cordially invited to attend these services during the revival period. Much interest is expected to be shown in this meeting. Please pray for the success of the meeting, and for the evangelist who will do the preaching.

By the reporter

You can not be wholly successful by half-hearted efforts.

BUTTON UP YOUR LIPS

If you heard a bit of gossip
Whether false, or whether true,
Pe it of a friend, or stranger,
Let me tell you what to do.
Let me tell you what to do.
Button up your lip securely;
Lest the tale you should repeat
Bring sorrow unto some one
Whose life now is none too sweet.

If you see a careless action
That would bring its author woe,
If it were construed unkindly,
Let me tell you what to do.
Button up your lip securely;
'Tis far better to keep silent
Than to cause a tear or sigh.

If you know of one who yielded
To temptation long ago,
But whose life has since been blameless
Let me tell you what to do.
Button up your lips securely,
His the secret, God alone
Has the right to sit in judgment,
Treat it as to you unknown.

Sometimes life is filled with troubles
Oft its burdens are severe,
Do not make it any harder
By a careless word or sneer,
Button up your lips securely,
'Gainst the words that bring a tear
But be swift with words of comfort,
Words of praise and words of cheer.
—Unknown.

A PARENT'S PRAYER

Thou who a tender parent art
Pegard a parent's plea;
My offspring, with an anxious heart,
I now commend to Thee.

My children are my greatest care,
A charge which Thou hast given;
May charge their every heart prepare
To seek the joys of heaven.

If a centurian could succeed
Who for his servant cried,
Wilt Thou refuse to hear me plead
For those so near allied?

Almighty Father, God of grace,
Be to my children kind;
Among Thy saints give them a place
And leave not one behind.
—George Whitefield

WORTH REPEATING

Science says man can live forever.
Philosophy says man wants to live forever.
Ethics says man ought to live forever.
Christianity says man will live forever.

Lessons learned in hard times are forgotten in good times.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

Brother C. H. Baggat Passes

On July the 16, 1950, Brother C. H. Baggat laid down his life in a good old age, and went home to be with his fore fathers. He was born on August the 31, 1871, and surrendered to the righteous life of Jesus and joined Liberty F. W. B. Church when he was about twelve years old. He remained with the same church all his life, a loyal member and devout Christian. Bro. Baggat served as Deacon of his church the major part of his life. It was his delight to talk and pray with the sick and suffering of the church and vicinity. As his former pastor, the writer never was embarrassed to go to him for advice and counsel.

Brother Baggat leaves a devoted wife, two sons and three daughters, and a host of grand and great grand-children to mourn, not over his future life, but his absence from them.

E. P. Kirby

Pleasant Hill Holds Yearly Meeting

Pleasant Hill Church, Wayne County, recently held its yearly meeting with 67% of its members present. The pastor, Rev. G. C. Joyner, acted as moderator.

The activities of the church during the past year were reviewed and plans were made for the coming year. Rev. G. C. Joyner was called back as pastor. The church budget was increased, a treasurer report was given, showing all indebtedness paid.

Plans have been made for purchasing new Hymn Books, and a table for the church and a Sunday School Bus.

The annual Home-Coming will be held at the Church the Third Sunday in October.

The First Union Meeting of the Western Association will convene with the church in October.

Mrs. Clarence Bunn

Revival at Pleasant Hill

A series of revival meetings will begin at Pleasant Hill Church, Wayne County, on the third Sunday in September at 8:00 o'clock, September 17.

The evangelist will be the Rev. Gideon Stevens of Erwin. The pastor, Rev. G. C. Joyner will conduct the singing.

Everyone is invited.

Mrs. Clarence Bunn

PROGRAM

of the
Sixth Annual Session
of the
Albemarle Conference of
North Carolina
to convene with
Malachi's Chapel Church
near
Columbia, N. C.
October 4-5, 1950

Rev. J. Albert Harris, Music Director

Wednesday Morning

- 9:30—Worship service under the direction of Rev. J. W. Alford
- 9:45—Welcome address, Mr. D. K. Sawyer
—Response, Mr. Oscar Webster
- 10:00—Moderator's address, Rev. A. L. Reynolds
- 10:10—Organizing the conference
—Recognition of visitors and seating of delegates and preachers
—Roll call of churches
—Roll call of preachers
- 11:20—Special music and congregational singing
- 11:30—Introductory message by Rev. R. P. Harris
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Worship services under the direction of Rev. J. A. Alexander
- 1:15—Business session
—Appointment of committees
—Reports
—Special messages, etc.
- 2:30—Call off until tonight

Evening Session

- 7:30—Opening worship services under the direction of the young people of the local church
- 8:00—Evangelistic services. Speaker to be supplied

Thursday Morning

- 9:30—Worship services under the direction of Rev. L. A. Ambrose
- 9:45—Business session
- 10:30—Orphanage report
—Missionary report
—Sunday School report
—League report
- 11:20—Special music and congregational singing
- 11:30—Conference sermon by Rev. J. W. Alford
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Worship services under the direction of Rev. M. C. Roscholer
- 1:15—Final business session
—Reports
—Election of officers for next two years
- 2:30—Adjourn

PROGRAM

of the
81st Annual Session
of the
Pee Dee Association
of the
Original Free Will Baptists
to convene with
Cypress Creek Church
October 12-14, 1950

Thursday Night Service

- 8:15—Introductory Sermon, Rev. A. L. Duncan

Friday Morning

- 9:30—Devotion, Rev. L. M. Word
—Welcome address, Rev. W. L. Jernigan
—Response, J. W. Bowen
—Moderator's address, Rev. Noah Duncan
—Recognition of visitors
—Petitionary letters
—Receiving new members
—Appointment of committees
—Thirty minute recess
—Special music by church
- 11:00—Service open, Rev. I. J. Green
—Sermon, Rev. C. B. Hansley
- 12:00—Lunch

Friday Afternoon Session

- 1:30—Devotion, Rev. W. L. Jernigan
—Memorial service, Rev. Noah Duncan
—Church enrollment
—Business
—Adjournment

Friday Night Service

- 8:15—Open, Rev. Z. D. Cains
—Sermon, Rev. T. C. Cribb

Saturday Morning Service

- 9:30—Devotion, David Hester
—Invitation to visiting Brethren
—Report of auxiliary work
—Business
—Recess

11:00—Preaching Service

- Open, Rev. W. L. Jernigan
—Sermon, Rev. Wade Jernigan
- 12:00—Lunch

Saturday Afternoon Session

- 1:30—Devotion, Willie Jones
—Orphanage report and offering
—Business session
—Report of committee
—Business vote of thanks to church
—Adjournment

Saturday Night Service

- 8:15—Open, Rev. Carey Cheshire
—Sermon, Rev. Edgar Fowler

Sunday Morning Service

- 10:00—Sunday School
- 10:00—Sermon, Rev. W. R. Millard
- Committee:
Fred McPherson
L. M. Word
J. W. Bowen

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

MARY'S LITTLE LAMB

"Mary had a little lamb" when she lived in the mountains, and a big dog, too. The lamb was called "Toodles" and the dog "Big Oodles." She loved them very much and had happy times with them.

Early one morning a terrible thing happened. Toodles found a hole in the fence, crawled through it, and ran away. Big Oodles was watching an eagle that was flying near. When the eagle swooped down, Big Oodles saw the lamb. Barking loudly he jumped over the gate, only to see the eagle pick up Toodles and fly away. At once the big dog started up the mountain to the rescue. He knew where the eagle lived.

The climb was steep and dangerous. The dog's fur coat and feet were torn by thorns and sharp rocks. Once a snake hissed at him, then a lion roared, but he kept on. Running, jumping, walking carefully, he finally arrived at the nest. The eagle saw him and started toward him, but Big Oodles barked and barked. This scared the eagle away, and the big dog stretched over the ledge, picked up the trembling little lamb in his mouth, and started back down the mountain to safety. It was a long trip.

Meanwhile the family awoke, and Mary soon saw that her pets were gone! They searched everywhere. Everybody was puzzled and Mary was in tears. She couldn't even eat, until Daddy said, "I'm sure that Big Oodles is with Toodles and will bring her back, Mary. Dry your tears, dear, and get ready for Bible Club. It is Saturday, you know."

At club the teacher said, "Our verse today is Isaiah 53:6. 'All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way.'" Mary interrupted, "My little lamb is l-l-lost." The children knew Toodles. They felt sorry for Mary. The teacher said, "We'll ask the Lord Jesus to bring back your lamb, Mary." "Yes," sobbed Mary. The teacher prayed and asked the Lord to help the big dog find the little lamb.

Then the teacher put up a lovely picture of a steep mountainside, with the little lamb hanging in a thorn bush over the cliff and a great eagle in the sky. She held her hand over part of the picture. She said, "You are like this little sheep, children. He was foolish. He went his own way. We do that, too, don't we, children? The verse Isaiah 53:6 says so. The Bible tells us, 'Children, obey your parents,' but we disobey them. We go our own way and get into trouble. We have an enemy, too," and he pointed to the big eagle. Our enemy is Satan. He wants children to come his way.

But we have a Saviour, the Lord Jesus (she lifted her hand). Just as this shepherd is stretched out over the cliff to reach

down to save the sheep, so the Lord Jesus came to die on the cross to save us. The sheep should die because he ran away, but the shepherd loves him and risks his life to save him. The Lord Jesus loves us and died that He might save us. 'The Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.'

"What would you think if the sheep would say, 'I like these thorns. It's fun here! I want the eagle to get me and eat me!'

Wouldn't that be foolish?" Mary's eyes again filled with tears. She cried out: "I-I-I know my lamb wants to be saved AND I WANT JESUS TO SAVE ME, TOO!" Teacher let Mary read Romans 10: 13—"Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Mary's heart was filled with joy. When she came home, she saw big Oodles coming down the mountain carrying Toodles in his mouth! Saved! How happy and thankful she was.

You are lost and need a Saviour. God tells us so in His Word. Jesus is willing and able to save you today if you will trust Him.

—Mrs. James Ver Lee—Sel.

Youth's Banner

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★ To Free Will Baptist Leagues

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"It's safer flying high," declared the pilot;
We climbed another thousand feet or so;
"The higher up we are the better landing,
Emergency airports ahead, below."

"It's safer flying high"—sometimes it echoes
When conscience indicates the need of care,
When tempted to some base of fleshly interest,
And sin presents itself in colors fair.

The sky way is the highway for the victor,
For those who wish to live among the few,
So evident in life as in air travel—
The farther from the earth, the fuller view.

The hills of difficulty are no longer,
The mountains of despair are ironed smooth;
When high and looking down upon your problems,
The deep and darker valley seems a groove.

No fogs will blur the lines of demarkation,
And make the black of wrong a blended gray.
When you are living in the open sunshine,
Where altitude will brighten all your way.

"It's safer flying high," says the apostle,
The world beneath, and God's own blue above;
Remember Christ is seated in the heavens,
And you are with Him there—climax of love!

How worthless then the world, how dull its glory,
When you live high, and far enough away
To get a sense of values, wise and proper;
Then why not live your altitude today?

—Will H. Houghton

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To Free Will Baptists Everywhere

Introduction

Free Will Baptists are a people of different opinions and customs but they are a people who love God and will reflect the very image of Christ under the right leadership and tolerance.

We have the woman preacher and the anti-woman preacher.

We have the tobacco crowd and the anti-tobacco crowd.

We have the feet-washers and the non-feetwashers.

We have the progressive and non-progressive.

We have the educated and the uneducated.

We have the mission minded and the non-mission minded.

We have the post, the pre, and non-millennialists.

We have the high emotional and the cold and formal.

We have the tithers and the non-tithers.

We have a past record, a present challenge, and a future possibility.

We are on the Rock. We are not on the sand.

We are on the One Foundation, but we need to take heed how we build thereon. From the extremes let us find the medium and "attempt great things for God," and "expect great things from God," praying, asking in faith, nothing wavering.

The Medium Is "World Evangelism"

One of the best and quickest ways to stop any kind of trouble, or erase any doubt or suspicion, that may arise in a church, is for that church to get souls saved. Sinners coming to Christ in a church, will stop wagging tongues of gossip, it will break up the fellow ground in hearts, it will solve the problem of finance and will gain for that church the confidence and respect of any community.

Free Will Baptists everywhere believe this. The only reason for a church to exist is that we might lead the lost to Christ. Men everywhere are lost, thus we must either go everywhere in person or by proxy in

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Chairman of the Foreign Mission
Board of the National Association
of Free Will Baptists
206 California Street
Highland Park 3, Michigan

order that lost men may be saved. It is high time that Free Will Baptists everywhere stop "dickering" about our own "fancies" and take our eyes off "personalities," crucify our own "whims," and see only a lost world and the Lord Jesus Christ as the only Savior (Acts 4:12).

It matters little whether or not we shall spend a thousand years with Christ here on the earth, or in the air, or whatever it may be, the thing to be concerned about is that we shall be with Him, and "we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as he is." It matters little, through whom we channel our services in carrying out this program of world evangelism, but it matters much if we fall short of our task.

Proof that some of us here at home have failed in some way is revealed in the following letter recently received from our Mission Director in Cuba: We believe that Free Will Baptists everywhere should know these facts. Please read the letter prayerfully, and then may we all ask ourselves the question, "Where have I failed?"

September 3, 1950

Rev. Raymond Riggs
206 California
Highland Park 3, Mich.

Dear Brother Riggs:

Greetings. We are rather up-to-date on discouragements—long ago we learned to take them in our stride.

We had planned to begin school September 18—the students coming in on the 11th to get the buildings in order, but under the circumstances the best thing we can do is to suspend school for five months.

At the present the check is a month and fifteen days behind and

we are running on one month's credit with our merchants. Our name for being prompt in business is of great value to us in Pinar and we want to maintain that reputation. I think this would be a shock to our people here in Cuba as well as in the States.

Our expenses for this coming year naturally will be much higher. We have placed our four graduates in full-time service and with pay corresponding. We are expecting seven new students and have refused as many or more. We are just taking men. In order to prepare those we could not accept, we are arranging a correspondence course. Hence if we start on time it will depend on the finances being sent to us in time. I would like to know your reaction to this proposal: To suspend the opening of school for five months.

Bob and Jerry Wilfong have a baby girl, born August 18. This means additional financial support for them—the hospital alone was over \$300.00. They are desperately in need of a house. Where they are living can only be called a hut; I had thought of asking for additional funds to build them a small cottage.

Benito married one of our graduates last month—this means additional financial step up due to an increase in his salary. We managed to repair the old dormitory for them. Mario, one of our graduates, who taught last year, is making plans to marry next summer. He is pastor of San Juan. Victor, another graduate, is begging me to help him get his house ready for his bride—he can't marry till he has a house. Estenio, pastor of Jibicos, who is to graduate this coming year, wants to marry. So on, and on, and on. I am sure the Lord is coming soon. (Not because everybody is getting married.) Then all family troubles, along with divers others, will be at an end. These boys really sacrifice, living alone and cooking for themselves. They really need wives.

We have no desire to take hasty ac-

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NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

THE INSPIRATION OF THE BIBLE

Free Will Baptist BELIEVE in the INSPIRATION of the Bible. We believe that it is "God's revealed word to man." We believe that God said write thus and so and it was written accordingly, as God dictated to the writer. We have a reason for such belief and here it is:

"And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Peter 1:18-21). Thus, since we are fundamentalists, we believe in the whole Bible. Here is another scripture which gives us further evidence as to the inspiration of the Bible:

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Tim. 3:16, 17).

"And thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his mouth; and I will be with thy mouth and with his mouth and will teach you what ye shall do" (Ex. 4:15).

With these scriptures and many others that we might record from the Word of God, why should any one be misled by minds that have been seduced by doctrines of devils? But, in the face of God's Word, some men are led off after such false doctrines as "Christian Science," which is neither Christian nor science, as Russellism, or called of late "Jehovah's Witnesses," Mormonism, or Seventh-Day Judaizers, Modernism and many other "isms" that deny some of the fundamental doctrines of the Bible.

THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

We Free Will Baptists believe that Christ's body was literally resurrected from the grave. The reason that we believe it is based on the God's revealed Word to man. "The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre . . . Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him Rabboni; which

is to say, Master" (John 20:1-16). Get your Bible right now and read verses 2 through 15 and then read on through the whole chapter and see what the inspired John wrote concerning the resurrection of Christ. Notice the 26th verse which reads, "And after eight days again the disciples were within and Thomas with them; then came Jesus and stood in their midst, and said, Peace be unto you." Notice that it says "After eight days" Sunday and Sunday is eight—one Lord's Day and another Lord's Day make EIGHT. This is Christ's Resurrection Day. He arose on the First Day, Eight days from then makes another FIRST day of the week. Pentecost came on the First day of the week. It was a Holy day. Thus the first day of the week became the Christian day of rest and worship. The anti-type is set up in the 23rd chapter of Leviticus. Be sure to read and understand God's inspired Word.

Some of the false prophets believe that the body of Jesus was "stolen while the soldiers slept." Satan wants people to believe that falsehood. But some of the false prophets of later times would have you believe that the body of Christ "Turned to gasses, and escaped the tomb." But one of the latest and most daring false prophets, would have you believe that God took the body off in hiding and it is reserved by God, Thus, "God stole the body of Christ." The Jews said His disciples stole the body, but this false doctrine teaches that "God stole the body." or that is the teaching in substance.

When any one comes to your door with books, and records to play or any literature, regardless as to what class they belong, find out what they believe, as to the "Atoning Blood of Jesus Christ," "His substitutional death," "His sorrowful Soul," "His literal resurrection," and His "Coming again." Then get your Treatise of the faith and Practice of Free Will Baptist and see if their doctrine disagrees with anything that you find in the Treatise. You say, preacher, I don't have a Treatise. Well you can get one from either of our presses for 30 cents. Get it and be prepared for all false doctrines. We believe the whole Bible. Any doctrine that denies any of the fundamental doctrines, and inserts man made theology, and calls it religion, I refuse to tolerate. I refuse to "bid them God's speed."

ANOTHER FALSE DOCTRINE

It is claimed by the Mormons that their prophets can write Scripture as good as that of the Bible. But I don't believe a word of it. Where is the man that God has talked to and told to write? Of old, God said to the writer, "Write, thus saith the Lord." I believe that when the book of Revelation was closed that God had finished writing. John said "these things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may

know that ye have eternal life, and that you may believe on the name of the Son of God" (I John 5:13).

MISSIONARY
CONFERENCE

AT THE

F. W. B. Bible College

3609 Richland Avenue
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

October 3, 4, and 5

EVENING SERVICES HELD

in

EAST NASHVILLE F. W. B. CHURCH
518 Woodland Ave. Nashville, Tennessee

The Foreign Mission Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists is sponsoring a Missionary Conference in Nashville, Tenn., on October 3rd, 4th, and 5th.

Miss Laura Belle Barnard, our missionary on furlough from India, and Rev. Thomas H. Wiley from Cuba will be the principal speakers.

In addition to the hours of inspiration and information, there will be periods for open forum and special clinics to which we urge all State Mission Board members, State Mission Directors, Field Workers, Missionary Candidates and Pastors to attend. We appeal for your presence at this Conference as we analyze our Foreign Mission Program.

One of the highlights of the Missionary Conference will be the showing of the Missionary Film, "Letter to Melittle." This film is produced by Missions Visualized, Inc., an arm of the National Association of Evangelicals, and is a dramatic production of our own Missionary Program in Cuba. The film will be released to be shown in churches for the support of Foreign Missions, after the Missionary Conference.

You can't afford to miss the Missionary Conference. First of its kind in the history of Free Will Baptists.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND

OCTOBER 3, 4, 5, 1950

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Watch the papers for detailed program

REV. RAYMOND RIGGS

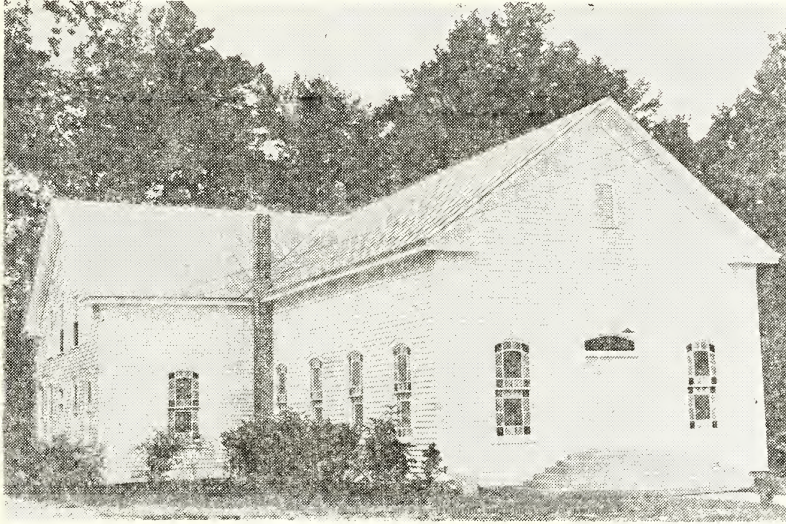
CHAIRMAN

Foreign Mission Board of the National
Association of Free Will BaptistsS. S. Convention to Convene
Happy Home Church, S. C.

The Sunday School Convention of the Central Conference of South Carolina will convene with Happy Home F. W. B. Church on Saturday, October 7, 1950. We wish to urge all churches of this Conference to be represented at Happy Home for the Conference.

MRS. FRANKLYN EADY, Secretary

Shady Grove Celebrates First Centennial



Shady Grove has had an interesting history. The exact date that it was founded is not known, but 1850 has been set as the date of its organization. During the first years, the membership was made up of Free Will Baptist and Christ's Disciples. The believers in these two faiths met and worshipped together in a small log building across the road from the site of the present building. In 1857 a dispute arose between the members of these two doctrines and a separation became necessary.

In 1858, a group of loyal believers in the Free Will Baptist doctrine met and organized again. There were 24 charter members in this new organization, and they chose the following officers:

Deacon—Wiley West

Clerk—Wm. A. Jackson

Elders—John A. Butler and John Raynor

Treasurer—Robert Dawson

When the officers were ordained, the church called Elder Wm. Byrd, who served three years, as its first pastor. Since then the church has had 29 other pastors. 13 of these serving one year only. Elder Lundy Lee served the church for 10 years on 6 separate calls, Elder R. A. John-

son, 9 years on two calls, and Elder W. R. Coats, 8 years on one call.

The church grew and put forth sprouts. Lee's Chapel, Robert's Grove, Oak Grove and St. Paul grew out of Shady Grove membership. In spite of heavy losses to these churches the membership had reached 357 by 1900, and 434 by 1925. (It's present membership is about 313).

As the membership grew, it was necessary to replace the small log structure with a frame building on the same site as that of the present building. This was done in 1865. In 1894, the main body of the present building was erected. Sunday School rooms were added in 1925 and again in 1949.

As the church completes its hundredth year, it has a very progressive Sunday School with an average attendance of 162. Also to help the church push forward there is an active Ladies Aid of 29 members.

Like the lives of people, churches are built on love, sacrifices, offerings, and prayers. Many dollars have gone into the material structure as it now stands, but love, sacrifices, and prayers are the things that have made the church what it is, and have kept it moving forward. These gifts have

not only kept our own church moving forward, but also the educational program of all F. W. Baptist Churches, Missions, the Orphanage, and other church programs have been supported continually through the years.

Rev. L. R. Ennis, present pastor, will deliver the Centennial sermon. Hon. William B. Umstead will deliver the Centennial Address at 2:00 in the afternoon. Special music will be a feature of the celebration. Dinner will be on the grounds. The public is invited to attend this celebration.

COMPETITION—WITH WHAT!

In 1949, according to liquor trade reports, the consumption of alcoholic beverages remained at a very high figure. Nearly \$9,000,000,000 was paid for liquor at the retail figure, which might have gone into the purchase of food, clothing, shelter, equipment, savings, recreation, religious and educational support.

Based on accepted estimates of the number of alcoholics, the loss in time to American industry is more than 75,000,000 days of labor a year that might have been devoted to constructive endeavor, and this would have netted workers a return exceeding \$750,000,000 in that time.—American Business Men's Research Foundation, Chicago, April, 1950.

Revival at Harrel's Chapel

A revival will begin October 8th, at Harrel's Chapel, Greene County, North Carolina. The pastor, Rev. T. P. Ellis, of Fountain, will bring the messages. We're looking forward to a wonderful time in the Lord. We extend a cordial invitation to each and everyone, also we especially invite all groups of singers to come, and render music each evening.

DONNA FAYE GRIFFIN

Pastoral Announcement

This is to announce that I shall be available for pastoral work for the coming year. Any church or churches desiring my services may communicate with me at the following address:

Rev. R. W. Allman,
Kannapolis, North Carolina
Route 5, Box 853
or
Telephone No. 1008-M

REV. DAMON C. DODD TO BE AT NORFOLK

Rev. Damon C. Dodd, our national promotional secretary, will be the speaker in a series of special evangelistic services to be held at the Fairmount Park Free Will Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia, from Sunday, October 15th, through Sunday, October 29th. During the hour from 8 to 9 p. m. on the 4th and 5th Sundays the Rev. Mr. Dodd will be the speaker on the Free Will Baptist Hour program broadcast over Radio Station WHED in Washington. The Fairmount Park Church and the pastor, Rev. W. A. Hales, extend a cordial invitation to Free Will Baptist people of all points within reach of Norfolk to come and hear Mr. Dodd, who is a former missionary to Cuba, and a speaker whose messages ring true to the cause of Christ and will thrill all hearers. People who cannot hear Mr. Dodd at the church are urged to tune in for the broadcasts.

L. E. Ballard

(By request of the church)

Dogology

When your dog loves you because it is dinner time, you are not sure of him; but when somebody else tempts him with a bone and he will not leave you, though just now you struck him, then you feel that he is truly attached to you . . . True affection does not depend upon what is just now receiving.

—C. C. Spurgeon, from the Voice

If you are right with God you can not be wrong with man.

The Free Will Baptist League

NATIONAL BOARD NOTICES
AND CONVENTION NEWS



LEAGUE BRIEFS FROM HERE,
THERE, and EVERYWHERE

Edited By LOY EVERETTE BALLARD

By Way of Introduction

This department has been absent from the Free Will Baptist so long that perhaps a word of introduction is in order. We propose now to present the department regularly, in co-operation with *Youth's Banner*, our young people's paper, as a medium through which leaguers may express themselves, and for the passing on of F. W. B. L. news. The news items coming in through our correspondents will be given in condensed form in this column, and in more detail in *Youth's Banner* from week to week.

An Opportunity for Leaguers

We are seeking a special correspondent on each F. W. B. L. organization over the country to keep us informed of league activities. We believe that our proposition will prove attractive to young people who are willing to co-operate with us. Just take a penny postal, write on it a bit of news about your league, and say "Please tell me about your proposition." Address the card to F. W. B. L. DEPARTMENT, The Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C.

63 New Banner Readers

It was the privilege of the editor of this department and of *Youth's Banner* to attend the North Carolina State Convention during the past week. While the F. W. B. L. work was not given any special emphasis during the meeting, we distributed copies of *Youth's Banner*, and samples of the league quarterlies, and moved quietly among the people, saying a word here and there in behalf of our youth publications. As a result there will be sixty-three new North Carolina readers of *The Banner* be-

ginning with the issue for October 1st. The interest was good, the criticism of a helpful nature, and the encouragements many.

Oklahoma Youth Camp

A report has been received that around 63 young people attended the Youth Camp sponsored by leaguers of the Center Association of Oklahoma during the summer. Evangelistic services conducted in connection with the camp resulted in 29 conversions. Youth evangelists were Gilbert and Rupert Pixley of Arkansas.

Union Instruction Meet

With the editor of league literature as principal speaker, leaguers from New Bern, Oriental and Trent (North Carolina) churches met at Trent on Monday evening, September 11, for a union get-together for instruction in improved methods of league work. An Oriental group, under direction of Mrs. Evelyn Barker, demonstrated most impressively the sword drill, while intermediate leaguers from St. Mary's in New Bern demonstrated features of a Sunday evening league meeting. Rev. W. L. Moretz, pastor of Oriental and Trent churches had arranged the meeting and presided over the affair.

"The Task of the League"

Leaguers everywhere are urged to read "*The Task of the League in Training for True Worship*," which was printed in the August 30 edition of the Free Will Baptist, and will be reprinted by special request in *Youth's Banner* for October 1st. This fine article was written by James Emory Davidson, of Davis, North Carolina, and will prove a source both of inspiration and information to those who read it.

PATIENCE

Patience governs the flesh, strengthens the spirit, sweetens the temper, stifles anger, extinguishes envy, subdues pride. She teaches humility; bridle the tongue; restrains the hand; tramples on temptations; endures persecutions; consummates martyrdom. She comforts the poor; moderates the rich; makes us humble in prosperity; cheerful in adversity; unmoved by calumny and reproach. She teaches us to forgive those who have injured us, and to be first in asking forgiveness of those whom we have injured. She delights the faithful; invites the unbelieving; and is beautiful in every sex and age.—*Bishop Horne*.

IT IS BETTER

To frown on a lie than to tell a half-truth.

To speak the truth than to repent of a lie.

To build up a character than to tear it down.

To please the good than to please the wicked.

To do one deed of kindness than a dozen selfish deeds.

To reprove a transgressor than to try to prove him innocent.

To offend a guilty conscience than to defend a guilty person.

To help people find the right way than to turn them into the wrong way.—*S. S. Herald*.

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

THE NEED OF MISSION FUNDS

Our attention is called again, through the columns of the Baptist paper, to the need of the support of the cause of missions in our denomination. Reverends Raymond Riggs and Winford Davis, members of the Foreign Mission Board of the National Association, are laying before the readers of the Free Will Baptist paper in this issue the critical situation of the finances for the mission cause. In Cuba, it is thought that the school will have to defer its opening some months due to the fact that insufficient funds make it necessary to delay the opening of school. This situation is too bad for those students who are very desirous of being in school this fall. Unless the church people get busy and raise sufficient funds for this great need, Brother Thomas Willey will have to notify the students to stay out of school, at least for a while.

At this season of the year, when most churches are able to raise larger funds for different purposes, it should not be hard to send to the National Foreign Missions treasurer large offerings to take care of this urgent need at this time. Certainly, the people at home cannot afford to be indifferent, and withhold their offerings when so great a work as the school in Cuba should be running on regular schedule during the fall and winter months. It behooves, therefore, every church to get busy and send right away an offering to Winford Davis, the treasurer of the Mission Board, so that he will be able to take care of this emergency in Cuba.

SHADY GROVE TO CELEBRATE CENTENNIAL

Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church of the Original Free Will Baptist denomination in Sampson County, North Carolina, will observe its first centennial celebration on the fourth Sunday in September. The picture

of the church and an historical sketch will be found in this issue of the paper.

Reverend L. R. Ennis, a native of Sompson County, is pastor of the church, and will be the program director for the day. Great care has been taken, by the way of announcement of this occasion, and also for the entertainment of the visitors and friends who are expected to be present for this celebration.

The Honorable William B. Umstead, of Durham, N. C., will be the principal speaker for the occasion. He will speak in the afternoon, according to schedule. Mr. Umstead is a well-known attorney-at-law in the State, an ex-Congressman, and a prominent citizen of the City of Durham. It is gratifying to learn that he will speak on this occasion to this great throng of church people who will assemble at Shady Grove for the centennial celebration.

A goodly number of Free Will Baptists and others are expected to be present for this occasion from the surrounding churches, as: Oak Grove, Lee's Chapel, Robert's Grove, Corinth, Johnson's Union, Bethel, Powhatan, Smithfield, Selma, Tippet's Chapel, Durham Churches, the Raleigh Church, and others.

N. C. STATE CONVENTION A SUCCESS

The North Carolina State Convention, which convened with Rains' Cross Roads Church, in Johnston Co., on September 13 and 14, was a success in many ways. The attendance was good, the hospitality was not to be exceeded anywhere, and the business transactions of the conference showed marked improvements over previous years.

The messages and the various reports from the different bodies were good and those present were interested to hear them, and to see that progress has been made by our church people of the various churches of the State.

"NO TIME TO THINK OF IT"

A Christian lady, having missed her train one day, went into the waiting room of the railway station. Sitting down, she began to think that perhaps God had allowed her to miss the train for some particular purpose, so she silently asked Him to help her to speak to each person who might come into the room.

The first who entered was a young girl, to whom she spoke of eternal things; but she resented it, and at once walked out. A second one, on the contrary, seemed much interested, and even wept at the thought of her sinful condition; but she had to leave quickly to catch her train.

Presently in walked a tall, business-look-

ing man, and the lady felt a little timid at speaking to him on such a subject.

Sitting down, he cast his eye round the room and remarked that, wherever you go in these days, you see advertisements about insuring your life.

"Yes," replied the lady, "it seems strange, does it not, that people should be so careful about insuring their lives here and yet not trouble about their soul's salvation in the future? The Lord Jesus not only invites sinners to be saved, but says that they will not come unto Him that they might have life."

"Yes, it is," said he; "I once heard a beautiful sermon on the text, 'Ye will not come to Me, that ye might have life' (John 5:40).

"Did you get life through hearing that

"Yes," he replied, "I had life before through faith in Christ, but being a business man in a large way, with many men under me, I scarcely seem to have any time to think much about these things. It is strange that you should have spoken to me about Jesus. I hope it may be the means of recalling my heart to Himself.

What a sad confession! A possession of life in Christ and yet no time to think about it!—*Gospel Stories for the Young.*

Those who are risen with Christ will naturally seek the things that are above. Their heart is there. Their affection is there, centered upon Him. He is their chief attraction. Nothing else attracts.—

Tell me, sir, what you know about God.
—*Helen Keller.*

Middlesex Orphanage

AUGUST RECEIPTS FOR 1950

(NOTE: Receipts have been mailed to each individual auxiliary or person contributing, but totals here are shown for all amounts from each church regardless of organization through which it came for the period covered. Our books and files are open at all times for inspection or checking for any particular receipt.)

GENERAL FUND

<i>Eastern</i>	
Carteret County Union	\$ 41.36
Rooty Branch	18.00
Roe	3.00
Pearsalls Chapel	5.00
Soundview	15.00
Davis	12.50
Wardens Grove	12.00
Morehead City	10.00
Russells Creek	9.40
Sunday School Convention	58.17
Grantsboro	7.65
Mt. Zion, Onslow County	2.25
Ruths Chapel	7.46
Deep Run	20.00
Folkstone	6.32
Sneads Ferry	3.62
Union Chapel	29.26
St. Marys	16.28
Dublin Grove	11.18
St. Johns Chapel	10.00
Kinston	26.10
Wintergreen	2.00
Beulaville	12.92
Total	\$339.47

<i>Central</i>	
Harrells Chapel	\$ 5.00
Sts. Delight	8.00
Rose Hill	28.73
4th Union Auxiliary Convention	54.54
Hull Road	20.00
Ethany	7.26
2nd Union	63.14
Reedy Branch	48.81
2nd Union League Convention	1.70
Pleasant Hill	1.00
Grimley	2.00
Saratoga	5.70
Kings Cross Roads	5.00
Spring Branch	23.00
Greenville	37.53
Aspin Grove	12.00
Winterville	12.50
Gum Swamp	5.43
Marlboro	4.10
Total	\$332.94

<i>Cape Fear</i>	
Stevens Chapel	\$ 5.54
Johnson Union	6.00
Lees Chapel	18.84
Powhatan	5.00
Total	\$ 35.38

<i>Albemarle</i>	
Free Union, Beaufort County	\$ 4.00

<i>Jacks Creek</i>	
Glen Alpine	\$ 14.00

<i>Western</i>	
Orphanage Memorial Chapel	\$ 10.27
Kenly	52.25

Friendship	6.41
Elwood Lane	13.52
St. Marys	84.83
Union Grove	5.53
1st Union	75.00
Stancils Chapel	9.61
Total	\$257.42

<i>French Broad</i>	
Horney Heights	\$ 5.00
Hazelgreen	26.50
Cedar Hill	10.75
Total	\$ 42.25

<i>Pee Dee</i>	
1st Union	\$ 26.80
White Oak	12.65
Total	\$ 39.45

<i>Miscellaneous</i>	
Concert Classes	\$5,812.48
Young People's Friend Subs.	48.50
Farm cash sales	447.50
Coupons	78.13
Refunds	133.74
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wood	5.00
Parents and Relatives	15.00
Mrs. Jim Barnes	5.00
Mrs. Cynthia Buckner	10.00
Miss Polly and Dolly Norris	5.00
Mrs. Richard Marriner	6.00
W. E. Miller	1.00
W. D. Rose	1.50
J. Carl McLamb & Homer Childers	5.00
Mrs. Mattie Barnhill	5.00
Total	\$6,574.85

ALBEMARLE COTTAGE FUND	
Sunday School Convention	\$404.81
Union	88.89
Total	\$493.70

MATTRESS FUND	
Core Creek (Eastern)	\$ 31.46

CLOTHING FUND	
Swannanoa Sunday School (French Broad)	\$ 30.00
Canton Adult Sunday School Class (French Broad)	10.00
Hickory Grove (Rockfish)	10.31
Sandy Plain Auxiliary (Eastern)	30.00
Total	\$ 80.31

COW FUND	
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<i>Western</i>	
Tippetts Chapel	\$ 21.00
Edgemont	20.00
W. Hillsboro	20.00
Union Grove	20.00
Oak Grove	15.00
Kings Chapel	15.00
Calvary	10.00
Sherron Acres	37.28
Total	\$155.28

FUND TO REFURNISH GIRLS BUILDING	
Sts. Delight Aux. (Central)	\$ 25.00

STOVE FUND	
Fairmount Park (Albemarle)	\$ 40.00

MUSIC FUND	
Greenville Auxiliary (Central)	\$ 5.00

Swannanoa S. S. (French Broad)	25.00
Kinston Auxiliary (Eastern)	5.00
Total	\$ 35.00

Total General Fund	\$7,639.76
Total Albemarle Cottage Fund	493.70
Total Mattress Fund	31.46
Total Clothing Fund	80.31
Total Cow Fund	155.28
Total Fund to Refurnish Girls Building	25.00
Total Stove Fund	40.00
Total Music Fund	35.00
Grand Total	\$8,500.51

DONATED COMMODITIES

Kenly Auxiliary (Western) Household Supplies	\$ 40.00
Rocky Mount (Central) Household Supplies \$18.42;	
Clothing \$10.50	28.92
Mrs. Garland Paul, Food	.75
Miss Rachel Wooten, Food	9.25
St. Marys Auxiliary (Western) Household Supplies	5.39
Reedy Branch Auxiliary (Central) Food, \$11.47; Clothing \$9.50	20.97
Friendship Auxiliary (Western) Food	28.40
Mrs. Annie Bartholomew, Food	8.75
Nash County Hall Relief Committee Farm Supplies \$194.80, Food, \$14.50	209.40
N. C. Department of Agriculture Food	10.00
Total Value	\$361.73

CONCERT CLASS RECEIPTS

MISS BONNIE FARMER, Manager

<i>Central</i>	
Rose of Sharon	\$ 86.00
Hickory Grove	67.22
Parkers Chapel	62.51
Greenville	50.00
Piney Grove, Pitt County	51.01
Reedy Branch	37.29
Sts. Delight	65.00
Maury	22.81
Dilda's Grove	40.00
Otters Creek	50.06
Rocky Mount	38.37
Dawsons Grove	80.00
Total	\$650.27

<i>Western</i>	
People's Chapel	\$ 51.26
Little Rock	60.00
Total	\$111.26

<i>Cape Fear</i>	
Raleigh	\$ 56.00
Johnson Union	60.11
Hopewell	51.50
Smithfield	75.00
Bethel, Johnston County	50.00
Stevens Chapel	46.00
Prospect	342.00
Corinth	100.00
Shady Grove	67.00
St. Paul	44.70
Black Jack Grove	31.00
Daileys Chapel	30.00
St. John	18.50
Riverside	52.01
Total	\$1,023.82

MRS. E. A. TAYLOR, Manager

<i>Central</i>	
Piney Grove	\$ 30.00
Cedar Grove	26.25
Sweet Gum Grove	50.00
Gum Swamp	38.60

Kings Cross Roads	51.00
Winterville	57.67
Little Creek	123.75
Old Sts. Delight	65.00
Grimsley	50.00
Aspin Grove	60.00
Edgewood	67.00

Total -----\$619.27

Western

Barnes Hill	\$ 51.46
Piney Grove, Nash County	46.05
Wilson	92.00

Total -----\$189.51

Cape Fear

Wootens Chapel	\$ 22.75
Powhatan	34.71
Lanwood Chapel	92.00
Yelvertons Grove	16.25
Tee's Chapel	64.10
St. Marys Grove	52.31

Total -----\$222.12

MISS MARY ELLEN TALTON, *Manager*

French Broad

Anderson Branch	\$ 21.70
Fugate	27.50
Barnard	46.81
Walnut	50.00
Shoal Hill	46.06
Laurel Fork	15.76
Mt. Zion	38.51
Mt. Bethel	37.94

Total -----\$284.28

MISS ROSE MALLARD, *Manager*

Cape Fear

Pleasant Grove	\$ 81.10
Lee's Chapel	77.61
Roberts Grove	81.12
Oak Grove	86.00
West Clinton	40.15
Spring Hill	35.46
Caseys Chapel	205.00
Goldsboro	60.01

Total -----\$666.45

Toe River

Mt. View	\$ 25.00
Little Elk	13.95
Coxes Creek	25.38

Total -----\$ 64.83

Western

Elwood Lane	\$ 18.13
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Piedmont

Pine Grove	\$100.00
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Rockfish

Eastside	\$ 30.00
Hickory Grove	16.00
Sandy Grove	66.00
Bethel	5.19

Total -----\$117.19

Pee Dee

Oak Grove	\$ 71.32
Bladenboro	55.17
Mill Rock	27.00
Mt. Calvary	35.25
Mt. Olive	16.66
Beaverdam	42.47
Emerson	51.00
Mission Valley	23.00
Pine Level	46.06
Cedar Branch	30.00
Cypress Creek	52.11

Total -----\$450.04

ADDITIONS TO CONCERT CLASS RECEIPTS

Central

Ayden	\$ 13.00
Hull Road	10.00
Walnut Creek	7.00
Reedy Branch	37.69
Howell Swamp	75.75
Powhatan	11.80

Total -----\$155.24

BUDGET RECEIPTS

Eastern Conference	\$13,334.22
Central Conference	10,926.87
Piedmont Conference	1,831.47
Western Conference	7,712.38
Cape Fear Conference	5,782.13
Albemarle Conference	1,893.47
French Broad Association	1,780.13
Jacks Creek Association	828.68
Rockfish Association	447.67
Pee Dee Association	1,001.04
Toe River Association	878.18
Western Yearly	11.00

Total -----\$46,427.24

WALTER MCD. CROOM, *Superintendent*

CORRECTION: In the June and July reports we credited the offerings of \$30.00 for each month to the General Fund. These gifts should have been credited to the Mattress Fund.

QUARTERLY REPORT

JUNE 1 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 1950

Balance on hand June 1, 1950 -----\$ 3,535.63

Receipts

Religious Organizations	\$ 4,295.74
Parents and Relatives	116.80
Friends	1,608.10
Refunds	627.52
Young People's Friend Subs.	80.50
Concert Classes	13,713.46
Farm cash sales	2,488.42
Coupons	75.13
Receipts for Chapel	67.71
Receipts for Albemarle Cottage	493.70
Money borrowed for Albemarle Cottage	2,051.50
Sale of pony	40.00

Total receipts for quarter -----25,560.58

Total to be accounted for -----\$29,096.21

Disbursements

Salaries	\$ 2,361.50
Office Supplies	123.21
Telephone and Telegraph	72.66
Insurance (all)	281.45
Conference expense (inc. Board)	115.60
Financing and Publicity	1,995.54
Administrative Travel and Audit of books	315.97
Food	1,275.55
Clothing	1,771.67
Refund on check	240.50
Laundry	81.75
Household Supplies	113.54
Recreation	2.65
Travel relating to care of children	28.04
Health Supplies	119.41
Education	13.62
Fuel, lights, etc.	1,042.26
Plant replacement and repair	978.27
Farm supplies	1,803.38

Farm replacements and repair	985.58
Replacement of livestock	745.00
Farm travel	14.44
Young People's Friend (Printing and Mailing)	90.65
New Buildings (Albe. Cottage)	2,378.68
New equipment (Stove)	492.32
Capital loan repaid (Station Wagon payments)	426.33
Annuity bond premiums	169.50

Total Disbursed for quarter -----18,538.07
Cash balance August 31, 1950 -----10,558.14

Total accounted for -----\$29,096.21

WALTER MCD. CROOM, *Superintendent.*

An Appeal for Help

My Dear Christian People:

I have never begged for anything for myself before, but it looks like the time is now come for me to ask for some financial help from the brethren.

I have, the doctor says, cataracts on both of my eyes. And the doctor says that they are now ready to be taken off. I am a poor, feeble preacher, and do not have the money to have it done. I want the churches to help me all they can to have the cataracts removed from my eyes.

If anything should happen that I did not get them removed, I will refund the money, if they will let me have their address, if they want the money back. But if they would rather for me to keep it, then let me know. I will appreciate anything and everything anybody will give to me for this purpose.

Your friend in Christ,
Rev. J. S. Overman
Fremont, N. C.
Route 2

Notice

The Sunday School Convention of the Third Union Meeting will be held at Snow Hill Church in Duplin County on Friday before the first Sunday in October, which is on the 29th of September. Report blanks will be mailed to each Sunday School in time for you to represent at the convention.

Trusting we will have a good convention.
Fountain Taylor, *President*
Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, *Secretary*

Notice

On the fourth Saturday of this month will be quarterly meeting at Smith's New Home Church. All members are especially asked to be present on that day. A revival will begin on Sunday night, September the 24th and continue through the week. Rev. A. L. Reynolds of Kinston is to do the preaching. Trusting we will have a great revival, and many souls be saved.

Rev. C. L. Patrick, *Pastor*
Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, *Clerk*

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

Editor
MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON

801 Pollock Street
New Bern, N. C.

Florida Woman's Auxiliary Convention to Hold Meet

The annual convention of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Salem Association of Florida will convene with Traveler's Rest church, Clarksville, Fla., Saturday, September 23, 1950.

All Woman's Auxiliaries in this Association are urged to send a delegation, also all churches that do not have a Woman's Auxiliary Organization in your church are invited to send a delegation to this convention.

Ada Holley

PROGRAM

OF THE

Pee Dee Auxiliary Convention

CONVENING WITH

White Oak Church

Bladenboro, N. C.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1950

THEME: "Be Thou an Example"

- 10:00—Registration
10:10—Devotions by Mrs. Iva McPherson
—Welcome by Mrs. D. J. Pait
—Response by Mrs. A. L. Duncan
—Recognition of ministers and visitors
—President's message
—Roll call of auxiliaries
—Reports of delegates
—Special music
11:00—"Be Thou an Example in Fishing for our Youth"—Mrs. W. L. Jernigan
—"Be Thou an Example in Conduct" by Mrs. C. B. Hansley
—Appointing committees
—Convention message by Mrs. L. E. Ballard
12:00—Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:15—Devotions by Mrs. J. R. Batten
—Orphanage by R. McLeod
—Report of vice-presidents
—"Be Thou an Example in Obedience," by Rev. C. B. Hansley
—Special music
—Report of field worker
—Business
—Report of committees
3:30—Adjournment

By THE COMMITTEE

THE ROAD THAT SEEMETH RIGHT

L. L. WIGHTMAN

The sun was dipping behind the western hills as Ruth Andrews and Maud Clark paddled their canoe down Lake Glencoe toward the old dock. These girls, of high school age, were camping on the lake with their families. Just now they were engaged on a fishing expedition. The old dock was the place selected. Anchoring here, they sought to allure the finny denizens from beneath. A bystander would have noted that even in this occupation, they were dolled up with all the "fixins." Their minds were centered chiefly upon themselves, and their ability to attract the attention of others. To this end they used all the outward lure in vogue in the feminine world.

Unseen by them, "Old Liz," formerly Elizabeth, stumbled along the path that led to the dock. At first glance one would have rightly concluded she was a "down-and-outer." She was not as old in years as in body, but sin and its ravages had taken heavy toll. Repulsive and vile, she was an outcast, even the dens of infamy refusing longer to harbor her. She had reached the end. But where would the end be spent? Home was the one thought that came to her. If she could only reach the place that held the greatest appeal for her now, she would be content. Years had passed since she had ventured beyond its portals, never to return until now. In her closing days, she would once more feast her eyes on the scenes of old. Traveling as best she could, she neared the place called "Home." Coming down the old path, approaching nearer to her destination, her heart beat faster, her steps quickened. To be sure it wasn't home now for father and mother were dead, and strangers occupied her birthplace. But she wouldn't bother them. Looking would suffice her.

At the edge of the dock, she viewed the old home. Tired and weary she sat down, resting her back against a tree. The two maples by the house were still living, waving to her to come play beneath them as she had in days of yore. Tender memories welled to the front, causing her to again explore the days of yesterday. A loud snicker caused her to look up in time to discover the two girls in the nearby canoe. Instinctively she knew she was the subject of their laughter. The heel was once more crushing the down-trodden worm. Anger

welled up within her. She arose to her feet, and walked out on the dock.

"I suppose you girls were laughing at me?" she queried them. "I suppose I am a subject for mirth, but it doesn't show the best of breeding to make fun of anybody."

While waiting for them to reply, she noted every detail about the girls. Their youthful figures recalled her girlhood days, anger slowly departed and pity assumed its vacated place.

"I wonder if you might listen to an old woman's story, and take a bit of advice," she continued to address them. "I've been studying you and I've decided you were laughing at yourselves for in me you can see yourselves at the end of the road. Oh, I know. I can tell. Listen to me."

Her voice rose to a higher pitch as she went on with her story.

"Do you see that house before you? That was my old home. Out from its room I went to seek education. I attained my object, and had a position of teaching others. I made one serious mistake, while educating my head I neglected my heart. I thought it was smart to do the things that startled conservative people, and by doing it I became the center of attraction. I became puffed up, I lost my common sense, and went from one step to another, each one taking me deeper."

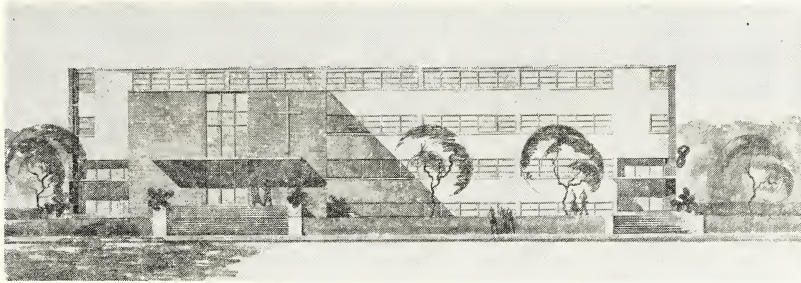
Old Liz paused to catch her breath. Ruth and Maud forgot their fishing in their interest in this strange creature.

"I lost my self-respect, friends, position, everything that was worth while. I became the pawn of humanity, tossed here and there. For years I kept up my outward appearance but the time came when that failed. Cosmetics can't cover up the effects of sin. What am I to-day? An outcast of society, vile, repulsive. Even the lowest of the low have no further use for me. I've come home to die. And what a home-coming it is! You may not thank me for this advice, but you've got brains and common sense. Now, use them. Remember, the way of transgressors is hard."

Old Liz stopped, a look of surprise overspreading her face. With hands clutching convulsively at her breast, she staggered and fell. Over the edge of the dock she plunged to disappear beneath the disturbed waters.

The screams of the girls brought aid from the camp. The body was removed from the water but Old Liz was beyond help. Needless it is to say that in the days that followed, whenever there was a question of the right road to choose, Ruth and Maud had before them the memory of the derelict of society standing there on the old dock in the quiet of the evening hour, preaching by her appearance alone as well as by word of mouth the old truth that "the wages of sin is death,"—mental, moral, spiritual, and physical death.

NATIONAL BIBLE COLLEGE SUNDAY



Proposed Administration Building

1. Will Free Will Baptists Give \$10,000 in a United Offering?

This is a \$10,000 question, and you have the answer to it . . . But before we hear your answer, let us examine a few queries that may arise in your thinking:

2. What's This All About?

Sunday, October 1, 1950, has been designated as "National Bible College Sunday" by the National Association in its recent session. Every church in the Free Will Baptist denomination is asked to cooperate by receiving an offering for the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, on that day. Our sincere hope is that these thousands of offerings will amount to a united offering of \$10,000 when finally tabulated at the College.

3. Why This "United Offering" of \$10,000?

It is genuinely needed to help construct the new administration building, authorized by the National Association. Plans for the building, so badly needed now, and necessary to future growth, have been completed and we are on our way in this very vital step in the expansion of the Bible College.

Of course, \$10,000 will not construct the beautiful four-story addition to our plant, pictured here, but be assured that every dollar of it will be applied to the overall cost.

4. Who's To Give This \$10,000?

Every Free Will Baptist Church is asked to receive an offering on Sunday, October 1, 1950, during a regular worship service. This offering to be above and beyond the local church's regular contribution to the Bible College.

In event your church does not have services on Sunday, October 1, then, receive the offerings on the Sunday in October you do have services nearest that date.

Offerings will be cheerfully accepted from Sunday Schools, leagues, woman's auxiliaries, and from any other organization in your church. Moreover, individuals are cordially urged to make liberal contributions direct.

5. Where Send These Offerings?

The treasurer of each local church will send the total offering to the state treasurer of the respective states, in those states where the state work is functioning—

Or, the offering may be mailed direct to the

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE
COLLEGE
3609 Richland Avenue,
Nashville, Tennessee

So you see . . .

We have answered your questions, and will gladly answer more if possible. Now, will you give your answer to the \$10,000 question:

6. "Will Free Will Baptists Give \$10,000 In A United Offering?"

We know they can and we believe they will. And you can best answer this question of the Mid-Century for Free Will Baptist by making your liberal offering on October 1, 1950.

Will You Do It?

HOME-COMING

Little Creek Church of Greene Co. will hold its annual home-coming day the first Sunday in October. A morning and afternoon program is planned with lunch spread at the church. All former pastors, members and friends are invited.

James R. McLawhorn, member

MOTHER

M is for the million things she gave me.

O means only that she is growing old.

T is for the tears she shed to save me.

H is for her heart of purest gold.

E is for her eyes with love light shining,

R means right and right she will always be.

Put them all together, they spell MOTHER.

A word that means the world to me.



What Is Christian Living?

(Lesson for October 1)

LESSON: Matthew 5:13-16; Philip-
pians 1:27-30; I Thessalonians 5:
15-23; James 1:22-27.

GOLDEN TEXT: Philippians 1:27.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

1. Let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ.—Philip-
pians 1:27, A. S. V.

The Word of God lays strong emphasis on the necessity of those who bear the name of Christian, living for God. Yet we must always keep in mind that the basis for Christian living is not an attempt to emulate the good life of the Lord Jesus; it is not a mere imitation of the choice virtues of Christianity. Christian living must always be based on repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 20:21).

Works have their place in Christian teaching and living, but they are always the evidence of faith in Christ. It certainly is true beyond controversy that faith without works is dead (James 2:17). On the other hand, works, even though they appear to be very meritorious, if they are not the result of a living faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, are of absolutely no avail, and actually in the sight of God are not good, inasmuch as they do not honor Him nor have His glory in view (cf. Rom. 3:10-12).—Moody Monthly

2. As salt preserves food and makes it palatable, "so the disciples are to purify the society in which they move, setting a good example and counteracting every corrupt tendency. For this purpose their Christianity must be genuine. The salt which has 'lost his savour' is the Christianity which is only worldliness under another name" (Dummelow). (vs. 13)

3. By their lives and by their words Christians should bring spiritual enlightenment to those who are in ignorance and sin. (vs. 17)

4. A measure holding about a peck and a half. What nobody would do with a light in the natural sphere, too many do with their spiritual light. (vs. 15)

5. At a later time Jesus said concerning them, "They say, and do not." See the woes pronounced against them in Matthew 23. Christian teachers, and layment too, need to practice what they teach and what they know. (vs. 20)

6. The gospel is to heathen adversaries an omen of their destruction, because they are not living up to it and yet have an inward feeling that they are wrong and will suffer a penalty imposed by God. (vs. 28)

7. Literally, giving graciously or granted. Suffering for the sake of Christ, like believing on him, is granted them as a privilege. It should not be regarded as a terrifying prospect. Faithful endurance of it will bring an abundant reward. (vs. 29)

8. Here is a respect in which the spirit of the gospel is diametrically opposed to the spirit of the world. Instead of repaying evil deeds in kind, the Christian should do good to all. (vs. 15)

9. This is possible because a Christian has something to rejoice about, irrespective of his condition in life. (vs. 16)

10. Have the habit of prayer and live in such an atmosphere of prayer that we can easily lift our hearts to God at any time. (vs. 17)

11. Paul does not say, "For everything give thanks." But in whatever circumstances one may be we should have a spirit of thankfulness to God. (vs. 18)

12. If we definitely sense the fact that the Spirit of God is prompting us to do something—perhaps to pray, to bear testimony, to exhort, or to talk with someone about spiritual things, we should obey and not resist the divine impulse. (vs. 19)

13. We should use discernment and test by the Bible and by the experience of devout Christians and what others say or write. (vs. 21)

14. Rather, "every form of." To strictly reject some things of evil tendency and then be careless about others is not enough. (vs. 22)—Arnold's Commentary.

15. We are sanctified wholly at the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we can be kept blameless by the power of God until then. The flesh (the human body) is not freed from the carnal nature until the resurrection (Philippians 3:20, 21) but our new, glorified body will be without any trace of sin.

16. Make good use of our Advanced and Senior Quarterlies with this lesson.

II. The Lesson Illustrated

Entire Consecration Necessary

Suppose you were to buy a house and lot and an elegant residence, pay the money and get the deeds, and the day you were to go in the gentleman said: "Here's the key to eight rooms, I have reserved two rooms." "Didn't I buy the house?" "Yes." "Well, what do you mean?" "I want to keep four tigers in one room, and the other I want to fill with reptiles. I want them to stay here." You say: "Well, my friend, if you mean what you say I would not have your house as a gracious gift. You want me to move my family into a house where one room is full of tigers and the other full of snakes." Many a time we turn over our whole hearts to God, and when He comes in we have reserved some rooms for the wild beasts of pride and the hissing serpents of iniquity. Let me tell you, brethren, I won't ask God to come and live in a house that I won't let my family live in. Empty every room in the house, and then the heart is the center of gravity to Jesus Christ, and He will come in and live with you.—Sam Jones.—1000 Evangelistic Illustrations

Thank You Notice

I'll take this means, through the Baptist paper, to thank the members and others that were present, of the Fremont F. W. B. Church, for the love offering they gave my son, before his return to the F. W. B. Bible College and all others who showed their love by encouragement and deeds of kindness.

I pray, if there have been any wounds left by the thoughtfulness of some, may they be healed by the thoughtfulness of others.

He desires the prayers of all Christians.

Sincerely,

Mrs. C. H. Overman,
Kenly, N. C., R-1

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

ON SPEAKING TERMS

DOROTHY B. MORRIS

"Well, Judy, how do you like the farm?" Mr. Preston set the milk pails down and smiled at his granddaughter.

"Oh, it's wonderful, Grandpa. I've had the most fun this afternoon. Those little goats are just darling. I wish I had one at home."

Mr. Preston laughed. "I'm afraid a goat wouldn't like to be cooped up in a city apartment so well."

Judy laughed, too, "I guess not," she replied. "Anyway, I'm glad I have another week here before I have to go home."

"I'm glad, too. Now, do you want to go with me to get the cows?"

They walked along in silence for awhile and then Mr. Preston said:

"Judy, I've noticed that you haven't prayed once since you've been here. I mean you haven't prayed when we have had our family worship. You always did when you were here before. Of course, you pray when you are alone. But I've missed hearing your voice leading out in prayer."

Judy looked straight ahead for a few minutes before answering. What she was going to say was going to hurt Grandfather, she knew, but it was true and she might as well admit it.

"I don't pray at all any more, Grandpa."

"You don't?"

"No, not even when I'm alone."

"That's strange," Mr. Preston said quietly. "I don't think I understand it. Could you tell me why?"

"Well," Judy said slowly, "I prayed for two whole months for something I wanted very much and I didn't get it. I decided there was no use to pray any more."

"So, you're not speaking to God any more (for that's what prayer is), because He didn't say yes to your prayer?" Mr. Preston said.

Judy expected him to say more, but he did not. He even changed the subject of their conversation.

"That's funny," Judy thought. "I was sure he'd try to get me to see it differently."

Mr. Preston interrupted her thoughts. "Well, here we are back at the barn. Do you want to watch me or would you rather tell Grandma it won't be long till we're ready to tackle that fried chicken?"

"I guess I'll go tell Grandma," Judy laughed. "I'm getting hungry. It seems as though I'm always hungry when I'm in

the country." The week slipped by all too quickly, and Judy wanted to stay longer. She was talking it over with her grandparents on the last morning of her visit.

"I'll tell you what, Judy. Suppose you call your mother and ask if you may stay a few days longer," Mr. Preston said.

"Do you really think she'd let me?" Judy asked, her eyes shining.

"I don't know about that but it won't hurt to ask."

Judy went immediately to the telephone. "I'm going out to feed the chickens," Mr. Preston called. "Come out and tell me what she says."

A few minutes later a sorrowful Judy met Mr. Preston outside.

"Why, Judy, she didn't say no, did she?"

Judy nodded. "Did she say why you couldn't stay?"

"No." "Well, now that's too bad. I'm sorry, too. I'm sorry because you can't stay, and I'm sorry for your mother when you get home."

"Sorry for Mother?" Judy questioned. "Yes," Mr. Preston said. "Since you won't be speaking to her I imagine it will be hard for both of you."

"Grandpa Preston, what do you mean? Of course I'm going to speak to my mother."

"You are? That's strange. You know Judy, I can't figure this out. You asked God for something and He said no, so you aren't speaking to Him any more. You asked your mother for something and she said no, but you are not going to stop speaking to her. Don't you think you are a little inconsistent?"

Judy stared at her grandfather for a minute, and then she burst into a laugh. "Why, Grandpa, of course I am! Why didn't you show me before?"

"Well, I thought a good opportunity would come along to help you to see it, and it did. You see, Judy, your mother said no; and though she didn't give you a reason you don't intend to stop speaking to her. God loves you a million times more than your mother loves you, and she loves you better than her own life and would not refuse you anything that was for your good. So don't you think you'd better start speaking to God again? I'm sure He's been missing your prayers."

"Oh, Grandpa, haven't I been foolish? I'm sorry, but I'm going to make up for it, you wait and see."—O. P. Boys and Girls.

The excesses of youth are as drafts payable in old age.

Raise the Mercury on Your Missionary Charts

Following are the figures showing to what point the mercury on your mission-charts should be raised for this present national associational year. These figures are given as of September 1, 1950.

Michigan	\$1,086.90
Missouri	\$ 748.36
North Carolina	\$ 644.69
Texas	\$ 450.55
Tennessee	\$ 336.07
South Carolina	\$ 328.95
Oklahoma	\$ 319.90
Illinois	\$ 274.30
Georgia	\$ 139.95
West Virginia	\$ 108.03
Mississippi	\$ 61.28
Alabama	\$ 46.71
Kentucky	\$ 43.00
Arkansas	\$ 42.42
California	\$ 17.00
Nebraska	\$ 17.00
Virginia	\$ 15.40
New Mexico	\$ 5.00

WINFORD DAVIS,
Promotional Secy.-Treas.

Report of National Foreign Mission Treasurer

RECEIPTS BY STATES DURING MONTH OF AUGUST, 1950

Deficit from month of July . . . \$ 680.34
Received by states during past month as follows:

Michigan	\$1,086.90
North Carolina	459.11
Missouri	354.81
South Carolina	287.61
Oklahoma	251.46
Tennessee	138.45
Illinois	125.42
Texas	121.71
West Virginia	102.03
Mississippi	47.81
Georgia	46.80
Kentucky	43.00
Arkansas	42.42
Alabama	31.10
Nebraska	17.00
Virginia	9.15
California	7.00
New Mexico	5.00
Sale of books, "His Name Among All Nations"	26.00
Woman's National Auxiliary Convention	33.63

Total 3,236.41
Deficit from July 680.34

Balance receipts \$2,556.07
Total disbursements during Aug. 1,425.38

Bal. in treasury Sept. 1, 1950 . \$1,130.69
WINFORD DAVIS, Treasurer

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

"Now, concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant."—I Cor. 12:1.

No one person is to have all of the gifts which Paul spoke of in the first twelve verses of this chapter. Because we note that Paul in verses 29 and 30 asks this question: "Are all apostles? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? etc." The thirteenth chapter of I Corinthians teaches us that charity is the chief thing. None of these gifts are of any value without love in the hearts of the people who have them. Paul said, "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing."

I hear some people say how can any one help from having evil thoughts. The answer is that those who have love. We are not to rejoice in iniquity, but to rejoice in the truth. We see that charity is the more excellent way for us to live. In the fourteenth chapter Paul gives instructions concerning speaking in tongues. This is all right if there is an interpreter present to interpret the meaning of the speech in tongues. Paul said that if there be no interpreter, then let him keep silent in the church. Paul said for Christians to follow after charity, and desire spiritual things. But he preferred prophecy to speaking in tongues. Anyone speaking in the unknown tongue edifieth himself, but he that propheseth edifieth the church. He that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men but unto God. Paul was explaining the difference in speaking in tongues and in prophesying. This means that prophesying is as one preaching the Word or teaching the Word of God. Then Paul said that he thanked God that he spoke in tongues more than that they all, meaning that he knew more languages than others did, and could converse

PROGRAM

FOR THE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ANTIOCH CHURCH, CRAVEN COUNTY,

Three Miles from Bridgeton on the Old Brick Road

to Vanceboro

OCTOBER 18-19, 1950

FIRST DAY

10:00—Devotions	Rev. W. H. Willis
10:15—Appointment of committees	
10:30—Report of executive committee	
10:45—Enrollment of visiting ministers	
11:00—Calling list of ministers	
11:15—Devotions	Rev. Lee Whaley
11:30—Introductory sermon	J. W. Alford
12:00—Lunch	

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

1:00—Devotions	Bro. L. E. Styron
1:15—Calling list of churches	
1:45—Message on Superannuation	Rev. M. L. Johnson
2:00—Business	
2:30—Message on Education	Rev. D. W. Hansley
2:45—Message on Sabbath Schools	Bro. Charlie Hines
—Adjournment	

SECOND DAY

9:30—Devotions	Rev. E. E. Edwards
9:45—Reading minutes, business	
10:00—Enrollment of visiting ministers	
10:05—Calling list of churches	
10:15—Committee reports: Temperance, Sabbath Schools, Education, Ministerial Character	
11:00—Petitions for next conference	
11:15—Orphanage message by Superintendent	Bro. Walter Croom
11:30—Conference sermon	Rev. J. R. Bennett
12:00—Lunch	

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

1:00—Devotions	Rev. S. R. Kennedy
1:15—Committee reports: Woman's Auxiliary, by Mrs. J. C. Moye, State President; Resolutions, Apportioning, Treasurer, Digest	
2:15—Report of Examining Board	
2:30—Miscellaneous business	
3:00—Reading of minutes of the day	
—Adjournment	

This program is arranged by the Executive Committee of the Conference

J. W. ALFORD, *Clerk*

with more people of other languages.

There are some people today who are like Paul was before he was converted. They are fighting against God and persecuting the saints. Remember how Paul had persecuted the Christians before he was converted on the Damascus road. Thank God, that when Paul found Jesus precious to his soul, he turned around, and be-

gan to confess the Lord Jesus Christ. Then he became Christ's messenger to the lost everywhere.

Mrs. Mattie Smith, Route 2
Vanceboro, N. C.

It is claimed that there is an average of more than six problem drinkers or chronic alcoholics for every place licensed to sell alcoholic liquor in Michigan.

To Free Will Baptists Everywhere

(Continued from page 3)

tion—in the meantime, we are all praying.

We are in the midst of a cyclone and have had six days and nights of pouring rain. All rivers and streams are out of their banks with a large loss of life and crops. It will be fully three months of repair on roads and bridges. Great numbers of bridges were washed out below us and people by the thousands are without homes and hungry, many of them are our own Free Will Baptist Cubans. There are cases of mothers losing their children and in despair hanging themselves.

Miss Yeley was pastoring San Juan Church and the waters came up so that she had to wade in water above her waist. Some one said up to her neck. She can't get to Pinar as all bridges are washed out. This of course, is a great blessing. They will have to build new bridges.

We suffered a little at the school—about four sows about to litter were caught in the stream and lost. The root crops are a total loss to the farmers.

But tomorrow the sun will be shining. We know that beyond every cloud is the silver lining. God is greatly blessing and using us. After all that is why we are here. Please pray much for us.

I am sincerely in His service,
Thomas H. Willey

Further Disturbing Facts

Further disturbing facts are revealed in the following paragraph taken from a recent letter from Winford Davis, treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board.

"I just mailed to Miss Barnard last Saturday the check of \$1200.00 for India for the month of July. I wrote Brother Willey and told him there would be no money for them for Aug. at least until up into Sept. sometime. Just when I send it depends upon what comes in from N. C. and Missouri for August, which checks I should receive this coming Monday if not tomorrow (Sat.) the second. Instead of a brought forward figure for

August 1st we had a deficit of \$680.00 which had to be taken care of from early August receipts so that has knocked our ready cash for the August disbursements back quite a bit."

It is an unpleasant thing to me to have to reveal these things, and I personally did not know that such an emergency existed, at least to this extent, until I received these letters, thus, I knew of nothing else to do but to transfer these facts to "Free Will Baptists everywhere."

What to Do

During the last year it became necessary for the Foreign Mission Department to send out S. O. S. calls to meet our needs on various occasions. Free Will Baptists everywhere responded to each call—and the need was supplied. I have faith and confidence that you will rally to the need of the present.

I also have faith to believe that after this immediate emergency, and after our people are informed, and kept informed, that no longer will it be necessary to send out the unwelcome, alarming S. O. S. signal.

I'm sure that all of us want to see our School of Missions in Cuba open on schedule. If so we must act quickly. We cannot wait another day. If all the pastors and preachers will read these letters to their congregation and give them an opportunity to give, sufficient funds will come in. If every Free Will Baptist who reads this article will just mind the leadership of the Holy Spirit, sufficient money will be sent to the Foreign Mission Treasurer to meet every need.

In order to save time, and just for this emergency, we suggest that you send your special gifts direct to—Rev. Thomas H. Willey, Apartado 27, Pinar Del Rio, Cuba. Send in the form of a certified check, and don't forget to send it air mail and register the letter. Brother Willey will keep a careful record, and report to our treasurer, so the books will be kept straight. Remember this is just for this one time. If you cannot send direct to Brother Willey before Sept. 15th then send through regular channels to Foreign Mission Treasurer.

It is hoped that many of our folk, especially the pastors, and State Mis-

sion Directors, and State Mission Board members will attend the Missionary Conference scheduled for October 3, 4, and 5, at the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee.

The evening services will be held in the East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church, Rev. C. F. Bowen, pastor. Miss Laura Belle Barnard and Rev. Thomas H. Willey will be the principle speakers.

On Tuesday, October 3, the Foreign Mission Board is scheduled for a special meeting at which time new officers of the board will be elected. Please pray for this important transaction.

In the meantime, send those special gifts at once for Foreign Missions.

Raymond Riggs

Rev. N. Bruce Barrow Is Now in North Carolina

Brother N. Bruce Barrow and his family have just recently returned to their home at Arba in Greene County, North Carolina, from Bryan, Texas, where they had been living for around three years. Brother Barrow was pastor of the Bryan Free Will Baptist Church in the city of Bryan, Texas, and student of Texas State College in Bryan, where he pursued and completed college courses for his Bachelor's degree.

Brother Barrow will pastor churches in eastern North Carolina. Should any church or churches desire his services, we feel certain that he will be glad to serve them, if he is not already occupied with full-time work for the coming year. Those interested may write to him. His address is as follows: Rev. N. Bruce Barrow, Snow Hill, North Carolina, Route 2.

Rev. J. R. Forrest to Hold Revival at Juniper Chapel

Juniper Chapel near Vanceboro, North Carolina, will hold its revival meeting, beginning on fourth Sunday evening in September, and continuing for a week or longer. The Reverend J. R. Forrest of New Bern, North Carolina, will do the preaching. The public is given a cordial invitation to attend these services.

We will also hold our annual homecoming celebration on the first Sunday in October. All former pastors, friends, singing groups, and members of the church are extended a special invitation to be present for this annual occasion. Come and enjoy the day with us in the service of the Lord.

Church Reporter

"DID YOU HEAR WHAT JOHNNY SAID?"

Two little boys who ought to have been down at the river fishing together, were rolling in the dust of the road, engaged in a first-class scrap. Want to know how it started? A third little boy had said to one of them, "Do you know what Johnny said about you?" and to the other one, "Did you hear what Jimmie said you did after Sunday School last Sunday?"

Mischief-making! Most of the trouble in the world is "made" trouble. Practically all wars are "made" wars. If you left it to the American and Russian peoples, they would never fight.

Just remember this when somebody tries to set you against your neighbor, tries to convince you that your neighbor does not have the same human impulses, the same Christian conviction and purposes you have. If the people who are exploiting the human race to their ruin can get just such people as you suspicious of other good people, they don't need to worry that their activities will be stopped.

Another thing: Promotion of "turmoil," confusion, chaos, never helped any good cause and never will. Disorderly politics, disorderly economics and the disorder which is immorality are always subversive of every good interest.

Some time ago, we were talking about a public issue with a man, whom we certainly credited with sincerity, and he said that the time had come for "turmoil." We kept our mouth shut, which was difficult, but inside, we were thinking: "Did you ever see a man die by violence? If this turmoil comes, you will go to bed, sleep on an innerspring mattress, get up in the morning to breakfast on orange juice, eggs and coffee, and you will read all about the 'turmoil' in the paper. Other men will be dying, will be mutilated, will be suffering all the hardships and pains of 'turmoil.'"

If there is anything that really needs doing, let's not do it the hard way, and that means we must have confidence in our neighbor.

Mt. Zion to Hold Revival

Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist church in Onslow County, North Carolina, will begin their revival on Sunday night, September 24, at 7:30. Rashie Kennedy, pastor of the Goldsboro Free Will Baptist church, is the evangelist. All are invited.

Yours in His will,

RASHIE KENNEDY

If you do not shine at home, if your father and mother, your sister and brother, if the very cat and dog in the house are not the better and happier for your being a Christian, it is a question whether you are really one.—J. Hudson Taylor.

If I But Read—

The Lord I love went on ahead To make a home for me. He said He would come back again, and He— Oh, gracious love—He wrote to me! He knew I was so weak and blind And foolish that I could not find The road alone. He told me things That all earth's wise men, and its kings,

Have never guessed, yet I foreknew If I but read His Word. And, oh, Such depths of love on every sheet! My soul is trembling at His feet. What would He think of me If when I saw Him I should say: "I was too busy every day To read what Thou didst write to me; I really hadn't time for Thee!"

—MARHA SNELL NICHOLSON

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUERS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL PUPILS

Like Stories

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Paul ✓

Here Am I

My will would like a life of ease,
And power to do, and time to rest,
And health and strength my time would please
But, Lord, I know thy will is best.

If I have strength to do thy will
That should be power enough for me,
Whether to work or to sit still
The appointment of the day may be.

And if by sickness I may grow
More patient, holy and resigned,
Strong health I need not wish to know
And greater ease I cannot find.

And rest—I need not seek it here;
For perfect rest remaineth still;
When in thy presence we appear,
Rest shall be given by thy will.

Lord, I have given my life to thee,
And every day and hour is thine;
What thou appointest let them be:
Thy will is better, Lord, than mine.

—Anna B. Warner

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Western Conference

Miss Bonnie Farmer, Manager

(All services at 7:30 p. m. unless otherwise noted)

Wednesday, September 27—Milbourne
Friday, Sept. 29—Kings Chapel
Saturday, Sept. 30—W. Hillsboro
Sunday, Oct. 1—Calvary (11:00 a. m.)
Sunday, Oct. 1—Edgemont
Wednesday, Oct. 4—Rock Springs
Friday, Oct. 6—Oak Grove, Durham Co.
Saturday, Oct. 7—East Durham
Sunday, Oct. 8—Union Grove, Durham Co.
Wednesday, Oct. 11—New Sandy Hill
Friday, Oct. 13—Sherron Acres
Saturday, Oct. 14—Sandy Grove
Sunday, Oct. 15—Tippetts Chapel
Wednesday, Oct. 18—Floods Chapel
Friday, Oct. 20—Sts. Delight
Saturday, Oct. 21—Mt. Zion, Nash County
Sunday, Oct. 22—Free Union, Nash Co.
Wednesday, Oct. 25—White Oak Hill
Friday, Oct. 27—Union Chapel
Saturday, Oct. 28—Rose Bud
Sunday, Oct. 29—Oak Grove, Wilson Co.
Walter McD. Croom, Supt.

There are two ways to spread light: to be the candle, or a mirror that reflects the candle's light.—E. Wharton.

Godliness Profitable

The man of the world cannot understand that "godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come" (I Tim. 4:8). All that he values is earthly gain. King Solomon, who had all that his heart could wish of this world's goods, was very decided in his testimony that all was "VANITY AND VEXATION OF SPIRIT" (Ecc. 2:11). In Proverbs 15:16, 17 he said, "Better is little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble therewith." The Psalmist also said, "A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked" (Ps. 37:16).

There is sweet contentment in the life of the godly. They have no anxious care about anything that concerns this life, nor the life to come, because they are trusting in the Lord, who will "supply all (their) need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." And when this little life is over they have "promise" of the life that is "to come." They have a title clear for Heaven, and their treasures are laid up there where "neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal" (Matt. 6:20).

The Apostle Paul experienced that godliness is profitable, and he courted everything that was gain to him in this life, all less for Christ (Phil. 3:7), and ran for an incorruptible crown. He knew that "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him" (I Cor. 2:9).

The life "which is to come" was a reality to the Apostle Paul. He had great anticipation of the future glory, and what it shall be to live eternally with the Lord and be like Him.

Godliness is profitable in health and prosperity, in sickness and in death, because of the "promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come."—D.B.R.

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS

I wish to give notice of a change of my home address from Lucama, N. C., to Rt. 1, Sims, N. C.

All mail for the Board of Superannuation, the Church Finance Association, Inc., and my personal mail should be addressed to the new address.

While our people are being informed of the change of address, I am holding P. O. Box 83 at Lucama, N. C., until Jan. 1, 1950, so mail sent to Lucama will be properly received through Jan. 1, however it might be received earlier if sent to the new address. The new phone number is Wilson 3849-9.

M. L. Johnson
Route 1, Sims, N. C.

"Truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ."—1 John

A "SOFT ANSWER"

Two little girls were playing with their dolls. The older one had a beautiful new doll which she loved very much.

As they went along the younger one crept up softly behind her, and gave her a sharp slap upon her cheek.

A friend of their mother's, unseen and unheard, saw it all. She expected to see and hear another slap, a harder one, in retaliation. But no. The victim's face flushed and her eyes had a momentary flash of indignation. She rubbed her hurt cheek with one hand, while she held the doll closer with the other. Then, in a tone of gentle reproof, she said.

"O Sallie, I didn't think you'd do that!"

Sallie looked ashamed, as well she might, but made no reply.

"Here, Sallie, continued the elder girl, "sit down here in sister's chair. I'll let you hold dolly awhile if you'll be very careful."

Sallie's face looked just then as if there were some "coals of fire" somewhere around, but she sat down with the doll on her lap, giving her sister a glance of real appreciation, although it was mingled with shame.

The hidden looker on was deeply touched by the scene. It was unusual, she thought, to see a mere child show such calm dignity and forgiveness under persecution. Presently she called the child and questioned her.

"How can you be so patient with Sallie, my dear?"

"O," was the laughing answer, "I guess it's cause I love Sallie so much. You see Sallie's a dear little girl," excusingly, "but she's got a quick temper, and—and Sallie forgets herself sometimes. Mamma said if Sallie would do angry things to me and I should do angry things to her, we'd have a dreadful time, and I think we would. Mamma said I should learn to give the 'soft answer,' and I'm trying to."

The lady took her in her arms and kissed her.

"My little dear," she said, fondly and earnestly, "I think you have already learned the lesson."

What could be more natural after that than for the girls to kiss each other and then put on their bonnets and take all the dolls out for a walk?—*The Little Christian*.

A NOTE OF THANKS

This is to express my most sincere thanks to my many friends and the Woman's auxiliaries who sent me so many beautiful cards and letters during the month of September. Many of them contained small gifts for which I am more than thankful.

It is really fine to be remembered in such a great way by such a great people. May the Lord continue His richest blessings upon all of you is my prayer.

Rev. M. A. Woodard
Winterville, N. C.

Will You Meet the Cuban Emergency?

THE MISSION SCHOOL CAN'T
OPEN WITHOUT FUNDS

Thomas H. Willey

We can't begin to tell you what sorrow we had to take a step backward in the program of missions. We had to send a hurried note to thirty young men and women, Cuban Free Will Baptists, telling them that the opening of school this year would have to be suspended.

Here on the mission field we are wondering if our people who have hitherto been so interested have lost that interest. Is it plain, old indifference? Have you forgotten us? It is so easy to forget.

We can't begin to tell you, by writing, the work the Spirit of God has wrought in Cuba. This year great numbers have knelt in humble repentance and accepted the Lord through the ministry of your mission. On one of my trips into a new place thirty-three knelt in prayer at an old palm plank used for an altar. In another service there were twenty-five and in another we saw fifty people on their knees seeking God. This was not something that required a prolonged revival either.

I went to the most abandoned place in Cuba—the very end of any highway. We rode along the Gulf of Mexico. I heard the people commenting on who and what I might be. Finally the owner of the bus said, "We are wondering who you are." I said, "A missionary of the Gospel." Then began a discussion that lasted five hours as we bumped along over those terrible roads. They wanted to know how one might be saved from their sins. On nearing the small town as dusk was falling I said, "I shall speak tonight at a certain home on 'The Man That God Called a Fool and Why He Called Him Thus'." They all promised to be there. Without any previous announcement, advertisement or solicitation there were fully two hundred

people standing. They had no church building and no benches. When I asked them what they were going to do with this great message they cried out, "Accept it." On a public confession the owner of the bus stepped out, his son, the telegraph operator, a merchant, the owner of the house, a blacksmith. Their plea was come and teach us—live with us. I could not do that, but a prepared Cuban young man could if we would prepare him. Now these seven young men, including eight more—fifteen earnest, young Free Will Baptist students, must go into the fields. We are not asking you, our people, for beautiful, commodious buildings although we need more. They were for years willing to live in huts. We are asking that you get under our burden.

We have seven young men who are graduates of our School of Missions. These boys ride on horses from early until late, then come home to cook themselves a little rice and coffee. They live self-denying and self-sacrificing on \$30 a month. Words fail me to be able to convey to you the extent they are willing to go to tell the old, old Story.

Our trust is indeed in the Lord and in you, our people. Ask yourself the question, "Have I failed God?" "Have I failed to pray for Cuba and India?" There are not just a few American missionaries here—Miss Yeley, the Wilfongs, and the Willeys. There are Cuban pastors: Ricardo, with two small children; Sanchez, with an invalid wife; Rojo, with a new baby and his wife ill; Rafael, with three growing daughters. In all there are twenty-one full time native missionaries—fifteen of these are graduates of our School of Missions. I am going to leave it to you, our people, to answer. We cannot operate without your support.

We are financially "broke." Our workers will have to resort to credit. Shall we let them go into debt? I do not feel that we are pleasing God in doing so. We are not broken in the spirit to carry on. We look to the Lord, who made the heavens and the earth and whose we are.

GOD'S SPIRITUAL KINGDOM

Christ was born King of the Jews, but not an earthly king, as Herod had thought. See Matthew, chapter two. The Jews made a sad mistake when they were looking for Christ to come and set up an earthly kingdom.

Shall we do the same thing? Shall we look more to earthly rulers than we do to Christ the heavenly King? Christ said, "My kingdom is not of this world" (Jon. 18:36). Remember, Christ taught his disciples to pray, "Thy kingdom come." Again Christ said, "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation, . . . Behold, the kingdom of God is within you." Then, it must be a spiritual kingdom.

In Jeremiah we read where it is prophesied, "Thy King cometh riding on a certain colt," and this prophecy was fulfilled when Christ entered into Jerusalem, riding upon this colt. This is recorded in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Now, some people may say that Christ has never taken over the throne of his father David, but let us see what God says about it. Mark 11:9, 10 reads like this: "And they that went before, and they that followed, cried saying, Hosannah; blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Blessed be the kingdom of our father David that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosannah in the highest." Luke 19:40 reads like this, "And he (Christ) answered and said unto them, I tell you that if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out." Is not this the power of God speaking to the people?

Now we can finish the prayer: "For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen." May we ever seek first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and then we will be certain to receive his blessings.

J. H. K. Jones, Deacon,
Tifton, Georgia

"Thou wilt show me the path of life; in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."—Psalm 16:11.

NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

NORTH CAROLINA STATE
CONVENTION OF F. W. B.

The Thirty-Eighth annual session of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists became history with the closing on Thursday afternoon, September 14th. As we see it, much progress had been made in the work of the denomination in the past year. All departments are on the upward trend toward greater things in the work of the Lord. However we can see where mistakes have been made, and thereby there have been less success than might have been, but as a whole we certainly are becoming more efficient in business transactions and reaching for greater things.

I was in the first session ever held of the State Convention. I attended the last session of the old Ministers' Conference and Union Meeting which evolved into the State Convention in its last session at Ayden, N. C., which session was held in the old Free Will Baptist church which was located on the Southern corner of the old Seminary lot located on Lee Street, and which now is the High School property of Ayden.

Having had experience in the work of the State Convention from the beginning, we believe that we are in a position to know that we have come a long way up, since the first session of the State Convention thirty-eight years ago, in spite of many failures and discouragements, there have been a steady growth and if the Lord Jesus does not come we are looking for great strides to be made for the cause of Christ, even greater than has ever been made.

One sign for our optimism is the great number of young men who are being trained in our Orphanage and denominational Bible College at Nashville, Tenn., who are proving their efficiency in administrative matters as well as being great soul winners for the Lord Jesus.

If I should live to be an old man, I expect to rejoice in the Lord as I shall see many of these "Youngsters" do things for the ongoing of the church.

Education does not make preachers. God calls and makes preachers, but get it fixed in your hearts and minds that a "God Called Preacher" who is educated is much better prepared to carry on the work of the Lord than the uneducated; and, due to better advantages for the young men and women, much better than we older fellows ever had, I am expecting greater things in the near future when these men will

take over and carry on. And here is a man that has always loved to see a young man step up into greater responsibilities and greater achievements in the work of the Lord.

SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE
CONVENTION

Rev. L. B. Manning, elected President; Rev. S. A. Smith, Vice-President; Rev. R. N. Hinnant, recording Secretary; Rev. Burkette Raper, assistant secretary. The vacancies on all boards were filled with very efficient persons. It would take too much of our space to give the names of all members of these various boards, just wait and get the minute that belongs to you and see who is responsible to us as a church and Convention for the success of the 1950-51 (Year of Convention history). Let us be much in prayer for the leadership of the Holy Ghost for those who are responsible for the ongoing of the work.

SOME SPECIAL BLESSINGS

It was a great blessing to have with us Miss Laura Belle Barnard, our leader in the Indian Mission field in India who, as always, brought a great, inspiring and informative message on the work. The last message on Missions given by Sister Barnard, before going to the Field in India, was delivered in our State at Black Jack in Pitt County when she just poured out her heart for those who "Sit in darkness." She gave such an inspiring message that many hearts rejoiced. From that day until now Sister Barnard has faced many great problems in the work, but she, under the leadership of the Holy Ghost, has been able to solve those problems and made a glorious history in winning the lost of India to the Christ that she loves and adores, and with whom she desires to acquaint others, especially those of India, for whom she is giving her life. I think that every body was glad to have Sister Barnard with us.

Another great blessing came by the presence and the message delivered by Rev. Damon C. Dodd, the Promotional Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. Brother Dodd is well informed as to the needs and accomplishments of the National work in all of its departments, and he is well prepared to deliver messages that are informative and inspiring. We are always glad to welcome Brother Dodd and Sister Barnard to our meetings, and our homes.

REPORTS AND OUR COMMENTS

The reports that were read and received of the past year were very encouraging, in general. I think one of the best reports ever coming from the Orphanage at Middlesex, was made by the Superintendent, Walter McD. Croom, in which much progress was reported, but yet there are great needs to be met. The mission report given by Rev. J. W. Alford, Treasurer, was very good, but perhaps his receipts could

have been better. But when we think of the mission work in our state as of ten years ago, and of today we have great many things to praise the Lord for, and we do, Dear Jesus, thank you for heights that we have reached, and we are looking for greater heights.

Under the very efficient service of Brother Fountain Taylor, the treasurer of Cragmont, we noted the "best year in the history of the Cragmont work." Expenses were met, and debts were decreased and the prospects great. Yes, Cragmont is going on successfully. The women and young people are those who are leading in the life and success of the Cragmont work.

Preachers, we are the lagging ones in this great movement. Let us wake up and as the Negro Preacher said: "Brethering, when you's wake up, git up!" Yes, we need to wake up and get up and lead the work in Cragmont instead 45 preachers at the Ministers' Conference, as was the case last June, let us make it a HUNDRED in 1951, if the Lord has not taken us all to glory ere then.

Time will fail me to take up every report, but I must say that the only discouraging report was that of Education. Far too many people are neglecting one of the most important works of the denomination, that of PUSHING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. As we said before, education will not make preachers, But GOD-CALLED PERSONS for any specific purpose ought to avail themselves of every advantage to obtain an education. If God calls us to work; God calls us to prepare for that work. Christ said, "Search the Scriptures." Paul said; "Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Christian education is one of the most vital needs of our work. To let down on this work is to let down on God. We have a growing Bible College at Nashville, Tenn., Let us stand by it, Yes, make liberal offerings to the work of EDUCATION, AND SEND THE MONEY TO OUR TREASURER OF THE STATE EDUCATIONAL BOARD. Watch the Baptist paper to see who the treasurer is, and where he is located. If you do not take the Baptist subscribe and keep posted as to the matters pertaining to the church.

S. S. Convention to Convene
Happy Home Church, S. C.

The Sunday School Convention of the Central Conference of South Carolina will convene with Happy Home F. W. B. Church on Saturday, October 7, 1950. We wish to urge all churches of this Conference to be represented at Happy Home for the Conference.

MRS. FRANKLYN EADDY, *Secretary*

Read your "Youth's Banner carefully

Bible College Opens for Ninth Year

With a record enrollment of 95 from 16 states the Free Will Baptist Bible College began its ninth year on September 6. Not only was this year's opening significant from the fact of an all-time high in registration but it also marks the beginning of the College as a full four year degree conferring institution.

The Free Will Baptist Bible College is owned and operated by our National Association of Free Will Baptists. It is the training agency of the Church, proposing to train those called to full time Christian service in the fields of the ministry, missions, religious education and music. Thus the College is offering the A.B. degree with a major in Bible to meet the need of all those conscious of God's call to full time service. The work is of the highest academic standing and our students, when necessary are able to transfer to other institutions quite satisfactorily.

New Faculty Members

The Reverend Laverne Miley of Kirksville, Mo. has been added to the faculty as professor of Greek and instructor in certain biblical subjects. Mr. Miley holds the B.S. degree from the Northwest Missouri State Teachers College, studied one year at Free Will Baptist Bible College and has completed the required work for the B.D. degree at Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago, which will be conferred at the 1951 commencement.

Mrs. Anna Barrow, wife of our Dean, the Rev. J. P. Barrow, came to the faculty this year as librarian. Mrs. Barrow is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute and holds the Th.B. and A. B. degree from Trevecca College and will complete within the next few months the requirements for the M.A. degree in Library Science from Peabody College.

Summer Activities of Faculty Members

Rev. L. C. Johnson, president, attended National Association in July and carried "The Evangeliers" the

girl's quartet of the College on a three weeks itinerary during August. Brother Johnson also conducted two revivals during the summer months.

Professor J. P. Barrow, Dean of the College, taught at the Minister's Institute at Bethel Assembly in Georgia and attended summer school in Denver, Colorado and Pittsburgh, Pa., working on his Ph.D. degree which will be conferred within the next few months.

Reverend and Mrs. Charles Thigpen, professor of Christian Education and professor of Speech and English respectively, attended summer school at Winona Lake Theological Seminary working on their M. A. degrees which will be conferred next summer. Mr. Thigpen also preached for two revivals during the summer season.

The Gospeliers

The Gospeliers, the male quartet of the College, made a two months itinerary through Tennessee, North Carolina, Ohio, Illinois, Missouri and Oklahoma. The boys carried the gospel of redeeming love in song and testimony and saw many lives dedicated to the Lord and several saved. Our people responded to the financial call of the College with nearly \$8,000 in cash and pledges. The personnel of the quartet was Irvin Hyman of S. C., as first tenor; Billy Sherrill of Missouri as second tenor; Bobby Picirilli of S. C., as baritone and Reedy Saverance also of S. C. as bass. Billy Melvin, a graduate of F.W.B.B.C. served as director.

The Evangeliers

The Evangeliers, referred to earlier, went out under the direction of President Johnson on an itinerary that took them into Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia. The quartet was composed of Jane Reeder, Texas, as first soprano; Wanda Edwards, Missouri, as second soprano; Virginia Hales, Virginia, as first alto and Lucy Wisehart, Missouri, second alto. Beth Davidson,

North Carolina, daughter of Rev. J. R. Davidson, our former Treasurer and Business Manager, was the accompanist. The girls did a splendid job of singing the gospel and again our people responded in a fine manner with gifts in cash and pledges amounting to nearly \$5,700.

Much Evangelizing Done

The general report from all the returning students to the campus is that all were busy in the great harvest field. Nearly all the boys conducted one or more revivals, or conducted the music for revivals and worked in Daily Vacation Bible Schools. The girls reported a busy season as they conducted Daily Vacation Bible Schools, worked in Youth Camps, and singing for revivals. All reported many brought to the Lord as a personal Saviour and the seeing of many of our finest young men and women consecrate their lives for FULL TIME SERVICE for CHRIST and the FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH!

Henry Melvin

CHURCH BUS FOR SALE

We have one 1937 model Church Bus for sale. It has a new motor, the body is good. The seats need covering. It has four good tires, and two not so good. The price of the bus is \$225 for quick sale. See or write to:

Rev. Noah Brown,
Rockingham, N. C.,
Route 1

WINTERVILLE TO HOLD REVIVAL

The annual revival of the Winterville F. W. B. Church will begin first Sunday night, October 1, 1950. With the Reverend N. D. Beaman of Snow Hill doing the preaching. Services each evening during the week will be at 7:30.

The church at Winterville will go on half time next year, second and fourth Sundays. Brother Beaman is our newly elected pastor. Rev. Ralph Osbourne of Pine-town is our present pastor.

The public is cordially invited to attend any of these services. We are looking forward and praying for a good revival. We'll be looking for you.

As ever in Christ,
Leo Tripp, Reporter

Tennessee Personalities and Events

C. F. Bowen

Mrs. Fannie Polston has been employed as a member of the Home for Children staff at Greenville. She left the latter part of September to assume her duties there which include dietician's work.

The home mission board of the Cumberland Association is sponsoring a mission station in the New Town community of Springfield. Plans are to buy a lot and erect a building for this purpose. Rev. Raymond Mayo and others are in charge of this project. Contributions for the work are welcomed and may be sent to Rev. William Mishler, chairman of the board, Rt. 2, Cedar Hill, Tennessee. Miss Myrtle Jones reports a new Sunday school organized by the district field worker, Garner Caldwell, with 37 present.

Students from sixteen states have enrolled at the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, for the fall term. Of these there are forty-three freshmen enrolling for the first time. The student body totals ninety-four which is by far the largest enrollment in the history of the school. However, everyone is being taken care of with sufficient rooms and apartments, if a little crowded.

A foreign mission conference is to be held in Nashville the first week in October. Day services will be conducted at the college and night services at East Nashville Church. The consensus is that this is a vital meeting of our people at a very crucial period in the life of our foreign mission endeavors. It is hoped that many of our people from every state will attend.

Dr. Judson Rudd, president of William Jennings Bryan University, Dayton, Tennessee, worshipped with the East Nashville Church congregation on a recent Sunday.

Revival at Spring Hill

A revival meeting will begin at Spring Hill F. W. B. Church, Sunday night, September 24th. The Rev. C. H. Coates of Four Oaks will do the preaching. The public is cordially invited to attend these services each evening. There will be special music rendered during the week. The church is located on highway 70 between Goldsboro and Princeton.

Rev. J. Walter Stanley, Pastor

We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing; others judge us by what we have done.—*Longfellow.*

ATTENTION— N. C. Free Will Baptists— "October Is Superannuation Month"

Once again we come to that month in the year which has been designated, by N. C. Free Will Baptists, as Superannuation Month. The Board of Superannuation wishes to express its sincere thanks to all who have given for this worthy cause in the past, and to solicit your continued support.

At the present time there are 25 of our Retired and Disabled Free Will Baptist ministers receiving regular pension checks from this Board, and there are others asking to be placed on the list. We hope to be able to include them soon.

In addition to the Retired and Disabled ministers who are receiving pensions and those now making application, there are several worthy and deserving widows of our deceased brethren in the ministry who are in great need of assistance from this cause. The Board has set as its goal to start the payment of pensions to the widows in the very near future, however, we must depend upon you in the field to provide the funds for this work.

In order for the Board to render the assistance that our people are asking of it, and to provide the assistance needed by our retired and disabled ministers and ministers' widows, we will need \$10,000.00 during the next year. This amount has been approved by the State Convention, and in order to reach the goal we are asking each church to try to send in as much as 25 cts. per member for this work. Also asking all of the Auxiliaries, Conventions, etc., to increase their offerings as much as possible. Of course if your church can not raise the amount of 25 cents per member, we urge you to send all that you can. On the other hand, if your church can send more than 25 cents per member it will help to make up for those who do not support this work. Yes, we still have some who are not willing to support those who have given the best years of their lives to our churches. Can those who are now in need, depend upon "YOU" to show your appreciation?

Please send your Superannuation Offerings to:

M. L. Johnson,
Route 1, Sims, N. C.

Pastoral Announcement

This is to announce that I shall be available for pastoral work for the coming year. Any church or churches desiring my services may communicate with me at the following address:

Rev. R. W. Allman,
Kannapolis, North Carolina
Route 5, Box 853

or
Telephone No. 1008-M

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

AT THE

F. W. B. Bible College

3609 Richland Avenue
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

October 3, 4, and 5

EVENING SERVICES HELD
in

EAST NASHVILLE F. W. B. CHURCH
518 Woodland Ave. Nashville, Tennessee

The Foreign Mission Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists is sponsoring a Missionary Conference in Nashville, Tenn., on October 3rd, 4th, and 5th.

Miss Laura Belle Barnard, our missionary on furlough from India, and Rev. Thomas H. Wiley from Cuba will be the principal speakers.

In addition to the hours of Inspiration and Information, there will be periods for open forum and special clinics to which we urge all State Mission Board members, State Mission Directors, Field Workers, Missionary Candidates and Pastors to attend. We appeal for your presence at this Conference as we analyze our Foreign Mission Program.

One of the highlights of the Missionary Conference will be the showing of the Missionary Film, "Letter to Meltime." This film is produced by Missions Visualized, Inc., an arm of the National Association of Evangelicals, and is a dramatic production of our own Missionary Program in Cuba. The film will be released to be shown in churches for the support of Foreign Missions, after the Missionary Conference.

You can't afford to miss the Missionary Conference. First of its kind in the history of Free Will Baptists.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND
OCTOBER 3, 4, 5, 1950
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Watch the papers for detailed program

REV. RAYMOND RIGGS

CHAIRMAN

Foreign Mission Board of the National
Association of Free Will Baptists

REVIVAL AT SNOW HILL

A series of revival meetings will begin at Snow Hill church, Duplin Co., on the 18th of October at 7:30 o'clock and run through October the 28.

The evangelist will be the Rev. F. A. Rivenbark of Durham.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services. Please pray for the success of the meeting, and for the evangelist who will do the preaching.

Mrs. Rotha Reardon
Mt. Olive, N. C.

Do you read your church papers?

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

THE PRESS IS MAKING PROGRESS

From the Business Manager's report, it was shown in the recent Stockholders' meeting that the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina, made commendable financial gains during the past year. The work in all departments showed improvement. With more and better machinery now installed and in operation, the Press bids fair to do even better work in the future.

The sales of literature showed an increase during the year, as well as was shown in other departments of the business. Decided improvements in the covers of some of the quarterlies are meeting the approval of many of the church people. Further improvements will be made, the Business Manager stated in the Stockholders meeting of September 21.

A new Business Manager was elected to have charge of the production department of the business of the Press. The outlook is that, for the coming year, the busi-

ness should make even greater progress, and that a greater service can be rendered to the denomination as a whole than ever before. With the new Business Manager taking over the production end of the work, as a relief of much of the routine work which Brother Dunn had carried on for many years, it should be a great help to the business as a whole. Brother Dunn was elected as Executive Secretary-Treasurer with the duties and responsibilities of the said office. This arrangement in the business should prove a blessing to all concerned. No changes were made in other employees of the Press.

The new Business Manager is Reverend D. W. Alexander, of Bethel, North Carolina, who had been the president of the Board of Directors for several years. With his knowledge and understanding of the business in general he should become a good Business Manager. May God continue to bless the institution that it may be able to serve, in the coming years, the denomination in a more efficient and praiseworthy manner.

GOD IS ENOUGH FOR
ALL

LAURA A. BARTER

"We are hard pressed, yet never in absolute distress; perplexed, yet never entirely baffled, pursued, but never left un-succored; struck to the ground, yet never slain" (II Cor. 4:8, 9, Wey. Trans.)

"Who is sufficient for these things?" (II Cor. 2:16).

"His reply has been, 'My grace suffices for you, for power matures in weakness'" (II Cor. 12:8, Wey. Trans.).

God is enough for all—

For weary days, when with ache and pain
We strive to take up life's tasks again,
And find our weakness, ah! then the power
Of His sufficiency hour by hour,
Meets us just where we are, and gives
The touch we need, and within us lives—
Yes, *God is enough for all.*

God is enough for all—

For the deeper problems that life unfolds,
For the wider knowledge that round us
rolls,
For the misunderstandings of fellow men,
Who scoff and jeer—ah, we find Him then
The refuge for all we need to know,
The haven to which we can always go—
For *God is enough for all.*

God is enough for all—

For the sudden upsets coming unawares,
For Satan's designs and subtle snares.
How could I gauge the false from the true,
How stand firm and know what to do,
But for the certainty of a power

Loving, enwrapping me hour by hour?

Yes, *God is enough for all.*

God is enough for all—

For the difficult places we have to meet,
For the tired brain and the weary feet;
For the children's questions that puzzle us
so,

Making us learn how little we know;

For the silent moan when we say "Fare-
well!"

To our best beloved, then we learn to
spell—

Yes, *God is enough for all.*

—*The Word of the Cross.*

No other love so pure.

The new life in Christ Jesus

Draws from His boundless store.

For the brotherhood eternal

Is the family of God;

The "ought" of love controlling

Each member through the Word,

And what it means is evident;

Changed lives the story tell.

The brother heart though wounded sore

Still whispers "All is well."

BROTHERHOOD

Brotherhood, what does it mean?

Tell us if you can,

You who think that wisdom

Starts and ends with man.

Days, and years, and centuries

Tell their tale of woe;

Oppression, wars, injustice,

Everywhere you go.

Earthly love's not lasting,

Human hearts are cruel:

Self-seekers lauding brotherhood

But use it as a tool.

But turn from earthly standards

And let the Bible speak.

Where Christ is really "Master",

"All ye are brethren," meek.

No other tie so binding,

EDITOR'S REQUEST

All notices, announcements, programs, reports, etc., to be published in a certain issue of the Baptist paper on a certain date, should be in the editor's hands not later than Thursday morning of the previous week, so that they will appear in the issue of the Baptist which will be published the next week.

By observing this request, those mailing manuscripts to the editor will be assured of having their messages appear in the issue desired.

Heretofore, many communications have been coming too late for the issue in which they were intended by the senders. Please observe this request, and avoid the delay of the appearance of your messages in the paper.

Please note, the type for the Baptist is set on Thursday and Fridays of the week before the issue for the next week is printed.—Editor.

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

Editor
MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON

801 Pollock Street
New Bern, N. C.

AFTER VACATION

Perhaps the Auxiliary women of N. C. have wondered why their Field Worker has not sent out any news of the field work in some time—well, the truth of the matter is, that I have been on a six weeks vacation and have been unable to keep in touch with the progress, nor with the needs of the auxiliaries. However, I am glad to inform you that I am back on the field, and ready for service. Any Auxiliary who desires to have the Manual of Methods taught, or our National Plan of Work explained, write me as soon as convenient, and we shall be glad to arrange an appointment. At the Executive session of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, held recently, it was agreed that the Officer's Training Classes be continued throughout this Convention year. I was glad of this decision, because it was such a success last year. We have seen, and are experiencing worth while results from these efforts. Each Convention in the State is supposed to sponsor one or more classes between now and next May. In case of a large area in any one district, plans can be made to hold two or more classes in order that a greater number may be able to attend. Please keep this in mind, and notify me of any plan or decision you make regarding these classes. It is highly important that all of our women acquaint themselves with the work of the auxiliary, which furnishes such a splendid opportunity to those who really desire to become "Workers together with God."

I was very sorry to miss the woman's Conference at Cragmont this year. Circumstances that I could not control called me elsewhere at this time. However, it has been a real inspiration to me to hear of the wonderful experiences in fellowship, in study of the Word, and in the various interests of the conference. I was especially pleased that we had the larg-

est conference that we have ever had, and that the manifestations and testimonies of all were for a greater and better conference next year. Some one said, "The conferences at Cragmont grow better each year."

Another thing gave me much joy, that was the resolution of the conference to ask each auxiliary in the State to send a contribution of \$5.00 or more, to Mr. Fountain Taylor, of Richlands, by March 1st, 1951, for supplies for Cragmont.

May we put our shoulders to the wheel, as the old saying goes, and pull, push and pray for a full surrender of our lives, and a deeper spiritual awakening to the needs and opportunities before us in service for, and with the Master. May we unite in earnest prayer, acknowledging our dependence on Him, who is able to lead us to victory in His name.

Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Field Worker
N. C. State Auxiliary Convention

"BE STILL, AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD"

In this great world upheaval men and women, boys and girls are "panicky" over conditions surrounding us. Fear seems to be in almost every heart, fear of the atom bomb and the still more deadly H-bomb, fear of war and all that war brings, fear of one another, fear of our very shadows. Yet, there is a remedy; the Father has said, "Be still, and know that I am God"—"Perfect love casteth out fear," "Fear not, little flock: for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12: 32). In II Thess. 3:3 "But the Lord is faithful, who shall establish you, and keep you from evil."

In the days of the apostles, men were admonished to look for the second appearing of Christ in the clouds—today we are being warned of danger on every side. We are being reminded daily of the nearness of the

coming of the Prince of Peace, yet fear, procrastination and unbelief are three of the things that are bringing terror into men's hearts. Many are crying, "peace," but finding it not. The world at large has forgotten that the Gentile age is nearing its close. It has forgotten, or ignored the fact that God has said through Paul, in I Thess. 5:3, "For when they shall say, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them—and they shall not escape." Perilous times are upon us, as was predicted by Paul and other inspired writers. II Timothy 3:2-5. "For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those who are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God: Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof." In verse 13, we are told that "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." Let us take time to "Be still and know that our God is "our hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance." We need to give God a chance in our lives, that He may mold and make them according to His own will. He says, "Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth (Psa. 46:10).

We need to "Be still," many times when we are not, for unless we take time for silent meditation and prayer, how can we hope to be endued with power to meet the needs of a lost world. I am sometimes impressed with seeing so much hurry in and among those on whose shoulders rest such heavy responsibilities in the kingdom work of our Lord. In our haste, I wonder if He is pleased with us, and the attitude we sometimes assume. We need so much to "Be still" and commune with Him, that we may be fitted to go out in His name and win souls to Christ and to promote His kingdom here among men.

Some one has said, "The midnight hour is upon us"—"And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the

bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him." One by one the lights will go out all over the world. Too late to make amends for our careless living, our indifference, our lethargy—too late to put Christ first in our lives—the midnight hour has struck. May we be prepared to meet the Lord in the air, when He comes in all His glory to gather up His Bride, the Church. We know that "Men's hearts are failing for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth; for the powers of heaven shall be shaken, and then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory" (Luke 21:26, 27). "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." To those who are ready, the Midnight hour will mean joy unspeakable, to the lost it will mean "Verily, I say unto you, I know you not" (Matthew 25:12).

Alice E. Lupton

Corinth "Go-Tell" Auxiliary Holds Meeting

On Sunday, September 10, the "Go-Tell Auxiliary" held its meeting at Corinth Church, near Dunn, North Carolina. Edna Earle Naylor called the meeting to order, the members present sang a hymn, Linda Faye Norris read the scripture which was taken from St. Matthew 2:1-6, and prayer was offered by her. Then the program chairman, Linda Faye Norris read the program which was given by the different members present who had a part in it.

Following the rendering of the program, the roll was called by the secretary, Ethel Gray Gainey, with ten members present. The offering taken amounted to two dollars. The business matters were then taken up, and after they were completed we adjourned the meeting. We will meet the next time on the fourth Saturday afternoon at 3:30 with our leader, Ida Strickland.

Ethel Gray Gainey

New Yorkers may watch the construction of a new skyscraper, Air Lines Terminal, through holes bored in the surrounding fence—at various heights to accommodate people of all sizes. Close to the sidewalk are holes marked: "For Dogs Only"; one specifies "Pekinese."—*Printers' Ink Monthly.*

"IN THE INWARD PART"

Through the five senses of the body we become conscious of the outside world. We can say that we know the world in which we live, for this world has made its way to us through these senses, and our great consciousness within cries out, "I know."

Within this body is a soul. The soul has senses also,—I do not know how many; but with these senses it reaches out and knows its kind. For those the soul loves it would sacrifice and sometimes die. The consciousness with the soul rises up and says of the personalities of others, "I know them."

Deeper still within us is the spirit. God breathed this into Adam's nostrils and man became a "spirited soul," or "living soul." The spirit should be able thru its senses to know God, but sin has blinded its eyes, seared its conscience as with a hot iron to keep it from feeling God, spoiled its taste for God, and through its smell (if it has one) it is not even able to discern the presence of God. God calls,—oh, how many thousands of times He has knocked and called,—but sin has made the ears deaf.

All mankind is in this condition by nature. God has said, "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him." Jesus came as our substitute to put away all sin of this spirit, soul, and body, and to regenerate this spirit. He calls it "the new birth." When we are born again by accepting Christ as our Saviour and our very life, the One who has put away all our sins, we understand that God is our Father, and immediately His Spirit speaks to this newly regenerated spirit within us that now has eyes, ears, nose, mouth, and tongue. To this spirit the Word of God says, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God; and if children, then heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ."

When our spirits were blinded in sin, instead of drawing from God all the delights and pleasures in Him we turned and began to draw our de-

lights through the body; the spirit and soul became subject to the lusts and the desires of the body. All mankind, until released by Jesus, are the bond-slaves of the desires of their natural mind, natural tastes and natural lusts and passions; but when He comes in we give the Holy Spirit the very throne of our being, which is our spirit. He here communes with us, fellowships with us, and our disposition or soul becomes subject to the spirit, and the body becomes subject to both, to this newly regenerated heart, if we consent to let the Lord have His way. In this sense our body then becomes the temple of the Holy Spirit, and the Spirit of God keeps it a clean temple.—Paul Rader.

A FAITHFUL MOTHER

After a recent fire, in which a barn was almost completely destroyed, the owner, walking over the ruins, came upon an old black hen. He wondered that she did not move her head to look at him as he came near her, but he thought that she must be asleep. He poked her with his cane, and to his surprise the wing which he touched fell into ashes. Then he knew that she had been burnt to death. But out from under her came a faint, little peep, and pushing her aside with his cane, the man found ten, live yellow chickens. The hen had sacrificed her own life to save them.

This was the love of a hen for her chickens. But He who made all living things and planted a portion of His own affection in everyone of them, yet feels a deeper love than they can for the creatures He has made. And yet how many despise His goodness and reject His love. Thus of old the Jews rejected the Saviour of mankind, which He wept over their folly and said, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not. Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see Me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord" (Matt. 23:37-39).

—Publisher Unknown

GOD'S PROMISES ARE DEPENDABLE

A. L. SELLERS

Some say there is no God. Others say there is nothing to the church, and many say they can live as good out of the church as they could in the church. Regardless of what they say or think about it, God's promises are coming, as he said they would.

Eve was made to believe that she would not die, as God said she would, if she ate of the forbidden fruit. But to her sad disappointment, when she ate, she found the effect to be just what God said it would be. What she believed was no relief when God came on the scene.

The people did not believe Noah, when he advised them that God had promised to send a flood because of the wickedness of the people, and that he was instructed to build an ark in which those who would believe might be saved. He built the ark. He and his wife, his three sons and their wives were saved, but all the rest were lost. In Matt. 24:39 Christ said, "They knew not until the flood came and took them all away." It was not that they had not heard the message concerning the flood, that they knew not, but because they would not believe. The flood came, but when they were convinced that the message was true, it was then too late. The door was shut. So they were all taken away. Can you imagine the sadness of their disappointment? God's promise became a reality to them, but it was too late to do them any good. Dear reader, are you going to let it be too late with you when you let God's promises become a reality to you, to do you any good? You can if you want to, and OH HOW SAD!

I quote from Lev. 26:14-17. "But if ye will not hearken unto me, and do all of these commandments; and if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will do all my commandments, that you break my covenants: I will also do this unto you; I will appoint over you terrors, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart: and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it. And I will set my face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you; and ye shall flee when none pursueth you." This is what God promised to the children of Israel if they would not be obedient. They did not believe it; and, if you will study their history you will find that they were punished as it is here stated that they would be. It was so sad with them because they would not be instructed. Whether we believe it or not God is going to fulfill his promises, and it will be blessings to those that believe, but OH HOW SAD to those that don't believe.

Some critics say it is not true, for God did not destroy Nineveh. They are on the list with the man that said, "There is no God," and is fooled just as bad as he was. They are all fools, not for the lack of intelligence, but because they are fooled, they have believed the truth to be a lie. It was not the people that God was wanting to get rid of in Nineveh, but it was their wickedness. Any one with any sense of reason can see that it was the wickedness, and it was his purpose to destroy that wickedness if he had to destroy the people, but they repented, and that destroyed the cause for his wanting to destroy the city. God always has a reason for wanting to do things, and when that reason is moved his attitude is changed.

Studying this makes me sad. I know that we as a nation have left God; and, as he turned his back on the Israelites, I am made to wonder if he will turn his back on us. He does not love us any better than he did them, and it appears to me that, according to opportunity, we have left him as far as they had when he turned his back on them. When we study the life of our nation we don't see much likeness of Christ, but do see a lot of the likeness of Satan. Who then is our God as a nation? "Thou shalt have no other God before me." This means just as much to us as Americans as it did to those people in Moses' day, and I am convinced that God does not take second place any where, and there is safety anywhere that he is allowed to have first place. We are headed, I feel, for the greatest destruction that we as a nation have ever experienced, because we have let Satan have first place in our life as a nation. May God help us to see as Nineveh saw, that we may put on "sack cloth and ashes," and proclaim a fast and prayer of three days from the capital to the most humble hut in the nation. That is our surest way to victory. Can you imagine what the results would be if every citizen of this great nation would get down "in sack cloth and ashes" in a three days' fast, and prayer for a victory over this great strife we are in? I challenge the citizens of America, as one who is willing to try it, that we might have the experience of knowing what the results would be.

The rich man was sadly disappointed when he reached his destination, but his disappointment gave him no relief. He could have said "I did not believe that it was like this, if I had I would have lived differently." That would have done no more good than what he did say, but he was there and no relief for him. He had had Moses and the prophets, but no doubt he had laughed at them. "Woe unto you that are rich! for ye have received your consolation! Woe unto you that are full for ye shall hunger. Woe unto you that laugh now! for ye shall weep." Abraham reminded him that in yonder world he had his good things. Notice that it was His GOOD things that he had had. His

good things did not last long, but brought him destruction. "Now thou art tormented."

No doubt in my mind but that he had heard the messages of Moses and the prophets and called them foolishness. He sees now where the foolishness is, but too late. The door of mercy is shut to him. His doom is fixed.

Christ in Luke 25:30 said, "Then shall they say to the mountains, fall on us; and to the hills cover us." When they see what they have missed, and what they are in, surely they will want to go out of existence, but God's promise is that we can't do that; but we can let them become realities in our lives now and live accordingly, and enjoy the blessings of being an heir of God and a joint-heir with Christ.

Above all things, dear reader, don't forget that God's promises are dependable, if it is good it is coming, if it is bad it is coming, and we determine what it will be by the way we live. God help us that each of us may so live that ours will be good, is my prayer.

The Empty Pew

The empty pew has an eloquent tongue. Though its message is unpleasant, it is one that all may hear. To the preacher it says, "Your sermon is not worth while." To the visitor it whispers, "You see, we are not quite holding our own." To the treasurer it shouts, "Look out for a deficit." To the stranger who is looking for a church home it suggests, "You had better wait a while." To the members who are present it asks, "Why don't you go visiting next Sabbath, too?" The empty pew speaks against the service. It kills inspiration and smothers hope. It dulls the fine edge of zeal. The empty pew is a weight. The occupied pew is a wing. "Thou wilt be missed because thy seat will be empty" (1 Sam. 20:18).—*Selected.*

Sitting next to me in the bus station of a large city was a man so old and frail that I wondered that he was traveling. Before long he turned and said, "Where you bound for, son?"

"Chicago," I replied. "Where are you going?"

"Shucks, boy, I ain't goin' nary a place. A feller can see more sights, pantomines and melodrammer just a-sittin' in this waitin' room than you could see at any of your movin' pictures. An' it don't cost you a cent!"—*William T. McFadden* (Decatur, Ill.)

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THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

PROGRAM

of the

81st Annual Session

of the

Pee Dee Association

of the

Original Free Will Baptists

to convene with

Cypress Creek Church

October 12-14, 1950

Thursday Night Service

8:15—Introductory Sermon, Rev. A. L. Duncan

Friday Morning

- 9:30—Devotion, Rev. L. M. Word
- Welcome address, Rev. W. L. Jernigan
- Response, J. W. Bowen
- Moderator's address, Rev. Noah Duncan
- Recognition of visitors
- Petitionary letters
- Receiving new members
- Appointment of committees
- Thirty minute recess
- Special music by church
- 11:00—Service open, Rev. I. J. Green
- Sermon, Rev. C. B. Hansley
- 12:00—Lunch

Friday Afternoon Session

- 1:30—Devotion, Rev. W. L. Jernigan
- Memorial service, Rev. Noah Duncan
- Church enrollment
- Business
- Adjournment

Friday Night Service

- 8:15—Open, Rev. Z. D. Cains
- Sermon, Rev. T. C. Cribb

Saturday Morning Service

- 9:30—Devotion, David Hester
- Invitation to visiting Brethren
- Report of auxiliary work
- Business
- Recess

11:00—Preaching Service

- Open, Rev. W. L. Jernigan
- Sermon, Rev. Wade Jernigan

12:00—Lunch

Saturday Afternoon Session

- 1:30—Devotion, Willie Jones
- Orphanage report and offering
- Business session
- Report of committee
- Business vote of thanks to church
- Adjournment

Saturday Night Service

- 8:15—Open, Rev. Carey Cheshire
- Sermon, Rev. Edgar Fowler

Sunday Morning Service

10:00—Sunday School

10:00—Sermon, Rev. W. R. Millard

Committee:

- Fred McPherson
- L. M. Word
- J. W. Bowen

PROGRAM

of the

Sixth Annual Session

of the

Albemarle Conference of

North Carolina

to convene with

Malachi's Chapel Church

near

Columbia, N. C.

October 4-5, 1950

Rev. J. Albert Harris, Music Director

Wednesday Morning

- 9:30—Worship service under the direction of Rev. J. W. Alford
- 9:45—Welcome address, Mr. D. K. Sawyer
- Response, Mr. Oscar Webster
- 10:00—Moderator's address, Rev. A. L. Reynolds
- 10:10—Organizing the conference
- Recognition of visitors and seating of delegates and preachers
- Roll call of churches
- Roll call of preachers
- 11:20—Special music and congregational singing
- 11:30—Introductory message by Rev. R. P. Harris
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Worship services under the direction of Rev. J. A. Alexander
- 1:15—Business session
- Appointment of committees
- Reports
- Special messages, etc.
- 2:30—Call off until tonight

Evening Session

- 7:30—Opening worship services under the direction of the young people of the local church
- 8:00—Evangelistic services. Speaker to be supplied

Thursday Morning

- 9:30—Worship services under the direction of Rev. L. A. Ambrose
- 9:45—Business session
- 10:30—Orphanage report
- Missionary report
- Sunday School report
- League report
- 11:20—Special music and congregational singing
- 11:30—Conference sermon by Rev. J. W. Alford
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Worship services under the direction of Rev. M. C. Roscholer
- 1:15—Final business session
- Reports
- Election of officers for next two years
- 2:30—Adjourn

THE TOUCHSTONE

If I could deliver but one discourse to a congregation composed of all nations of the globe, this should be my text, "Jesus Christ died for our sins."

This is the truth that has lain closest and warmest to the Christian heart in every age of the Church.

This is the touchstone for every pulpit. Wherever the highest spiritual power has been attained there has been the most faithful preaching of the guilt of sin, and of salvation only through the redemptive work of Christ Jesus on the cross of Calvary.

It is the duty of every minister to thunder against injustice and intemperance and fraud and selfishness and hypocrisy and covetousness and every form of wickedness, but the true vantage ground from which to assail them is beside the cross where Jesus died to condemn all sin and to save the sinner.—*Theo. L. Cuyler.*

HEMOCOMING AT WHITE HILL

The Annual Home-coming of White Hill F. W. M. Church, near Aurora, will be held on the second Sunday, October 8th.

The pastor, Rev. Clinton Lupton, will bring the morning message. And we are expecting some very good music by several quartet's during our all day service.

All friends and former pastors are cordially invited to be with us.

By the church reporter

REVIVAL

The Rev. L. B. Manning of Fountain, N. C., will conduct a revival at Palmetto Chapel Church near Vanceboro, beginning the 9th of October, continuing through the 21st. The public is cordially invited.

BARBECUE SUPPER

A Bar-B-Cue supper will be held at the Vanveboro graded school lunch room Oct. 6, 5 to 8 p. m. Benefit Palmetto Chapel Church Building fund. Plates \$1.00 adults, .50 cents children. Everyone invited.

Fixed? Sure?

"John, I hear you are ingenious in a mechanical way. Can't you fix Tommy's horn?"

"What's the matter with it?"

"Nothing. I want you to fix it so it won't blow."—Louisville Courier-Journal.



Personal Commitment to Jesus Christ

(Lesson for October 8)

Lesson: Matthew 16:24, 25; Mark 1:16-20; Philippians 1:19-26.

Golden Text: Philippians 1:21.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

Our Lord presented the fact of discipleship frequently in His teaching. It is evident He frowned upon rash and ill-considered discipleship. He always wanted men to count the cost. Then, no persecution came as a deterrent and no circumstance arose that made them feel that they were out of the will of God simply on the basis of hardship to be endured.

That there is need of emphasis on this truth today is all too apparent. So much that goes by the name of Christianity is weak and emaciated and effeminate. Continual emphasis seems to be placed on what one gets out of coming to Christ, instead of the fact that when one does come to Christ, it is a life for Christ that is involved.—Moody Monthly.

1. To come after Christ is not to follow him in a mere physical sense, but to submit ourselves in full obedience to him and to pattern our life after his. He who does these things is a real disciple. This involves a renunciation of everything that would hinder true discipleship. (vss. 24)—The disciple must endure whatever comes upon him for Christ's sake. (vss. 24)

2. He who avoids through compromise the burdens and sufferings, or even the bodily death, which would come in the path of discipleship, will lose everlasting life. Also in a very real sense he will lose his life in this world in that he will fail

to accomplish or enjoy what he might. (vss. 25)

3. Their immediate obedience is a fitting example to all who receive a call from God. (vss. 17)

4. The fact that there were hired servants indicates that Zebedee was a man of some means. No doubt he would be able, without hardship, to hire others to take the place of his sons. (vss. 19)

—Arnold's Commentary

5. Right in the center of verse 24 is the fact that we are trying to express, "let him deny himself." This verse does not say, "let him deny things to himself." It has absolutely nothing to do with the custom of some people who during a part of a year won't do this and won't do that, and save a little money and give it to the church. The denial of things to yourself is not necessarily the denial of self. As a matter of fact, you can deny things to yourself and be very proud about it. And that very action proves that you don't know anything about death to self.

The Lord Jesus is talking about taking up a cross, and a cross always means crucifixion. This cross of which the Lord Jesus is talking is not any ordinary trial or difficulty that comes to any of the children of men. Rather, it is that which we are called upon to suffer because of our allegiance to Christ.

Discipleship means a response to the call to service, whatever it is and wherever it is. Whether it be at home or abroad, whether or not it be in connection with what we sometimes call secular employment, these choices are not ours. Our choice is to be absolutely obedient to all the will of God. Every child of God, whether he is in what is sometimes called secular occupation or in Christian ministry, should be living 100 per cent of his time for God. God calls us all to live that way.

Discipleship Means Willingness to Live or Die for Christ (Phil. 1:19-26)

What a wonderful passage this is. The apostle speaks of his imprisonment, of the opposition of some who preached Christ of envy and strife

(v. 15), as turning out to his salvation, that is, to his growth in grace, to his conformity to the image of Christ. So far as he was concerned, he wanted Christ to be magnified in his body, whether by life or by death (v. 20).

How true it is that for the child of God to die is gain, but to live is Christ. Thank God, Christ is life to us who believe in Him. It is only as the Lord lives out His life in us that we shall really live for God. Not only is to die gain, but for the child of God to depart and be with Christ is far better (v. 23). However, no child of God will want to leave this earthly scene one moment before the Lord's time. The Lord has His work for us, the work that He wants to do in and through us for His glory. Thus shall Christ be magnified in us, whether by life or by death.—Moody Monthly.

II. The Lesson Illustrated Dedication of Self

At a Christian celebration on the west coast of Africa a few years ago, when converted natives brought of their meager possessions to show their devotion to Christ, a young girl only recently saved from paganism brought a silver coin worth about eighty-five cents, and handed this to the missionary as her gift to the Saviour. The good man was astounded at the size of the offering, and hesitated to accept it, supposing it must have been obtained dishonestly; but when he delicately asked for an explanation of this lavish gift, the convert told him that she had gone to a neighboring planter and bound herself out to him as a slave for the rest of her life for this coin. Thus she brought the whole monetary equivalent of her life and placed it as a single gift at the feet of her Lord. That is the kind of consecration which Jesus expects of those who have sworn eternal fealty to Him. It is not our duty to enslave ourselves to any human master. It is our rare privilege to dedicate ourselves and our substance entirely to our Lord.—Rev. G. P. Eckman.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

THE DECISIVE WHISTLE

A. MARIA CRAWFORD



OM MARTIN stared gloomily at his little pine desk. It was a plain desk, the gift of his father the Christmas before he died. He always sat there to solve his problems of life as well as those of algebra, for it seemed to lend a certain dignity to work at one's own desk. The possession of it seemed to help him to think properly. The great problem of this young life was before him now and he sat there studious, thoughtful, trying to wrestle with and overcome the difficulty which confronted him.

"If Fred whistles again before I count ten, I'll go to old man McNulty and ask for a job eve nif he does turn me down," he said to himself and began to count slowly. When he had counted seven, his brother's cheery whistle determined his course of conduct.

Tom pulled on his somewhat worn gray overcoat and taking his cap down from a peg, squared his shoulders and went down to speak to his mother. "I'm going to give up school for this term, Mother, and go to work. I've thought it all over and I know that is what Father would have me do if he were here to advise me. You've worked yourself to a shadow and I'm not going to stand it any more."

"Oh, no, Tom," begged his mother. "We'll get along some way and you must have an education. I've set my heart on that."

"I'll get one, too. Where there's a will there's a way, Mother. Just you watch and see."

"You have heard about McNulty wanting a boy. Don't go to him, Tom, for he and your father had some difference once and he will turn you down and then you will become discouraged."

"No, I won't. The head of a family must have plenty of courage and I guess I'm head of this place from today."

He kissed his mother, taking care to hide his own anxiety from her. "Will you pray for me, please?" he asked gently.

She held him in her tired arms for a minute, all the mother love in her welling up in a simple prayer to the Father for this son who had early taken his yoke upon him.

"Mr. McNulty," he said when he had been ushered into that gentleman's presence, "I understand that you are looking for a boy. I'm Tom Martin and I need work. I wish you would consider me an applicant for the job."

"How old are you?"

"I am sixteen. I expected to graduate from the city schools in June but things are not going well at home and I have decided to give up school for this year and go to work. Can't you give me something to do right now?"

The boy's sacrifice and his evident eagerness to help his family touched the gruff old man more than he would have acknowledged.

"Your father beat me in an election once," he said, "but I guess it's not right to hold anything against the dead." There was a shrewd look in his faded blue eyes. "The position you want won't be open until next week, but in the meantime I need an errand boy and if you are not above a little hard work, I'll take you at four dollars a week."

"Thank you, sir, I'll take it and do my best."

It was Saturday and Tom ran errand after errand through the ice and snow. At night he was tired but cheerful.

"Want to give up the job?" asked old man McNulty when he started to supper.

"No, sir, not if I please you."

The McNulty Wholesale Sugar House was a big establishment and Tom found plenty of work to do. At the end of the first week Mr. McNulty heard Tom was studying at night trying to keep up with his school fellows. "There's something in that boy," he said to himself and straightway decided to create a new office and give the boy a chance.

"Didn't you tell me that you expected to graduate in June?" asked McNulty on Monday morning when Tom went to work.

"Yes, sir," answered Tom quickly.

"You do first rate as an errand boy. Fact is, you do a little better than any boy I've ever had, so I suppose we had better patch up this school business between us, what do you say?"

"Oh, that's all right," said Tom. "I'm glad to help mother and I ca nstudy nights. Lots of boys have made a good living on less education than I have now."

"You go back to school this morning, Tom," said McNulty who had a reputation for loving nothing but money, "and report to me every afternoon as soon as you can. You're worth twenty-five a month to me now and I've talked it over with your mother and she says that she can get along fr mously with that until June. Then I'll see what I can do for you and you can go up just as fast as you are willing to work."

How Tom did work through the winter and spring! The tired look left Mrs. Martin's eyes and she seemed to grow young again. There was a pair of strong young

shoulders on which she could lean, a son on whom she could depend.

"How did you happen to take up that Martin boy, McNulty?" asked one of his old clerks when Tom had risen to an enviable position in the house.

"For two reasons," said McNulty quietly. "First, His sacrifice for his mother, he was so earnest about it. Then I wanted him because of his influence on my other employees. There wasn't a man in my house, old or young who didn't respect, yes, respect that boy before he had been here a month. I never would have stood for any preaching around here, but that boy lived his Christianity every day. He gave half his lunch on pretext that he was not hungry to my janitor every day while the old fellow's wife was sick. Nobody ever thought of old McNulty before he came. I was just the old boss who was not supposed to be human at all. Every night last winter when the streets were slick with ice, that boy made some excuse to walk

"How did you make good, Tom?" asked Fred when he was ready to go out and try his fortune.

along with me and lend me his arm at the bed places. I tell you, Smith, that boy's influence is worth something to any man's house."

"I worked hard. I was courteous and I had faith in mother's prayer," said the young fellow leaning over to kiss the forehead of the little woman whose heart he had made to blossom with the flowers of hope and love and comfort.—*Pub. Unknown.*

Home-Coming at Christian Chapel

Christian Chapel, near Pink Hill, N. C., is to have a home-comig celebration on first Sunday in October. All members, former pastors, and friends are urged to be present for this occasion. A cordial invitation is extended to one and all. Come with well-filled baskets of good foods and enjoy the day with us.

We expect to have some good singing by some of the choirs of our neighboring churches in the afternoon. Come, friends, members, and former pastors, and let us have a good day together in the service of the Lord. May we make it a day of Christian fellowship in praise and thanksgiving unto God.

Mrs. Marvin Howard,
Pink Hill, N. C.

Women have considerable moral sense when they don't love a man. Mighty little when they do. With a man, it's the opposite. If he doesn't care for a girl, he's without scruples. If he does care, he is likely to develop a moral code only the angels can live up to.—*Mark Reed, Yes, My Darling Daughter* (French)

OBITUARIES

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Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

Fred C. Fitzgerald

Brother Fred C. Fitzgerald died at his home, Kenly, Route 1, on July 2, 1950, after an illness of three months.

In early life he united with the church and had been a member of Rains Cross Roads church for many years. Not only his church but the community and surrounding churches and communities realize they have lost a real friend and co-worker because he was always ready to help and to do more than his part. Every one that knew him liked him, because of his friendliness, cheerfulness and pleasant smile, which he always took with him. There was a motto he kept over his desk and in his heart, "Why worry when you can pray?" The young people dearly loved Brother Fitzgerald. For many years he worked with them in the League, Sunday School and church.

He was a great lover of music, and people everywhere loved to hear his voice. He took part in the vocal unions. There are many boys and girls that have to thank Brother Fitzgerald for helping them get started as real singers. At the time of his death he was clerk of his church, member of the pastoral and building committees, and assistant teacher of the Young People's Sunday School class. His body has passed from this earth but his influence still lives on.

Besides a host of friends and loved ones he leaves to mourn his wife, Mrs. Flora Edgerton Fitzgerald, four daughters, Mrs. Fate Best, Route 1, Goldsboro, N. C., Mrs. R. S. Garner, Route 2, New Port, N. C., Mrs. George Ivey, Route 2, Four Oaks, N. C., and Mrs. J. W. Hinnant, Route 1, Kenly, and 9 grandchildren.

To them we say "May Heaven seem much nearer to you now since one your love is there."

Written by a friend of the family

Brother Willey Wellons

We, the members of the church of Rain's Cross Roads wish to pay tribute to the passing of one of our members, Brother Willey Wellons. Therefore be it resolved: First, That we bow in humble submission to God's Holy will; Second, That in the passing of our Brother the church and community have lost one of their beloved faithful members. Brother Wellons will long be remembered by his many friends and co-workers;

Third, That to his wife, children and

loved ones we extend our deepest sympathy. May they find comfort in the one who came to heal the broken hearted; and, fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy sent to the Baptist Press for publication and a copy placed upon the church records.

By the committee

EMPTY SEATS

Ezra Clark

"Are you going to church this morning, Susie?" asked Dr. Clarke, lying back in his easy chair, with the morning paper. "A Doctor who is out day and night can't be expected."

"No, I made jelly yesterday, and I'm tired. I'm faithful enough to stay at home this cloudy morning," and Mrs. Clark curled up on the couch with the Bible she hadn't opened for a week, but it soon dropped from her hand. She was aroused by a strange voice saying:

"Now my good imps, what have you done today to weaken the kingdom of God?"

The voice came from a suspicious looking person seated on a throne. Around him was gathered a crowd of terrible beings, each with a crown of fire, in which gleamed some name, such as malice, envy, pride, hatred, and kindred passions:

"We have been busy today making empty seats in churches," said one.

"Nothing could please me better," answered their king.

"I persuaded one man that he had a headache, and kept him from a sermon that might have changed his whole life," said one.

"I induced one good man to slip into his store and fix up his books," said another with a horrid grin.

"Good!" said the king. "He'll soon give up Sunday altogether."

"I was able to get one devoted young man to visit some old friends," said another imp.

"I worried a good sister about her bonnet until she decided to stay at home until she got a new one," spoke up the imp labeled pride.

"And I made several women who were hungry for God's Word to stay home to repine over trials. I just said to them, 'Oh, these rich people

don't care for you, you can't wear fine clothes, so I wouldn't go where I was looked down upon.'" That way I kept many poor people whom the rich would have been very glad to see."

"That is one of the best ways to cheat poor people out of heaven that I know of," answered the king with approval.

"In induced a good many men and women to think they were not strong enough to get out," said one called "Indifference." "Of course, all these men will be at business tomorrow, even if they feel worse. But they could not go to church, where they would have no special mental or physical strain. And ladies would have been able to go calling or clean house, but I made them think they could not walk to church unless they were perfectly well."

"Very good," said the king, with a sulphurous grin. "Sunday headaches might often be cured by getting out into the fresh air, and backaches forgotten by thoughts driven to higher things. But you lying imps must use every weakness of the flesh to help make empty seats."

They all smiled, for in their kingdom lying was a great compliment.

"To make ladies think that their servants need no Sunday privileges is good," suggested one. "Very true," said the superior, "as long as we can get Christian people to cause or allow men and women to work during church hours, we can keep many empty seats in the churches, and men and women away from God."

"I'm the weather imp," said one gloomy fellow. "I go around persuading people it is going to rain, or it is too cool, or too damp, or too hot to venture out to church. It is enough to make even your gloomy majesty start out the next day in wind and weather. One would think it is a sin to carry an umbrella and wear gum coats to church."

"I am able to do a good deal with some of the ladies of the congregation," spoke up the imp labeled "Fashioned of this World."

"I can make some people stay at home because the new hat did not come, or because their clothes are

out of style, or they have not gotten a new cloak."

"I have a better scheme than that," said another. "These people you keep away are indifferent—generally good-for-nothing folks, who are hardly worth getting into the kingdom of his Satanic majesty, but I have a plan that empties seats of the workers in the church."

"That is just what we want," said the king.

"I make these people overwork on Saturdays. For instance, I induce some good man the preacher depends upon, or some devout Sunday school teacher, to make Saturday the busiest day of the week. I just keep him rushed with neglected things till late at night, and then he oversleeps or is sick the next day, and can't get out."

"Splendid plan," cried Satan.

"Yes, it works well with delicate women. If they clean house, or have Saturday company, they can be kept at home. A church party late Saturday nights helps make empty seats."

"You are doing finely, my imps," his majesty said warmly—for his breath was a breath of fire! "Preachers may work and pray over their sermons all week, but there will be no results in preaching to empty seats. One of the most important things we have to consider is how to keep people away from church on Sunday. Your plans are excellent, but I may suggest another good point. All preachers have human imperfections—some fault of manner or speech. Get Christians to criticize their pastors, especially before their children. If you can stir up a spirit of faultfinding against the preacher, it will help empty seats. People who get made at each other do not care to go to church together. If the seats are empty, the preacher may be a saint, and preach like an angel, but to no purpose. See the result of your labor on High Street Church today. Not only did the two hundred people who stayed at home lose a blessing, but each empty seat did its work against the Lord's kingdom. The preacher made unusual preparation, and went with his heart on fire, but the empty seats chilled him, and he did poorly. There was a special col-

lection, but the best givers were away, so it was a failure. It isn't a smart congregation; nor a good location, nor a paid choir, that makes a church successful. It is the church members always being there that draws in the unconverted, and makes an eloquent preacher. As soon as a Christian begins to stay at home, I have a mortgage on his soul which, I will foreclose on the judgment day."

"You have none on mine!" cried Mrs. Clark, who had been listening with bated breath, "I'll go to church if only to defeat you."

"What's the matter, dear?" asked the doctor, "have you been dreaming?"

"Perhaps so, but I am going to church if I get there just in time for the benediction. I'll cheat Satan from this day on out of one empty seat."

She has kept her word, and influenced many others to let nothing trifling keep them from God's house, and one "down-town" church has begun to grow, and will soon be a great power for God, because of no "empty seats."

Rev. N. Bruce Barrow Is Now in North Carolina

Brother N. Bruce Barrow and his family have just recently returned to their home at Arba in Greene County, North Carolina, from Bryan, Texas, where they had been living for around three years. Brother Barrow was pastor of the Bryan Free Will Baptist Church in the city of Bryan, Texas, and student of Texas State College in Bryan, where he pursued and completed college courses for his Bachelor's degree.

Brother Barrow will pastor churches in eastern North Carolina. Should any church or churches desire his services, we feel certain that he will be glad to serve them, if he is not already occupied with full-time work for the coming year. Those interested may write to him. His address is as follows: Rev. N. Bruce Barrow, Snow Hill, North Carolina, Route 2.

On one of the busiest corners of New Orleans, George Pinell, former cartoonist, does a big business tattooing Social Security numbers on the wrists and arms of hundreds of people who want a record that can't be lost or forgotten.—Grit.

PROGRAM F. W. B. Missionary Conference

October 3-5, 1950

to be held at

F. W. B. Bible College Nashville, Tennessee

Music by College Choral groups
Missionary Message—Miss Laura Belle Barnard

Wednesday

- 9:00—Devotionals, Rev. Rashie Kennedy
- 9:20—Rev. Thomas H. Wiley
- 10:15—Miss Laura Belle Barnard
- 11:20—Rev. Thomas H. Wiley
- 2:00—State Directors' Clinic (Leaders to be designated by Foreign Mission Board.)
- 3:10—Open Forum, Rev. Raymond Riggs
- 7:30—Special Music by College Choral groups
- 8:00—Showing of the film of our Cuban Mission Work

Thursday

- 9:00—Devotional, Rev. J. W. Alford
- 9:20—Miss Laura Belle Barnard
- 10:15—Rev. T. H. Wiley
- 11:15—Miss Laura Belle Barnard
- 12:00—Lunch
- 2:00—State Directors' Clinic
- 3:10—Open Forum, Rev. Raymond Riggs

Old John Barleycorn went to town one bright day,
There he looked around for the best place to do business;
He set up his shop in the heart of the block on main street,
And there he went to work handing out what brings miseries.

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**OTHERS MAY—
YOU CANNOT**

If God has called you to be really like Jesus in all your spirit, He will draw you into a life of crucifixion and humility, and put on you such demands of obedience that He will not allow you to follow other Christians, and in many ways He will seem to let other good people do things which He will not let you do.

Other Christians who seem very religious and useful may push themselves, pull wires, and work schemes to carry out their plans, but you cannot do it; and if you attempt it, you will meet with such failure and rebuke from the Lord as to make you sorely penitent.

Others can brag on themselves, on their work, on their success, on their writings, but the Holy Spirit will not allow you to do any such thing, and if you begin it, He will lead you into some deep mortification that will make you despise yourself and all your good works.

Others will be allowed to succeed in making money, or having a legacy left to them, or in having luxuries, but it is likely God will keep you poor, because he wants you to have something better than gold, and that is a helpless dependence on him, that He may have the privilege of supplying your needs day by day out of an unseen treasury.

The Lord will let others be honored, and put forward, and keep you hid away in obscurity, because He wants to produce some choice, fragrant fruit for His common glory, which can only be produced in the shade.

He will let others be great, but keep you small. He will let others do a work for Him, and get the credit for it, but He will make you work and toil on without knowing how much you are doing; and then to make your work still more precious, He will let others get the credit for the work which you have done, and this will make your reward ten times greater when Jesus comes. The Holy Spirit will put a strict watch over you, with a jealous love, and will rebuke you for little words and feelings or for wasting your time, which other

Christians never seem distressed over. So make up your mind that God is an infinite Sovereign, and has a right to do as He pleases with His own, and He will not explain to you a thousand things which may puzzle your reason in His dealings with you.

He will take you at your word; and if you absolutely sell yourself to be His slave, He will wrap you up in a jealous love, and let other people say and do many things that you cannot do or say. Settle it forever, that you

are to deal directly with the Holy Spirit, and that He is to have the privilege of tying your tongue, or chaining your hand, or closing your eyes, in ways that He does not deal with others. Now when you are so possessed with the living God that you are, in your secret heart, pleased and delighted over this peculiar, personal, private, jealous guardianship and management of the Holy Spirit over your life you will have found the vestibule of heaven.—Selected.

PROGRAM

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

OF THE

Eastern Conference of South Carolina

CONVENING WITH

New Prospect Free Will Baptist Church

HYMAN, SOUTH CAROLINA

Saturday before First Sunday in October, 1950

BRO. J. G. WILLIAMS, *Superintendent*

ELD. T. A. WILLIAMS, *Host Pastor*

MRS. H. C. SIMMONS, *Secretary*

— SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION —

PROCEEDURE

- 9:30—Opening Song by Congregation
- Scripture Lesson Bro. J. G. Williams, Superintendent
- Prayer
- Welcome Address Bro. Buster Poston
- Response Bro. Z. G. Tanner
- 10:00—Appointment of Temporary Committees
- Minutes of last Session read by the Secretary
- Field Worker's Report
- 10:20—Program by local Sunday School
- 11:00—Sermon Rev. Paul Shehan
- 12:00—Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Re-assemble
- Song by Choir
- Short program from each Sunday School represented
- 1:50—Reports of various Sunday School Superintendents, Orphanage funds turned in, etc.
- 3:15—Talk Rev. T. A. Williams
- 3:30—Final business session
- Reports of Temporary Committees
- Unfinished business
- New business
- Petition for next Convention
- Return of thanks to Host Church
- Song and adjournment

Rev. T. A. Williams,
Mrs. H. C. Simmons, Secretary,
Program Committee.

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NO CARES

O Lord! how happy we should be
If we could leave our cares to thee;
If we from self could rest,
And feel at heart that One above,
In perfect wisdom, perfect love,
Is working for the best.

For when we kneel and cast our care
Upon our God, in humble prayer,
With strengthened souls we rise;
Sure that our Father, who is nigh
To hear the ravens when they cry,
Will hear his children's cries.

How far from this our daily life;
How oft disturbed by anxious strife,
By sudden wild alarm!
O could we but relinquish all
Our earthly props and simply fall
On thine Almighty arms!

We cannot trust him as we should,
So chafes weak nature's restless mood
To cast its peace away;
But birds and flowers around us preach
All, all, the present evil teach,
Sufficient for the day.

O may these anxious hearts of ours
The lesson learn from birds and flowers,
And learn from self to cease,
Leave all things to our Father's will,
And, in his mercy trusting, still
Find in each trial peace.

—Joseph Anstice

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NOTICE

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

PROGRAM

of the Western Conference
to convene with
People's Chapel, Elm City,
North Carolina
October 11, 12, 19509:30—Devotions, Rev. W. E. Anderson
9:45—Welcome Address, Rev. J. B. Ferrell
—Response, Rev. W. H. Ivey
9:50—Moderator's Address
10:00—Roll call of Ministers
10:15—Appointment of Committees
10:30—Business session
11:30—Introductory Sermon, Rev. Paul Jenkins
12:00—Lunch
1:00—Devotions, Rev. Milford Hales
1:15—Business session
3:00—Adjournment
Evening services to be supplied
Thursday Morning
9:30—Devotions, Rev. L. H. Boykin
9:45—Business session
10:45—Reports of committees
11:30—Conference sermon, Rev. Wingate Hansley.
12:00—Lunch
1:00—Devotions, Rev. Joe Morris
1:15—Business Session
3:30—Adjournment

Rev. R. N. Hinnant, Committee

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NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS

I wish to give notice of a change of my home address from Lucama, N. C., to Rt. 1, Sims, N. C.

All mail for the Board of Superannuation, the Church Finance Association, Inc., and my personal mail should be addressed to the new address.

While our people are being informed of the change of address, I am holding P. O. Box 83 at Lucama, N. C., until Jan. 1, 1950, so mail sent to Lucama will be properly received through Jan. 1, however it might be received earlier if sent to the new address.

The new phone number is Wilson 3849-9.

M. L. Johnson
Route 1, Sims, N. C.

F. W. B. Orphanage Concert Class Itinerary

Western Conference

Miss Bonnie Farmer, Manager
(All services at 7:30 p. m. unless otherwise noted)Wednesday, Oct. 11—New Sandy Hill
Friday, Oct. 13—Sherron Acres
Saturday, Oct. 14—Sandy Grove
Sunday, Oct. 15—Tippett's Chapel
Wednesday, Oct. 18—Floods Chapel
Friday, Oct. 20—Sts. Delight
Saturday, Oct. 21—Mt. Zion, Nash County
Sunday, Oct. 22—Free Union, Nash Co.
Wednesday, Oct. 25—White Oak Hill
Friday, Oct. 27—Union Chapel
Saturday, Oct. 28—Rose Bud
Sunday, Oct. 29—Oak Grove, Wilson Co.
Walter McD. Croom, Supt.

The Waiting of God

Rev. Edgar L. Vincent

How waiting does eat the heart of a man out! The young man knows something of this while he is fitting himself for his life-work. He wears his book-leaves out trying to make the knowledge of other men his. His lamp runs dry long before he is ready to go to his rest. Far on in the night he leans back in his chair, and wonders how long it must be before he can take up the work he has set himself to do.

Before he comes anywhere near the realization of his ambitions, the artist must cover acres of canvas with his colors; and well for him if the best he can do does not seem to him the veriest daubing!

How the wife turns her eyes across the sea waiting for the whitening speck of sail which tells her that her dear one is on the way home! What long days these are! It seems sometimes as if the nights never would come to an end. The heart grows so tired waiting!

A mother's hand sets a lamp in the cottage window when the shadows begin to lengthen. For years she has trimmed the wick of that lamp, and poured oil in to keep that light alive. Now high she lifts the curtain. Down the road the cherry rays fall so bravely, and the mother turns back to her work.

But the waiting of God? How can that be? When we think of Him we remember the mighty enterprises which engage him. New worlds to shape and fling out upon their course; old worlds to hold in His hand; nations to lead along the pathway of the ages; empires to shake into a consciousness that right is right and God is God; little republics which honor God to be exalted—surely all this must give God no time for waiting.

And yet, it is only because we have not lifted our eyes from our playthings, the daily cares and the frettings and the worryings, that we have not seen the face of God bending down over us in tenderest longing. It is because our ears have been so confused with the noises of this world of ours that we have not heard Him say to us so gently: "Therefore will the Lord wait, that He may be gracious unto thee."
—Pittsburg Christian Advocate.

REPENTANCE

Repentance is the gateway out of a prison. Whoever passes through that door feels a great load lifted, breathes the air of freedom, and sees the light of love in blue skies. Whether we can repent without God's help, whether God can give us His help until we do repent, are theological questions which we can debate forever. The truth is that He bids us repent and be forgiven and be saved. And they will all happen at once to any one who wants them to. And when they do happen, it is life, new life.—Publisher Unknown.

DID YOU PAY GOD?

By L. Everett Ballard

I met him on the street and he told me of the prosperous year he had had. "I got out of debt," said he. "I paid a note off my farm that had been running a long time, and I paid a bill that I owed at the hospital, and I paid an old debt at the store."

"Did you pay God?" I asked.

He looked at me in a strange sort of way. "Pay God?" asked he.

"Yes," I said. "You know according to the teachings of the Bible in the eternal law of God, the law of Moses, and according to the words of Christ himself, we owe God the tenth of all our income. Did you pay Him His tithe?"

"How could I?" asked he, "when I owed all these debts, and these people needed their money?"

And I said, "God needed His money mighty bad, too. Last year a large number of missionaries had to be withdrawn from the foreign fields where they were badly needed, because there was not money in God's treasury on earth to take care of their needs. In the homeland many churches went without pastors, and many others did not have the services they needed. Also hundreds of little children without parents were

turned away from the Christian orphanages because there was not money to provide a place for them. And all this was because many thousands of church members did like you. They paid other people, but they did not pay God"

"Perhaps I should have paid God His tithe first," said he.

"Yes," said I, "God should always come first."

"But if I had paid God first," asked he, "what would the hospital and the merchant have done?"

"Well," I replied, "thousands of people have obeyed God's law and put his claim for the tithe first, and I have never heard of a person who has sincerely and consistently done this but who has been able to testify that he got along better with his earthly obligations as a result. God has promised thirty-eight times in the Bible to bless and prosper those who obey him in the matter of their substance, and He keeps his promises. He would have made good those promises to you as He has to others."

Then he declared, in a tone that denoted earnestness, "From now on God shall come first. I will bring my tithe to the storehouse of God, and try him, and see if He will not pour out a blessing upon me."

And I said "Amen!"

SUPERANNUATION

As most of you know, the month of October is set apart in the united program for North Carolina Free Will Baptists as Superannuation Month. We praise the Lord for the support our people have given to this worthy cause in recent years, however, we have not as yet done anything like we want to do, or what we hope to do. Our retired and disabled ministers throughout the State are worthy of much more than we are doing at the present time, therefore, let us all rally to the cause of Superannuation during October this year as never before.

At our last session of the State Convention at Rains Cross Roads Church the Board of Superannuation recommended and the Convention accepted a goal of \$10,000 for this fiscal church year. This is a small per capita for the 40,000 Free Will Baptists of

North Carolina, and I hope and pray that our active ministers and layment everywhere will do their part in making this goal possible.

We say that we appreciate the noble services that our elderly ministers have rendered our denomination and the cause of Christ. Now, let us prove what we say by taking special offerings in our Churches, Sunday Schools, Leagues, and Woman's Auxiliaries and forward to Rev. M. L. Johnson, Wilson, N. C., as early as possible. The Board will meet in December to determine the amount available for our ministers each month during the coming year, and what you send in will determine the amount they will receive. Let us pray much about this deserving cause and give whatever the Lord puts on our hearts.

W. A. Hales, Board Member

Otter's Creek Church Holds Three Weeks Meeting

Friday night marked the end of the nightly meetings of a three weeks' revival at Otter's Creek F. W. B. Church. Only the meeting has closed; the revival lingers on in the hearts of the people. Those who were saved, those who were lifted up spiritually, and those who rededicated their lives anew to the Lord certainly remember Rev. W. H. Calvert of North Belmont, North Carolina, as the man who preached the gospel truth and led the lost and dying souls to Christ.

Truly, we are thankful that such a man ordained of God, and endowed with the power of the Holy Spirit had been sent our way to bring to us a great revival meeting. The Lord did surely bless in the meeting.

Miss Hazel Tyson
Fountain, North Carolina

TRUSTING

Oh, how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to feel His presence near;
Joy to rest upon his bosom,
And to know He really cares.

In simple faith, in child-like manner,
To trust Him fully day by day;
Hand in hand along life's pathway,
One can never go astray.

He our rock, our full salvation,
No need to doubt, nor ever chide,
When storms of life roll in upon us,
In the solid Rock, we can hide.

Oh, yes, I'll trust Him now and ever,
'Till the storms of life are o'er;
Then my soul in sweetest slumber,
Shall find port on heaven's shore.
Mrs. Katie W. Roper

Elwood Lane S. S. Class Holds Good Meeting

Elwood Lane Sunday School class held their regular class meeting on September 23 at 7:00 P. M. at the home of Rev. Paul Jenkins. A barbecue supper was sponsored by the men of the class, with all of the trimmings of a fine supper. Following the supper the class held their meeting, or business matters, and the officers were elected for the next three months as follows:

Program Committee: George Lambert, Ben Collier

Welcome Committee: Gilbert Barton, W. White

Treasurer, F. M. Steel, and George Pulliam, secretary

There were present for this meeting 31 persons. We covet the prayers of all of God's people that they may pray for our church and Sunday School.

George Pulliam
1627 Lane St.
Kannapolis, N. C.

NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

THE SAME DOCTRINE

As I entered a certain place of business some time ago, a gentleman said, "there comes a man who was preaching the same doctrine forty years ago that he is preaching now." Everybody (for there were several in the place of business) got quiet and listened for my answer, and here is what I answered: "Yes, it was good enough then, and it is good enough now. If I ever find a better doctrine, then I will shift. In fact there is no better doctrine ever presented to man, then the doctrine of the Free Will Baptist Church."

The reason that I say "there is none better" is because it is the doctrine as presented by the Lord Jesus Himself. No man can deny it. Yes, if I live to preach forty more years, I shall preach the doctrine as given to us by the Lord Jesus, and as believed by all true orthodox Free Will Baptist people.

BROTHER HILBURN'S MESSAGE

Did you take special notice of that wonderful, Biblical message on "Sanctification" as presented by Rev. O. M. Hilburn in Sept. 6 issue of the F. W. Baptist? It was one of the best on the subject that I have read in a good while. It was as sound as God's Word, and therefore will stand when "earth shall pass away," for God says, "My word shall not pass away."

Certainly, sanctification begins when God makes a sinner a new creature and continues as man lives in the bounds of God's will. "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2:10).

Yes, created in Christ Jesus. Can you imagine that God would create an imperfect thing? Is it not reasonable that when God makes a thing, He "sanctifies" that thing? We are God's creation. When God created the heavens and the earth and all things therein, it was a perfect work." All things were good, and it is said, man "was very good." So sinful man must be made a new creature. He "must be born again." Not half way born, neither the third part born again. Not created in three parts. But created completely in Christ Jesus. "And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power" (Col. 2:10). Yes, complete. Who did the work of creating? Remember that we are "created in Christ Jesus." It is a complete work. Can you add to completeness?

Yes, God finishes His work in making this new creature, due to the power of the

finished work in Christ. No place for a "second definite work" as taught by some. You are right, Brother Hilburn.

A CHILD OF GOD

When we are born again we become a child of God. Thus we become the property of God. We are not our own. "We are bought with a price." We are not half-way on the Lord's side, or half way in God's family. We are wholly a member of the body of Christ, who gave Himself for us to make us "free from the bondage of sin." Not half way "free," for "if the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36). "Being made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Rom. 6:18). "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death" (Rom. 8:2). All these scriptures teach a complete "freedom" in Christ; not a half way freedom. Yes, it teaches that we are made a complete new creature, who loves and willingly obeys God. A person who hates sin "shuns the very appearance of evil." My affections are set on heavenly things when I look for the Lord Jesus. My affections before I was made a New Creature in Christ were on worldly things, things that I hat now.

NO CONDEMNATION

"There is therefore no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 8:1). "No more condemnation?" Why no more condemnation? Because we are Christ's. Being in Christ Jesus we are dead to the world and alive to God. "Old things are passed away and behold all things are become new." Not half-way new. But a complete new work. God does the making. And when God makes us, we "are partakers of divine nature" (2 Peter 1:4). This nature leads us into the avenues of righteousness. This nature never leads us to the Sunday baseball, nor the beer gardens nor the dance halls, nor even to that church (so called church), place of dancing. A religious dance is inspired by the nature of the devil. It is the lust of the flesh. A child of God has another nature from that of the world. A child of God with no condemnation will not love the world, nor the things of the world. Get your Bible right now and read, First John, Second Chapter, verses 15-18. You may have to be "born again" to understand it.

OAK GROVE TO HOLD REVIVAL

Oak Grove Church near Vanceboro, N. C., will hold its revival, beginning Wednesday night after the second Sunday in October. It will continue for about ten days. Rev. Sam Kennedy of Beulaville, N. C., will do the preaching. He will be assisted by our pastor, Rev. Herbert Tripp. The public is cordially invited to attend these revival services.

Mrs. W. N. Barrow, Church Clerk

Good Revival at Old Mother Church, New Zion, S. C.

On the first Sunday night in September, the Rev. L. L. Powell of Hannah, South Carolina, began a series of revival services which lasted two weeks.

We the members of the church, and the visiting friends really enjoyed the soul-stirring messages that Brother Powell delivered. Along with the good sermons, we had some splendid music by a band of singers from Lake City, S. C., and from the Church of God. We did enjoy having them, and wish to have them again with us in the very near future.

Beginning with the second week of the revival, Rev. Hoyite Powell from Hannah, and Rev. Dewey Powell, preached, helping out our pastor in the meeting, Brother L. L. Powell who became ill. But he was able to be back with us later, and we were so glad that he could come back before the meeting closed. We did miss him the few nights he was away.

A large crowd of people attended these services each night. There were eight who took membership with the church. There were more in our midst who needed to come to Christ and surrender their lives to him. The baptismal service was held on the second Sunday afternoon by Rev. Powell.

May God bless our church, and help us to carry on the work for another year. We are praying for the success of our labors.

Mrs. Rhames Morris

A PRAYER

O Lord, Thou knowest what is best for us. Give what Thou wilt, and how much Thou wilt, and when Thou wilt.

Deal with me as Thou thinkest good, and as best pleases Thee, and is most for Thy honor.

Set me where Thou wilt and deal with me in all things as Thou wilt.

I am in Thy hands; turn me round, and turn me back again, as Thou shalt please.

I desire not to live unto myself but unto Thee and O that I could do it worthily and perfectly.

Let Thy will be mine, and let my will ever follow Thine, and agree perfectly with it.

Grant that I may die to all things that are in the world, and for Thy sake may love to be contemned * * and in Thee to have my heart at peace.—Thomas a'Kempis.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR THE BALLARDS

Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Ballard have moved from New Bern to Greenville, where they are residing at 1221 Washington Street. Mail for Rev. L. E. Ballard should be addressed to Box 86, Ayden, N. C., while Mrs. Ballard's mail address is Box 259, Greenville, N. C.

\$100 Founder's Award

Rashie Kennedy, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Goldsboro, North Carolina, has just received a \$100 check from the Evangelical Teacher Training Association of Chicago, Illinois. A copy of the letter which came with the check is written here.



Rev. Rashie Kennedy

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

The Evangelical Teacher Training Association is glad to commend you for your fine work in teacher training during the past year. Our records indicate that you have issued since September 1, 1949, no less than 220 certificates of credit, and are entitled to the first of the Founder's Award, \$100. We are, therefore, pleased to enclose herewith our check for this amount.

We congratulate you and sincerely trust that you may be sufficiently encouraged by our token of appreciation to maintain your splendid record in succeeding years.

Cordially and fraternally,
Clarence H. Benson

This was won by taking first place as teacher of the Preliminary Teacher Training Course for Sunday School Workers. Taking first place means that he had more classes, more stu-

dents and gave out more certificates of credit for work accomplished than any other teacher in the Association. The Association includes over 100 Bible Colleges and Institutes in the United States and Canada. The Preliminary Teacher Training Course is one of the best courses for Sunday School Teachers and Workers, being offered today. It is being offered in College, Bible Institutes, Community Sunday School Institutes, and in local churches. Every one that can possibly do so should avail themselves of the opportunity in taking the course.

The course includes 3 units in Bible covering the entire Bible, and 3 units in Sunday School methods. Other units that fit into the course are, Daily Vacation Bible School, Evangelism, Missions, Biblical Introduction, and Bible Doctrine. These last units are elective but credit is given for each unit toward the Gold Seal Certificate of the Association.

The Preliminary Teacher Training Course, when all six units are completed, will give 4 Semester hours in the F. W. B. Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, should all the students decide to attend that college later.

Mr. Kennedy has the following S. S. Institutes scheduled: Goldsboro F. W. B. Church 9:45 a. m. each Sunday morning, October — June, 7:30 p. m. each Wednesday night.

West Goldsboro F. W. B. Mission October 12, 7:30 p. m.

Union Grove F. W. B. Church Oct. 17, 7:30 p. m.

Hugo F. W. B. church, November 7, 7:30 p. m.

Registration is \$1.00 per student, including book and certificate. Tuition in proportion to number in class, distance to place, length of institute or number of trips. Write or call Rashie Kennedy, Goldsboro, N. C. Ph. 449 m.

At a round-table conference always be square in your thinking.

Do you read your church papers?

THE LILY'S NAMESAKE

Alice Montgomery Barr

"Of all the pretty names in the world from which to choose, I wonder why you called me 'Lily,'" a little girl complained to her mother, one morning as they went about their daily tasks of cleaning the house.

Mrs. Lamb looked at her little daughter in astonishment. "Why, Lily," she answered, "never for a moment has the thought entered my mind that you were displeased with the name I gave you."

"I am not to say displeased, mother," Lily answered, "but I was just wondering why you named me after a flower."

Mrs. Lamb dropped the broom and, seating herself in a chair near the window, she called her daughter to her side. "Now, my child, since you have asked the question," she began slowly, "I am going to tell you exactly the reason I called you 'Lily.'"

"When you were a tiny little baby, the one thing that puzzled me most was naming you; and as my friends came in to see me I'd ask them to suggest a name, and finally I had a list of over a hundred names.

"One day, a friend came by, and when I asked her for a name, she laughed. 'Oh, no,' she said, 'I have no name to leave, but I brought you some magazines.'"

"After she was gone I began looking over the papers, and in the first one I picked up a little story that ran something like this: 'Once upon a time an angel came down to earth and brought a little brown bulb to Mother Nature. "Take good care of it, Mother Nature," the angel said, "for it is to be the most beautiful and perfect flower in your garden. Its petals will be like ivory, its heart like purest gold, and it shall bloom at a certain time, into a splendid white flower.'"

Lily's eyes were large with surprise, but she couldn't speak, so her mother continued:

"After I read that story, I thought of how Christ came to earth, a tiny baby, of all the good deeds He did, the promise He gave His disciples. I thought of how He died, of His burial, and how after His ascension the people chose the lily as His flower because of its beauty and perfection. Then I looked at the tiny baby by my side and I said, 'Surely an angel sent you to me, and I'll call you "Lily."'"

"Oh, mother," the little girl cried, "don't say any more. I am sure I'll never be a perfect flower, nor have a heart of pure gold, but I'll never again be sorry I was named Lily; for from now on I'll remember the ugly brown bulb, and how God made it into a beautiful white perfect flower.—The Youth's Counsellor.

We never have a need that the Lord Jesus will not fill, if we trust Him and let Him do it for us.—M. G. H.

THE BIBLE AND THE USE OF LIQUOR

The passages in which the evils of wine and strong drink are vigorously recognized and where red signals are lifted above the roads of life make an impressive code of caution. There are not fewer than 28 of these signposts, directing men away from the paths of poverty and imbecility. They are all fearfully climaxed in the warning of Proverbs:

Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who hath contentions? Who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine: they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth its color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.

Then, there are the passages in which the social dangers are noted and by which men are called away from dealing in the poison of society. The borderline between this list and the last named list is not easy to establish, yet at least 37 times wine and strong drink are presented in their cruel social effects. When Paul, in I Corinthians, named conditions which unfit men for the final and glorious society, he pronounced one dreadful word of expatriation and wrote over the portals of the Lord's realm: "No drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of God."

We discover the passages in which the individual effects of drink are given in anecdotes: Noah lying in the naked shame of his drunkenness; Lot betrayed by his daughters into an inconceivable paternity; Amnon made silly with wine by the scheming Absalom, only to die soon like the drunken dog; the Corinthians moving to the Holy Communion, debauching bodies and hearts, and sleeping in premature graves.

We happily select the passages which describe the ideal life, or fitness for sacred duties and meditations. Here, first, is the counsel to Aaron, the pioneer of the Lord's priesthood, as translated by Moffat:

The Eternal said to Aaron, "When you or your sons enter the Trysting tent, never drink wine or liquor, lest you die; this to be a standing rule from generation to generation that you may distinguish what is sacred and what is profane; what is clean and what is clean."

Here are the Rechabites, the sons of Jonadab, standing true to total abstinence and winning a continuance of their tribe down through the centuries. Here are the Nazarites, set aside to God, and to set aside from the false stimulations of drink.

Here is the priest's rule ere he enter the deeper sanctuary to stand between God and man. "No priest shall drink wine when he enters the inner court." Here is the mys-

By the Late Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes
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terious Lemeul in the last chapter of Proverbs, receiving his oracle from his mother:

Son of mine, heed what I say, Listen, O son of my prayers, and obey. Waste not your strength on women, Your love on these destroyers of a king. It is not for kings to be quaffing wine, Nor for princes to be swilling liquor.

In the ideal royalty praised by the ideal mother the cup of fire is an outlaw. Here, finally, is the case of John the Baptist where the promise of the trembling Zacharias is:

Thy wife Elizabeth shall bear a son, And thou shalt call his name John. And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and Many shall rejoice at his birth. For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb, And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God.

The growth of special consciousness is apparent in the Scriptures. It attacked all kinds of wrong—false balance, cruel usury, financial oppression, as in these words, "Woe to him who stores ill-gotten gains, seeking to set his nest on high, safe from the clutches of calamity."

The biblical community sense urged that all the cluster of duties be observed between man and man. But it had its narrowed point in its attack upon wine and strong drink. The unknown writer of the Proverbs, evidently not trained in the modern percentage distinction among intoxicants, declares after the Moffat rendering:

Wine means mockery; liquor, brawling; there is no sense in reeling under drink.

The minor prophets became major in the Scotchman's version again:

Woe unto him that makes his neighbors drain the goblet of his fury, and makes them drunk, to gloat on their disgrace! Drink yourself now and stagger, for the cup in the Eternal's hand comes round to you. And shame, not glory, guts you.

Amos saw the fierce attack on the idealism of the young and wrote the awful plaint:

I raised up sons of yours as prophets and Young men to be Nazarites. Is it not so,

O Israel? But you gave Nazarites wine to drink, and forbade prophets to prophesy. So now I make your steps collapse, as a cart collapses, laden with sheaves.

Joel wrote the unbelievable thing. In a tragic passage he said:

They have sold a girl for wine that they might drink.

For centuries there has been a natural alliance between the traffic in liquors and the traffic in prostituted bodies!

Amos again saw the effect of drink on women and wrote of it thus fiercely:

Listen to this, you cows of Bashan, you women in high Samaria, you who defraud the poor and are hard on the needy, Who tell your husbands, "Let us have wine to drink!" As sure as I am God, the Lord eternal swears Your day is coming.

Just now the United States is facing an appalling increase of drunkenness among women. Many who frequently abide at hotels will tell you that more and more, masculine and maudlin shouting is accompanied by feminine and vomiting shrieking, while the sanitariums for drunkards are compelled to enlarge their quarters for women.

Doubtless Paul's two laws bring the whole case to its personal and social climax. We must all be smitten at heart by the individual appeal:

Whether therefore you eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

The particular matter of which the Apostle was writing was of far less destruction than our twentieth-century problem of drink. Without question millions more people have been destroyed by liquor than were ever slightly tormented by the ethical problems of meat that had been offered to idols.

Without question an evangelized people becomes a sober people. The deepest relation of the Bible to abstinence and prohibition is in this region. A widespread revival of religion such as came to our land in the fifties and seventies would give the surest protection against the flood-tides of rum now overwhelming us. Such a work of grace would substitute for the vulgar stimulation of wines and liquors the holy stimulation of the Spirit of God.

We face the deplorable fact that some of our people, members of our churches, have been caught in the whirlpool of this disaster. Even when they have not become the physical victims of rum, they have sometimes become its financial and spiritual victims. We see them in the hotel

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: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

BIBLE TRAINING COURSES

During the winter and spring months of the present year, there were conducted quite a number of Bible Training courses in North Carolina, and other states by qualified teachers and leaders of the church for those who were seeking training in Sunday School work. The results of these Teacher Training schools in different church centers were certainly commendable, to say the least. As a matter of fact, those conducting them and giving religious instruction to Sunday School superintendents and teachers, and also lay workers of the churches, were people who were both proficient in instructing others in Sunday School work, and deeply interested in seeing better equipment provided for the Sunday Schools wherever possible.

The coming winter months ahead and long nights should serve, in a great many instances, many church groups to avail themselves of the opportunity of setting up Teacher Training courses for their Sunday School teachers and superintendents. In a great many cases, well qualified leaders and instructors can be secured for a nominal sum, we believe, to do the organizing of the Bible Training course, and give the instruction in teacher training that is so greatly needed among our Sunday Schools. As was true last winter and spring, groups of churches in certain areas can and should arrange to hold a Two or Three Weeks' Teachers' Training school. They should arouse interest among the Sunday School teachers, superintendents, and laymen of the church, of their surrounding churches, and get them to come together, and secure qualified instructors to conduct the Institute for them in a centrally situated church for the Institute.

Moreover, the Sunday Schools and the individual Sunday School classes, whose superintendents and teachers take these courses, will greatly benefit from said Institutes conducted in their districts. Since this has been true in the past where Teacher Training courses were conducted and many received training from them, it will prove equally true in the future for those who set up training courses for their teachers and superintendents during the coming winter months. Better teachers will produce better work in the Sunday Schools.

THIS IS THE SEASON FOR BAPTIST SUBSCRIPTIONS

A goodly number of old subscribers of the Baptist paper are now renewing their papers for another year. Some new subscriptions are coming into the office, but not as many as we would like to see for this season of the year. We are hoping that many of the Honor Roll solicitors will get busy this fall and send in long lists of names for the Baptist paper. There are always a number of homes in every church and community that should be getting our church paper. There are many children

in these homes who are missing the good religious stories found in the paper each week, while other children in other homes where the paper is going are enjoying reading these good stories. The parents should see to it that their children have in the home good religious stories to read each week of the year. Forming the habit of reading good literature is satisfying and enlightening, therefore every home should provide good literature for their children.

The ministers and pastors will be doing a good deed if they will keep constantly before their church people the need of having the Baptist paper going to their homes every month in the year. The good derived from reading the Baptist paper each week by both parents and children will be far greater than the expense of the paper to the home, for it is always a good investment of one dollar and fifty cents, the subscription price for one year. We urge our pastors to encourage their congregations to take the paper, and to read it each week. A few minutes of reading each night, before retiring, of the Baptist paper and the Bible will benefit each heart, and bring consolation to many a soul.

N. C. CONFERENCES TO CONVENE

The Western North Carolina Conference will convene with People's Chapel, near Elm City, North Carolina, on October 11 and 12. This church is located in a fine rural section of the country, and the people are hospitable, greatly interested in the conference meeting with them this time, and will entertain the delegates, ministers and visiting friends in a splendid manner.

It is expected to be a great occasion with good music, fine preaching, and the transaction of the business of the conference in a good way. The local church people are looking forward to entertaining many of the visitors in their homes on the first night of the conference, and to furnish, for the two days' session, abundance of food on the church grounds at the noon hour. A welcome is extended to one and all to attend this meeting.

Then, the next week, October 18 and 19, the Eastern North Carolina Conference will convene with Antioch Church near the town of Bridgeton, North Carolina. This will also be a great meeting of delegates, ministers, and visiting friends from the various sections of the State. The people of Antioch Church and community have always been noted for their hospitality, abundance of food for the gathering of church bodies at their church, and the generous entertainment of ministers and delegates in their homes. This two days' session is expected to be a great one in many ways: fine music, good preaching, pointed discussions on matters of vital importance to the conference, and Free Will Baptists in general. Large attendance is expected upon this annual meeting. All churches of the conference are expected to represent with large donations for the work of the conference.

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

Editor

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON

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New Bern, N. C.

How Much Training Should A Woman's Auxiliary Do?

Mrs. D. C. Dodd

Several hundred years ago an outstanding preacher of the Word urged the young Christian worker, Timothy, to "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of Truth." This same admonition applies to every Auxiliary worker today. The Woman's Auxiliary study course is designed to inform and inspire each member who will study with alert mind and eager spirit. The W. N. A. C. plan of study, if followed, will make each woman more missionary minded and a better steward of her time, talents, and money, and will enable her to pray with a greater fervor for the lost of every land. Then, too, she will come to love and appreciate the Bible more and more each passing day. Thus, a great responsibility rests upon each third vice-president. Let us endeavor to do our very best to keep our members informed.

On page eight in the Year Book, under the Calendar of Activities, the Auxiliaries are reminded to study during the month of September the duties of officers. This could well be done by sponsoring an "Officers Clinic." During this clinic, The Manual of Methods should be thoroughly studied so that each officer might be definite on her line of duty.

The Standard of Achievement required at least five study classes during the year. One third of the Auxiliary members are expected to attend and complete the courses. Books on prayer, missions, stewardship, personal service and the Manual of Methods can be used in these study courses.

It should be the goal of each third vice-president to get every Auxiliary

member to read two books on Missions during the year, and at least one Stewardship book. An approved list of such books is printed in the Year Book of Programs on pages 55 and 56. Let me take this means to urge each Auxiliary to use Miss Barnard's book, entitled, "His Name among All Nations," for the study class in Missions. Such classes help us to see the needs of our missionaries and come to a personal feeling of responsibility toward them.

The Stewardship Commission of the National Association has prepared six lessons to be used by Free Will Baptists everywhere. Many of our women are ordering these lessons for study classes. For years we have longed for books written by our very own; now we have them. Let me urge each local third vice-president to order these lessons from the Stewardship Commission, 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.

"Study"

J. E. Lambdin

Study to know the grace our Lord bestowed on thee;
Study to know the love He has for you and me.
Study to lift thy soul above the din of things;
Study to hear His voice which thru the ages ring.
Study about the price He paid upon the tree;
Study to know His plans that span eternity.
Study that thou a workman unashamed may be,
Study to share the Word of Truth entrusted unto thee.

CHURCH BUS FOR SALE

We have one 1937 model Church Bus for sale. It has a new motor, the body is good. The seats need covering. It has four good tires, and two not so good. The price of the bus is \$225 for quick sale. See or write to:

Rev. Noah Brown,
Rockingham, N. C.,
Route 1

Woman's National Auxiliary Literature for 1951 Will Be Ready for Delivery by November 15, 1950

Here is the Price List:

W. N. A. C. Year Book of Programs for 195130cts.
W. N. A. C. Manual of Methods30cts.
G. T. A. Program Book for 195135 cts.
Working with Our Youth Manual30cts.
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My Job as Membership Chairman
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My Job as Study Course Chairman
My Job as Program Chairman
My Job as Benevolent Chairman
My Job as Secretary
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(These booklets are new books authorized by the Convention for the use of each and every auxiliary officer, local, district, state, and national. They are especially written to and for officers, but will be equally helpful for members who desire more efficient leaders and workers within their auxiliary.)

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Woman's Auxiliary of GreenWood Church

The Woman's Auxiliary of Greenwood Church, Mitchell County, Georgia, met for the regular monthly meeting on September 14, 1950. The service was opened by singing, "I Want to Be a Worker for the Lord." Prayer was offered by Mrs. Nora Mae Worslum. The president then turned service over to program chairman, Mrs. Janie Harvey, who gave a short message on "Lost Opportunity." The program theme was announced. Program leader gave scripture reading and introduction. We then had a special arrangement of songs: "To the Work;" and "Work for the Night Is Coming."

The first topic, "The Urgent Need," was given by Mrs. George W. Wishum. Mrs. Mary Poitevint gave the second topic "Methods." The fourth topic was given by Mrs. Mary Ann Singleton, after which we sang "Our Best." Then sentence prayer was offered by all present.

Program chairman turned service over to president. We entered into business by calling roll, reading minutes of last meet-

ing and collecting dues. A motion was made and seconded to give Brother Shutes money out of treasury to pay for one broadcast on radio program. After which we were dismissed to meet again on Thursday after second Sunday in October.

Our Auxiliary is weak and we feel we need your prayers, that we may not become discouraged, but that we might be found always pressing forward in His Name.

Mrs. K. V. Shutes, President
Mrs. C. J. Harvey, Pro. Chm.

PROGRAM

Woman's Auxiliary Convention

Albemarle Conference

Free Union Church, Tyrrell County, N. C., Oct. 12, 1950

Thursday Morning

Theme: Advancing Christ through Education

10:00—Devotions by Mrs. Margarette Woodard

—Welcome address by Mrs. Lindsay Simmons

—Response by Mrs. Grady Boyd

10:30—President's message by Mrs. Delsie Waters

—Recognition of ministers and visitors

—Appointment of committees

—Orphanage news

—Special music by local church

11:00—Convention sermon

11:30—Talks:

(1) Advancing Christ through Education in the Home, by Mrs. Alton Furlough

(2) Advancing Christ through Education in the Church, by Mrs. D. W. Cherry

(3) Advancing Christ through Education in the F. W. B. College, by Mrs. A. B. Chandler

12:00—Lunch hour

Thursday Afternoon

1:15—Devotions by Mrs. Edwin Roper

—Reports of vice-presidents and committees

—Report of the Field Worker, Mrs. J. C. Griffin

—Special music by local church

3:00—Closing and adjournment

Mrs. C. J. Waters
Pinetown, N. C.

If you would climb to the heights you can not wallow in the depths.

Dream, yes. But, also, wake up!—B. C. Forbes

HOW TO PROMOTE— WORLD TEMPERANCE SUNDAY

Editor, The National Temperance Digest

World Temperance Sunday, October 29, 1950, should be an important date on your church calendar for it will give you an opportunity to promote the ideals of total abstinence for the individual, and for the community the legal elimination of the Organized Liquor Traffic.

The following suggestions are listed for your consideration in making plans that will make the best use of this important special date.

For the Church

Initiate and implement a program of alcohol education. Begin with a committee of interested leaders in the church to initiate a program of alcohol education that will include all ages, the aim of such a program to be conviction and decision based on accurate knowledge.

Present this cause from the pulpit at a morning service. When properly and intelligently used, preaching is more powerful than almost any other means to form community attitudes. A presentation from the pulpit by the minister or by a special speaker will reach many youth and adults. Such a speaker has a choice of presenting the topic from several different angles, any one of which is of interest because it is an important part of the contemporary American life.

Distribute high-type effective literature. This literature may be placed on the literature table, or in the church library, or distributed by the ushers. Some persons receiving the literature will be concerned about their own drinking habits, or of those of members of the family, or friends.

For the Youth

Plan to use visual aids at the Sunday School hour and during the evening youth meetings, or have the young people present a drama to which are invited friends and relatives.

Use posters throughout the church buildings. Sponsor a poster making contest during October among the children and young people with special recognition being given to all poster makers through a public showing on World Temperance Sunday.

For the Community

Sponsor a community mass meeting during the afternoon or evening. Have an outstanding national leader as a speaker with plenty of local musical talent. The use of the high school band, and or choral group will contribute good music, will attract the interest of the local people, and will be an inspiration to the speaker.

(Might be a good place to display the posters, too).

Store window displays. Those merchants who have definitely taken a stand on the side of total abstinence will doubtless be glad to fix up a window display.

Other merchants who may never take a personal or business stand against beverage alcohol may, nevertheless, be glad to use a window display on some special phase of the alcohol problem in which both wets and drys are interested (such as highway or industrial safety).

These window displays will need to be planned with the merchants with as much detail as will your mass meeting if they are to have any impact upon the community.

For the Individual

Every individual should have an opportunity to make a personal commitment to total abstinence. Commitment cards may be handed to the worshippers as they enter the sanctuary, or may be distributed by the ushers at an appropriate time in the service. Leaders in the Church School and in the Youth Fellowship Groups should also make plans for the securing of personal commitments.

This is not only sound Christianity but also sound psychology. Professor William James, speaking from the standpoint of sound psychology, said in regard to any great decision: "When once the judgment is decided, let a man commit himself irrevocably. Let him put himself in a position where it will lay on him the necessity of doing more, the necessity of doing all. Let him take a public pledge if the case allows."

Every individual should have an opportunity to make a personal financial contribution (including the children and young people), for a person cannot long sustain an interest in an enterprise unless he is brought into a personal relationship with it, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Mt, 7:21).

Giving to the cause of temperance should be a part of the Christian stewardship of money.

Every individual should have an opportunity to do something for the cause of temperance. Children and young people as well as adults can help in the distribution of literature from house to house at frequent intervals, can help with local option campaigns, can "buy dry and say why," as well as take an active part in the temperance programs and activities of the church.

These suggestions are given with the hope that this important church date can be made meaningful to all, and result in a new awakened Christian conscience.

It will be seen who fare the best in the end, those who are obedient to their parents, or those who are not. Boys and girls who take their own way are not only mean and to be pitied, but they are bringing great future suffering upon themselves.—
M. G. H.

HOW MUCH DOES A PRAYER WEIGH?

Joseph Sadony

How much does a prayer weigh? The only man I ever heard of who tried to weigh one still does not know.

Once upon a time he thought he did. This was when he owned a little grocery store on the West side. It was the week before Christmas, after World War I. A tired looking woman came into the store and asked him for enough food to make up a Christmas dinner for her children. He asked her how much she could afford to spend.

She answered, "My husband did not come back. I have nothing to offer but a little prayer."

This man confesses that he was not very sentimental in those days. A grocery store could not be run like a bread line.

So he said, "Write it on paper," and turned about his business.

To his surprise, the woman plucked a piece of paper out of her bosom and handed it to him over the counter. She said, "I did that during the night watching over my sick baby."

The grocer took the paper before he could recover from his surprise, and then regretted having done so; for what would he do with it, what could he say?

Then an idea suddenly came to him. He placed the paper, without even reading the prayer, on the weight side of his old-fashioned scales. He said, "We shall see how much food this is worth."

To his astonishment the scale would not go down when he put a loaf of bread on the other side. To his confusion and embarrassment, it would not go down though he kept on adding food, anything he could lay his hands on quickly, because people were watching him.

He tried to be gruff and he was making a bad job of it. His face got red and it made him angry to be flustered.

So finally he said, "Well, that's all the scales will hold anyway. Here's a bag. You'll have to put it in yourself. I'm busy."

With what sounded like a gasp or a little sob, she took the bag and started packing in the food, wiping her eyes on her sleeve every time her arm was free to do so. He tried not to look, but he could not help seeing that he had given her a pretty big bag and that it was not quite full. So he tossed a large cheese down the counter; nor did he see the timid smile of grateful understanding which glistened in her moist eyes at this final betrayal of the grocer's crusty exterior.

When the woman had gone, he went to look at the scales, scratching his head and shaking it in puzzlement. Then he found the solution. The scales were broken.

But as the years passed he often wondered if that really was the solution. Why did the woman have the prayer already written to satisfy his unpremeditated de-

mand? Why did she come at exactly the right time when the scale was broken? What confused him so that he did not notice it and kept piling on the food, with only a scrap of paper in the weight pan? He had felt like a fool and hardly knew what he was doing.

Well, faith is a funny thing, anyway. And prayer is a funny thing. And miracles may not be mysteries after all—not if faith's intuition picks the right time, when the scales are broken. Why, faith could even move mountains, if we picked the hour before the earthquake to pray to get them out of the way!

The grocer is an old man now. His head is white. But he still scratches it in the same place, and shakes it slowly back and forth with the same puzzled expression. He never saw the woman again. And, come to think of it, he had never seen her before, either. Yet for the rest of his life he remembered her better than any other woman in the world and thought of her more often.

He knew it had not been just his imagination, for he still had the slip of paper upon which the woman's prayer had been written: "Please, Lord, give us this day our daily bread."

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OUR LORD IS COMING

Yes, our Lord is coming back to earth again,

Just as He went away;
He may be here before morning,
Or any hour of the day.

Are we watching for the coming,
With our lamps shining bright?
For He surely is coming—
It could be this very night.

He asked us to do the will of our Father
As we travel on life's way;
And to love one another—
As He loved us every day.

Have we grown so weak and foolish,
As to let the Devil have his way?
When we all could do better—
If we'd take time to pray.

Let us fill our lamps with the oil of Love,
Keep them ever shining bright;
Then when He does come we'll be ready,
Though it be morning or night.

Mrs. Sallie Carraway,
Robersonville, N. C.

The least one of the Lord's children is far, far better off than the greatest and richest man in all the world.—M. G. H.

Home-Coming at Rose Hill Church Near Winterville, N. C., on Second Sunday

Rose Hill will hold its annual home-coming day on the Second Sunday in October, instead of the regular fourth Sunday. There have been planned morning and evening services for the day. Dinner will be served on the church grounds at the noon hour.

All former pastors, members, and friends are extended a cordial invitation to attend this celebration, and renew old acquaintances, and to enjoy the day together in sweet Christian fellowship. Come early and bring a well-filled basket of good things to be spread on the table for the joy of everyone.

Be sure not to forget that this home-coming day will be on the second Sunday in October, and not on the fourth Sunday as heretofore.

Rev. W. B. Nobles and
Rev. C. L. Patrick, Pastors

EDITOR'S REQUEST

All notices, announcements, programs, reports, etc., to be published in a certain issue of the Baptist paper on a certain date, should be in the editor's hands not later than Thursday morning of the previous week, so that they will appear in the issue of the Baptist which will be published the next week.

By observing this request, those mailing manuscripts to the editor will be assured of having their messages appear in the issue desired.

Heretofore, many communications have been coming too late for the issue in which they were intended by the senders. Please observe this request, and avoid the delay of the appearance of your messages in the paper.

Please note, the type for the Baptist is set on Thursday and Fridays of the week before the issue for the next week is printed.—Editor.

"SOMEBODY MUST STOP FIRST"

There is a fine story of two little girls who fell into a noisy quarrel. They kept saying, "You did't!" and "I didn't!" and growing more angry every minute.

Suddenly Susie stopped speaking, and shut her lips tight. She would not say another word for awhile.

"What makes you keep still, Susie," said another girl near by, "when Sophy keeps on teasing?"

"Somebody must stop first," said Susie. "I just remembered that mamma said so. So I'll stop first, and then the teasing will be over quicker."—*Apples of Gold.*

THE BIBLE AND THE USE OF LIQUOR

(Continued from page six)

trades, in the restaurant business, in various other lines related to the liquor trade.

Some of them are ashamed to go to church, lest consciences trained in the fine sanctities of a joyful Puritan regime shall reassert themselves. Others become angry with their ministers, and raise the cry of political preaching. Is the Bible political because it warns against strong drink? Was the prophet political when he pronounced a woe upon him that puts a bottle to his neighbor's lips?

Let no one say that I have overstated my case. I have not. No rhetoric can equal the recital of the multiplied griefs that flow from the poisoned fountain of liquor. My words have made only a feeble statement of the terrible evils of the liquor oligarchy. Today I am on business for my King. He, as I write, has stood with me. Be thou my witness and advocate, O, my Saviour, now and in the judgment day of destiny.

—Reprinted from the National Temperance Digest.

Avden F. W. B. Church to Hold Revival Oct. 15-21

Beginning on October 15, and continuing thru the 21, the Free Will Baptist church of Ayden, N. C., will hold its annual revival meeting. The Reverend Lloyd Vernon of Mt. Olive, North Carolina, will be the evangelist. Brother Vernon is a member of the Eastern North Carolina Conference and a member of the Third Eastern Union meeting.

Brother Vernon is a well known minister of the conference, and has pastored a goodly number of churches in the conference for quite a number of years. He is well known by a great many people of the State, and has done a splendid work wherever he has pastored churches. This revival meeting is expected to be one of great value to the church and people of the town of Ayden.

A cordial invitation is extended to the people of the town and community to attend these services. Special music will be a feature of the services each night. The Reverend D. W. Hansley is the pastor of the church.

By a church member

"Uncle Joe," said Albert Edward Wigam, the author, meeting an old darky who was always cheerful in spite of having had more than his share of life's troubles, "how have you managed to remain so cheerful and calm?"

"Well, I'll tell yo'," replied Uncle Joe. "I've jus' learned to cooperate wid de inevitable."—*Matthew N. Chappell in Forbes*

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to notify you that I am no longer connected with the Free Will Baptist Press of Ayden, N. C., in any official manner.

This the 29th day of September A. D. 1950.

Respectfully,

D. W. ALEXANDER

Union Meeting Report

The Fifth Eastern Union of the Eastern Conference convened with British Chapel Church, Lenoir County, Saturday before the fifth Sunday in August, 1950.

The morning devotions were conducted by Rev. Williard Willis and prayer was offered by Rev. E. E. Edwards after which the moderator welcomed the delegates, ministers, and the visitors to this session of the union.

The list of ministers was called and the minutes of the last union were read for correction.

Rev. Burkette Raper of the second union of the Western Conference of N. C. was present and was made welcome by the moderator.

The different committees were appointed by the moderator after which prayer was offered.

The list of churches was called and thirty churches responded to the roll call. Rev. Williard Willis was selected by the devotional committee to bring the eleven o'clock sermon. This message was an inspiration to all present. Rev. A. C. Austin was asked to conduct the afternoon devotional service.

Dinner was spread on the yard by the laides of the church and community.

The noon hour being over the union reassembled for the afternoon devotions and the transaction of business.

The list of churches was recalled. Mrs. J. Oglesby reported the serious illness of one of our aged ministers, Rev. J. A. Ringold, and an offering was taken for him. The amount received was \$37.65.

A motion was made and carried that all money sent from this union to the orphanage today be "ear-mark-

ed" for the Orphanage Stove Fund, so that the Home may have a badly needed stove.

The churches petitioning for the next union were Core Creek, Juniper Chapel, and Winter Green. Winter Green received the highest vote. Rev. Clinton Lupton was selected by the delegates from Winter Green church to preach at the next union, Rev. Willard Willis to be the alternate.

Rev. A. C. Austin spoke on the attendance of the union, saying, "This is the Lord's Business and we should be willing to go to the Union Meetings, so that our churches and our youth would look for our churches to make progress, as we help them, by attending all the meetings of our church organization. "Give your best, and the best will return to you."

The finance committee gave the following report, which was accepted:

In treasure from last union	__\$ 7.50
Received this union	186.88
Collection for Ringold	37.65
Collection for orphanage	44.71
Total	274.86

Disbursements

Orphanage	115.00
Collection for orphanage	44.71
Missions	20.00
National Bible College	15.00
Superannuation	15.00
Cragmont Assembly, Inc.	15.00
Core Point for Communion Set	5.00
Special collection for Ringgold	37.65
Total paid out	264.36
Balance	\$ 9.38

The union adjourned with a prayer.

Rev. Clinton Lupton, Mod.
Rom Mallard, Clerk

The subscription list of the Free Will Baptist is continually growing. Won't you help in this campaign to continue the increase in subscriptions?



USING THE BIBLE

(Lesson for October 15)

LESSON: Psalm 19:7-11; Acts 8:26-39.

GOLDEN TEXT: Psalm 119:11

I. The Heart of the Lesson

1. The first section of our lesson speaks about the law of the Lord, and what it can do when it is understood and obeyed. It has power to convert or restore the soul. A young man, Senhor Felix, picked up a single crumpled leaf of the Bible on a street in Palmeiras, Brazil. He was interested. He searched until he found and bought an entire Bible. Ten years later a missionary crossed his path and found him to be a true believer. Many are the reports of similar results when the Bible, or portions of it, are read by honest souls. It has power to enlighten the eyes and make wise the simple. It can lead a person out of the dark. Through the commandments of the Lord men may understand what is pleasing and displeasing to God, and they are warned of the results of sin. Such instructions are needed by all. There is not a man alive who is able through his own speculations to attain unto a genuine and satisfying religious experience apart from some revelation from God. In the Scriptures there is recorded a revelation that is sufficient to meet the needs of all. (vss. 7-9).

2. God's instructions, which teach us how to live, are of more value to those who obey them than any amount of gold. (vs. 10)

3. Human laws have penalties for their violation attached, and God's laws do also, either expressed or implied. The fearful consequences of disobedience set forth in Deut. 28:15-68 caused King Josiah to rend his clothes and the results of ignoring Christ's teaching are portrayed in Matt. 7:26-27.

4. In the third section of our lesson (unprinted), Paul briefly states what the Scriptures are able to do. They are able to give us the kind of wisdom needed above all else, even that which leads to salvation. And they are profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be fully equipped for every good work. This is the kind of equipment we all need, and we cannot afford to neglect it. There are many things which we may not be able in this world fully to understand, but we may have knowledge enough to meet our practical needs and to make us useful in the cause of Christ.—(2 Timothy 3:14-17)—Arnold's Commentary.

5. The man whom the Lord used in this incident was Philip. He was not one of the Apostles, but one of the seven who had been chosen to minister to the poor by the church in Jerusalem (Acts 6:1-5).

When persecution arose upon the martyrdom of Stephen, Philip, along with many others, was compelled to flee from Jerusalem. In fact, with the exception of the Apostles, the whole Church was scattered throughout Judea and Samaria.

Among those who went to Samaria was Philip, and here, among people greatly despised by the Jews, he began to preach Christ. The Lord richly blessed his labors and many of the Samaritans became believers (Acts 8:5-8). A great revival followed so that even the Apostles Peter and John were sent from Jerusalem to visit them. The same Philip whom God had used in Samaria was the messenger used in the conversion of the Ethiopian eunuch.

6. The eunuch had not found satisfaction for his soul in the elaborate ritual of worship he had seen in Jerusalem. But he had brought one good thing with him from that place. Perhaps as a souvenir, perhaps for the purpose of obtaining further information, he had purchased a portion of the Jewish Scriptures. The Spirit of God had also seen to it that he had opened the Book at the proper place for his need at this time. He was reading that wonderful 53rd chapter, the great prophecy of the substitutionary suffering and death

of the Lord Jesus. But he could not understand the message.

7. Philip dealt with the man from the Scriptures. He did not use human arguments, but that which is written. He knew the Scriptures so well that he was able to use the very passage the eunuch was reading at the time. Not only did he know the passage, he also knew its meaning. He preached Christ to this man from the Word. He preached Him just as He is presented in this passage from Isaiah; namely, as the Lamb of God who had suffered in silence for the sins of men.

It takes Christ to save from sin, for there is none other name given under which there is salvation. And there is no salvation apart from the Saviour. It is absolutely impossible to be saved from sin except through faith in Christ.

8. We are not left in any doubt as to the eunuch's salvation. Nothing is said about a long period of penitence, or a long period of instruction or in coming into the membership of a church. Evidently Philip succeeded in making the message clear. The man understood that Jesus is the Saviour. It would seem as if Philip also taught him how baptism symbolically sets forth the work of salvation, namely, by death and burial as far as the old life is concerned, and resurrection to a new life in Christ Jesus. The message had its effect upon the listener. He believed what he was told and knew that he had been saved. And when they came to a stream of water he requested baptism as a confession of his faith. The only further thing Philip asked him to do was to confess with his mouth that he believed with all his heart. Philip's work was done and the Lord caught him away, and the eunuch gave proof of his spiritual experience by going on his homeward journey with rejoicing.—Selected.

9. The eunuch, Cornelius, and Lydia (Acts 16) were honest, sincere and devout proselytes to the Jewish faith, but they were not saved until they heard the gospel and believed on the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul tells us that he was perfect in his observance of the law God gave Moses, but

even he was not saved until he accepted Jesus as his Saviour and Lord.

**Treasurer's Report
Board of Christian
Education**

Report of North Carolina State Convention Board of Christian Education May 25, 1950 to Sept. 12, 1950

- Eastern Conference—(E-C)
- Western Conference—(W-C)
- Cape Fear Conference—(CF-C)
- Central Conference—(C-C)
- Albemarle Conference—(A-C)

WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES

Snow Hill (E-C) -----	\$ 2.00
Smithfield Church Auxiliary (W-C)	5.00
Lee's Chapel Jr. Auxiliary (CF-C)	2.00
Dildy's Grove (C-C) -----	2.00
Bethel Church Auxiliary (E-C) --	2.00
Total Receipts from Women's Auxiliaries -----	\$ 13.00

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Lee's Chapel Church (CF-C) -----	\$ 1.00
Marlboro Church (C-C) -----	3.25
St. Mary's Church (W-C) -----	4.66
Oak Grove Church S. S., Heath Memorial Class (E-C) -----	2.50
Pleasant Plains Church (W-C) --	2.00
Juniper Chapel Church (E-C) --	7.40
Marlboro Church (C-C) -----	4.50
Rocky Mount Church (C-C) -----	2.88
Robert's Grove Church (CF-C) ----	1.00
Pleasant Plains Church (W-C) ----	2.00
Shady Grove Church (CF-C) -----	5.95
Albemarle S. S. Convention (A-C)	12.50
St. Delight Church (Ormondsville, C-C) -----	2.00

2nd Union Dist. S. S. Conv. (Central Conference) -----	5.00
Marlboro Church (C-C) -----	3.95
Black Jack Church (C-C) -----	2.00
Rose Hill Church (C-C) -----	2.50
Total receipts from S. S. -----	\$ 64.08

F. W. B. LEAGUES

2nd Union Dist. League Conv. (C-C)	5.38
Piney Grove Church F. W. B. L. (C-C) -----	1.07
King's X Road Senior F. W. B. L. (C-C) -----	1.35
Sound Side Adult League (A-C) --	.50
Pleasant Hill Leagues (C-C) -----	.50
Piney Grove Leagues (C-C) -----	2.31
Marlboro Leagues (C-C) -----	1.50
Free Union Leagues (A-C) -----	3.00
Total receipts from Leagues --	\$ 15.61

UNION MEETINGS

3rd Union Meeting Dist. (W-C) --	14.90
4th Union Meeting Dist. (C-C) --	16.00
2nd Union Meeting Dist. (W-C) --	5.00
Albemarle Union Meeting Dist. (A-C) -----	23.75
Carteret County Union Meeting Dist. of Eastern Conference -----	10.00
2 Union Meeting Dist. Central Con.	8.40

5th Union Meeting Dist. (E-C) --	15.00
1st Union Meeting Dist. (W-C) --	10.00
Total receipts from Union Meetings -----	\$103.05

CHURCHES

Elwood Lane F. W. B. -----	25.00
Ephesus Church (E-C) -----	10.50
Oak Grove Church (CF-C) -----	6.25
Wen's Chapel Church (C-C) ----	11.53
Grimsley Church (C-C) -----	14.23
Christian Chapel Church (E-C) ----	10.00
Rose of Sharon Church (C-C) ----	16.00
Marlboro Church (C-C) -----	3.29
St. Delight Church of Ormondsville (C-C) -----	7.65
Pleasant Plains Church (W-C) --	30.00
Spring Branch Church (C-C) ----	15.00
Sandy Plain Church (Eastern Con.)	12.00
Sidney Church (A-C) -----	9.50
Stancel's Chapel Church (W-C) ----	5.00
Rain's X Road Church (W-C) -----	35.47
F. W. B. Mission, Washington, N. C. (E-C) -----	7.00
Bethel Church (E-C) -----	16.24
Walnut Creek Church (C-C) -----	2.00
Winterville Church (C-C) -----	15.00
Howell Swamp Church (Central Con.)	16.58
Bridgeton Church (Eastern Con.) --	9.36
Friendship Church (E-C) -----	10.00
Little Rock Church (Western Con.)	25.00
Greenville Church (C-C) -----	36.04
Union Chapel Church (E-C) -----	2.00
Whaley's Chapel Church (E-C) -----	28.00
St. Mary's Church, New Bern, N. C. Eastern Conference -----	50.00
Total receipts from churches -----	\$428.64

CONFERENCE

Piedmont Conference -----	23.83
Total receipts from conferences	23.83
Grand Total Receipts	
Total receipts from May 25, 1950 to Sept. 12, 1950 -----	\$648.21
Balance on hand May 25, 1950	81.17
Grand total balance -----	\$729.38

DISBURSEMENTS

Sent to Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn., August 12, 1950 -----	\$539.09
Total disbursements from May 25, 1950 to Sept. 12, 1950 -----	\$539.09
Balance On Hand	
Balance on hand Sept. 12, 1950 --	\$190.29
David W. Hansley, Treasurer Ayden, N. C.	

**HULL ROAD WILL BEGIN REVIVAL
OCTOBER SIXTEENTH**

Hull Road Church, Greene County, North Carolina, will begin their revival meeting on Monday night, October 16. Reverend C. L. Patrick will be the evangelist. The meeting will continue for a week or longer. The public is cordially invited to attend these services. There will be special music each night by the choirs of the church, directed by the choir leaders.

R. B. Spencer, Pastor

Piney Grove Revival

On September 14 Rev. C. L. Patrick began a series of meetings at Piney Grove Church, Beaufort Co. The attendance was not so large the first night or two, but it gradually grew until we had a full house for the last week. Brother Patrick did not have his best sermons for the last few nights, for all of them were best, if I am any judge of good preaching. He did not fail to declare the whole counsel of God. The sinners can't have any excuse that he didn't warn them of the impending wrath that awaits them if they die in their sins.

"Custom to whom custom is due, and honor to whom honor is due," so says Holy Writ. So we must give Mrs. C. L. Patrick some honor or thanks for the part, or interest she took in the meeting each night except two, and she was sick with a cold then. She directed the Junior Choir in singing choruses, you (or I) could tell they really improved during the ten nights.

The Bear Grass Trio were with us one night and sang 4 selections. Mrs. Marshall Wilson and son were with us on two occasions and sang a duet. You should have heard Mrs. Wilson's little boy sing. He is only 6 years old. On Sunday, September 24, a choir of about 20 from (I forget where) rendered several selections. Then we were dismissed and ate dinner on the church grounds.

On Sunday we had the following visiting ministers: Rev. Marshall Joyner, Rev. D. W. Dail, and a Rev. Mills. After dinner we met at shepherd's Mill Pond and Rev. Graham Baker, our pastor, administered baptism to the two converts, then we met back at the church and received the new members in full fellowship. We partook of the Lord's supper, washed each other's feet. Thus we closed a very enjoyable revival. But we trust the seed sown by Bro. Patrick will not have been sown in vain, but will bring forth fruit 30, 60, and 100 fold.

Reported by J. E. Ingalls
Rt. 5, Greenville, N. C.

**New Bethlehem Church to
Hold Quarterly Conference**

We will hold our quarterly conference at New Bethlehem Church on Saturday, October 14, and have the homecoming celebration on the 15, which will be the third Sunday in October. There will be a sermon at the eleven o'clock hour, and dinner will be spread on the church grounds at the noon hour.

In the afternoon there will be singing by different groups, and the congregation. All former pastors, members and friends are invited to be present for this celebration.

Mrs. L. L. Price

CHILDREN'S STORYLAND

Just A Dime's Worth

William J. Murdock

"What, Bob?" said Mr. Clark in surprise. "You aren't going to plant a vegetable garden this year?"

"And you raised such nice radishes and carrots and peas last summer!" exclaimed Bob's mother. "Whatever made you decide to give it up?"

Bob swallowed a mouthful of toast and took a drink of milk. His hair shone golden and his eyes sparkled like clear blue water in the bright spring morning sunshine that came in through the windows of the breakfast nook.

"Oh, it's too much work, digging up that ground by the garage," he said.

"Too much work!" said Mr. Clark. "Bob, this country needs all the vegetables it can get. I'm surprised—a strong boy like you complaining about a little garden."

"Well—," Bob said, rather ashamed.

"Never mind," said his dad, smiling. "You'd better run along to school or you'll be late. We'll talk about the garden some other time."

When Bob came home that afternoon, his mother met him at the door.

"At least go out in back and look at the old garden, Bob," she said. "Maybe if you walk around it a little you'll become interested again."

So Bob went out in back. He looked at all the weeds and dead leaves, and he shook his head. So much work to do! He turned to go back to the house, but something in the weeds caught his eye. He leaned over. It was a penny! He quickly picked it up. Then he saw another. And another.

Bob straightened up and ran to the house to show his mother.

"Did you lose them, Mother?" he asked eagerly. "Or may I keep them?"

"I'm sure I didn't lose them," she said.

And Bob's father said no, he had not lost any money.

"Then it's all right for me to keep them?" Bob asked. "Good! But I wonder how those pennies got there?"

Bob's father shrugged his shoulders. "I don't wonder about that," he said as he leaned back in his easy chair. "But I wonder if there are any more there?"

"I never thought of that!" he cried. "Tomorrow I'll look!"

The next day passed slowly for Bob. He was anxious to search that old garden spot thoroughly. Who knew? There might be a lot of money there! After school he hurries home and changed his clothes. "I'm going to do this right, Mother!" he said as he put on his overalls. "Is that old shovel of mine still in the garage?"

"Yes, but don't be disappointed if you don't find any more money."

In a few minutes Bob was hard at work. He had dug up only a few shovelful of dirt when he found another penny.

"Hooray!" he shouted, and fell to shoveling harder than before. He found another penny. And another. He made the dirt fairly fly.

By the time his mother called him for supper, Bob had found seven pennies that afternoon. Tired, but feeling very fortunate, he trudged into the house.

"I found seven cents more, Dad!" he said at the supper table. "That makes ten cents in all, so far. Tomorrow I'm going to dig again for more money."

"No," said Mr. Clark, and he smiled at Bob. "I wouldn't do that, Bob. There isn't any more money out there."

"Aw—," Bob grinned. "How can you tell?"

"Because I put the pennies there, Bob."

"You did?" Bob exclaimed, his eyes nearly popping. "You did? But why?"

"Because I wanted to see just how much work it was to dig up ground for a garden," Mr. Clark told him. "I put the pennies in the ground the other morning just after you said digging was too much work. And just think—you dug a whole garden for only ten cents!"

"Well, that's a good joke on me!" he said. He reached into his pocket. "Here, Dad—here's the money."

Mr. Clark shook his head. "No, Bob, it's yours. Give a nicker to the church and buy yourself a treat with the other five cents. You've earned it."—L. & L. Primary Paper.

An Urgent Appeal— to all Free Will Baptists

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We are situated in the San Diego, California, area and the nearest Free Will Baptist Church is more than one hundred miles to our north, in other words, we have about 15,000 square miles with a population of a million or more without a Free Will Baptist Church.

San Diego has one of the largest naval and Marine training centers in the U. S. A., and many of our boys are coming here from all parts of the U. S. for training. Many of these boys are Free Will Baptists, and are compelled to attend churches of other denominations. Most all of these boys are several thousand miles from

home and are very home-sick. Now as much as we would like to entertain all of these lads in our home, that would be impossible. However, if we had a nice church with proper recreation facilities we could certainly entertain them. Now listen to this. "A million dollar blessing for the price of a meal." And this is how it works. We prayerfully urge every Free Will Baptist to fast one meal and mail the price of the meal to us for this worthy cause. Now this is not asking too much, is it? We believe that if there ever was a worthy Home Mission cause, that this is it.

Dear friends, we are poor folks. I have to work six days a week to support my family, nevertheless we are putting all we can into this worthy cause. May God bless you as you give. I am sure He will open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Please mail your offering to:
Rev. W. A. Carnett, 808 First Ave.
El Cajon, California. Member West Coast Association of Free Will Baptists.

References—
Rev. Don Bias, Box 119, Alberhill, California.

Rev. H. E. Dixon, Rt. 1, Box 232 Arven, California.

Rev. H. A. Lewis, 903 Venture St. Santa Paula, Calif.

Rev. J. L. Waltman, 145 Eighth St. Turlock, Calif.

Rev. Eval Gorman, 5516 Pacific Bend, apt. F. Huntington Beach, Cal.

Dear friends, I know what our service boys are up against, for I am a veteran of world War 1, and the Father of three veterans of World War 11. If every Free Will Baptist would send us \$1:00 we would have more than enough to meet the present need, and our Lord would be glorified and thousands of hearts would be blessed. So we cry as Asa of old, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power; help us, O Lord our God; for we rest on thee."

Yours in His service
Rev. W. A. Carnett

America's First Stamp

In 1845 the first stamp was made in America. Before then if you wanted to mail a letter you paid the postmaster the amount of postage with money and he stamped it "Paid, Post Free," with a rubber stamp.

In 1840 the first stamp was made in England, and soon the postmasters of the cities asked the United States Government to furnish them with some and when they could not get them from the government they made them themselves, each one different.

In New York the postmaster used a stamp with the picture of George Washington upon it. In Baltimore, Postmaster J. M. Buchanan, afterward president of the U. S., wrote his name on small slips of paper, stamped 5 cents underneath and sold them for five cents. In 1847 when the Government found that everybody wanted stamps they decided to make them, and so in that year the first stamp was printed by our Government.—The Boy's Weekly.

SEEDS AND WEEDS

If you live where you have a garden, you want in that garden only useful or beautiful things. You took a great deal of trouble to plant your seed, and you have little patience with the tough little weeds that come up without being planted (without being wanted). But, unless the weeds are torn out by the roots, they grow and flourish, and crown out the more useful plants.

The weeds in our lives—laziness, envy, bad temper—act very much like the weeds in the garden; they spring up and take the place of the good things we really want there. And there is only one way to get rid of them, whether in our garden or in our life—dig them up as fast as they show their heads above the ground.—The Way.

ATTENTION! FLORIDA WOMEN

We invite all Auxiliary women of Florida to be present at the State Association on Nov. 3, 4, 1950, at the Piney Grove Church in Chipley. Plans are being made to effect a State Woman's Auxiliary Convention at that time.

We beg you to respond with a delegate and any report and suggestions you think will make this organization the very best of its kind.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Chester Pelt
Mrs. Ernest Owen

TILL IT IS DONE

Tomahawks in hand, the Indians crept toward the strange tent. As they cautiously peered under the flap, their intention to kill was forgotten. They were overwhelmed with astonishment.

There, in the center of the tent, was a man on his knees. As he prayed, a rattlesnake crossed his feet and paused in position to strike. But the snake did not strike. It lowered its head again and glided out of the tent.

It was a long time later when David Brainerd, the man in the tent, found out why the Indians at the village received him with such honor as they did. He had expected that they would want to kill him. The reason for their change of heart was the report their comrades had brought of the marvelous thing they had seen.

The Indians looked upon David Brainerd as a messenger from the Great Spirit, which indeed he was. He had come into the deep forest to preach the Word of God to the savages.

Surely it is a great thing to feel that in all good work the protection of God is with the worker.

Fear takes flight before the thought that if God is with us, no one can stand against us.

As a motto for life, as a strong help in all good work, could we not gain much

REPENTANCE

Repentance is the gateway out of a prison. Whoever passes through that door feels a great load lifted, breathes the air of freedom, and sees the light of love in blue skies. Whether we can repent without God's help, whether God can give us His help until we do repent, are theological questions which we can debate forever. The truth is that He bids us repent and be forgiven and be saved. And they will all happen at once to any one who wants them to. And when they do happen, it is life, new life.—*Publisher Unknown.*

THE LADDER OF SUCCESS

- 100% I DID
- 90% I WILL
- 80% I CAN
- 70% I THINK I CAN
- 60% I MIGHT
- 50% I THINK I MIGHT
- 40% I WISH I COULD
- 30% I DON'T KNOW
- 20% I DON'T KNOW HOW
- 10% I CAN'T
- 0% I WON'T

You can not build real character with faulty materials.

THE TOUCHSTONE

If I could deliver but one discourse to a congregation composed of all nations of the globe, this should be my text, "Jesus Christ died for our sins."

This is the truth that has laid closest and warmest to the Christian heart in every age of the Church.

This is the touchstone for every pulpit. Wherever the highest spiritual power has been attained there has been the most faithful preaching of the guilt of sin, and of salvation only through the redemptive work of Christ Jesus on the cross of Calvary.

It is the duty of every minister to thunder against injustice and intemperance and fraud and selfishness and hypocrisy and covetousness and every form of wickedness, but the true vantage ground from which to assail them is beside the cross where Jesus died to condemn all sin and to save the sinner.—Theo. L. Cuyler.

LIFE'S JOURNEY

Life is like a journey taken in a train
With a pair of travelers at each window pane

I may sit beside you all the journey through,

Or I may sit elsewhere, never knowing you.
But if fate should mark me to sit by your side,

Let's be pleasant travelers—it's so short a ride!

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The Divine Architect

It has been our privilege to watch men building a fire-proof building. Blue-print after blue-print was brought to sight. Patiently the workmen scanned and pondered over every item of writing and every line of architectural work. Every direction was to be carefully noted and followed. Beautiful white stones were chiseled and formed to fit in here and there. Pieces flew off here and there. Edges sharp and unsightly were chiseled off with one hard stroke of the hammer. Lighter work was done to smooth the stone and to do the finer work upon the stone. Carefully the workman toiled on and on until the stone was brought up to its desired size, shape and beauty—fashioned according to the plan on the blue-print. Stone upon stone was put into its place until the building was in perfect order, fully completed and brought up to the directions of the blue print.

What a striking illustration this is of the Christian life! There is a Great Master Architect back of every individual life. He has planned and wrought His plan in the life of many of His chosen ones. He has planned everything in accordance to His own glorious will and purpose. He knew what He could do through human lives if yielded to Him. Before Him lies His plans—His blue-prints. He scans them over and therefore day by day He works upon the rough lives brought out of the filth and slime of the world. He sees necessary to chisel off big lumps of sin and the world here and there. How unsightly the object before Him appears with all the dross upon it! But He sees in that very object the thing of beauty which He desires to bring to light. He toils on, and on, and on, never ceasing. The object may squirm. The chisel and hammer may seem like instruments of torture; but back of them is a great hand of love carefully wielding and ministering every blow.

The finer work of the Great Workman upon His object of choice is what causes the most excruciating pain and distress. Why these strange, peculiar trials? Why the unseemly coldness and storms? Why the separation from that held so dear? Ah, the Workman knows His work. He knows every stroke that is necessary. He will not let one stroke come that is not necessary to perfect the work. He does not delight in causing pain and suffering to His child, but it is necessary in order that His workmanship may be brought out in its perfect beauty. On and on He patiently toils. He knows the weakness and frailty of the object of His choice; but He also knows how to wield the instruments to accomplish the work. Some day, yes, some glorious day the work will be fully completed, the beauty will shine forth in splendor. Eye to eye we shall behold Him and be in His own likeness—a work of perfect glory to adorn His Kingdom. Until then let us hold still and allow Him to work out His purpose in

our lives regardless of what storms and trials may come to us. He knows His work and therefore works on faithful to accomplish His purpose in each individual life.—P. E. M.

And changed earth's darkness into day.

His heart was pierced, the heart that burned

To comfort every heart that yearned!
And from it flowed the cleansing flood,
The river of redeeming blood.

His hands, and feet, and heart—all three
Were pierced for me on Calvary;
And here and now to Him I bring
My hands, feet, heart, an offering.

—Author Unknown

All Three—for Me

His hands were pierced, the hands that made
The mountain range and everglade;
That washed the stains of sin away,

PROGRAM

FOR THE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

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to Vanceboro

OCTOBER 18-19, 1950

FIRST DAY

10:00—Devotions Rev. W. H. Willis
10:15—Appointment of committees
10:30—Report of executive committee
10:45—Enrollment of visiting ministers
11:00—Calling list of ministers
11:15—Devotions Rev. Lee Whaley
11:30—Introductory sermon J. W. Alford
12:00—Lunch

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

1:00—Devotions Bro. L. E. Styron
1:15—Calling list of churches
1:45—Message on Superannuation Rev. M. L. Johnson
2:00—Business
2:30—Message on Education Rev. D. W. Hansley
2:45—Message on Sabbath Schools Bro. Charlie Hines
—Adjournment

SECOND DAY

9:30—Devotions Rev. E. E. Edwards
9:45—Reading minutes, business
10:00—Enrollment of visiting ministers
10:05—Calling list of churches
10:15—Committee reports: Temperance, Sabbath Schools, Education, Ministerial Character
11:00—Petitions for next conference
11:15—Orphanage message by Superintendent Bro. Walter Croom
11:30—Conference sermon Rev. J. R. Bennett
12:00—Lunch

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

1:00—Devotions Rev. S. R. Kennedy
1:15—Committee reports: Woman's Auxiliary, by Mrs. J. C. Moye, State President; Resolutions, Apportioning, Treasurer, Digest
2:15—Report of Examining Board
2:30—Miscellaneous business
3:00—Reading of minutes of the day
—Adjournment

This program is arranged by the Executive Committee of the Conference

J. W. ALFORD, Clerk

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"Precious in the Sight of the Lord"

Precious, Oh, how precious is that blessed sleep,
Folded in His bosom, wrapped in slumber deep;
None but Jesus giveth rest so true and sweet
For the weary body and the way-worn feet.

Precious, Oh, how precious, He alone can know
What a blessed respite after human woe;
Only He can measure their eternal gain,
When they leave for ever earthly care and pain.

Precious, Oh, how precious, armour here laid
down,
Welfare here accomplished, won the victor's
crown;
Gained His sweet approval and His welcome smile,
For the patient labour of this little while.

Precious, Oh, how precious, to behold His face,
Even to be with Him and to praise His grace;
Ah, when Jesus giveth His beloved sleep,
'Tis the tenderest token of His love so deep.

—Anonymous

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NOTICE

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

F. W. B. Orphanage Concert Class Itinerary

Western Conference

Miss Bonnie Farmer, Manager

(All services at 7:30 p. m. unless otherwise noted)

Wednesday, Oct. 18—Floods Chapel
Friday, Oct. 20—Sts. Delight
Saturday, Oct. 21—Mt. Zion, Nash County
Sunday, Oct. 22—Free Union, Nash Co.
Wednesday, Oct. 25—White Oak Hill
Friday, Oct. 27—Union Chapel
Saturday, Oct. 28—Rose Bud
Sunday, Oct. 29—Oak Grove, Wilson Co.
Walter McD. Croom, Supt.

**First Western District
S. S. Convention**

The Sunday School Convention of the First Western District will convene with Kenly Church, Kenly, N. C., on October 29, 1950. This is a very important meeting. Let me urge each Sunday School in this district to have representatives at this meeting. There is some very important business to be attended to.

Richard Lamm, President

HONOR ROLL

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Lowell Hyman, Timmonsville, S. C. -----25
Mrs E. B. Deans, Wilson, N. C. -----20
Mrs Elton Harper, Deep Run, N. C. -----20
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**Lee's Chapel Auxiliary
Report**

The woman's auxiliary of Lee's Chapel met with Mrs. Ed Godwin for the September meeting. There were fourteen members present for this meeting. The study lesson was on the subject: "Advancing with Christ through Enlistment." The study was directed by Mrs. Fred Tew, and everyone present enjoyed her talk.

The District Convention of the Woman's Auxiliary will convene with Lee's Chapel on October the eleventh. On October the eighteenth there will be an all-day "Harvest Day" meeting at Lee's Chapel. Barbecue dinner will be served, and the public is invited to attend this meeting.

Church Reporter

**New Bethlehem to Have
Homecoming**

Homecoming of New Bethlehem F. W. B. Church near Grantsboro will be held on the third Sunday in Oct. 15th. The pastor, Rev. Clinton Lupton, will be here for the eleven o'clock worship service.

All friends, members, former members and former pastors are cordially invited to be with us.

Yours truly,

Mrs. W. B. Harrison
Grantsboro, N. C.

PROGRAM

QUARTERLY MEETING SALINE ASS'N. OF ARKANSAS, CONVENES WITH THE PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH, OCT. 28, 29

10:00—House called to order by moderator
—Song by leader
—Opening prayer by Bro. J. D. Jones
—Reading of letter and seating of delegates
—Welcome address by Eld. J. E. White
11:00—Preaching
12:00—Dismissed for Dinner
1:00—House called to order by moderator
—Song by White Quartet
—Round Table discussion led by Rev. R. M. Moore (Daniel 12:11-12)
—W. P. White, I Cor. 15:35-37.
—Song by Jeffress Quartet or other Quartets
2:00—20 minutes talk by Bro. Charley Collins (choosing his subject).
2:35—House called to order by moderator
—Business session
—Dismissed by Bro. Taylor
Saturday night
6:30—Song Service
—Trio by Pace Sisters
—Devotional led by Bro. Otis Cook
8:00—Preaching
SUNDAY MORNING
11:00—Ministers and Deacons Alliance
11:00—Preaching
12:00—Dismissed for dinner
—Sunday afternoon spent in singing
J. D. Jones, Clerk

Ideals are like stars; you will not succeed in touching them with your hands. But like the seafaring man on the desert of waters, you choose them as your guides, and following them you will reach your destiny.—Carl Schurz

EDITOR'S REQUEST

All notices, announcements, programs, reports, etc., to be published in a certain issue of the Baptist paper on a certain date, should be in the editor's hands not later than Thursday morning of the previous week, so that they will appear in the issue of the Baptist which will be published the next week.

By observing this request, those mailing manuscripts to the editor will be assured of having their messages appear in the issue desired.

Heretofore, many communications have been coming too late for the issue in which they were intended by the senders. Please observe this request, and avoid the delay of the appearance of your messages in the paper.

Please note, the type for the Baptist is set on Thursday and Fridays of the week before the issue for the next week is printed.—Editor.

DRINK AND ECONOMIC SECURITY

HARRY C. FRANCE

The writer of this important article, Mr. Harry Clinton France, is a financial writer and lecturer. He has been connected with the Loan Organization of the United States Treasury, the Guaranty Trust Company, and the Hamilton National Bank. He has served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Holmes-France Security Corporation, and has lectured on finance at various universities. He is treasurer of the New York Deacons Association, a trustee of the church of St. Paul and St. Andrew, and a member of the Board of Managers of the New York Bible Society. He is fully competent to speak of what drink does to American Leadership.

A distinguished man died in abject poverty recently in New York City. He was a great artist—the leading man in his field for thirty years. Private charity saw him through his final sad days. The irony of his fate was that for over a quarter of a century he enjoyed high income. His yearly earnings were always in five figures.

A number of things brought about his economic ruin. Liquor was one of them. The kind of stuff he served at his studio was expensive and when he gave a party, there was never any consideration given to the quality and quantity of the refreshment. It flowed freely and was of the most costly make.

It will never be known how many small fortunes went down his liquor drain. A hundred dollars wouldn't go very far in quenching the thirsts of the imbibers who were his frequent guests. His formal parties were especially extravagant; and the day to day expense of treating individuals who made casual calls ran high.

This liquor business did something else disastrous to his economic life: it killed all thrift and savings plans. Once he had a fair line of life insurance but in the stresses of his life when bills piled up, he dropped policies and cashed in others. In fact, liquor was the principal force behind his economic disintegration.

The road he traveled during his most productive years is the same road being traveled today by thousands of people. Many will come to the same sad end. I have lived long

enough to recognize dangerous situations in these careless days. Liquor is helping greatly to usher in the Welfare State.

Here, for instance, is an advertising executive of ability and capacity. At age 38 he is earning \$10,000 a year. After state and Federal income taxes, he has net income of \$7,000. To him everything is rosy. He laughs derisively when some person, thinking of his economic future, suggests that he cut down his monthly liquor bill. It runs to \$100 or \$200 every thirty days. And the way he is going now, his drink bill will keep pace with any salary increases that he will surely get in the future.

Take a look at him: he is a creative artist. He is right in his prime. He is confident—even headstrong. And the numerous people who tell him he is capable only feed his vanity. If anyone, looking ahead 25 years, were to tell him he is riding for a fall, he would get a shot of wrath for his pains.

By the time this executive cracks up—if he does—it is probable that the politicians will have passed favorable legislation that will ease him over the sad years brought about by his willful improvidence. Even today in our legislative halls one can hear beautiful speeches about the necessity for provisions for 'an honorable old age' that has no social or moral qualifications.

The tragedy in the lives of thousands of our people is that when the economic opportunities to build future economic security are abundant, habits of wastefulness and extravagance are practiced. In America there is a great army of able men and women in their thirties, forties and fifties who are squandering money, quite forgetful of the inevitable rainy day.

From year to year I read the liquor-spending statistics with interest and alarm. There is something insidious about them. Sure, a billion dollars worth of booze business is a

billion dollars! But how many artists, advertising executives, business and professional men and women are being led to economic destruction in the process?

From my earliest youth I have seen what liquor can do to impoverish people. Drunkards in families have thrown impossible burdens on parents and children. And during my life in New York City I have come into contact year in and year out with economic conditions of pathetic import that drink has brought about.

During 1949 the country's liquor bill was more than \$8,500,000,000. It is possible to read these figures in a dozen different ways. But, having seen the degradation that \$100 and \$1,000 drinking parties can generate, I choose to stress the economic factor in the situation.

Behind these significant figures stand many classes of people who, in the coming years, will pay dearly for their drinking pleasures.

First is the man who spends a dollar or two every day. When he dies he may leave \$500 in insurance (enough to bury him, as he boasts), not a dollar in the bank and a widow who won't know which way to turn. Of course, she will become a ward of the state.

Second is the man who spends 10 to 30 per cent on 'habit' comforts. Considering his station in life, his savings program will be inadequate. Sociability may actuate his uneconomic spending. Our big urban centers harbor hundreds of such individuals.

Third is the man who, like the artists, has his professional, social and economic life all messed up. Here in New York thousands of drinking parties are given yearly for 'business' reasons. Their productivity is very questionable. The artist gave many such parties every year.

One day I said to him, "What did this party cost?"

"\$500," he replied.

"Wouldn't it have been better," I

NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

AN "S. O. S." CALL

We are in possession of a letter from Rev. Ramon Riggs, Chairman of our Foreign Mission Board, with an attached letter from Rev. Thomas H. Willey, with paragraphs taken from a letter written to Brother Riggs by Winford Davis, Treas., of the Foreign Mission Board of the National Association.

The statements in these letters and excerpts from Brother Davis' letter are certainly alarming, I am sure, to every true Free Will Baptist who loves the lost for whom Christ died. We have been getting hold of the facts that "receipts to the Foreign Mission Treasurer, were at a low ebb." But we had no idea that our school in Cuba would have to delay opening on schedule as planned for lack of finance. Every Free Will Baptist in the United States ought to bow his head in shame; I do, for I could have left off something of less importance, and given more to this worthy cause. I hope that we will not say, "We have done our best," for we Free Will Baptists have not done the best that we could.

If Free Will Baptists would drink less cold drinks and just stay off of harmful habits for one day out of every five, and send the price of all these drinks, and non-necessary things to our Foreign Mission Treasurer for twenty days, the cause of Christ would not go begging and no "S. O. S. Calls" would have to go out. Self denial is an outstanding characteristic in life that should be molded and fitted in the heart of every person who professes to be a child of God.

My dear reader, are you a child of God? Do you have the love of God shed abroad into your heart? If you do, can you stand to use the Lord's money on things that you can do without?

Remember that the rich man of St. Luke 16, "fared sumptuously every day." Yes, he too, lived in luxury. While a "man lay at his gate full of sores." Remember that the rich man died and lift up his eyes in hell. The Bible does not say that this rich man was an adulterer, a liar, a criminal, nor any vile character. He was just satisfied to pass by a poor suffering man and pay him no attention.

My dear reader, there are thousands and thousands and thousands of people in Cuba, who are suffering with that dreadful disease of sin and superstition and who will some day die and go to hell, if not saved through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The only way for them to know about Christ is for some one to tell them. The only

way to get someone to tell them is to "send them." It takes money to get the Gospel of Christ to them. Have you helped to send the message to them?

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things!" (Rom. 10:13-15); and then the 17th verse says, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Let us ask the Lord this serious question right now; "Lord have I done my best to get the Gospel to the people of Cuba, by supporting the work there under the supervision of Rev. Thomas H. Willey? And what is true of Cuba is also true of India and other fields. Don't you feel a little guilty of sin and neglect when you find that because we Free Will Baptists have not supplied the funds, the school in Cuba had to postpone its opening? Let us as a people quit robbing God of tithes and offerings and then we will never have to bow our head in shame and say, "I'm sorry that our mission work is not going as it should." It is not because we do not know better. But it is because, "We believe in God and live in Sin." "The devils believe and tremble." I am afraid that a great number of people who sing and shout and testify, "Oh, how I love Jesus," will wake up some day and find that there is a record in heaven against their name, and they will hear the Lord say, "Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these ye did it not unto me."

Christ said, and He is still saying, "Go ye unto all the world, and teach all nations . . . and lo I am with you always." Read the last words as recorded by Matthew, in the book bearing his name, and see if you can "Thank the Lord for His presence." He only does with them who go. We can go in person as a missionary. We can go with our Lord's money. We can go in our prayers. We can go by encouraging others who can go in person and those who can give.

May God, forgive us for our wilful neglect in the sending of the gospel to those who are in darkness.

A PARAGRAPH FROM BROTHER
RIGGS' LETTER
"THE MEDIUM IS WORLD
EVANGELISM"

"One of the best and quickest ways to stop any kind of trouble, or erase any doubt of suspicion, that may arise in a church, is for that church to get souls saved. Sinners coming to Christ in a church, will stop wagging tongues of gossip, it will break up the fallow ground in the hearts, it will solve the problem of finance and will gain for that church the confidence and respect of any community."

Free Will Baptists everywhere believe this. The only reason for a church to exist is that we might lead the lost to Christ. Men everywhere are lost, thus we must either go in person or by proxy in order that lost men may be saved. It is high time that Free Will Baptists everywhere stop dickered about our own fancies and take our eyes off personalities, crucify our own whims, and see only a lost world and the Lord Jesus Christ as only Saviour (Acts 4:12). To these words, Brother Riggs, I say, Amen.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE DOING?

Every believer in Christ believes that "The same Jesus went up into heaven will come again in like manner as he went away. Let us quote: "And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Who also said, "Ye men of Galilee why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go up into heaven" (Acts 2:10,11).

Listen, my dear reader, what would you like to be doing when Jesus comes? Would you like to be somewhere dancing to the music of Satan—music by unbelievers in Christ?

Would you like to have a bottle of beer in your hands, and guzzling it down when the Lord Jesus sounds the trumpet? Would you like to be sitting in your home playing cards, and it Prayer Meeting night, when the Lord comes? Would you like to be in an A. B. C. liquor store, when the Lord comes? How would you like to be "waging" your slanderous tongue, against some one that you do not like when the Lord comes?

How would you like to hear the Lord say, "You let the missionaries suffer, and the lost in darkness go lacking in hearing the Gospel?" Well, if you are not right with God, for Christ's sake get right.

Pastor of Richmond Church
Very Ill

The Richmond, California, F. W. B. Church wishes to report that our beloved pastor, Rev. George McLain, has become ill. He left Richmond on August 25 enroute to Rochester, Minnesota, to be admitted to the Mayo Clinic for an indefinite length of time.

We should like to request the prayers of all Christian people for Brother McLain that it might be God's will to restore him again, so that he can return to his church where he is much needed.

Sincerely yours,
Shirley Miller, Church Reporter

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A MESSAGE FROM CUBA

Mrs. Mabel Willey
Apartado 27
Pinar del Rio, Cuba

Our dear Co-laborers:

Have been meditating these days on a few words found in Second Kings 4:18, "and it fell on a day." You remember the story. The Shunamite had been blessed of God with the desire of her heart—a son. The boy was her pride and joy, but when he was about twelve years old, "it fell on a day" that he became ill and died. The mother took him to the prophet's chamber and closed the door, left him there.

God has wrought what has been termed a miracle of modern missions in our work here in Cuba, and to-day our work as a whole is in the best condition that we have seen it for years. God is blessing. We have had a large number of young people begging for entrance in the school but have only been able to give permission for entrance to a few because of lack of space and the funds to maintain them. We think we have the finest group of young men thus far, waiting to come in, but "it has fallen on a day," our school doors are closed and our students waiting, prepared to come at any moment's notice, but as yet we are helpless to give that notice. The opening of school was announced for the 11th of Sept. Now it is almost the first of October, and there is no hope, human hope that we can open soon.

This is a grief to our hearts but not so much so as to see our workers in dire need. The last salary that any of us received was the first of August. With the very small amount that they receive it is all that they can do to live, then when they have to live two months on one month's meagre salary it is next to impossible. If we, the American missionaries were the only ones affected, there would be no complaint, but it is all

that I can bear to see these, your works, our workers suffering, for that is what they are doing. I do want you to know that they are not complaining. I have my first word of complaint to hear from them. They always say "God has a purpose in it all."

These nights I haven't been able to sleep, their faces come before me, and I cry and pray that God will supply for them and not let them go hungry, or the renters be angry with them for not paying the rent. We have a large family now, a precious one, so willing to sacrifice, to suffer for His sake, willing to go at any time, to any place. It doesn't matter how difficult, if it is to reach the lost.

Some few have sent help direct, as Brother Riggs requested, and we are profoundly grateful for your ready response. You have received your receipts by now and Bro. Davis will give you credit on his books. Our hearts have been deeply moved by the interest from Bro. Riggs' church. Without having been solicited, his members have sent \$156, besides their regular \$200 per month gift to missions. I am sure this has been a sacrifice, but I am also sure that the Lord shall doubly bless them. They will never know on this earth what their offering has meant to us.

This letter to you is not one of criticism. You have always been so ready and so willing to respond. Every night at seven those who live here on the school campus meet in our thatched-roof chapel for prayer. How God has blessed us! If you could hear the prayers that ascend in thanksgiving for you. Thanking God that you have made it possible that they have the Gospel, and asking Him to reward you according to His riches in glory. They are deeply grateful, as we all are, and we are sure in this time of need you will not fail us.

We plead your prayers that school can start soon, that we will not have to run on so long in the intense heat. Pray that our students will not be-

come discouraged as they wait, and that our workers will be kept strong in faith during this testing.

We have taken this burden to a Throne of Grace, and left it there. He knows best, He has promised never to leave us alone, or forsake us. We believe Him, for He has never failed.

At this writing Mr. Willey is in the States planning to attend the Missionary Conference in Nashville. Our children are in school at Toccoa for another year. This is Tommy's last year in High School, and Barbara is a Junior. This shortage has affected them also as it has been registration month, so please remember them in prayer. I have felt quite alone here these days, and feeling the strain of the responsibility, but how precious it has been to feel His everlasting arms about and underneath, keeping, sheltering.

A Mission Campaign

Members of the Intermediate Sunday School Class of the Black River F. W. B. Church, Andrews, S. C., directed by their teacher, Mrs. Eva. Benton, put on a three weeks mission campaign drive, to raise funds for foreign missions. We in success collected thirty-two dollars and ninety cents for missions. The class turned in two hundred and sixty-seven Bible chapters that they read during that time.

We hope that other classes will start raising funds for missions because we realize that much more money is needed in order to spread the gospel. And he said unto them, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." How shall they preach except they be sent; as it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things."

Reporter

OAK GROVE TO HOLD REVIVAL

Oak Grove Church near Vanceboro, N. C., will hold its revival, beginning Wednesday night after the second Sunday in October. It will continue for about ten days. Rev. Sam Kennedy of Beulaville, N. C., will do the preaching. He will be assisted by our pastor, Rev. Herbert Tripp. The public is cordially invited to attend these revival services.

Mrs. W. N. Barrow, Church Clerk

Lord, grant that I may always desire more than I can accomplish.—Michelangelo.

Free Will Baptists Building New Church, Newport News, Virginia

The ground breaking ceremonies for the First Free Will Baptist church in the city of Newport News, Virginia, were held a short while ago, and the structure began to go up. It is located on Jefferson Avenue, and at the corner of Brooke Street, and Holton Homes. Materials for the ten thousand dollar structure are at the site, and the work is now going on in a good way. It will be a cinder block building, and is expected to be completed in about ninety days. The dimensions will be thirty feet by sixty feet. There will be an assembly room, or auditorium, and four Sunday School class rooms.

The Reverend D. W. Cherry is pastor of this church, and he is doing a good work with those fine Christian people. The membership is not very large, having thirty-eight members, and a splendid Sunday School of a round fifty enrolled. This church was organized in the home of George Johnson, 3709 Huntington Avenue in September, 1947. Reverend W. A. Hales, pastor of the Fairmount Park Free Will Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia, assisted in the organization of the church, and rendered much assistance during the first months of its history. A number of Free Will Baptist ministers of eastern North Carolina, made visits from time to time, and encouraged the members in moving forward with the work.

Brother Cherry, of Portsmouth, Va., began his pastorate with the church in November, 1948, and he has been a faithful worker with the congregation. He is a good leader, and they look to him for spiritual guidance and good leadership in the work. The church has a woman's auxiliary which is doing good work, and assisting in a great way with the building program.

By the Reporter

Every man is to be respected as an absolute end in himself; and it is a crime against the dignity that belongs to him as a human being, to use him as a mere means for some external purpose.—Kant.

THIS IS IMPORTANT

Brother ministers, has it occurred to you that in a few years each of us young and older pastors will be on the retired list? Whether you had given it any thought or not it is a fact. Too, had you considered that like produces like? In other words, we are what we are giving out, if I give mercy I receive mercy. If I give unkindness I receive unkindness. If I give hate I receive hate. If I give love I receive love. "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." If we support, and lead our people into supporting our great superannuation cause those who follow us will do an even better job towards supporting us than we are doing now for the retired pastors, for we reap more than we sow. North Carolina pastors and laymen, let's do our best for Superannuation this month, and God will greatly reward us for our faithfulness. Send all offerings to our chairman Treasurer, Rev. M. L. Johnson, Route 1, Sims, N. C. Thank you for your fine spirit of cooperation.

F. A. Rivenbark,
Assistant Chairman-Treasurer
Board of Superannuation

THE BAPTIST PAPER GOES TO TWO DOLLARS

This is to inform our church people everywhere that the Baptist paper will be two dollars per year after November 15, 1950. After that date, all subscribers will pay at the following rate: Six months, \$1.00; One year, \$2.00. For every ten yearly subscription, solicitors will be given credit for a free yearly subscription for anyone who desires to have the paper, but is unable to pay for it. Names and addresses are to be mailed to us, so that we can enter all free subscriptions on our records.

C. K. Dunn, Sr., Executive Secy.-Treas.

The wise man does not expose himself needlessly to danger, since there are few things for which he cares sufficiently; but he is willing, in great crises, to give even his life—knowing that under certain conditions it is not worthwhile to live.—Aristotle.

Have you not learned that not stocks or bonds or stately houses or products of mill or field are our country? It is a spiritual thought that is in our minds.

—Benjamin Harrison.

Freedom in a democracy is the glory of the state, and, therefore, only in a democracy will the free man of nature design to dwell.—Plato.

"THE LEAGUER"

We are in receipt of the first number of "The Leaguer," sponsored by the North Carolina F. W. B. L. Convention, with Rev. R. P. Harris as editor, and published from Durham, N. C.

"The Leaguer" is an eight page monthly, published to boost work in general, and the work of the North Carolina convention in particular. The first number contains many interesting items, among them being some newsy "briefs" and articles of special interest to league leaders.

The original plan, according to writings of Rev. R. P. Harris, was to publish "The Leaguer" as a small newspaper, printed in Durham. This plan was later abandoned in favor of the use of a nationally known "Parish Paper" service, which makes possible the production of "The Leaguer" in the form of a religious journal, with art covers, and printed on highly glossed paper. In literary form, "The Leaguer" is in about the same class as "Youth's Banner," our Free Will Baptist Press publication for leaguers and other young people, in that it contains a mixture of news, original articles, and syndicated material. The editor, however, promises more original articles if leaguers over the state will co-operate with him. It is to be hoped that articles from the pens of North Carolina youth leaders will be forthcoming, so that Brother Harris can carry out his good intentions.

"The Leaguer" is offered for subscriptions at the price of one dollar per year, and the address to which all correspondence should be directed is P. O. Box 1265, Durham, N. C.

Bon voyage to "The Leaguer"!

L. Everett Ballard,
Editor "Youth's Banner"

MISSIONARY THOMAS H. WILLEY TO APPEAR BEFORE THE FOLLOWING BODIES WITH MOTION PICTURES

Brother Willey will show and lecture on the moving picture, "LETTER TO MELITINO," a Cuban picture, at the following places:

Union Association, Murphy, Georgia,
October 18

South Georgia Association, October 20
Glennville, Georgia, Date to be announced
Midway Association, November 1

Georgia State Association, November 2
Florida Association at Pine Grove, Chip-
ley, November 3

Heading South to Cuba, November 3

It seems to me that we can never give up longing and wishing while we are thoroughly alive. There are certain things we feel to be beautiful and good, and we must hunger after them.—George Eliot.

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

EVERY NEW CONVERT A COPY OF THE TREATISE

Whoever conceived this idea had in mind a good thought. Every new convert to the Christian way of life, and who joins a Free Will Baptist church should receive immediately upon being received in the church a copy of the Church Treatise, or as some may say, "The Book of Discipline." Each new convert should be requested to study the Treatise. As a matter of fact, some pastors put on a Study Course in their churches immediately after they have finished a successful revival meeting, and teach the new converts the Free Will Baptist doctrine, principles and practices of our church. Recently, a certain minister purchased 150 copies of our church Treatise with the views of giving instruction to the youth of his churches. This is certainly commendable, and other ministers are taking note, and are planning to do likewise.

The doctrine, principles, and teachings of our church are worthwhile, and should be taught so that new converts will know what they believe, and why they believe it. Any number of copies of the Treatise may be had by mailing orders to the F. W. B. Press, Ayden, N. C.

SOME GOOD MANUSCRIPTS NEEDED

Yes, like a certain young bride who had not been kissed but twice and needed another one, so the Baptist paper needs a few more good manuscripts. The editor would welcome some at any time to brighten up his columns of the church paper.

What to write about? Well, you can tell us about that new church project which your church has just completed. Or you may give a write-up concerning the splendid results of the Mission Drive in your church just recently put over for the mission cause. Perhaps, some one else should like to write about plans under way at his church for an entirely new church building and parsonage. Anything that is worth reading and knowing on the part of the church people, here and there. Yes, tell them that you have done things for the Lord, and that you are not ashamed of it! And here it is in the Baptist paper, stated in black and white. Can you do that? Well, do it then, and we will thank you.

RALPH STATEN LEADS IN SUBSCRIPTIONS

Reverend Ralph Staten of Red Bay, Alabama, is leader for the week in sending subscriptions for the Baptist paper. He mailed to us in one letter forty yearly subscriptions; a total of sixty dollars in cash. This shows that he is a "go-getter." And what is more those forty subscribers are sure of getting the paper at the rate of one dollar and a half for the whole year.

We say, "Thanks a lot, Brother Staten!" But the price will soon be changed from one dollar and a half to two dollars per year for the paper. This will be announced through the columns of the Baptist paper by the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Press. Most church papers the size of ours are priced two dollars and a half per year, and have been that for some time.

Arkansas State Association

The Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptist held its 53 annual session with New Hope Church near Rose Bud. The state was well represented. Many thought this was the best association in years, both in attendance and work. Truly it was a harmonious session. The preaching was fundamental, and a spiritual atmosphere was felt in every service. The devotions were so effective that it was difficult to close for the preaching. The singing was excellent. Quartets, duets, solos, etc. Professor Luther G. Pressley of Stamps Baxter Music Co., with Mrs. Pressley, gave a soul stirring message with their gospel singing.

New officers for the association are:

Rev. J. D. Coffman, Moderator,
Bro. R. D. Smith, Clerk, Rev. H. B.

Doyle, ass't Moderator, Rev. Eugene Davis, Ass't. Clerk.

By Reporter

Spring Branch Church News

The week of September 3, 1950, marked another milestone in the upbuilding of God's Kingdom at the Spring Branch Free Will Baptist Church, near Walstonburg, N. C. This was the week we held our revival. The visiting evangelist was the Reverend Floyd Cherry, Durham, North Carolina. His messages were very interesting. It was food for the hungered and the way of salvation for the sinner. There were three converts. This may seem a small number to some, but to us it meant three more souls that will be marching in the path of righteousness, going forth for the glory of God. Three souls that Satan could not hold on to.

Our pastor, Reverend S. A. Smith, was with us each evening. In the future we hope to win more and more souls to Christ. Will you help by praying for the lost?

Our annual home-coming was held October 1, 1950. There was a large crowd present and each one thoroughly enjoyed the day. We had a splendid day for the gathering. Our pastor, the Rev. S. A. Smith, delivered the morning message. After the message everyone enjoyed getting together, meeting new and old friends, and enjoying the very tasty dinner, which was spread on the church grounds. After dinner we had some real good singing inside the church.

So, already beginning to think about next year's home-coming, we were dismissed for the day.

Mrs. Wallace Mercer
Church Reporter

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

Editor

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON

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The Central Auxiliary Convention Holds Good Session

Marlboro Church Entertains in a Good Way

The Central District Woman's Auxiliary convention of North Carolina convened on Wednesday, September 27, with Marlboro Church near Farmville, North Carolina. After an inspiring devotional conducted by Mrs. Thomas Tyndall, the following ministers were recognized: Reverends M. A. Woodard, R. H. Jackson, C. L. Patrick, R. B. Crawford, and L. B. Manning. Mrs. R. H. Jackson of the 4th union district was the only delegate from other conventions present.

The first vice-president gave an interesting report of her work. Then the fifth-vice-president made her report, and she urged the auxiliaries to report to her the things they do during the next six months, and to be sure to keep records so they can report their accomplishments at their next convention. The Central district has been allotted fifty sheets (50) to buy for the orphanage at Middlesex. After dinner an offering for this purpose was taken, and with appropriation from the Finance Committee, the amount was raised to buy them. Mr. Walter McD. Croom was present, and gave a very interesting report on what our auxiliaries have been doing, and what the orphanage has been doing for itself. Our usual offering for the orphanage was taken and the amount was \$60.34.

At this time, Mrs. J. C. Moye consented to sing a solo. She chose the message in song: "Why Should He Love Me So?" We regretted that Mrs. Ethel Whaley was not with us for this meeting. Rev. R. B. Crawford spoke to us about some of the great women of the Bible, and how they prayer and worked for the glory of the Lord. It was a good message.

After the committees were appointed, Rev. L. B. Manning made some comments concerning the lunch which was to be spread on the church grounds. Then we had a song and Rev. R. H. Jackson dismissed us for lunch.

Our afternoon devotions were led by Mrs. Herbert Dickerson, who read from Second Timothy, second chapter. She talked to us about "Open Houses for God." Mrs. Marvin Moore sang a solo, "Others." Mrs. Gertrude Ballard was not with us to talk about Cragmont, but Mrs. N. E. Harris agreed to speak for it. She asked that each auxiliary be sure to send \$5 before March 1, 1951. They still need screens, and bedspreads at Cragmont. Mrs. Carl Barrow, in her second vice-president's report, urged that all auxiliaries report their work to her during the next six months. She also reminded us of the \$10,000 Bible College needs, and of the Anna Phillips Loan Fund.

Mrs. R. S. Pollard, the third vice-president, made her report and she asked for an offering for Cuban Missions to help them in their time of need. The offering amounted to \$29.59. There was only one of our delegates to other conventions present, Mrs. J. J. Carroll who reported on the State Convention. The report of the fourth vice-president was given and there were five A-1 auxiliaries reported. She urged us to get subscribers to our Free Will Baptist paper, and for each auxiliary to be an A-1 auxiliary by March, 1951.

The sixth vice-president gave her report and reminded us to send Birthday and Christmas cards, and include a little gift if possible. Our field worker reported that she had visited two auxiliaries. We are to remember that she cannot go unless she is invited to visit your auxiliary.

We entered upon the business period by having the minutes read. Then came the reports of the different committees and the treasurer. Dele-

gates to the other conventions were appointed. The convention is to meet with Free Union in March, 1951. Mrs. Thomas Tyndall gave a hearty invitation to everyone present, and all those who were not present to attend the next convention. After a song Mrs. R. S. Pollard dismissed us in a word of prayer.

We do feel sure that everyone present had a wonderful time together with the good people of Marlboro. They had many beautiful flowers, and the dinner was enjoyed by all present. Everyone present surely did feel that our theme was carried out in a good way: "Whatsoever ye do do all to the glory of God."—First Corinthians 10:31.

Mrs. Paul Thigpen, Pres.
Mrs. Marvin Moore, Secy.

PROGRAM Fourth Union Auxiliary

Mrs. David Gay, Secy.

The Fourth Union Auxiliary of the Central Conference of North Carolina will meet with Aspin Grove on Sunday, October 29, 1950.

- 10:00—Sunday School
- 11:00—Devotions led by Mr. Howard Cayton
- 11:15—Welcome Address by C. D. Hamilton
- Response by Rev. N. D. Beaman
- 11:25—Special music by Daniel's Chapel Quartet
- 11:30—Sermon by Rev. P. C. Wiggs
- 12:15—Lunch
- 1:15—Devotions led by Clifton Gardner
- 1:30—Special Music by Spring Branch Quartet
- 1:45—Business
- 2:30—Program by local church and benediction

Mrs. R. S. Goff,
Howard Cayton,
Lewis Galloway,
Committee

CHURCH BUS FOR SALE

We have one 1937 model Church Bus for sale. It has a new motor, the body is good. The seats need covering. It has four good tires, and two not so good. The price of the bus is \$225 for quick sale. See or write to:

Rev. Noah Brown,
Rockingham, N. C.,
Route 1

Some Bible Truths Worth Remembering

Here are a few things I believe: When God chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus, He believed she would be loyal to Him. She being a good woman would obey him in every command, because she was the Virgin Mother of our Lord. I know she was a woman in the flesh, and not part of the Godhead, but she was supposed to obey God and to keep His commandments, as any other woman.

It was a great honor which God bestowed upon her, but that did not make her part of the Godhead, for she was a woman in the flesh, though she was the mother of our Lord. When some of the Pharisees called to Jesus and said that His mother called for Him, He made it plain that she was no higher esteemed than other good women. Christ said that he that doest the will of my Father was the same as His mother, brother, and sister. I do believe that her soul is resting in the paradise of God. Christ said that He was the first of them that slept.

Why should anyone pray to her, or to any saved soul who is sleeping in paradise? Those living spirits do not have the power to save from sin. Listen, God said that David was a man after His own heart. Why not pray to him, if he was so righteous? No, I have never found in the Bible where God ever gave to a single person the power to forgive a person of his sins. We can forgive them when they sin against us, but they still have to get God to forgive them before they become true children of God.

Let us not pray unto King David, nor unto the Virgin Mary. Let us pray to God, for there is no other way under heaven whereby a person can be saved but by the shed blood of Christ which was shed on Calvary's Cross. The dead in Christ will rise first to meet Him in the air, together with the living saints on that day of the Lord. All will rise in time to see Him, for He says that every eye shall see Him (I Rev. 1:7).

B. E. Coxwell
Blountstown, Fla.

Board of Superannuation of the N. C. State Convention of Free Will Baptists

This Letter Is Important
Dear Co-Workers:

This letter is being addressed to you, as pastor, clerk or other leader of your Free Will Baptist church or organization. Please see that it is called to their attention.

The purpose of this letter is to remind our people that, again this year, "October is Superannuation month."

There are 4 definite goals set up for the Board of Superannuation to work to this year. They have all been approved by the State Convention and are as follows:

1. To increase the monthly pensions to those superannuated ministers who are now on our list. We are now paying regular pensions to twenty-five Superannuated ministers. The amounts being paid are still far below what these ministers need and should receive.

2. To approve the application, and begin the payment to other ministers who are entitled to these benefits. There are several other ministers who are asking to be placed on this list. They are entitled to the regular pensions. We want to add them.

3. To begin the payment of pensions to the widows of deceased Free Will Baptist Ministers. Perhaps this is the most neglected need of our work at this time. There are many widows of our departed brethren who should be receiving pensions. Several of them are in very great need at this time. The Board of Superannuation feels that we, as a denomination must do something about this. However we are dependent upon you for the funds.

4. To continue the Ministers' Protection Benefit Program thru the National Board of Superannuation, for the ministers who are now active. This is the Insurance Program in which the ministers under fifty years of age are asked to help provide for their retirement through Retirement Insurance. Ten per cent of our regular receipts will be sent to the National Board to help pay one half the premiums on this Insurance for those who will take it.

The above are the goals of the Board of Superannuation for this year. In order to reach the goals we will need \$10,000.00 during the year. This amount has been approved by the State Convention. In order to raise this amount we will need at least 25¢ for each Free Will Baptist in North Carolina.

May we count on you to help reach these goals?

Send Superannuation Funds to M. L. Johnson, Sims, N. C.

M. L. Johnson
Chairman-Treasurer

They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.—Benjamin Franklin.

Gospel Music School

On Monday night, August 14, Marvin P. Dalton of Tulsa, Oklahoma, began a Gospel Music school which lasted for ten nights. This school of music was conducted in the F. W. B. Church in Cordova, Alabama. On Tuesday of that week it was turned into day classes also, having both day and night classes.

This school meant very much in a spiritual way to those taking part, as well as meaning much to the church and the town from the point of view of music. On the first night of the school a revival broke out, and it was really a revival throughout the entire time of the school. Several souls were saved during the devotional services.

Brother Dalton is a man of God. He is fortunate in having a twofold calling from the Lord. He is a minister of the gospel, and also he is a writer of music. I should like to recommend him to our F. W. B. churches for either conducting music schools or preaching the gospel of Christ. If you have never had the privilege of using him for the conducting of a music school, I recommend him to you. I think we should be proud of such a man as he is, when we consider his talents in the religious work. He is a student from our Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee.

Rev. Grady Hudson
704 Long Avenue
Cordova, Ala.

Stoney Creek Church to Have Homecoming

There will be a homecoming celebration at Stoney Creek F. W. B. Church on the third Sunday in October. This church is located in the country, five miles northeast of Goldsboro, North Carolina, in Wayne County.

Claxton Sasser, president of Wayne Co. Sunday School Convention, will teach the Sunday School lesson at ten o'clock, and Rev. Clifton Rice, pastor, will deliver the morning message. Sister Pluma Sullivan will have charge of the Memorial service in the afternoon.

There will be good singing during the day besides the church choir. We are expecting Rainbow Trio, the Sasser Trio, and the Wooten singers to be with us and to render some special music.

All members of the church, friends, and former pastors, are given a special invitation to come, to be on time, and bring a basket of food. Come and enjoy the day with us in the service of the Lord.

This is given by the program committee:
Mrs. Ben Lancaster,
Mrs. Ken Smith,
Mr. Milton Best
Mrs. Ken Smith, Reporter

This is no time for ease and comfort. It is the time to dare and endure.—Winston Churchill.

GOD IS LOVE

(I John 4:8)

By Edwin Runyon

Practically everyone recognizes a god of some sort. Man is inherently a religious being. He must have a god to worship. If he does not worship the true God, he erects himself an altar to some other god. This may be done sub-consciously at times, but nevertheless, it is done. When he recognizes something as the great cause behind the workings of the universe, he is recognizing in his way a god. When he substitutes his theories about science and the material world, he is bowing down to some sort of god. When he accepts the philosophy that money can buy everything, he is erecting an altar to filthy lucre. Regardless of the thing that has taken first place in his life, it has become to him a god. He may boast loudly that he believes in no god, but some sort of god rules his heart.

The Jews believed in God, the true God, and worshipped Him. But their worship was not ordinarily a spiritual worship. Some of their people rose to the spiritual concept of God, but most of them merely went through a form of worship. If they ever thought of God at all, they thought of him as a far removed being that had all power. Their God was a god of power and little else. Their god was a God of destruction if they did not obey his teachings. Only the great thinkers of their time thought of God as being a God of love.

Many so-called scientists today think of God as the "Cause" behind the universe. They grudgingly give that much recognition to him because they can find no other cause with which to credit creation. God to them is far from being a personal being. He is merely a cause, something akin to nature. But we Christian people have a different opinion of God. He is not merely an impersonal cause. He is not merely a far away power. To use he is the God of love.

God Is a Person

It makes quite a difference as to how we think of God. It even makes

a difference in our actions. If we think of God merely as a cause, we will not be so disturbed about our actions. If God is about the same as nature, when we do wrong, we are merely out of harmony with the laws of nature and nothing so very bad has happened. We are merely not well adjusted to our surroundings. The fault may lie in our environment rather than in us. But if God is a personal God, then our actions do make a difference. When we do wrong it becomes sin. We are no longer just out of adjustment with our surroundings. We have offended Almighty God. We have offended a Person.

Jesus came to reveal just such a Person to us. He told some of his followers that the ones who had seen him had seen the Father. In other words, he was the manifestation of God the Father. Regardless of what bodily form God may take, he is a personality. Jesus revealed him as such. After this revelation, God can no longer be a mere cause to any thinking person. He can no longer be an impersonal power. Those who continue to hold such foolish notions have never really given thought to the subject and have never asked God to reveal himself to them.

God is a jealous God. He requires that we worship him. He will not tolerate our placing something else in the first place in our lives. He demands to be first. And he has every right to make such demands. We belong to him, and he knows what is best for us. God is a personal being that we can worship. It would be rather hard to worship a power or cause, but it is easy to obey the command to worship a personal God who is interested in our welfare and who loves us so much that he has blessed us with the blessings we enjoy.

Then comes the supreme test. God is personal because he speaks to me. A power or a cause could not bear witness with my spirit. It could not speak to my troubled soul. It could not convict me of having sinned, because it would have no medium with which to communicate with me and I would not have really sinned against the cause but would have been merely maladjusted. An impersonal cause would not convict me of that. But

God convicted me of sin. He showed me that I had offended a Personal God and that God communicated with my soul and left me in no doubt as to my state of being. After having convicted me by his Holy Spirit and after I had pled for forgiveness, that same God spoke peace to my troubled soul. There was no escapism. That was no release from tension caused by weeping. That was no flight of imagination. A being that could communicate with my being forgave me of my sins. He is a personal God.

God Is Love

Jesus also revealed that the God of heaven and earth is a God of love. In fact, God revealed that himself when he sent his son to die for us. All through the ages he has been revealing himself as a God of love as quickly as any man was able to grasp the idea. He has the interest of all his people at heart. Even when we think that we are having our difficulties, perhaps there are hidden blessings to be found in them. Perhaps when we selfishly complain of some turn of affairs that is not to our liking, God is using that very thing to bless someone else. God sees the whole picture whereas we see only a small part of it. But God is love. He loves each one of us. He has even my interests at heart. He loves me and he loves you. He seeks to help us. But he is not merely a Santa Claus.

We love our children and see their best interests. But sometimes they do not think so. Sometimes they rebel against the things that are really best for them. We wish they could live sheltered lives. We wish they could stay away from all temptation. We wish they might never know hardship. But such is not life. They cannot always remain babies. They cannot always remain in a sheltered atmosphere. They will be tempted. They will have hardship. But it is by meeting these things and overcoming them that they mature. Muscles never develop that are not exercised. Minds will never develop that are never used. Morals will never develop in those who never make decisions. As we parents wish our children to grow into well developed men and women, so does God wish his chil-

dren to grow into well developed Christians. Oh, how much more God wants us to develop our Christian lives. He wants us to grow up. He uses this life to mature us in Christian experience, and all the while he is guiding by a gentle hand of love if we will but follow.

Effect of His Love

One provision of his love is that no temptation will be too great for us. It is comforting to know that God watches over us and will not let Satan tempt us too greatly. He may use the temptations of Satan to strengthen our spiritual muscles, but he will call a halt before we go down under the onslaughts of the foe if we will do our part. The athlete must put forth an effort in his training. It is not enough that the athletic equipment is in readiness for use. He must use it. He must strive against the problems that arise. He must punch the punching bag, he must run the race-track, he must lift the dumb bells, etc. So it is with the spiritual warfare. We must fight against temptation. We must strive to overcome obstacles. It is by so doing that we develop. It is by putting forth my every effort and by calling upon the Lord to help me, that I begin to mature in the Christian effort. Then the effect of God and love upon my life and upon your life is a gradual process of ripening and maturing in the spiritual life if we will only let God direct our actions. May we so give ourselves over to the Spirit of God and let him so direct us that we can eventually say with Paul, "For me to live is Christ."

Conclusion

God is a personal God. He speaks to us. He is a God of love. If we place ourselves in his hands, he will develop us and mature us in his service so that we will become great warriors for him. Then let us each renew our covenant with him to place ourselves completely in his hands. With our lives safely in his keeping we can meet our foes with confidence, because he will not let us be tempted above that which we are able to bear. Neither will he let us fall before our foes. As we press on with a serenity

of our confidence in God, let us be about our Father's business. Let us witness to his saving power and to his love for his people.—General Baptist Messenger

Rosebud Church Moves up to Half-Time Services

Rosebud F. W. B. Church of the Western Conference of North Carolina has moved to hold services two Sundays to the month for the ensuing pastoral year. This church is located not far from the city of Wilson, N. C., and is located in a good farming section. Although the church membership is not so very large, yet the people are interested in having more preaching than heretofore to the month.

Reverend C. J. Harris of Greenville, North Carolina, is their pastor for the coming year. Brother Harris pastored for them last year for one Sunday to the month, but now he will hold services for them on second and fourth Sundays. Brother Harris is a middle-aged man, and a good preacher. He is deeply consecrated, and vitally interested in church work. He loves to preach the gospel to lost and dying souls. He is friendly, sociable, and a splendid character whom the church people like when they once get acquainted with him.

Rosebud should feel fortunate in being able to secure Brother Harris as their pastor for the ensuing year. They will be able, we feel certain, to do a great work for the Lord with such a fine man as their pastor. The church should expand its work in a large way, and be able to increase its membership and the attendance of its Sunday School.—R. B. S.

Freedom of men under government is to have a standing rule to live by, common to every one of that society, and made by the legislative power vested in it; a liberty to follow my own will in all things, when the rule prescribes not, and not to be a subject to the inconstant, uncertain, unknown, arbitrary will of another man.—Locke.

Free people, remember this maxim: We may acquire liberty, but it is never recovered if it is once lost.—Rousseau.

Let Me Be a Giver

By Kathryn Blackburn Peck

Dear God, if I can share some simple gift
With one, oppressed, who walks my path
today,

I know my heavy burdens, too, will lift,
And smoother and more fair will make
the way.

My candle's tiny flame glows no less bright
When lifted high to guide a groping
friend,

For always when I share my little light
I keep a blessing greater than I lend.

Let me keep giving out whate'er I have
Of food and raiment—shelter from the
cold,

Or greater gifts and cheer and faith and
love,
Laughter and song—which far outweigh
life's gold.

Let me keep giving from a loving heart,
That other lives may richer, fuller be;
I would be quick to see the teardrops start,
And swift to lend a hand of sympathy.

Make me, I pray Thee, Father, unafraid
To give myself again and yet again.
When day is done, if I my all have paid,
It shall be counted then, I know, as gain!
—Herald of Holiness.
(Clipped from Arkansas Methodist.)

When to Say, "No"

The "token" drinker says: "I don't like the custom of drinking alcoholic beverages and I would prefer to abstain, but I don't like to say, 'No.'"

Unless you are willing to drink to the point of drunkenness, you are compelled to say, "No," and the question is whether you will say "No," after the first drink, the second, the third? Will it not be as easy to say "No" before you drink at all?

As a matter of fact, it is easier to say "No" before you begin since "one drink takes another." The effect of the alcohol is to depress the sense of judgment and after one drink is consumed there is a much greater impulse to say, "One more won't hurt." Your friends will respect your total abstinence but if you drink with one fellow, they will expect you to drink with all. Say "Yes" once, and it is afterward much more difficult to say "No."

It is not to taste sweet things, but to do noble and true things, and vindicate himself under God's heaven as a God-made man, that the poorest son of Adam dimly longs.—Carlyle.

The interesting and inspiring thing about America is that she asks nothing for herself except that she has a right to ask for humanity itself.—Woodrow Wilson.



Growing Through Prayer

(Lesson for October 22)

LESSON: Matthew 6:5-13; Luke 11:1-13; Philippians 1:3-11; Colossians 4:2-4

GOLDEN TEXT: Luke 11:9

I. The Heart of the Lesson

The disciples did a wise thing when they went to Jesus with the request, "Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1). It was important for them to know how to pray, and it is important for us. In our larger lesson Jesus first told them how not to pray. They should not be as hypocrites who loved to pray in conspicuous places that they might be seen of men. Such a saying of words was not real prayer; it was just a performance designed to impress the public with the actor's piety. Such men had their reward, the praise of men; they could expect nothing from God. Many "an eloquent prayer" has been prayer to a congregation and not to God, and has received as its only reward the admiration of the performer's eloquence.

Another danger to be guarded against is vain repetitions in prayer (Matt. 6:7). They do not consist in repeated requests for the same things, if the soul is in earnest. Rather, they consist in a mechanical saying of set words and phrases, when there is no true desire of real devotion connected with it. Sometimes the mind is upon something else, especially in heathen countries, this degenerates into pure magic, the worshiper thinking that there is potency in the prayer itself to achieve results, if prayed just right or often enough.—Arnold's Commentary

1. We can find no better Example in prayer than the Lord Jesus Christ.

2. The best Teacher in the subject of prayer is the Lord Jesus Christ. Have we asked Him to teach us?

3. If others know that we are praying, it may be an encouragement to them to pray also.

4. It always takes time to pray, but we can be sure that it is time well spent.

5. The best order of prayer is first to glorify God, and then to present our personal needs.

6. Prayer for forgiveness of the past should always be coupled with a petition for victory in the future.

7. God answers the prayers of His children, not grudgingly, nor of necessity, but cheerfully.

8. Earthly supplies may sometimes be borrowed from friends, but spiritual benefits come from God alone.

The answers to prayer God promises are just as definite and specific as the prayers that are offered.

10. Neither earthly parents nor the Heavenly Father will ever offer substitutes for the needed things for which we ask.—Selected

11. True prayer is concerned with God and His glory. Even though God is our Father, we have no permission to take undue liberties in His presence and in our manner of addressing Him. Just as human children are taught to honor father and mother, so the children of God are expected to be reverent when they come before their Heavenly Father.

12. Paul's great concern for the Philippian brethren sets forth true Christian love for the followers of Christ. It teaches us that the true gospel minister should hold in high esteem those believers in Christ whom he has labored among for the planting and spreading of the seeds of the gospel of Christ. It was Paul's sincere prayer that those Christians would be ever true, zealous and patient in manifesting their love one for the other, and all for Christ. In like manner, ministers and all religious workers today should be much in prayer for the brethren in Christ.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

13. Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God. The fruits of righteousness as mentioned here are described by the same writer in Galatians 5:22 and 23 as love, joy, long-suffering, gentle-

ness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. It is the life which bears the fruit of righteousness which really counts in the kingdom of Christ, and it takes constant and earnest prayer to live the fruit-bearing life.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

II. The Lesson Illustrated

Mr. Moody tells us a remarkable incident in connection with an early visit to London. He had gone there for a visit. He was unknown in London, hence he did not expect to preach at all; but a little while after arriving there he was invited to preach for a certain church, which he did. He said it was a very cold and uninteresting service to him, but he announced that he would preach again that night.

Upon reaching the church, he noticed that the atmosphere had changed, he did not know why. At the close of the meeting he was led to give an invitation for those who wanted to be saved to stand. A great crowd of people stood. He left the next day for Dublin, Ireland. Shortly after arriving there he received a telegram from the church to return, stating that the whole community was in an upsurge and clamor for a series of meetings. He went back and found that a great revival was beginning, and hundreds of people were being converted.

Not long after he learned the secret. An invalid lady, who could not attend the church, was praying for a mighty outpouring of the Spirit upon the church. She prayed for months. Once she saw in the papers accounts of some of the Moody meetings in America, and, although she had never heard of Mr. Moody before, she began to pray that God would send him to her church in London for a revival. One Sunday morning her sister, upon her return from the service, informed her of Moody's presence and his preaching, whereupon she spent the whole afternoon in prayer that God would make that night a night of power. That explains the difference between morning and evening services!—1000 Evangelistic Illustrations

Do you read your church papers?

"Clouds Without Water"

Leon Tucker

The Book of Jude uses more extraordinary, original and unique figures of speech than perhaps any other book in the Bible. It speaks of "raging waves of the sea," "wandering stars," "trees whose fruit withereth," and "clouds without water, carried about of winds" (Jude 12). In these Jude makes reference to the apostates of his day; they are good figures of speech concerning the apostates of any day. Those men who deny the things which are revealed in the Holy Scriptures are clouds without water. Clouds without water leave nothing. So ministers without the Gospel make a desert where faith should bloom like a rose.

1. Men who exalt human reason above divine revelation are "clouds without water."

It is not what man reasons, it is what God reveals. It is not what man thinks, it is what God says. The mind of man can never discover the heart of God. By wisdom this world has never come to know God. God's wisdom is foolishness to men, and man's wisdom is foolishness to God. We are not left to reason, we have a revelation. There are no dark secrets in the Gospel. He who runs may read. Christianity differs from the world religions in that they seek after God while Christianity is God seeking man.

2. Men who exalt human attainment above divine atonement are "clouds without water."

Attainment is possible to man. Atonement is possible only with God. Attainment is what man can do. Atonement is something that God alone can do. Attainment is within man's power. Atonement is in the power of God only. Attainment makes man appear better before man, but atonement is the means by which man may appear before God without guilt of sin. Attainment has for its big word "character." Atonement has for its big word "cross." Attainment makes for education. Atonement makes for salvation. Attainment is for the mind. Atonement is for the soul. Be not a cloud without water!

3. Men who exalt human philosophy above divine prophecy are "clouds without water."

Philosophy is what man thinks he knows. Prophecy is what God foreknows. Philosophy is man's little candle which a gust of wind can blow out. Prophecy is God's lamp, which shines in a dark place until the day dawns. Philosophy is a maze from which man never emerges, while prophecy is light upon every step of the believer's pathway. Philosophy knows a little about the here and now.

4. Men who exalt human advance above divine advents are "clouds without water."

The world does not advance without Christ. In his absence it takes the downgrade, not the upgrade. With Christ out of the world there can be nothing permanently better in the world. It is not human advance, but the divine advents that have brought into the world help and holiness for man. Be not a cloud without water. Let God's thoughts be sufficient for you. Think God's thoughts after Him.—Christian Digest.

Union Grove Has a Good Year

Our church, Union Grove, Wayne County, North Carolina, has had a good year in various ways. In the first place, our young people of the church have taken great interest in church attendance, Sunday School work, and Youth for Christ Rally movement. Their interest has been great, and their activities have been greatly appreciated by the older people of the church. They have been quite active in the Youth for Christ movement, and as a result quite a number made a profession of faith in Christ and were baptized and received in the church.

Our Sunday School is growing all the while, and this year it has been greater in attendance and support than ever, and the teachers are doing a most splendid work in all of the departments of the school. All officers seem to be much interested and the superintendent is a wide awake man in the school. Many of the classes are already too large and need to be divided into smaller groups so that

even better work can be accomplished by both teachers and the students. We are planning on arranging for more room for our classes.

The church services during the year have been very good. Brother R. B. Spencer was our pastor, and he did bring us good sermons, and the people were moved by his messages. As a result, we have had during the year around forty new members added to our church. Brother Lupton, of Bridgeton, North Carolina, held our revival which closed a few weeks ago with several new converts who were baptized by Brother Spencer and received into the church on his last appointment with us in September. In every way, it was a good year for our church and Sunday School.

Our new pastor is Rev. Bruce Barrow of Snow Hill, North Carolina. He will begin his pastorate with us on the fourth Sunday in October. We are looking forward to having a very good year in all departments of our church work. Brother Barrow is a young man who is well qualified in the work of the Lord, and we are expecting great things to be achieved in our church among the young people, as well as among the older people.

We invite those of our church and community to join in with us in our church services and Sunday School work for the ensuing pastoral year, and let us worship the Lord together in spirit and in truth. We want everyone to feel welcome to come and be in our midst for Christian fellowship and to enjoy our church services.

By the Reporter

Cigarettes and Funerals

We had a funeral at our church recently. It was conducted by a minister who was not our pastor. As soon as he went outside the building, he lighted a cigarette and began to smoke.

Now, there was a large crowd of people there, and you should have heard the remarks made about the minister who began smoking. It was something the people were surprised at for a minister to do such a thing in the midst of a funeral.

I do not believe all of our preachers do this, but we have some who are as good as can be found anywhere. As for me, I will say, "Away with any of them who will suck a cigarette during the course of a funeral.—J. H. O.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

SCRATCH!

Dear Young Friends:

Not too long ago I found this nice little poem, and found quite a lesson in it. Perhaps when you read it over, you will find something in it, too, to think about:

"Said the first little chicken,
With a queer little squawk,
'I wish I could find
A fat little worm!'"

"Said the next little chicken,
With an odd little shrug,
'I wish I could find
A fat little bug!'"

"Said the third little chicken,
With a small cry of grief,
'I wish I could find
A little green leaf!'"

"Now see here! said the mother,
From the green garden patch,
'If you want any breakfast,
Just come out here and scratch!'"

We can suppose that many of our boys and girls know what a treasure hunt is. But have you ever thought of the Bible as a mine of rich treasures? Perhaps you have not. But when I read the above poem, I thought how many people say, "I wish I knew more Bible verses!" Or, perhaps they say, "I wish I understood my Bible better." Or, another excuse is, "I wish I loved to read my Bible, so I would not be so embarrassed when asked questions in Sunday School or in Young People's meeting." We should give such the advice the old mother hen gave her chicks: "Just come out here and scratch!"

Diamond miners do not scratch the surface of the mountain to get diamonds. They dig! Farmers do not grow wonderful crops of grain by flinging out handfuls of seed in the spring and then saying to the seed: "Grow away!" It would seem to us it would blow away before it would grow. No, a farmer must plow the ground, make it smooth, plant and cover the seed with care. Then he trusts the Lord to make the seed grow after he has done his part. We work for what we get in this old world, and boys and girls find that out as they grow older day by day. With regard to God's Word, we cannot learn Scripture until we get our minds down to it, and study! We cannot learn the interesting events and historical periods of history recorded in the Word, until we get our minds down to it, and study! We cannot learn the interesting events and historical periods of history recorded in the Word, until we get down and dig out the

precious nuggets of truth for ourselves. Paul told Timothy, a young man whom he was training for the Lord's work: "Give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine" (I Tim. 4:13). By doing this he would learn.

So, we, dear boys and girls, have to scratch to learn. We cannot sit back in a listless manner, and expect God to pour into our hearts and minds what He wants us to work for.

"Neglect not the gift that is in thee."

Yours, lovingly,
Leota L. Knopp
—Juvenile Pleasure

Home-coming at Long Ridge

On the fourth Sunday in October, the annual home coming day celebration will be at the church. Rev. H. Pipkin will deliver the home coming address at 11:00 o'clock. There will be other special features in the morning programs. The afternoon program will be an open forum. Choirs and quartets from other churches are invited to sing.

All former pastors and members are especially invited to worship together with us that day.

The revival meeting will begin on Sunday night, October 22nd, at 7:30, with L. B. Manning doing the preaching. There will be singing by the Junior choir each night.

We sincerely solicit the prayers of all Christians, that our church may be thoroughly revived and sinners may be convicted.

Mrs. Ben Sutton

Gray Branch F. W. Baptist Church to Hold Revival

The Revival Meeting will begin at Gray Branch Church on October 16, at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. Walter Carter of Rockingham, N. C., will do the preaching. The public is cordially invited to attend these services each evening.

Yours in Christ,
Walter King,
Deep Run, N. C.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

James Harris, III

Death entered the home of James Henry Harris, Jr., on June 22, 1950, and took away their dear little boy, James Henry, III—Jimmy, as he was known by his many friends and loved ones.

He was a boy of sterling character and every one who knew him loved him. But surely God loved him best, and needed another angel to help decorate the heavenly mansions above, where Jesus has gone to prepare a place for all those who love and serve Him.

Jimmy was a member of Dawson's Grove church. He was a fine League worker and a member of the Junior choir. He was a good singer and was always found at his place in church and League.

Surely a good boy has gone to his reward in Heaven where the angels sing in glory, praising God day and night. It was so hard to his parents, relatives, and friends to part with Jimmy; but truly we can say as Jesus did on the cross, "Not My will, but Thine be done." We feel his death gives us another hold on Heaven and there we will shout and sing God's praises forever more.

Sleep on, Jimmy, and take your rest, We loved you, but Jesus loved you best; Grieve not, dear parents, for your dear boy, But strive to meet him in glory

Where all is peace, love, and joy.

By his grandmother,

Mrs. J. H. Harris, Sr.

The Way to Antioch Church

Eastern Association to Be Held at Antioch

The Eastern Association of the Free Will Baptists will convene at Antioch Church in Craven County, October 18 and 19th. Members and friends of the various churches are extended a cordial invitation to attend.

Antioch Church is located 5 miles north of New Bern on Old Vanceboro Road. Turn left at Lene Cedar Service Station on old rock road. Signs will be placed at road-way leading to the church.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Luther Gaskins,
Mrs. Jodie Dowdy

No man is worth his salt who is not ready at all times to risk his body, to risk his well-being, to risk his life, in a great cause.—Theodore Roosevelt.

DRINK AND ECONOMIC SECURITY

(Continued from page 3)

asked, "if you had put that into a life insurance policy?"

He gave me his best anti-Prohibitionist smile.

Yes, if America's liquor bill of eight and a half billions of dollars during 1949 could have gone to finance a sound long range economic security program, the social and economic distress that will be visited upon thousands of families in the future could be somewhat mitigated and in many instances entirely eliminated.

The rise of the Welfare State that penalizes the thrifty and those of sobriety will be hastened by the growth and prosperity of the liquor business. It is a problem to be fought at the grass roots of our society.

The Wrong Name

In Dublin a zealous policeman caught a cabdriver in the act of driving recklessly. The officer stopped him and said:

"What's yer name?"

"Ye'll better try and find out," said the driver peevishly.

"Sure, and I will," said the policeman, as he went round to the side of the cab where the name ought to have been painted; but the letters had been rubbed off.

"Aha," cried the officer, "now ye'll git yerself into worse disgrace than ever. Yer name seems to be obliterated."

"You're wrong!" shouted the driver triumphantly. "'Tis O'Sullivan!"—Youth's Companion.

ATTENTION! FLORIDA WOMEN

We invite all Auxilliary women of Florida to be present at the State Association on Nov. 3, 4, 1950, at the Piney Grove Church in Chipley. Plans are being made to effect a State Woman's Auxilliary Convention at that time.

We beg you to respond with a delegate and any report and suggestions you think will make this organization the very best of its kind.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Chester Pelt.
Mrs. Ernest Owen

PRIDE GOETH BEFORE A FALL



NE day a very plain little girl dropped down into the school. She dressed very plainly, talked in an old-fashioned way, and seldom ever spoke of herself. The other girls shunned her, and talked unkindly about her. But the quiet little girl went quietly on her way, learning her lessons. Of course she noticed the way the girls treated her and she felt hurt.

The leader of these girls was Jane. She had been abroad for a year, and now the day had come for her to arrive, and the girls were anxiously waiting for her to come to school.

One afternoon the girls stood about in the school room when Jane came in with a smile and word of greeting for everyone. In the midst of the excitement the quiet little girl was overlooked, but presently Jane saw her and then how quickly things changed. Jane stopped in the middle of a sentence and with a surprised look on her face ran toward the timid little girl.

"Why, you darling!" she said, excitedly, "you dear, darling old girl. I'm very glad you're here. Why, I've missed you so terribly since we left France. Oh, Clarice, are you going to stay with us for awhile? I am so glad—" But the rest was smothered in Clarice's warm ulster.

All the little uppish misses had to stand back and watch Jane's extravagant love for this quiet girl, and, of course, they couldn't understand it. Even when Jane got her breath back she found it hard to tell.

"You favored girls, to have had this dear girl here with you all winter," she said at last as she stood with her arms about Clarice's waist. "She was my very best friend while we lived in France. Her father is a count, with a dozen other titles to his name, and her mother was an American girl who was a school friend of mother's. We stayed with them at Troyes, in a glorious big castle, which is their real home, but they have a great house in Paris, and another down on the Riviera, and a villa in Italy, and ever so many other places, and she's my very best friend. Oh, Clarice, I'm so glad your father has come to America for this season. But I'm terribly surprised, because I'd been hoping we'd get back from London before you got here. Oh, now we are going to have some fun, I tell you. Good-by, girls. See you tomorrow."

Imagine the surprise of those haughty, proud girls who had shunned and snubbed that dear little girl just because she was not dressed as they were.

You never can or ought to judge a person by the things they have. Very often the people who say the least and seem to have the least that the people really worth knowing.—Sabbath Visitor

—vsbOrThey.

WHEN TO PRAISE THE LORD

MABEL GLENN HALDEMAN



HERE is never a time when it is not right for us to praise the Lord. There are times when we do not feel like praising Him. There are times when others would not have us praise Him. It would seem sometimes that when everything appears to go wrong for us, that such a time it would not be fit to praise Him.

But His Word does not say so. It just says we shall praise the Lord. In the 113th Psalm the Psalmist says, "Praise ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord, praise the Name of the Lord. Blessed be the Name of the Lord from this time forth and for evermore. From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's Name is to be praised" (vss. 1-3). Then in the last verse of the last Psalm (the 150th) the Psalmist says, "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord."

If we praise the Lord when our life seems dull, or when we have sorrow, our dull and sorrowful times will not seem so hard to bear. Praise in our hearts toward the Lord makes our burdens lighter, and it makes us love the Lord more than if we grumble.

It is never the wrong time to praise the Lord. It is always right to praise Him, because He is always worthy of praise. If everybody should praise Him every minute of their lives, they could not give Him all the praise He is worthy of. It will take all eternity to praise Him for all He has done for us, and to give Him the praise due His most wonderful Name.

Attention Auxilliary Workers

An Easy Way to Add Money to Your Treasury

We are in position now to supply you with Scripture Text Christmas Cards that you may re-sell and make a profit for your Auxilliary. We have on hand 500 boxes of cards that we can sell to you for 50 cents per box, and that you can retail for \$1.00 per box. These boxes contain 21 Scripture Text folders with envelopes.

Get your supply early, while they are on sale, as we are not sure we can replace these at that price. 10 boxes or more for 50 cents each.

Send all orders to Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C.

GOD'S HERO

Faith Wroughtwell

Boat or No Boat

"All right, we're going to start in on our practice-the-verse contest." Miss Givens' face beamed as she made the announcement. "Now, everybody ready, Bibles open, go!"

Don Ross glanced at some verses he had checked with blue pencil in the margin of his Bible. But they didn't just seem to be his verse. One minute was gone. Two minutes—three! Oh, here he had it—the 16th chapter of Proverbs, the 32nd verse:

"He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city." Down went Don's face into his Bible, and how he studied! Then up shot his hand. He could say it every bit with his eyes shut.

Miss Givens praised all their verses, but especially Don's. Then she said, "Now, we are all going forth to live our verses."

The next Wednesday was July 4. Don Ross and Ted Richards were sailing their boats in a small creek of water running down the roadside. What fun to chase along and watch the boats hurry with the current. Soon they were coming to a tile culvert, through which round opening the water swished under the road, then ran on down on the other side of the highway.

"Better not let your boat get in there. It might get fast," shouted Ted.

"Now, she'll sail right on through," Don answered proudly. Ted fished his boat out to safety. But Don crossed over to the other side of the road, expecting to see his good ship come racing through. But she did not come. And she did not come! He peeped beneath the bridge—and there it was, stuck fast! His painted ship. His red, white, and blue Old Glory, as he had named her.

"Oh-a"—Don's anger flamed and he lifted a foot to stamp it on the ground. "Slow to anger," came to him in a flash, and "he that ruleth his spirit." Don put his foot down quietly, nor did he finish what he had started to say.

"What are you goin' to do about it?" squinted Ted, his own boat safely under his arm.

"Goin' out there in the willows and pray, I guess, Ted."

"Going to pray God to get that boat out for you?"

"No, goin' to pray God to help me rule my spirit so I won't get angry and act up till I can find a stick long enough to poke it out myself," Don called back. As he ran, he was asking God to help him rule his spirit and not be angry, even if he might not be able to get his boat at all.

Soon he and Ted were back with two of the longest willow sticks they could find. They got down on all-fours at the end of the tunnel into which the proud Old Glory had sailed majestically. They poked their

long sticks back, but alas! Their sticks were just about two inches too short.

Ted began stamping and saying things—but not Don. Quietly he started home. He would rule his spirit. He would be one of God's heroes, boat or no boat.

Then suddenly a thought struck him. They could splice their long sticks together, tying them with their shoe-strings, and make one stick long enough to reach the boat! They did. A few pokes, and out sailed Old Glory, racing along ahead of the boys as grandly as could be.—Junior Challenge.

The Consecrated Life

F. B. Meyer

When a man is right with God, God will freely use him. There will rise up within him impulses, inspirations, strong strivings, strange resolves. These must be tested by Scripture and prayer; and if evidently of God, they must be obeyed.

But there is this perennial source of comfort: God's commands are God's enablings. He will never give us a work to do without showing us exactly how and when to do it, and giving us the precise strength and wisdom we need.

Do not dread to enter this life because you fear that God will ask you to do something you cannot do. He will never do that. If He lays aught on your heart, He will do so irresistibly; and as you pray about it, the impression will continue to grow, so that presently, as you look up to know what He wills you to say or do, the way will probably open; and you will probably have said the word or done the deed almost unconsciously. Rely on the Holy Ghost to go before you, to make the crooked places straight and the rough places smooth.

Denton Church Launches Building Program

Help Is Needed to Push the Work Forward

We have organized a F. W. B. Church here in Denton, Texas. We are members of the West Fork Association of the State. We have on a building program at this time, and we find that we do not have sufficient money to go on with the work. Will some of the Christian people who hear our call and help us in this good work? By the time we members have to pay the rent, light bill, for song books, and payment on our piano, and so on, we do not have very much left to help on the building program of our church.

We do have our lots paid for, and we have a man who says that he will let us have two-thirds of the money needed, if we can raise the one-third. Now, will you good people help us on this building program so that we will be able to go forward with this work? We are praying God's blessings upon everyone who will help us on this building program.

Those who desire to make inquiry about this church, may ask most every pastor in the West Fork Association of Texas. Ask anyone at the bank in Denton if you like, for information concerning this church. Or ask the moderator of the Hopewell Association of Oklahoma.

Rev. H. E. Reid
1013 Johnston Street
Denton, Texas

Aaron Joined with Moses

And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses, and he said, Is not Aaron the Levite thy brother? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart.

And thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do.

And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people: and he shall be, even he shall be to thee instead of a mouth, and thou shalt be to him instead of God.—Exodus 4:14-16.

And the Lord said unto Moses, Go into the wilderness to meet Moses. And he went, and met him in the mount of God, and kissed him. And Moses told Aaron all the words of the Lord who had sent him, and all the signs which he had commanded him.—Exodus 4:27, 28.

Selected by Rev. R. L. Clark
Hamlet, N. C.

Revival at Hugo Church

God really blessed us in our revival at Hugo during the week of September 18-24. Brother W. L. Jernigan of Bladenboro did the preaching and brought us some inspiring messages.

His texts for the week were:

Monday night—"Looking Unto Jesus"

Tuesday night—"Hearing Jesus"

Wednesday night—"Seeing Jesus"

Thursday night—"Following Jesus"

Friday night—"Knowing Jesus"

Sat. & Sun. night—"Anchoring in Jesus"

There were 18 who accepted the Lord as their Saviour and united with our church.

Our prayers go up for them who have turned their backs on Satan and we covet your prayers that they may ever follow in Jesus' footsteps and be the means in leading others to Christ.

Mrs. Wilton Faulkner

Did you ever hear of a man who had striven all his life faithfully and singly toward an object, and in no measure obtained it? If a man constantly aspires, is he not elevated? Did ever a man try heroism, magnanimity, truth, sincerity, and find that there was no advantage in them—that it was a vain endeavor?—Thoreau.

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Until He Comes

The love of Christ constraineth me
To preach the Gospel full and free,
At home, abroad, o'er land and sea
Until He comes.

If that the aim of all could be,
Of all who claim to follow Thee,
How soon this weary world would see
Thy Kingdom come!

Oh, sad it is that we who know
Thy saving grace are, oh, so slow
To follow Thy command to go
And tell the Story.

Oh, friends of Missions, hear the cries
That from this sin-sick world arise.
Haste, bring it help before it dies
Without the Story.

Help speed the day when nations all,
The proudly great, the humbly small,
Shall bend the knee and lowly fall
Before His throne.

—Clara M. Bode

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NOTICE

Any service will be gladly rendered to any organization of our church, upon request and presentation of manuscript for such service.

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Matter accounts for nothing in the weighing-chamber of eternity.—F. B. Meyer.

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NOTICE

The Fairmount F. W. B. Church in Norfolk, Va., is celebrating the Seventh Anniversary during the month of October.

During the last two weeks of the month the Rev. Damon C. Dodd, promotional Secretary of the National Association, and a former missionary to Cuba, will be conducting a revival in the church, which will be concluded on the fifth Sunday with Home-Coming Day Services. A picnic lunch will be served on the grounds at noon. All former pastors, members and friends are invited to attend.

Rev. W. A. Hales

REVIVAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THE RALEIGH CHURCH

Rev. J. C. Griffin, of New Bern, is scheduled to begin a series of evangelistic services at the Free Will Baptist church in Raleigh on the Fourth Sunday night in Oct. (October 22), and on the fifth Sunday, dinner will be served on the grounds with special services for the day says the pastor of the church, Rev. Herman Wooten. The public is invited to all services.

PROGRAM of the SECOND UNION CENTRAL CONFERENCE, N. C. to convene with KING'S CROSS ROADS October 28th

Uniform Theme: Orphanage and Superannuation

MORNING SESSION

10:00—Devotions by Lloyd Allen
10:15—"What is Superannuation Work" by Rev. J. E. Wooten
10:30—Business Period
10:50—Special Music by King's Cross Roads
10:55—"Am I My Brother's Keeper", speaker to be selected
11:10—Offering for Orphanage
11:15—Congregational and special singing
11:25—Union Sermon, "Serving Our Saviour through Superannuation" by Rev. M. L. Johnson
12:00—Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00—Devotions, speaker to be selected
1:15—Special music by Greenville
1:20—"Opportunities of an Orphanage" By Rev. Bruce Barrow
1:35—Business Period
2:00—"Our Accomplishments, opportunities, and obligations, as a union, relating to Orphanage and Superannuation Work", by Rev. C. L. Patrick
2:20—Round Table Discussion
2:30—Announcements and adjournment

By the committee

It is no good to say to some people, "Believe, believe." People need somebody's fingers to unravel the knots, to untie and straighten things out; and who is to do it? Those whose whole life has been cursed from their very birth, they are handicapped in their very blood, and who is to deliver them? Can anybody do it? Is there no God who can do it? Listen, the fingers that weave the rainbow into a scarf and wrapped it around the shoulders of a dying storm, the fingers that painted the lily-bell and threw out the planets, the fingers that were dipped in the mighty set of eternity and shook out on this old planet, making the ocean to drop and the rivers to stream—the same fingers can hold on these tangled lives and can make them whole again, for He came to make the crooked straight, and the rough places plain. Blessed be God, Jesus can do for Matthew what nobody else can, and He can do for you, my brother, what your friends cannot do. He can take the desire for drink out of you; He can cure the love of gambling that is eating the soul out of you; He can put out the fires of lust that are burning in your being and consuming you by inches; He can take the devil of lying out of you, the devil of cheating out of you, of fraud out of you, of hypocrisy out of you, Jesus can do what nobody else can; the preacher cannot, the Church cannot; but the Lord Jesus, who loves you, is mighty to save.

Gipsy Smith, in Great Gospel Sermons (Revell).

PROGRAM

of the

First Union Meetin
Western Conference
convening with
Pleasant Hill Church
October 28, 1950

MORNING SESSION

10:00—Devotional by Rev. Milford Hales
Route 2, Kenly, N. C.
10:15—Welcome, by Pastor
10:30—Response, Mr. Floyd Baker
—Minutes of last union meeting
—Roll call of ministers, churches, and delegates
—Moderator's remarks
10:45—Orphanage news
11:00—Song service and special music by G. C. Joyner
11:30—Sermon, J. A. Evans
12:00—Lunch

EVENING SESSION

1:30—Devotions by Rev. T. Renfrow, Rt. 3, Kenly, N. C.
1:45—Business, reports of Boards and Committees
2:30—Adjournment

By the Committee

What Will You Leave Behind?

High lights of the message delivered by the Reverend D. W. Cherry, pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church, Newport News, Virginia, at the evening worship service, October 8, 1950.

Scripture, St. Matthew 6:20-21
Text, All three verses

19. Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

20. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

21. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

We in the western world fight a losing battle against materialism, for the world is too much with us. We are so infatuated with material interests we can scarcely raise our eyes toward the Kingdom of God. Yet with all our possessions, what can we take with us, when we are called by death? What will we leave behind?

We must leave behind the trinkets and belongings we have labored so hard to accumulate. We shall not be able to carry along any of the luxuries we have struggled so feverishly to possess. When man stands at the brink of eternity he is stripped of all his possessions. Only the character he has developed, his words and his deeds abide with him, and these he must account for in the day of judgment.

Autobiography by M. K. Gandhi (Public Affairs Press, Washington, D. C.), epitomizes the gospel of simple living taught by the man of India. Mr. Gandhi left a few personal possessions: slippers, sandals, his watch, bowls, spoons, his favorite songbook, and glasses; but to millions he left a spiritual legacy which earthly treasure can never buy.

According to his autobiography, Gandhi in his formative years determined to strip off all superfluities and

nonessentials. He sought truth; and though he may never have grasped it fully, his whole life was spent in trying to help others.

What does man leave behind? His houses crumble, his lands pass to others, his wealth is fought over by ungrateful relatives, and even his name is soon forgotten.

Actually all that a man leaves behind, that endures, is his influence. If he has helped a youth to have faith in God and in his fellow man, that lives on. If love has flowed from his heart to others, that endures. He may leave no rich legacy, he may not find a niche in the Hall of Fame, but God remembers his loving service.

What did Jesus leave behind when He died on the cross? Only a few garments for the Roman soldiers to gamble over? No, this was not all! He left the love of God in human hearts: He left salvation from sin and the assurance of eternal life.

Over and over again, Jesus taught the futility of material treasures. To the rich young man that asked the way to the Kingdom of God, the Master said, "Go sell all thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me" (Matt. 19:21).

To the man possessed by the dream of hoarding wealth and getting riches, God said, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided" (Luke 12:20).

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God," must be paramount.

It is time to strip off non-essentials, to turn to a simple way of life. Material possessions are not wrong in themselves. It is when men make little gods of them that they destroy the soul. Every material possession should serve one purpose only: to give more time to the individual that he may live for Jesus Christ and serve his fellow men more acceptably.

It is time for every Christian to take an inventory of his possessions: If investments and savings, accumulated in time of prosperity, were placed on the altar of sacrifice, they would do much to turn the whole world to Christ. Those treasures would send missionaries to the millions who have never heard of the name of Christ.

If your heart is set on the wealth of earth, it will probably remain here, with that which vanishes away. If your heart longs for the kingdom of God, you will have accumulated treasures up there, through your gifts of love.

Jesus said to Cornelius, in Acts 10:4, "Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God."

How is your stewardship to God? Think beloved! Think! "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil" (Ecc. 12:14).

Rev. D. W. Cherry
308 Webster Avenue
Portsmouth, Va.

NEWS FROM FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA

We are glad to report at this time that our Free Will Baptist Church is making progress. It is slow but sure. Knowing the Lord to be our rock, our strength, and a very pleasant help in time of need, we hesitated not to begin our building program, even though we are few in number.

The last of June we were notified

that we must either buy or vacate the church which we had been renting since Christmas. Our church membership voted, almost unanimously, to build on the lot which we had purchased and paid for.

The expense of carrying on a full time church program, as you must do

(Continued on page 15)

NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

MY VISIT TO SOUTH CAROLINA

I had quite an enjoyable trip to South Carolina from September the 27th to the 8th of October. I was with the Rev. Paul J. Ketteman, pastor of Mt. Elon church, near Pamplico. It is a whole time church with a nice parsonage right close to the church edifice. The parsonage is nicely furnished.

I preached each night while there and twice on Sunday until the 8th of October, when I concluded my services at the 11:00 o'clock hour. It certainly was a privilege that gave us great joy to visit the various homes in the community and share the hospitality of those good people. A goodly number of church members rededicated themselves to the work of the Lord, and some confessed the Lord Jesus as Saviour. God knows the number saved. I do not. But we rejoiced to see people come to the old-fashioned altar, and then to hear them say, "I'm saved."

My wife taught in the Auxiliary work for five days. Three at Mt. Elon and two at Horse Branch, near Turbeville.

We attended a District Woman's Convention on Saturday, September 30th at Manning, S. C., which church is pastored by Rev. Louis Holliday. And on Saturday, October the 7th, we attended the State Convention of the Woman's Auxiliary, where we were honored, to preach the Convention sermon. We used the Convention theme—"Stewardship"—which theme has become a familiar one everywhere in our churches and especially with the women. The State convention was held at Liberty church. At both these conventions the hospitality was great and every one seemed to enjoy the fellowship. Mrs. Griffin conducted an open forum at the State Convention and talked at the District meeting also. The women of South Carolina are marching along with the auxiliary work to great heights and the promise is that some day soon, they will be accomplishing greater things in their noble undertakings.

CONFUSED

I find many people who are confused today on religious questions. I find some afflicted people who are not saved, and because their affliction is not healed, they think that God does not save them, because they have been told that "Salvation means a healing of the body as well as the saving of the soul." This is foul doctrine, certainly not taught under grace. Man can and will be saved from the guilt of sin and his soul be made absolutely free from

sin, and at the same time his diseased body may never be healed. It is possible for the body to be divinely healed and the soul saved, but it is not always done. I have known patients with diseases that kill, to be saved and go out rejoicing in the presence of their Saviour. Soul saved. Body lost from the presence of this life.

Then we find children of God who have been led to believe, if they get sick or affliction comes on them, that "it is because that they have sinned and that sin must be repented of before they ever get well." Often they realize that they cannot live and they become confused. When I find sick Saints, "I try to get them to accept Romans 8:28, where we are told that "All things work together for good to them that love God." When a child of God gets sick, the affliction works out good. If the Devil can get the mind of a seeking sinner confused and make him doubt God's grace to save from sin, because his body is not healed, then the Devil gets the victory over that soul. If the Devil can make a child of God lose faith because the bodily affliction is not done away with, then Satan has his victory. It certainly is a pity that the Devil can and does use those who claim to be Christian to weaken the faith of a believer or to defeat the sinner, seeking salvation.

"GETTING THE HOLY GHOST"

Every now and then we hear some one say: "I got the Holy Ghost," naming a certain time or in a certain meeting, or perhaps some one through an eye of criticism will say, "He" speaking of some one, "got the Holy Ghost in a certain meeting." These terms are misleading and often offensive to some one who is honestly trying to please God. I cannot find, nor believe that God wants us to use the term, "I have got the Holy Ghost." I find that the Lord Jesus said; "If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever" (John 14: 15, 16).

But some one may say, "Christ said Comforter" yes, Christ did call the Holy Ghost Comforter, but let us read further, "Even the Spirit of Truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him; for he dwelleth with you and shall be in you" (verse 17). Here Jesus called the Holy Ghost the "Spirit of Truth." Now let us go to the 23rd verse. Jesus answered and said unto him (Judas), "If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." Here Jesus puts the abiding presence in the plural: "We will come." Now let us go to the 26th verse. "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." Here Jesus says the Comforter is the Holy Ghost. The Father and the Son will come

and abide with the Christian. But the Holy Ghost comes in the name of the Lord Jesus, the "only begotten Son of God," therefore, the Holy Ghost is the Vicar of Christ—the representative of Christ. He is the only Vicar on earth. He is the Divine teacher who reminds us of right and wrong. He takes us the message of the Father and the Son. He is their Representative. He came on the whole church at Pentecost. The whole body of believers were baptized by His presence.

We are born of the Spirit (John 3). We are filled with the Holy Spirit. Acts 4:31, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost . . ." The seven Deacons were to be "full of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 6:3). Steven was "full of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 7). Barnabus "was a good man and full of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 11:22-26). The Holy Ghost "fell" on the whole household of Cornelius when Peter preached to them. Hear his words: "And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning." He was telling what to do to be saved. Read the verse before this, namely, verse 14. Paul commands, "Be filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18). We are all, that is every believer in Christ, baptized by the Holy Ghost into one body. Quote; "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit."

The Holy Ghost (King James Version) the Holy Spirit (the Revised Version) mean the same. The Spirit as used here in these quotations means the same Person—"There is one body, and one Spirit even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism. One God and Father of all, who is above all, and in you all" (Eph. 4:4-6). Notice that Paul says, "in you all." So, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost, "three persons in one," are in every believer; and as I see it, we do not have the Holy Ghost, but the Holy Ghost has us. We are His. We are not to use Him, but we are to yield to Him that He may use us. We should not pray "Lord give me the power." But we should pray, "Here am I Lord, send me"; "Lord use me." If we had the Holy Ghost we would not know what to do with Him. But He knows what to do with us. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Rom. 8:14). "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit" (Gal. 5:25).

It has been said that there will be three things which will surprise us when we get to heaven, one, to find many whom we did not expect to find there; another, to find some one there whom we had expected; a third, and perhaps the greatest wonder, to find ourselves there!—Dwight L. Moody

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A Tribute to Rev. Winford Davis

By Rev. Raymond Riggs

At the special called meeting of the Foreign Missions Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, in conjunction with the Missionary Conference in Nashville, Tenn., October 3rd, 4th and 5th, Rev. Winford Davis submitted his resignation on the Foreign Missions Board. Motion was carried to accept his resignation.

The Free Will Baptist Church is indebted to Bro. Davis for the many years of service he has rendered in this department. For almost a quarter of a century he has served our church as chairman, treasurer, promotional-secretary and, in many instances he almost carried the burden alone. He has been faithful with the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Bro. Davis has expressed a desire to be relieved as a member and officer of the Foreign Mission Board now. Many of us felt that his experience, his wisdom and counsel would be an asset to the activities of the Board. Thus, he continued to serve until his recent resignation dated October 4th, 1950.

Brother Davis will still be interested and will still promote the work of Foreign Missions. He is not mad at anybody, has a heart of love for all his brethren and a compassion for lost souls everywhere.

The present members of the Foreign Mission Board extend to Bro. Davis our heart felt thanks for his services rendered and we want him and all of our people to know that we appreciate what he has done. The compensation that he has received for this laborious task he has performed has certainly been inadequate but the Lord of Heaven knows how to reward his servants and some day Bro. Winford will experience a real pay day.

REV. BERT RODGERS ALSO RESIGNS

Rev. Bert F. Rodgers also submitted his resignation at the recent session of the Foreign Mission Board. Motion was carried to accept his resignation and we have notified the Executive Committee of the National Association of Free Will Baptists of the two vacancies now existing with the Foreign Mission Board.

We ask our people to pray that God will lead in the selecting of men to fill these important positions.



Rev. Raymond Riggs

An Open Letter to Foreign Missions Directors

DEAR FOREIGN MISSIONS DIRECTORS:

Under separate cover you will receive literature for distribution in your state relative to our Missionary program. Please use this material to the best advantage of our work. As you know we are in a crisis at this time. We are over \$5,000.00 behind with our missionary allotments, and of course the current expense keeps mounting up. We must make a strong effort to meet this emergency and to stabilize our program for the future. You have been appointed as the key man in your state to promote Foreign Missions. What we need now is money. What we must have now is money. These are prosperous days, there is more money in circulation than ever before. We must tactfully, diplomatically, and prayerfully present to all our people the facts and figures and solicit with emphasis their continual support in a financial way to our Foreign Mission program.

Your state has been allocated a certain quota to be raised by July 1, 1951. You understand, of course, this quota is a minimum, all who can do more certainly should. If our people are informed of the facts and we relay to them the burden of our heart concerning lost souls everywhere they will respond.

As most of you know, I have been recently elected as Promotional-secretary and Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board. This is a big job especially when you come into an office that is over \$5,000.00 in ar-

rears. The job is too big for anyone of us, but all of us working together I believe we can have things on an even keel by January 1, 1951. I appeal to you for your earnest co-operation. If you cannot work at this task and you feel you cannot do the job please let me know at once and at the same time recommend another man in your state whom you believe has the work at heart and will promote it. The film, "Letter to Melitino," is being commended wherever it has been shown. The Board has recommended that each state purchase a copy of the film to be used in promotional work. The cost of this film is \$150.00. If your state does not care to purchase a copy and you would like the services of Rev. Kenneth Turner with his machine and film, please write him at Monett, Mo. You understand, of course, that you should be responsible in arranging for his itinerate. If you care to do your own itinerate work or appoint some one else to do the same, who can get results, you have the authority and commendation of the Board. You are asked to submit a report of each service held in the interest of Foreign Missions and to instruct all your itinerate workers to do the same. Special forms will be sent to you for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Raymond Riggs,
242 Victor Avenue,
Highland Park, Michigan

Foreign Missions Office Move to Highland Park, Michigan

At the recent session of the Foreign Mission Board, Rev. Raymond Riggs was elected Promotional-Secretary and Treasurer. Bro. Riggs states that the address of the office will be, 242 Victor Avenue, Highland Park 3, Michigan.

Following is a motion passed by the Foreign Mission Board in the recent session: "Motion carried that Bro. Riggs be authorized to employ such assistance as he may think necessary to maintain office as Promotional-secretary and Treasurer, the cost not to exceed \$75.00 per month." As most of the work will consist of bookkeeping and stenographic help, Mrs. Hubert B. Sloan will be in charge of keeping the books and other help will be secured, if needed. Mrs. Sloan is an experienced bookkeeper and has proved very efficient as treasurer of the Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church.

The books will be audited once per year and the facts and figures will be open to our people at any time.

Please send all correspondence and mission money to Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board, 242 Victor Avenue, Highland Park 3, Michigan.

The new set of books will be set up as of November 1, 1950.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Make checks payable to The Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Over Five Thousand Dollars In Arrears

Now let's talk turkey. It was revealed in our recent Missionary Conference in Nashville, Tenn., that the Foreign Missions Department was over Five Thousand Dollars behind in our allotments to our Mission Fields.

The time has come when we must do more than talking, planning and even more than praying. We must give. The S. O. S. call will continue to be sounded long and loud until we are even with the board in this department of our work.

The reason for this situation is not that Free Will Baptists aren't interested in Foreign Missions, but it is because the demands on each of our Foreign Fields have been greater than the growth in stewardship at home. In order for us to be relieved of this financial crisis we are appealing to churches and individuals to send in immediately special offerings to expedite the amount in arrears.

FIFTY MEN TO GIVE ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS EACH

We are challenging fifty individuals or churches to give one hundred dollars each between now and November the 15th, to relieve us of this condition. The following persons have pledged themselves for the following amounts to be paid by November the 15th, to relieve us of this condition. We are very grateful to: Rev. J. W. Alford, \$100.00; Rev. Rashie Kennedy, \$100.00; Rev. Raymond Riggs, \$100.00; Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Johnson, \$100.00; Rev. E. C. Morris, \$200.00; Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Thigpen, \$25.00; Rev. and Mrs. Geo. Ludwig, \$25.00; Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, \$10.00; Rev. Wayne Tucker, \$25.00 and Rev. and Mrs. Henry Melvin, \$25.00. There are many more in our ranks who are able and, I believe, interested enough to come to our rescue at this crucial time.

First, ask yourself the personal question, "what can I do personally?" If you cannot be a One Hundred Dollar man by November the 15th, then pledge what you can. Perhaps your church would make a hundred dollar pledge to be paid any time before November 15. Folks, we must have your help. We cannot let our missionaries down. They are standing in the gap in our stead. Let's rally to their support now. Please pray about this matter and ask God exactly what you should do, then fill out the blank below and send it immediately to the Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Board Promotional Office, 242 Victor Ave., Highland Park 3, Michigan.

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Dear Bro. Riggs:

I, We, promise to give to the Foreign

Missions Department to help in this crisis the amount of \$_____ , to be paid on or before November 15, 1950.

(Signed)

Name _____
Address _____
Church _____

Mail all contributions to Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board, 242 Victor Ave., Highland Park 3, Michigan.

Rev. Raymond Riggs,
Promotional Secy.-Treas.

Cuban School of Missions Has 30 Students

By Rev. Raymond Riggs

Rev. Thomas H. Willey, director of our Foreign Mission work in Cuba, informs us that there will be thirty students in our Cuban Free Will Baptist Bible School this year.

The minimum cost of maintaining one of these students is \$20.00 per month. We would like to suggest and recommend that various churches in our denomination adopt one of these students and be responsible for their support during the year. This is what we mean by personalizing our mission gifts. Not necessarily to a particular person with a particular name, but at least be responsible for the amount necessary to maintain the support of a student, native missionary or an American missionary.

Maybe your Sunday School, League or Woman's Auxiliary would accept partial or total support of one of these fine students.

TWENTY-EIGHT FULL-TIME WORKERS IN CUBA

It is also revealed that our mission work in Cuba has expanded to the extent that now we have twenty-eight full time native Christian workers.

The minimum cost of supporting one of these native full time workers is \$30.00 per month. Thus, we need churches, Sunday Schools, Leagues and Woman's Auxiliaries or individuals who will assume partial or total support of all these native workers.

Most of these workers are graduates from our own school and they are either full time pastors, teachers, evangelists or wives to our pastors, teachers and evangelists. We have the ideal set-up for a missionary program in the school in Cuba. The school can be operated with a small staff of American personnel as the natives are trained to carry the Message to their own people. Will you or your church accept partial or total support of either student or a native worker? If so please fill in the following blank:

I, We, would like to support a Cuban Student, Native Worker in the amount of \$_____ per month. Please send

us the name and address of our student or native worker.

Name _____
Address _____
Church _____

India Car Fund Ready for Purchase

There is approximately \$3200.00 designated money in the Foreign Mission treasury to be used in the purchase of an automobile for missionary travel in India. The majority of this money was sent in by friends in North Carolina and is ready to be used for the purpose designated at the discretion of the India Missions Director.

Rev. Raymond Riggs, Treasurer

MISSIONARY THOMAS H. WILLEY TO APPEAR BEFORE THE FOLLOWING BODIES WITH MOTION PICTURES

Brother Willey will show and lecture on the moving picture, "LETTER TO MELITINO," a Cuban picture, at the following places:

Union Association, Murphy, Georgia, October 18

South Georgia Association, October 20
Glennville, Georgia, Date to be announced
Midway Association, November 1
Georgia State Association, November 2
Florida Association at Pine Grove, Chipley, November 3

Heading South to Cuba, November 3

"My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."—Philippians 4:19.

CHANGE IN PRICE!

THE BAPTIST PAPER GOES TO TWO DOLLARS

All subscriptions sent to us before November 15, 1950, will be accepted at the old price of \$1.50 per year. After that date the price will be \$2.00 per year, \$1.00 for six months.

We had hoped to avoid this change but the recent upward swing in the cost of materials and labor, due to the general advance in the cost of living, has compelled us to act. Other regulations concerning subscriptions remain as before. We are urging all our friends to send in as many subscriptions as possible before the 15th of November.

C. K. Dunn, Sr., Executive Secy.-Treas.

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

THE DISABLED MINISTER

The disabled minister likes to be remembered by those for whom he labored in the gospel ministry while he was well and active for the Lord. Knowing that he is no longer able to minister unto the lost, the sick, the bereaved, and the dying, he reflects in his home on his bed of afflictions upon the days when he was happy in the service of the Lord. But now he is forced to realize that those days of activity are over, and that his necessities of life must come from those church people who are well and strong, and able to render assistance unto him during his closing days.

And what a privilege it is for consecrated church people to render adequate assistance to such "wornout" men of God. Think what joy can come to the hearts of loyal church members when they use the opportunity to give to the cause of Superannuation of our church. How true it is, those disabled servants of the Lord are depending upon our church people for food, shelter and clothing, many of them at least, and think how God is blessing the church in many ways today with growth, better equipment, better trained pastors, greater Sunday Schools, and the like. Yes, the church is growing stronger financially, and in membership, and greater opportunities are being extended to it as time passes.

In view of these facts, can any local church, Sunday School, Woman's auxiliary, or League organization sit idly by, and not do their part now, before the month of October passes, for Superannuation? Can a single church have a clear conscience if she should fail to take an offering as soon as convenient for this purpose? Other churches

will not forget to do their part, but is your church going to do its part? That is the question. Let every congregation contribute as the Lord has blessed, and no one will be the loser, for God has promised to bless the cheerful giver.

"THE LEAGUER"

We have received a sample copy of "The Leaguer," a new monthly magazine which is designed to publicize, from time to time, the Young People's League work of North Carolina, in particular, and to boost the Leagues of the denomination in general.

We have looked it over, noted its different messages, and find it commendable. It is a forward step taken by the North Carolina League convention which should prove quite beneficial to all Leaguers interested in furthering the cause of Christ among the youth of the church. It is hoped that they will rally to its support, and give their hearty co-operation to Brother R. P. Harris, the editor.

As we see it, there are three things that the Leaguers should do in order for "The Leaguer" to become highly beneficial to the young people of the church. First, Leaguers will need to subscribe to it, and read its contents regularly each month. Second, Leaguers should prepare League news each month and mail to Brother Harris for publication in "The Leaguer." In the third place, Leaguers will need to co-operate with Brother Harris in every way possible to help him to make it an interesting and worthwhile magazine for the young people.

News from Raleigh Church

CHRISTIAN FRIENDS:

You are cordially invited to attend Fellowship Day with us 5th Sunday, October 29. This is not a day to raise money, but an all-day Fellowship. There will be a picnic dinner served on the grounds, so just pack your dinner and come and eat with us! We promise you a good program of religious worship. We are anxious to have as many of our people visit us here as possible because we believe that in mingling together we all become stronger in love for each other and, in turn, better Christians and Church Workers.

Although this invitation is extended from all the members of the church, I would like to add a word "of my own."

This church has come to mean a great deal to the group of people working here and we believe it could grow into one of the best Free Will Baptist churches in our denomination. However, until we have had a chance to grow in membership and spiritual and financial strength, we need the help of all of you—we need your help in the form of prayer, faith, visits, and, of course, whenever you have money to give, we need that too! We pray that none of you, or none of us here, will allow anything to stand in our way of performing our Christian duty to this church.

Remember, come and visit with us 5th Sunday!

In all sincerity,
Edith Whitehurst,
Raleigh, N. C.

Black River Auxiliary Holds Good Meeting

The Woman's auxiliary of Black River Church held its regular Wednesday night meeting on October 4 in the home of Mrs. Blanche Etheridge. The lesson for study was: "Advancing with Christ through Missions in India." Different members present took part on the program, as Mesdames Stella Etheridge, Harry Powers, Ray Mixon, Lois Casselman, Mrs. Effie Powell sang a solo.

There were eleven members present for this meeting, and there were three visitors with us. After the business period was over we closed the meeting with the benediction offered by one of our visitors, Mrs. Sarah Etheridge.

The delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, and everyone enjoyed them very much. We are asking the prayers of the Christian people to pray for us that our auxiliary may go forward and do the will of God. Mrs. Ray Mixon, 4th V.-Pres. Andrews, South Carolina

Attention N. C. Free Will Baptists

October Is Superannuation Month

Free Will Baptist people of North Carolina, may I remind you that Oct. has been designated as Superannuation month for the State? I should like to thank each one of you personally for what you have done in the past on behalf of this worthy cause. Your support has been fine, as far as it has gone, but you must keep giving in this worthy cause.

We, your Superannuation Board, should like to have done more for our needy ministers who are disabled, and also for the widows of others, but we could only do for them as the Free Will Baptist people of the State gave. Our funds were insufficient to meet the needs of those on the retired list. Two years ago, when I was placed on the Board of Superannuation, I thought as one of our ministers passed on to his heavenly reward, that we would have funds to enable us to place a new applicant on the retired list. But, Brethren, it is not that easy. We had to overlook the needs of the widows left behind. Surely, they should not be neglected by our church people of the State, as they are so often done.

I can recall very vividly when my Dad, who was a F. W. B. minister and passed on to his reward, and also my Mother who has gone, too, to be with him, how she was left as a tenant farmer, and with eight children to care for, and how hard it was for her. You can be sure that she had a hard time, trying to make ends meet. But, thanks be to God, who giveth us victory, if we will trust him. I am sure that Mother did trust him with all her heart. I shall never forget the expression on her face when she received \$16 from a church conference to erect a marker to Dad's resting place. How proud she was of our church.

I am sure that we have some in our retired and disabled ministers' ranks who are now living in not much better circumstances financially than we were left in when Dad died. Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, wake

up, and let us rally to this worthy cause. We must not sit still and neglect the old pioneer soldiers of the Cross. We should feel very proud of them, and thankful for the splendid work which they have done for our denomination. We, your Superannuation Board, are asking you for \$10,000 this year. This means about 25 cents for each Free Will Baptist member of the State. We are asking for this that we may be able to do more for this worthy cause. I feel sure that you good people will respond to this call during October and thus enable us to do more for our disabled ministers.

Now, churches, Sunday Schools, Ladies auxiliaries, Young People's Leagues, and friends, will you send in your Superannuation funds right away to Rev. M. L. Johnson, Sims, N. C., Route 1?

Yours for a greater program,
M. V. Avery, Board Member

Give to Superannuation!

Disabled Ministers, and Widows Need Help

We have noticed that others have been writing in the Baptist paper about Superannuation funds for our disabled ministers, and also for the widows of deceased ministers. We understand that October is designated in North Carolina as Superannuation month. All F. W. B. churches in the State, we understand, are urged to raise an offering and send it to Brother M. L. Johnson, who is treasurer of the Superannuation Board of North Carolina.

Here is what I want to say about this matter. The majority of our preachers never get too much for their preaching. We know also that their families never get too much to live on, for all of them are poor people. Some of them have large families, and it takes much to support them, and when the father dies, and leaves the widow and the little children behind, it is hard for them to make a living.

I feel that our church people cannot afford to neglect this cause. They should do all they can in their church and Sunday School to raise a good offering and send it to Brother Johnson at Sims, North Carolina. By doing this more money will be raised, and our disabled ministers will be able to receive from Brother Johnson a regular amount each month. Church people, we cannot afford to forget those poor men who are now in need. Think of it! We can give and never miss the money we give, if we will do it for the love of those who are in need.

Most any church can give twenty-five or thirty dollars, and never miss it. Our Sunday Schools can give that amount from their funds, and never miss it. The Lord will bless us if we will do these things. It will be a shame for us to sit still and see them suffer for the want of the necessities of life. If we do that, God will withhold some of his blessings from us. You need not doubt that.

The women of the auxiliaries of the churches are always doing things for the cause of Christ. Let them wage in their churches a campaign drive for this cause. They will raise good offerings if they will get busy and do this very thing before the month of October is over. What more joy could there come to those good women than to start a campaign for this work in their own church? Not only church members will give but other people will give for this worthy cause when they go to them and ask them for a donation to help the disabled ministers of our denomination. This will be rendering a noble service which will greatly repay everyone who shall take a part in this work.

Yours for a noble cause,
Jack Denton

Superannuation Report

The following is the report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the N. C. State Convention of Free Will Baptists.

(September, 1950)

RECEIPTS

On hand Sept. 1, 1950 -- ----\$423.17

Regular receipts for Sept. --	\$256.20
Total to account for -----	\$679.37
DISBURSEMENTS	
Paid to Superannuated ministers -----	\$232.50
Operating expense -----	\$ 67.40
Paid to National Board -----	\$ 18.88
Total disbursements -----	\$318.78
Balance Oct. 1, 1950 -----	\$360.59

RECEIPTS ITEMIZED

Core Creek, by W. S. McCoy, Jr. -----	\$100.00
Piney Grove (Johnson Co.) --	22.83
Marlboro Leagues -----	1.50
Friendship (Johnston Co.) --	1.00
Roberts Grove S. S. -----	1.00
Goldsboro -----	17.00
Davis -----	5.00
Wilson S. S. and Leagues ---	8.97
Snow Hill -----	12.00
French Broad Conference ---	71.00
Core Creek S. S. -----	10.90
Oak Grove (Wilson Co.) ----	5.00

M. L. Johnson, Chairman-Treas.

Fifth Annual Convention of National S. S. Association

Sunday school workers, evangelical denominational officials and others interested in all phases of Christian education will gather in Philadelphia's Town Hall November 2 to 4 for the fifth annual convention of the National Sunday School Association.

Co-sponsors of the convention are the Evangelical Teacher Training Association and the Philadelphia Area Sunday School Association.

A galaxy of 40 persons, many of them leaders in the Sunday school field, will take part in the conference. In addition, there will be demonstrations, skits, and illustrated messages that will quicken the pace of the three-day gathering.

With the theme, "Revival Now Through the Sunday School," there will be an emphasis on the urgency of the hour. Many leaders are praying that the Philadelphia gathering will get impetus to the Bible-centered Sunday School movement, and give many a new vision of the importance of this channel of blessing.

Speakers include Dr. Clarence H. Benson, general secretary of the Evangelical Teacher Training Association; Dr. Robert C. McQuilkin, president of Columbia Bible College; Dr. James DeForest Murch, president of N. S. S. A. and editor of United Evangelical Action; Dr. R. A. Forest, president of Toccoa Falls Bible Institute; Dr. Archer E. Anderson, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Dulute; Dr. Harold C. Mason, of Asbury Theological Seminary; Dr. G. Beaucamp Vick, of Temple Baptist Church, Detroit; Dr. Henrietta C. Mears, of First Presbyterian Church, Hollywood; the Rev. William E. Kirschke, of N. S. S. A., Mrs. George (Billie) Davis, of the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Missouri, Miss Eunice J. Fischer, of Scripture Press.

Leaders of workshop groups and departmental sessions, in addition to those already mentioned, are the Rev. Paul Copeland, of the Assemblies of God; Victor B. Growcock, of Churchcraft Pictures; the Rev. Frank A. Kehrl, of the American Sunday School Union; Miss Dorothy L. Braun, of The King's College; Miss Winona Walworth, of the United Evangelistic Churches, Oakland, California; Mrs. Victor E. (Bernice T.) Cory, editor-in-chief of Scripture Press; Dr. C. Adrian Heaton, of Eastern Baptist Seminary; Matthew E. Welde, president of the Philadelphia Area Sunday School Association; the Rev. Leymon W. Ketcham, pastor, Halethorpe, Maryland, Community Church; Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, United Brethren evangelist, of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania; the Rev. Raymond White, of the Gospel Publishing House; Mrs. Isabelle Hall, secretary of Christian Education, International Church of the Foursquare Gospel; Dr. J. Stewart Brinsfield, president, Lee College; the Rev. Walter H. Carvin, of the Child Evangelism Fellowship; and the Rev. A. L. Brown, secretary, Sunday School Department, Free Methodist Church of North America; and others.

Devotional messages will be given by Donald Grey Barnhouse, pastor, Tenth Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia; Dr., Theodore Elsner, pastor Philadelphia Gospel Tabernacle, Philadelphia; Dr. William Allan Dean,

pastor Aldan Union Church, Aldan, Pennsylvania; Dr. Edwin A. Bustard, pastor, Grace Reformed Episcopal Church, Collinsdale, Pennsylvania; and the Rev. Russell A. Pavy, pastor, Lehigh Avenue Baptist Church, Philadelphia.

National S. S. Association of Evangelicals of Chicago

BE EVER WATCHFUL

May's Chapel to Have Services on Second Sunday

There is much emphasis placed on the five-letter word, W-A-T-C-H. "Watch, therefore, for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come, But know this, that if the good man of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up."

Jesus' own words tell us to be ready, not knowing the time when some trouble or temptation may come upon us. Webster's Dictionary says the meaning is: "To be awake; keep wakefulness; to be attentive; be on the lookout, watch and pray."

On one occasion, Jesus said, "My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death. Tarry ye here and watch." In the days of His flesh, when He offered up prayers and supplications with tears, He did it for the good of mankind. By faith we can hear Him say, "I Thank Thee, Father," because He was thankful for those who had followed Him in his gospel ministry. Perhaps, if Peter had been watching and praying that night, he would not have had that bitter experience of denying his Lord. He went out and went bitterly, after he had turned away for fear of the enemy.

We are reminded that Paul said, "Godly sorrow worketh patience." We should be temperate, or moderate in thought and action. We need to have self-control; to be calm and watchful at all times.

It may be that some of our friends should like to know of the change of appointment here at May's Chapel, near Dudley, North Carolina. We will say that for the past two years, Rev. R. H. Jackson, of Saratoga, N. C., had been serving us as pastor on the fourth Sundays. Now, since Brother W. R. Millard is our pastor for the coming year, preaching service will be held on the second Sunday of each month. We want the people of the church and community to remember this date and come to our services, and help us to build up a stronger church in our community.

Yours for a greater service for the Lord,
Mrs. May Rouse
Dudley, North Carolina

PROGRAM
of the
Thirty-Sixth Annual Session
TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE
WILL BAPTISTS
to convene with
Bryan Free Will Baptist Church
October 31 - November 2, 1950

TUESDAY EVENING

- 7:30—Called to order by moderator
—Song and Prayer
7:40—Appointment of committees and reception of letters by Credentials Committee
7:55—Song
8:00—Special number, Bryan Church
—Introductory Sermon, Rev. W. T. McDuffie

- 8:45—Adjournment and benediction

WEDNESDAY MORNING

- 9:30—Song service
9:40—Devotional, Rev. Alvin Young
9:50—Report of Credentials Committee, seating of delegates
10:00—Report of Committee on Committees
10:20—Report of F. W. B. League Board, Rev. Noah Tuttle
10:40—Report of Sunday School Board
10:50—Report of Board of Foreign Missions, Rev. Gaston Clary
11:05—Recess
11:15—Singing
11:20—Sermon, Rev. Noah Tuttle
12:00—Lunch

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30—Singing
1:40—Devotional, Rev. H. H. Haston
1:50—Report of Board of Home Missions, Mr. N. C. Cole
2:00—Report of Superannuation Board
2:10—Report of Woman's Auxiliary Board Mrs. A. F. Halbrook
2:20—Report of Orphanage Board, Mrs. M. L. Sutton
2:30—Song
2:35—Report of treasurer
2:45—Report of statistician
3:00—Report of National Association, Mrs. Ruby Maxwell
3:15—Report of Resolutions Committee
3:35—Report of Obituary Committee
3:45—Report of Board of Christian Education
4:00—Adjourn

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- 7:30—Song Service
7:50—Sermon, representative of National Association

THURSDAY MORNING

- 9:00—Song
9:10—Devotional, Rev. E. J. Vaughn
9:20—Report of Temperance Committee
9:30—Report of Bible College
9:50—Business
11:00—Recess
11:15—Singing
11:20—Sermon, Rev. H. Z. Cox
12:00—Lunch

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30—Devotional, Rev. M. L. Sutton
1:45—Election of officers
2:30—Business
2:45—Reading of minutes
3:00—Adjournment
Note: Mr. C. F. Goen will be in charge of the associational singing.

**REPORT NATIONAL FOREIGN
MISSION TREASURER**

Receipts during September, 1950

Brought forward from last month 1,130.69
Received by states during past month as follows:

Michigan	1,480.77
Missouri	557.44
North Carolina	494.73
Tennessee	485.86
Illinois	181.62
Oklahoma	143.95
Georgia	122.93
South Carolina	97.90
West Virginia	81.51
Virginia	51.47
Texas	49.89
Alabama	43.15
California	29.81
Florida	21.00
Arkansas	14.92
Ohio	10.80
New Mexico	5.00
Kansas	5.00
Mississippi	3.00
Sale of Barnard books	72.00

Total	3,952.72
Grand total	5,083.44
Disbursements	546.30
Balance in treasury Oct. 1, 1950	4,537.14

Winford Davis, Treasurer

Years ago in London there was a large gathering of noted people, and among the invited guests was a famous preacher of his day, Caesar Milan. A young lady played and sang charmingly and everyone was thrilled. Very graciously, tactful and yet boldly the preacher went up to her after the music had ceased and said, "I thought as I listened to you tonight how tremendously the cause of Christ would be benefitted if your talents were dedicated to His cause. You know, young lady, you are as much sinner in the sight of God as a drunkard in the ditch or a harlot on Scarlet Street, but I am glad to tell you that the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son can cleanse from all sin." The young lady snapped out a rebuke for his presumption. He said, "Lady, I mean no offense. I pray God's spirit will convict you." They all returned to their homes. The young woman retired but could not sleep. The face of the preacher appeared before her and his words rang thru her mind. At two o'clock in the morning she sprang from her bed, took a pencil and paper and with tears dripping from her face Charlotte Elliott wrote that famous poem:

"Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy Blood was shed for me
And that Thou biddest me come to Thee,
Lamb of God, I come, I come!"
Billy Graham, in Great Gospel Sermons

Should the Church trouble itself with Society's problems? We think it should! We believe it must if it is to be faithful to Christ and do the full work of the Gospel. An appalling impotence has come on the Protestant church in America. We have blamed the conditions on Modernism—rationalistic pulpist attitudes which maintain a form of godliness but deny the power thereof; and certainly the prevalent denying of faith in many churches is responsible for the pathetic powerlessness of present-day Protestantism. However, orthodox Fundamentalism also has something to answer for, and stern charges are being brought against us in many quarters. We are accused of being negative in our message; we are told that in an hour of world crisis we are continuing to present a detached Gospel and an innocuous program, with no interest in such crying social programs as war, race, class, liquor, imperialism, crime, and juvenile delinquency. It is true that we are standing aloof while the world bleeds? Can we be rightfully accused of indifference to human suffering while other institutions are rolling up their sleeves to tackle things that threaten our very existence of truth and righteousness in our land? Many Godly conservative Christians are waking up to the fact that the Church is indeed too often passing by on the other side. Perhaps we need to study the parable of the Good Samaritan anew and learn how Jesus thought of genuine neighborliness and how much it might contribute toward the establishment of the Kingdom of God in the hearts of men!

Dr. Wm. Ward Ayer, in Christ's Parables for Today (Revell).

"I WONDER"

CPL. JAMES HENDRICKS

*If I could hear my conversation
Repeated at the end of day,
Would it make to me a difference
In saying what I say?*

*Would I say that little thought
That's lurking in my mind?
Would I say those words of truth,
Even though it be unkind?*

*Would I talk about that person
Whom I claim to be my friend?
Would I say that fatal sentence
Bringing friendship to an end?*

*If I could hear as others hear me,
If I could see myself as you,
I wonder if there'd be a difference
In doing what I do?*

—THE BROTHERS MISSIONARY HERALD.

Some Middlesex Orphanage Notes

OFF TO SCHOOL

These pictures show the boys (above) and girls (below) of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage, Middlesex, N. C., boarding buses for the two mile trip to school in the town of Middlesex. It is always a time of rush and excitement, of last minute "priming" for the girls, and adjusting ties and tying shoe laces for the boys, but by and by they are off—and matrons can relax and get a bit of well earned rest. Happy days, kids! Boys don't get into mischief; girls don't flirt with the boys!



Molly and Her Pet Bird

When Molly Brown had her last birthday, a friend gave her a bird, and Molly has made a real pet of him. She allows him to come out of his cage and he will perch on her finger, and perform a number of interesting little tricks that she has taught him.

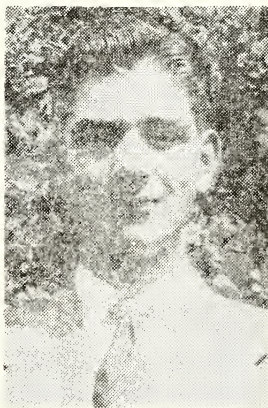
Some one asked Milly the other day how she managed to tame her bird so well.

"Oh, I suppose it's because I have always tried to be kind to him," she answered.

There is no doubt that Molly told the secret of her success in these words. Kindness counts more than anything else in dealing with birds and animals. It is also the best quality we can show in dealing with everybody around us.

"Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you," wrote Paul to the Ephesians, and these are good words for us all to remember at the present time.—*Apples of Gold.*

WINS SCHOLARSHIP



JAMES LOGAN (JIMMY) POWELL

"Jimmy" Powell has been a real asset to the orphanage during his stay. He has served as director of the F. W. B. L. and superintendent of the Sunday School, and his influence on the campus has been wholesome. Everybody is rejoicing that Jimmy has won a tuition scholarship to the University of North Carolina for the college year 1950-51.

"NO, ME NO GO"

This pretty little story is told of a spelling class in China. The youngest of the children had by hard study contrived to keep his place so long that he seemed to claim it by right of possession. Growing self-confident, he missed a word, which was immediately spelled by the boy standing next him. The face of the victor expressed the triumph he felt, yet he made no move towards taking the place, and when urged to do so, firmly refused, saying, "No, me no go; me not make Ah Fun's heart solly."

That little act implied great self-denial, yet it was done so thoughtfully and kindly that spontaneously came the quick remark, "He do all same as Jesus." After being saved by the Lord Jesus, the next thing is, to "follow in His steps," and keep longing for His appearing.—*L. W., in Boys and Girls.*

THE BLESSED KING

Jesse Bone
Butler, Georgia

What a blessed Saviour and King our Lord is!

He spared the lives of Noah, Lot, and many in days of old;
And taught them how they were children of His,
And rescued the Israelites from destruction times untold.

Our blessed King led Samuel during his youthful days,
And He cared for Daniel through war and peace;
He gave Solomon wisdom, and led him in many ways,
Nor did His people worship idols in the least.

And, O He sent to us a Saviour, who bled and died
To wash away our sins by His atoning blood;
For as He hung there on that cruel and rugged cross,
He paid the price to redeem us in that crimson flood.

So, we are to thank our blessed Lord and King,
As we journey along life's rugged way;
Then, some day we'll join Him in the glory world,
For He has shown us the light of a new day.

The cross is an "I" crossed out—and the Cross of Christ means death to self. A man who was afraid to testify in public said, "I'd die first." That is what we must do! It means conflict, struggle, agony, for we die hard. It may mean being misunderstood in school, in business, at home. The world will think us queer and our conduct strange. (I Peter 4:4) We have read of two girls, later converted from a life of worldliness, who answered an invitation to a dance by saying, "We are dead and can't come!" It was a Scriptural answer!

Vance Havner, in Great Gospel Sermons (Revell).

If you do not shine at home, if your father and mother, your sister and brother, if the very cat and dog in the house are not the better and happier for your being a Christian, it is a question whether you are really one.—*J. Hudson Taylor.*

"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus" (Col. 3:17).

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Growing Through Reading and Meditation

(Lesson for October 29)

LESSON: Acts 17:10-12; Philippians 4:8-9; I Timothy 4:12-16; 2 Timothy 2:15; 4:13.

GOLDEN TEXT: Philippians 4:8.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

The world is flooded with various types of literature. One type is designed to furnish information, another to amuse, another to mislead, and still others for other purposes. But the fact still remains that the Bible, and Christian literature which defend and advance the doctrines of the Bible, should be stressed above all other books and papers. Healthy minds and pure thoughts foster correct conduct and godly lives. The kind of literature read has much to do with the kind of life lived.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

1. It is a noble thing to receive the preaching of the Word, but it is still nobler to make sure that it corresponds with the written Word.

2. The careful examination of the Word of God is bound to lead honest searchers to faith in Christ.

3. With the whole Bible in his hand, it should not be difficult for the Christian to find proper subjects for meditation.

4. Meditation on the things of God by an honest believer will bring the peace of God to him.

5. It is easy to hate young Christians, but not if they become an example of the believers in the right things.

6. The conscientious reader of the Bible will not be a stranger to its vital doctrines.

7. One of the most profitable of spiritual exercises is meditation in the revelation found in the Word of God.

8. The reading of the Scriptures is

profitable not only to the reader but also to those with whom he has contact.

9. It is a good thing to have a good education, but it is still better to have a thorough acquaintance with the Word of God.

10. No book is so valuable to the Christian when he faces death as the "parchments", i. e., the Word of God.—Selected

11. Paul's Christian conduct had been so clearly shown while he labored among the Philippians that he dared to set himself as an example before them. The things that he had taught them from the Word of God, they were to exemplify before the people in their daily walk. Paul assured the brethren that, if they would do those things, then God would be with them to bless in all their Christian endeavors.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

12. God's Word says, "Think on these things." God does want us to think! He has made us with an intellect. Some of us perhaps have neglected the development of our minds. Others of us have turned in directions which are not pleasing to God. Both of these attitudes are wrong. May God help us really to think, and to direct the channel in which we think, so that we shall meet with His approbation.

13. Then comes a specific exhortation to ministers (I Tim. 4:12-16). Of all those who should be diligent in their study of the Word, there is no question that the minister should have special concern in this direction. Not without reason did Paul write to Timothy, his son in the faith—this son who was ministering in the church of God—that he should "give heed to reading, to exhortation, to teaching" (I Tim. 4:13). This word is further emphasized in verse 15: "Be diligent in these things; give thyself wholly to them."

So important is this instruction that God's Word is, "Take heed to thyself, and to thy teaching. Continue in these things; for in doing this thou shalt save both thyself and them that hear thee" (v. 16).—Monthly.

II. The Lesson Illustrated

Why He Fell

You have heard of the little boy who was asked by his mother why he fell out of bed. "Guess, mamma, it's cause I stay too close to the gettin'-in place." We need to move forward in our Christian life if we want to keep from falling.—H. F. Sayles.

God's Book Works

Did you ever hear a man say: "I was an outcast, a wretched inebriate, a disgrace to my race, and a nuisance to the world, until I began to study mathematics, and learned the multiplication table, but since that time I have been happy as the day is long. I feel like singing all the time; my soul is full of triumph and peace"? Did you ever hear a man ascribe his salvation from intemperance and sin and vice to the multiplication table or the sciences of mathematics or geology? But thousands will tell you: "I was wretched; I was lost; I broke my poor mother's heart; I was ruined, reckless, helpless, homeless, hopeless, until I heard the words of the Bible.

When Sir Walter Scott was on his deathbed, he asked the attendant to read to him. In answer to the question, "From which book?" he said, "There is only one Book now." Let us not wait until our deathbed to get the help and the comfort which the Scriptures provide.—Selected.

REV. WADE CALVERT TO HOLD MEETING PROSPECT CHURCH

Great Crowds Are Expected to Attend
These Services

This is to announce that Reverend Wade Calvert of Belmont, North Carolina, is expected to conduct a series of revival services at Prospect Church, beginning October 16 and continuing through October 28. The public is cordially invited to attend these services, and to worship with us. May it prove to be a great revival.

Mrs. W. S. Dorman

Church members in too many cases are like deep sea divers, encased in the suits designed for many fathoms deep, marching bravely to pull out plugs in bath tubs.—Peter Marshall.



Florence Church and
Sunday School, Florence
Alabama

A Growing and Progressive Sunday School

This is a picture of the Free Will Baptist Church and Sunday School group at Florence, Alabama. Our Sunday School has on roll three hundred forty-two pupils, with an average attendance of two hundred eighty-five per Sunday. This is one of the larger schools among Free Will Baptists in the State, and the classes are large, but good work is being done in the different departments. The superintendent is Alfonso McDonald. Our pastor is Reverend E. P. Rowden, 642 Sweet Water Avenue, Florence, Alabama. Miss Wynemia Barnette is the clerk of the church.

PROGRAM

of the

Albemarle League Union

to convene with

Mount Tabor Church

October 28, 1950

SATURDAY EVENING

- 7:30—Devotional service by David Furlough
- The president's remarks
- Special music
- 8:00—Roll call of churches
- Reading of last minutes
- 8:15—Short program by local church
- 8:30—Short talk by some visiting minister on "What God Requires of Us to Be a Good Leaguer"
- 8:45—Committee reports
- Closing hymn and benediction

Committee

PROGRAM

of the

Central Second Union
Sunday School Convention
of North Carolina

to convene with

King's Cross Roads Church
October 29, 1950

Theme: "And all of thy children shall be taught of the Lord, and great shall be the power of their children."—Isa. 54:13.

- 10:00—Sunday School by local school
- 11:00—Remarks by convention president
- Address of welcome
- Response by Mr. Rogers Tripp
- 11:10—"The Need of Trained Sunday School Officers and Teachers" by Mr. McCoy Tripp.
- "Methods of Teaching Beginners, Primaries, and Juniors, by Mrs. Bertha Hart Tripp.
- "Methods of Teaching Intermediates, Seniors, and Adults" by Mr. Jasper L. Lewis
- 12:00—Brief Business Period.
- Afternoon Session
- 1:00—Devotional by Rocky Mount Sunday School
- 1:15—Special music by Conway Trio.
- Business Period
- 2:00—Oral reports by delegates
- Special music
- Miscellaneous business
- Congregational singing and special music.

By Committee

Note—

The president is requesting all Sunday School officers, teachers and prospective officers and teachers to please attend this session of the convention, as the program has been planned to help them in a special way. Tell others and attend each of you who are interested in our future progress as Christian workers.

PROGRAM

of the

Second Union of Western
Conference of North Car.

to convene with

New Sandy Hill Church,
Wilson County
October 28, 1950

MORNING SESSION

- 10:00—Opening song by congregation
- Devotions by Rev. J. B. Ferrell
- The appointment of Committees
- 10:30—Welcome address by Bro. Z. C. Bisette
- Response by Bro. Charlie Barnes
- Reading of last minutes of the union
- Roll call of ministers
- 11:00—Union sermon by Rev. L. H. Boykin
- 12:00—Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Song by congregation
- Devotions by Rev. Burkette Raper
- Business period and roll call of churches
- 2:00—Report of all officers and committees
- Petitions for next union
- 3:00—Closing song and benediction
- Program committee

Mrs. Luther Bissette

A REQUEST FOR PRAYER

I want to ask an interest in the prayers of my many friends and readers of the Baptist. I'm in Duke's Hospital, and have had a serious operation. Please pray for my recovery.

Rev. H. C. Adeox

Do you read your church papers?

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

LETHA GETS ANOTHER CHANCE

"Come, children," called Mrs. Morrow. "Breakfast is ready."

Ray and Jewel bowed their head while father returned thanks and then began eating their oatmeal, but with scowling faces.

"My, it sure looks cloudy in here this morning," said Mr. Morrow. "You must have lost the spelling bee last night."

"Yes, we did," said Jewel. "And all because of Letha, too. I'm not going even to speak of her today."

"Neither am I," said Ray. "She just lazed around last week and didn't study. I hope she feels good and miserable now."

"My! My!" said Mr. Morrow, "it doesn't seem to me that my son and daughter have very forgiving dispositions this morning. It sounds as if they were harboring ill-will against one of their schoolmates."

Ray and Jewel looked down at their plates and said nothing for a few minutes. Then Ray said,

"I know, Father, but it wasn't right for Letha to cause us to lose that spelling-match. Why shouldn't we be provoked?"

"Because Jesus wants His followers to be forgiving," spoke up their mother. "We cannot be resentful and forgiving at the same time. We are to forgive, just as Jesus does, and when He forgives, He does not go on being provoked and resentful toward us, does He?"

"No," agreed the two children.

After breakfast was over, the Morrrows had family prayer. Ray and Jewel both asked the Lord to help them to be truly forgiving, and to show that spirit at school.

"This isn't going to be so easy," said Ray and he and Jewel hurried along to school a half-hour later. "If we are friendly with Letha the others will be mad at us."

It was at recess that some of the children called Jewel and Ray to them and said,

"None of us are going to have anything to do with Letha any more. Don't choose her on a team or do anything. Will you promise?"

"No, I can't do that," replied Ray.

"Oh, you can't?" sneered one of the boys. "And just why can't you?"

"You'd better," threatened one of the girls, "or we'll have this week's captain leave you out of the spelling team."

"Well," answered Ray, "I'd like to be on the team, of course, but I won't promise to show an unforgiving spirit toward Letha. The Bible teaches us to forgive even our enemies. It displeases God for us to hold hard feelings against anyone. I know Letha did wrong in not studying better, but

we'll be doing wrong, too, if we don't forgive her."

"That goes for me, too," said Jewel. "I'll tell her myself that she did wrong, but I'll not be unfriendly, nor talk about her."

"All right," said the leader, "we'll see that you don't get to be on the spelling team." And all week long the boys and girls were unfriendly.

"It doesn't seem fair not to be on the team just because we won't hold a grudge against Letha," said Jewel to Ray.

"I know," said Ray, "but we're pleasing Jesus. He'll look out for us some way, I know."

The day came for the choosing of the spelling teams; but instead of letting the room choose the captains, the teacher said,

"I'm doing something new this week. I'm going to appoint the two with the highest grades to be captains, and they may choose their own teams. These two are Naida and Jewel."

Jewel chose both Roy and Letha on her side. "I'm going to give Letha another chance," she explained to the others at recess. "She promised to work hard if she were allowed to be on a team again."

For several days the two teams drilled, getting ready for the contest. On Friday they lined up to spell.

Finally, after about an hour, the teams were tied. Then the teacher gave out the word "cranary." One after another on both sides missed it. At last Letha was the only one who had not tried to spell it. She spelled it correctly, winning the contest.

Immediately, the children's attitude toward her changed. Now that she was the winner, several of the girls asked her to walk with them as they went home from school, but Letha loyally walked with Jewel as usual.

The Morrrows had a real time of thanksgiving that evening at the family altar.

"God not only let us be on the team again, but He let us be the winning team," said Ray.

"And now all the children have forgiven Letha," said Jewel. "I'm so glad the Lord helped me to give her another chance."

"The thing that pleases me most," said Mrs. Morrow, "is that God helped you to be forgiving first."

"Yes," agreed their father, "that's the kind of forgiveness that pleases God the best."—Gospel Herald.

Religion, you say, has broken down? Well, it may be that your puny prejudices, your preconceived ideas, your home-made theories and selfish philosophies have broken down—and that's a good thing. But that's not religion! There is a great difference between the failure of a concep-

tion and the failure of the reality itself.—Peter Marshall.

PROGRAM

of the

Cape Fear Conference

convening with

Prospect, Harnett County

Thursday, Nov. 2, 1950

MORNING SESSION

- 9:30—Song service by congregation
—Devotions, H. R. Faircloth
—Welcome Address, Pastor of local church
—Response, C. H. Coats
10:40—Moderator's Address
—Enrollment of officers, standing committees, delegates and visitors
—Appointment of special committees
11:10—Congregational singing
—Introduction of speaker, Elder G. S. Stevens
11:30—Introductory Sermon, Elder M. E. Godwin
—Recess for dinner

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:20—Devotions, Elder Wilson W. Parker
—Report of Churches
—Petitions from churches desiring membership
2:10—Report of Executive Committee
2:15—Report of Education Committee
2:20—Evangelism, Elder T. E. Beaman
—Report of Mission Board
—Report of Temperance Committee
—Report of delegates to other conferences and associations
—Report of Committee on Obituaries
—Teacher Training, Elder L. R. Ennis
3:00—Miscellaneous
3:30—Adjournment

EVENING SERVICES

- 7:30—Devotions, Elder J. Walter Stanley
7:45—Sermon, Elder W. H. Lancaster
—Music to be arranged

SECOND DAY

MORNING SESSION

- Singing in charge of Elder G. C. Joyner
9:30—Devotions, Elder T. E. Beaman
9:50—Reading of Minutes of previous day
—Enrollment of Committee on Resolutions
10:15—Orphanage report by committee
10:30—Report of Orphanage work by the Superintendent of Home
—Devotions, Elder Buck Wilkins
11:15—Sermon, Elder G. C. Joyner
12:00—Recess for dinner

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Devotions, Elder W. O. Lassiter
1:15—Auxiliary work, Mrs. M. E. Godwin
—Report of Finance Committee
1:30—Superannuation work, Elder Rashie Kennedy

- 1:45—Church Finance Association, Inc., report
 - 2:00—Report of Ordaining Council
 - 2:10—All other reports
 - Petition for next session
 - 2:30—Miscellaneous business
 - 3:00—Adjournment, closing remarks, and prayer, Elder W. B. Martin
- Program Committee:
 H. T. Hinson
 L. J. Carlyle
 L. W. Williford

PROGRAM

of the

Cape Fear Union

to convene with

Lanwood Chapel

October 28, 1950

MORNING SESSION

- 10:00—Devotions conducted by Rev. C. H. Coats
- 10:15—Roll call of officers and ministers
- Reading of minutes
- 10:30—Church enrollment and reports
- 11:00—Intermission
- 11:05—Song Service
- 11:20—Union Sermon by Rev. W. H. Lan-caster
- 12:00—Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Devotions by Rev. Albert Coats
 - 1:30—Sunday School report
 - 2:00—Mission report, followed by reports of Finance and Allocation Committee, Program Committee and report of Treasurer
 - 2:30—Discuss Free Will Baptist Territory by Rev. T. E. Beaman
 - 2:45—Miscellaneous business
 - 3:30—Adjournment, benediction
- Rev. T. E. Beaman
 H. T. Hinson
 H. T. Lee

ATTENTION! FLORIDA WOMEN

We invite all Auxiliary women of Florida to be present at the State Association on Nov. 3, 4, 1950, at the Piney Grove Church in Chipley. Plans are being made to effect a State Woman's Auxiliary Convention at that time.

We beg you to respond with a delegate and any report and suggestions you think will make this organization the very best of its kind.

Sincerely,
 Mrs. Chester Pelt
 Mrs. Ernest Owen

News from First Free Will Baptist Church, Newport News, Virginia

(Continued from page 3)

in the city, had been so great that we had only \$400.00 accumulated in our church treasury, from the time we finished paying for our church lot until we were forced to start building. We remembered, however, that God said, "Call unto me and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not" (Jer. 33:3). We remembered also Jno. 15:7, "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." We called upon the Lord for help, knowing that He was able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we might think or ask. Surely He heard our prayers and has done great things for us.

On Sept. 2 the ground-breaking ceremony was held for the beginning of our new building. At the present time the outside walls are up and we are ready to go on with the roof. We could have had the roof on but our funds ran low, causing a waiting period.

Our chance for a rapid growth in membership has been poor. Our pastor lives 40 miles from the church. The expenses of the toll bridges from his home in Portsmouth, Va., to the church in Newport News, keeps one from traveling the distance as often as if things were different. Then, too, we have been holding services in an old section of the city where there was 3 old established churches around us. This gives a newly organized church little chance to grow. The greatest hindrance to the growth of our church though, is that the people of the city know nothing of Free Will Baptists. To them we are just another "sect" of people trying to settle in their city.

There are only about 20 adult members working for our church, but if God be for us, then who can be against us. Some of us are working day and night, trusting in the Lord with all our hearts. We must raise \$1500.00 within the next four or five weeks or the work on our building will come to a standstill.

If any of your good Free Will Baptist readers can see your way clear to help us out in our building program, your donation will be greatly appreciated by all. After all, all that we have to give is His. He has entrusted it in our care. Should we not use part of it helping to promote God's work in a Mission Field? We people are giving our all. What will you give to help us?

Yours in His Service,
 Mrs. D. W. Cherry

During an earthquake that occurred a few years since, the inhabitants of a small village were generally very much alarmed, but they were at the same time surprised at the calmness and apparent joy of an old lady whom they all knew. At length one of them, addressing the old lady, said: "Mother, are you not afraid?" "No," said the mother in Israel, "I rejoice to know that I have a God that can shake the world!"

Charles H. Spurgeon, Volume II of Great Pulpit Masters (Revell).

The foundation for all Christian service is a superabundant conviction of the value to God of every human life. Pause on your way and look straight into the most degraded face you meet, and remember that soul is as dear to God as you are. If it can come to feel this, and know it; if it can become part of our very life, then we shall sing when that soul comes home, and count contact with defilement as a precious thing if it means that we are helping that one back to purity and to God.

G. Campbell Morgan, in The Parable of the Father's Heart (Revell).

Attention Auxiliary Workers

An Easy Way to Add Money to Your Treasury

We are in position now to supply you with Scripture Text Christmas Cards that you may re-sell and make a profit for your Auxiliary. We have on hand 500 boxes of cards that we can sell to you for 50 cents per box, and that you can retail for \$1.00 per box. These boxes contain 21 Scripture Text folders with envelopes.

Get your supply early, while they are on sale, as we are not sure we can replace these at that price. 10 boxes or more for 50 cents each.

Send all orders to Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF TREASURER OF FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

ASSETS

CASH AND NOTES ON HAND: (31 August 1950)

People's Bank & Trust Co.:	
Albemarle Cottage Account.....	\$ 238.57
Girls' Building Account.....	1,000.00
Superintendent's Account.....	6,388.89
Capital Account.....	2,624.67
Cash Undeposited.....	305.15
McLeod Educational Loan Fund.....	810.00
War Bond.....	25.00

Total Cash and Notes on Hand.....	\$ 11,393.14
Petty Cash Fund.....	\$ 100.00

PLANT ASSETS: (1 January 1950—Duke Endowment)

Land.....	\$ 21,179.70
Buildings.....	138,317.08
Equipment, furniture, etc.....	24,786.07
Livestock.....	5,160.00
Inventory of Supplies.....	3,872.64

Total Plant Assets.....\$193,315.49

TOTAL ASSETS.....\$204,808.63

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Unpaid bills.....	\$ 508.20
Total Current Liabilities.....	\$ 508.20

CAPITAL LIABILITIES:

Monthly installment on station wagon mortgage.....	\$ 710.55
Deed of Trust.....	10,400.00
(Prin. \$10,000; Int. \$400)	
Albemarle Cottage Note.....	2,051.50
(Prin. \$2,000; Int. \$51.50)	

Total Capital Liabilities.....\$ 13,162.05

BOOK VALUE.....191,138.38

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND BOOK VALUE.....\$204,808.63

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

1 September 1949 through 31 August 1950

Balance on hand 1 September 1949.....\$ 3,466.79

RECEIPTS

Religious Organizations.....	\$32,453.68
Duke Endowment.....	2,977.75
Legacies (Josie Ecklin Alligood Will).....	100.00
Parents and Relatives.....	1,961.00
Friends.....	4,396.59
Refunds (Food, tel. gas, cow, misc. supplies).....	1,477.39
Concert Class.....	16,994.20
Farm, dairy and garden cash sales.....	6,193.77
Coupons.....	265.78
Chapel receipts.....	1,041.17
Albemarle Cottage receipts.....	3,034.95
Money borrowed for Albemarle Cottage.....	2,051.50
Sale of pony.....	40.00
Sale of Annuity Bonds.....	1,600.00

Total receipts for year.....\$74,748.78

Total Cash to account for.....\$78,215.57

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries.....	\$11,606.36
Office Supplies.....	463.16
Telephone and Telegram.....	295.16
Insurance (all).....	1,809.80
Conference and Board Expense.....	912.62
Financing and Publicity.....	3,508.86

Administrative Travel.....	826.50
Food.....	6,439.96
Clothing.....	4,617.79
Refunds on returned checks and transfers.....	367.48
Laundry Supplies.....	251.12
Household Supplies.....	462.16
Recreation.....	72.68
Travel relating to care of children.....	112.71
Health Supplies.....	301.16
Education.....	643.54
Fuel, lights, etc.....	4,457.58
Plant replacement and repair.....	2,709.39
Travel expense (Mr. Evans on case work).....	7.50
Farm Supplies.....	4,698.57
Farm replacement and repair.....	3,326.35
Farm travel and misc. supplies.....	39.53
Replacement of livestock.....	887.20
Young People's Friend (Printing-Mailing).....	243.91
Repayment money borrowed outside sources.....	3,139.72
New buildings (Albemarle Cottage).....	5,671.68
New equipment, furniture and fixtures.....	930.12
Capital Loans repaid (inc. interest).....	7,605.32
Landscaping (Church & Albemarle Cottage).....	125.00
Annuity Bond Premiums.....	289.50

Total Disbursed for year.....	\$66,822.43
Cash balance 31 August 1950.....	10,558.14
McLeod Educational Loan Fund.....	810.00
War Bond.....	25.00

Total Cash Accounted for.....\$78,215.57

DONATED COMMODITIES

Food.....	\$ 2,806.25
Clothing.....	962.13
Household Supplies.....	473.68
Other (Farm supplies, seed, hogs, etc.).....	506.96

Total donated commodities value.....\$ 4,749.02

CONCERT CLASS RECEIPTS

Miss Bonnie Farmer, Manager.....	\$ 4,861.64
Miss Mary Ellen Talton, Manager.....	1,944.42
Mrs. E. A. Taylor, Manager.....	3,793.30
Miss Cleo Eatman, Manager.....	1,131.92
Miss Rosa Taylor, Manager.....	750.19
Miss Rose Mallard, Manager.....	666.45

Total.....\$13,147.92

BUDGET RECEIPTS FOR YEAR

QUOTA	CONFERENCE OR ASSOCIATION	RAISED
\$13,200.00	Eastern Conference	\$13,334.22
\$13,200.00	Central Conference	10,326.87
4,400.00	Piedmont Association	1,831.47
10,560.00	Western Conference	7,712.38
5,280.00	Cape Fear Conference	5,782.13
4,400.00	Albemarle Conference (Cottage not included)	1,893.47
4,400.00	French Broad Association	1,780.13
2,640.00	Jacks Creek Association	828.68
1,760.00	Rockfish Association	447.67
1,760.00	Pee Dee Association	1,001.04
2,640.00	Toe River Association	878.18
1,760.00	Individuals and Friends	6,357.57
.00	Western Yearly	11.00

\$66,000.00.....\$52,784.81

The Conference and Association Budget for 1950-51 will be the same as in the previous year of 1949-50.

WALTER MCD. CROOM, *Acting Treasurer.*

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How Much I Owe

When this passing world is done,
When has sunk yon glowing sun,
When we stand with Christ in Glory,
Looking o'er life's finished story,
Then, Lord, shall I fully know—
Not till then—how much I owe

When I stand before the throne,
Dressed in beauty not my own,
When I see Thee as Thou art,
Love Thee with unsinning heart,
Then, Lord, shall I fully know—
Not till then—how much I owe.

When the praise of heaven I hear,
Loud as thunder to the ear,
Loud as many waters' noise,
Sweet as harp's melodious voice,
Then, Lord, shall I fully know—
Not till then—how much I owe.

Even on earth, as through a glass
Darkly, let Thy glory pass;
Make forgiveness feel so sweet;
Make Thy Spirit's help so meet—
Even on earth, Lord, make me know
Something of how much I owe.

—Robert Murray Mccheyne

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We need only obey. There is a guidance for each of us, and by lowly listening, we shall hear the right word.

Emerson

"TO OBEY IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE"

(I Samuel 15:22)

When we think of God's love for the human race, we see how God made man in his own likeness. He was made to honor and obey God. We see how he was given a help mate and a place in the beautiful garden. He gave everything to man that he needed. He was in perfect fellowship with the Creator.

He was given everything there for his good and just one tree forbidden, and it was the tree of knowledge. But just like people today they were persuaded to try things which God said, "Thou shalt not do." We have no Bible reference of just what kind of fruit it was, but we believe it was very attractive and the eye was ever looking upon it.

We have a lesson here of just what God expected of man. He wanted man to be obedient to his voice, but we find the serpent, who is always busy and was also in the garden, just like he is in the world today. He was there to tell God's Creatures that God didn't mean what he said, and the tree was good for food, and that they would not die. So, they failed to obey God and took of the tree and to their surprise God proved to be true. They were cast out of the garden. They were dead spiritually and were to die physically later.

God means just what he said. He told Moses if he would obey he would give him the land that flowed with milk and honey, but Moses failed. He told Solomon in a vision that if his people that are called my his Name will humble themselves and pray and obey he would hear from heaven, and forgive their sins and heal their land, but the king let wild living draw him away from God.

We try to excuse ourselves but will God excuse us of our feeble excuses? He kept his word with the prophet that came out of Judah and cried against Jeroboam's altar in Bethel. God said, "Neither eat or drink nor return by the same way that thou comest," and the prophet disobeyed, and was killed by a lion. God's Word will stand (I Kings 13). I and my Father are one (Jon. 10:30). We

know that Christ came from God. He came in this world in the flesh. Born of a virgin to live and teach man the way to inherit eternal life. His path was rugged and hard in this world. He was a real man to endure the hardships as he did, yet he was the man of God to do the many things which he did while on earth. He raised the dead, healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, opened deaf ears, and cast out devils.

We say we love him, but will we do his will or will we side track his will for our will on the account of pride or criticism from the serpents of this world?

Tom West, Plymouth, N. C.

GRIMSLEY REVIVAL

Sunday night, October 8, marked the close of our revival services, although we are sure it will live on and on in our hearts. Rev. L. B. Manning, our pastor, conducted the revival, the closing of which also marked the close of his seven years service with us.

He has grown very dear to our hearts and we couldn't help but feel a little sad at Brother Manning's leaving. But we are so happy to have Brother C. L. Patrick come to work with us next year and I know we will learn to love him and are looking forward to his coming very much.

We only had one to come accepting Christ for the first time as her personal Saviour, and two came moving their membership to our church. Brother Manning brought some wonderful messages straight from the word of God. His first messages were directed to the church members and I do believe they were drawn closer to the Lord.

Thursday night, Brother Manning gave an old fashioned altar call which resulted in many kneeling and pouring out their hearts to God in love and redemption. I believe our churches need more old fashion altars where people can kneel and get closer to God.

On behalf of the entire church, I wish to thank the many friends who attended our revival. Especially do we thank Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Moyer for their help.

At this time we have a building program on at our church and we ask your prayers as we go forward.

Come and visit us at any time.

Mrs. Sam C. Hobgood
Farmville, N. C., Route 2

Solitude is one of the highest enjoyments of which our nature is susceptible. Solitude is also, when too long continued, capable of being made the most severe, indescribable, unendurable source of anguish. —Deloraine

The Trinity: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit

The Omnipresence of Christ

Sherman H. Oakes
West Gastonia, N. C.

" . . . Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."—Matthew 28:20.

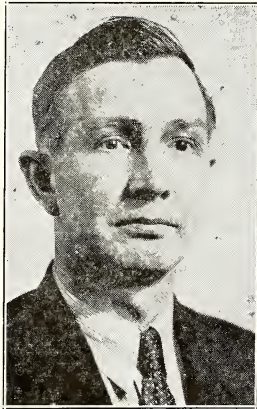
"I will not leave you comfortless: I will come unto you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me; because I live, ye shall live also. At that day (the coming of the Holy Spirit) ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you."—John 14:18-20.

Christ, in his glorified body, is sitting at the right hand of God in heaven, yet he is ever present, and in the heart of every born again person. Christ is God the Son, therefore he is omnipresent everywhere. The idea that one can have Christ dwelling in him, and not the Holy Spirit, will not stand the test in the light of God's holy word. Some teach that Christ and the Holy Spirit are separable. The fact that Stephen, when stoned to death and being full of the Holy Spirit, saw Christ standing at the right hand of God in heaven, is used to teach the separableness of Christ and the Holy Spirit. Note what Paul says in Galatians 4:6, "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, (my) Father."

The above Scripture has reference to the coming of the Holy Spirit at the last Pentecost, hence you see that the Holy Spirit in your heart is Christ in your heart. According to Colossians 1:27, we read: "To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." Christ is sitting at the right hand of God making intercessions for us, and at the same time he is dwelling in the hearts of every saved person. You can readily see this when Jesus said, "Yet a little while and the world seeth me no more, but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also." He said, "I will not leave you comfortless; I will come unto you." After his death, the world saw him no more, but God sent forth his Spirit of his Son into your hearts. The words of Christ, "I will come unto you," were fulfilled when the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost.

No one argues that the Holy Spirit is not the Spirit of God, and that Stephen was full of God's Spirit. If he could be filled with God's Spirit and God sitting on the throne, he could be filled with the spirit of Christ, and Christ on the throne. The truth is, the Trinity of the Godhead is one, and Christ and God are one in that sense. The Holy Spirit is not separable from the Godhead. When a person believes on Christ as personal Saviour, that person is of God, that is, born of the Holy Spirit. Then it

is said that he has partaken of the Godhead. When a person is born of the flesh, he becomes a part of the flesh and blood of his parents. You become God's child when you believe on Christ as your personal Saviour. "He that believeth that Jesus is the Christ, is born of God" (I Jon. 5:1).



Rev. Sherman H. Oakes

Since God is everywhere, it is easy to see how the Father and the Son can be sitting on the throne in heaven, and at the same time be in the hearts of the saved here on earth. It is easy to see that upon receiving the Holy Spirit, one is receiving the Son and the Father also. Christ Jesus, as God incarnate in the flesh, is revealed in the following scripture: "In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him, and without him was not any thing made that was made . . . He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not . . . And the world was made flesh (Jesus), and dwelt among us . . ." (Jon. 1:1-14).

The sameness, or unity of God, Christ and the Holy Spirit are set forth in Romans 8:8, 9 in these words: "So then, they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now, if any man have not the Spirit of Christ he is none of his." The Devil starts, sometimes, a doctrine contrary of the doctrine of Christ, and his servants frequently twist the word, misconstrue it,

to suit their own notions. The worldly-minded people misconstrue the scriptures to prop up a doctrine of theirs which is without foundation. But it is the business of God's ministers to guide, by the leadership of the Holy Spirit, in the right way to explain the meaning of the Holy Bible. They are to show up the false doctrines, and to point people to the right teachings of the Bible. Some will be offended, you will say, but let them be offended if they do not want to believe the true doctrines of the Bible. You had better offend everyone rather than to add to or take away from God's Holy Word.

In the Trinity is meant that there are three persons in One: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. If you have one dwelling in your heart, you have all three dwelling in you. We cannot fully understand this mystery, but it is true. You are even a trinity, for you are spirit, soul and body (I Thess. 5:23). The word Christ means Messiah—God, and the word Jesus means man—flesh. Therefore, we have God incarnate in the flesh—"The word was flesh, and dwelt among us."

The oneness and omnipresence of the trinity, or Godhead can be understood in a measure by comparing the trinity of God with the trinity of the sun. There is the orb, the light, and the heat—three in one. Physically, you receive life, light and heat from the sun. Without the sun there would be no life on the earth—the cell would not develop; no seed would germinate. You have light, you have life, and you have heat, and all come from the sun, though it is millions of miles away from us. In spite of this fact, you are partaking of its life-giving properties. When you believe on Christ as your sin-bearer, you then receive the Holy Spirit of the Godhead, and are greatly benefitted by his divine power to save, and to give you a new life. "For in him (Christ) dwell all the fulness of the Godhead bodily, and in him ye are complete" (Col. 2:9). " . . . He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the son" (II John 9). Unsaved friends, won't you, in all your sins, simply trust him now as your personal Saviour? He never fails. Christians, won't you see Christ as your all in all, and not forget your resting place in him?

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to state that our address is as follows: Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Cherry, 308 Webster Avenue, Portsmouth, Va. Those who should desire to correspond or communicate with us may address us at the above address.

Yours truly,
Mrs. D. W. Cherry

NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

PREACHING AT RALEIGH

At the time these lines go to press, if it is the Lord's will, I shall be in an evangelistic meeting in the Free Will Baptist church in Raleigh. I hope that the world has reached our many friends in Wake, Johnson, Durham and Sampson Counties, along with those of Nash County, the place where I was "born twice." I saw daylight first there, I met the light of the world there. It is a precious spot to me, however, I have worked there but little since I entered the ministry, God leading me into other fields.

OUR LONGSUFFERING GOD

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (II Peter 3:9). Reader, take good notice of that word "Longsuffering." It shows that God is merciful. It shows that God loves sinners and that His love is so great that he is "Longsuffering." "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16). Yes, God is a loving heavenly Father who wills the salvation of sinners. He is ever seeking that which is lost. Jesus said, "I came to seek and to save that which was lost." It does not take a seeking sinner long to find a seeking Saviour. We do not have time to get God in a notion to save us. However, I have heard people pray as if they thought that God was not ready to save.

I think that often the sinner who is praying is not in a notion and tries to think the same way about God. I do not like that song, "I Would Not Be Denied." It sounds as if God wanted to hold the fellow off, and the sinner would not let God go. "I would not be denied." I cannot believe that God ever wanted to deny a repentant sinner the forgiveness of sin and the gift of eternal life. Yet the song says, "I would not be denied." No, my Lord is not a hard bargainer. He loves and is ready before the sinner starts. The Prodigal Son was met by a loving Father, who was ready to disrobe the wayward son of the scent of the "hog pen," get the old dirty filthy shoes off and get some real shoes on his feet, and get the "best robe" to be had and a "ring on his finger." This does not look like the prodigal had to "beg" the Father to take him in. All the boy had to do was to go back and confess his sins. The Father did the rest, so it is with all sinners. We just

go to the Lord by the way of Calvary where our sins are blotted out and we become a child of God. Where is the place to sing, "I Would Not Be Denied?" We certainly can sing "Hallelujah! What a Saviour," and that grand old hymn, "Amazing Grace How Sweet the Sound." And "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less, than Jesus' Blood and Righteousness." Yes, these and hundreds of others are appropriate for the sinner saved by Grace. I do not like to think that I have to beg God to save me, and go off saying "I would not be denied." Praise God, he never has wanted to deny a lost sinner the joys of salvation. Jesus said, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest, take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matt. 11:28-30). Jesus said, "He that believeth on the Son hath eternal life: . . ." (John 3:36). It is by faith in Christ that we are saved, not because we prayed much, or because "we would not be denied," but because we accept the Son of God as our personal Saviour. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8, 9). We have nothing to boast about, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him that is begotten" (I John 5:1). "He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." These who became "sons of God" did not have to beg the Lord to give them their sonship. They only had to receive the Lord Jesus and by faith in Christ they were made sons of God. "What must I do to be saved?" said the jailer at Philippi, and they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16:30, 41). Some one might have told this man today, "Just pray through." But Paul said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ." Some preachers would have said, "Let us take you to the lake or the river and baptize you and you will be saved." Others would have told him to "learn the catechism and be faithful in go to Mass," and some one thing and some another. But they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Praise the Lord, it is all of Grace on God's part and all of Grace on our part. "Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God" (I John 5:5).

" . . . The word is nigh thee, even in thy heart:" that is, the word of faith which we preach: "That is thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from

the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture saith Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed" (Romans 10:8-11). "Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God" (Rom. 5:1, 2). "But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness."

DO PAUL AND JAMES CONTRADICT EACH OTHER?

James says, "Even so faith if it hath not works is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works and I will shew thee my faith by my works" (James 2:17, 18). James is saying "faith is seen in action." Paul says, "We are having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed and therefore have I spoken; we also believe and therefore have I spoken" (II Cor. 4:13). So there is no difference. Paul is saying in substance, "My faith makes me speak." Believe and speak Speaking without faith would be an empty vessel. "Faith without speaking would be a dead faith, "Faith being alone is dead." The only way that we can shew to the world that we believe in the Lord Jesus is by our works. "By their fruit, ye shall know them," said our Master. "For as the body without spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also" (James 2:26). So James and Paul do not contradict each other, but rather they agree that faith must be evidenced by works. I preach because I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. I am His because I believe in Him. I do not purchase my wife a hat to make her my wife, but because she is my wife. I never fed and clothed my children to make them my children, but because they were my children. So I do not work for the Lord Jesus to be saved, but I work with him because I believe in him, and believing on Him, I am saved. Praise God for salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus.

A NOTE OF THANKS

I want to thank every church, every Sunday School, and every individual who has given me any donation for operation on my eyes. I want to thank all of the Woman's auxiliaries that have sent donations to me for this purpose. I do not know how to tell them how I do appreciate these gifts.

I am planning to go to the hospital on October 19 for the operation, and I want the good people to pray for me. I think that I have almost enough money to have the operation performed on both eyes.

Yours truly,
Rev. J. S. Overman
Fremont, N. C., Route 2

-:- Department of Foreign Missions -:-

REV. RAYMOND RIGGS, *Promotional Secretary-Treasurer*
242 VICTOR AVENUE HIGHLAND PARK, MICHIGAN

FOREIGN MISSION DEPARTMENT NEEDS \$3500.00 MONTHLY

By Rev. Raymond Riggs
242 Victor Avenue
Highland Park 3, Michigan

In order for the Foreign Mission Department to effectively and efficiently operate, we must have at least **Thirty-Two Hundred Dollars** every month. Even this is not a safe margin for us to operate on, but is just about the actual cost of maintaining the budget on the respective fields and the promotional work at home.

We appreciate so much the response that has been given to our emergency need. However, others must be enlisted and rally to our cause. Our present plans and hopes are to bring our Foreign Mission Department out of the red, and on an even keel by January 1, 1950.

Cuban School of Missions to Open

Recent communications from the mission field in Cuba and upon the recommendation of the Foreign Mission Board, the Cuban school of missions expects to open this month. All of us regret very much that school had to be delayed for even one month because of lack of funds. Let's not let it happen again. Surely there are



Rev. Raymond Riggs

thirty churches in our denomination who will be responsible for the support of one student at a minimum cost of \$20.00 per month. There also must be twenty-eight churches in our ranks who would be responsible for the support of one of our full time native workers at a minimum cost of \$30.00 per month.

Send your endowment cards, pledges and all offerings immediately to Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board Promotional Office, 242 Victor Ave., Highland Park 3, Michigan.

THE HOPE THAT NEVER FAILS

This hope is the object of our Lord and Saviour. It is our "life star" that guided the wise men, and it will never disappear until it brings us into the glorious reality. The hope of eternal life, with God's plan for perfect living, as revealed in the Bible, is a hope that will never fail us. At Christ's second coming the Christian's hope will be fulfilled. It is a hope that is set above all others; the hope that will never be disappointing, the hope that maketh not ashamed. This hope is that hope which draws the Christian's heart forward in faith and confidence.

Faith and hope in religion have reference to the promises of God and

these are sure and steadfast. There is no reason for uncertainty here. If God is the promiser upon whose promises our hope rest, then all uncertainty is removed. Life is short, our days are limited, and we need a hope resting on something beyond this world, and God has given us one through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus from the dead.

Our Lord taught, in the plainest language, the reality of a future life. Before leaving his disciples, He assured them of victory through His power, and then said, "I go to prepare a place for you." After promising that he would rise from the dead, He did arise, and thus He broke the power of death for his followers. He made it plain that a world unseen and eter-

nal awaits us hereafter. "Because I live, ye shall live also," was a promise of our Lord. The hope that our Lord Jesus brings into the life of man or woman who yields all to him is an anchor, both sure and steadfast (Hebrews 6:19). It is the hope that purifies the heart and purges out sin.

How many a man has made money his hope, and confidence, and has rejoiced because his hand has gotten much, who found out when too late that he had been building his life upon a foundation of sinking sand. He found out what a poor pillow money makes for a dying head. What a wretched comfort for a troubled conscience! How empty it is, too! "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lost his own soul." The hope of the Hypocrite shall perish (Job 8:13). But blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord and whose hope the Lord is (Jer. 17:7). It is a living hope; it is a hope that will never perish.

Mrs. Mattie Smith

A CORRECTION FOR ROSEBUD CHURCH

Rosebud F. W. B. Church, of Wilson Co., North Carolina, and of the Western Conference, has moved to hold services twice a month again, after not holding services on but one Sunday for last year.

Rev. C. J. Harris, of Greenville, N. C., is our pastor for this pastoral year, which began on the second Sunday in October. Prior to Brother Harris coming to Rosebud, our deceased pastor, Rev. J. Frank Parrish, who had been with us for a number of years, held services on second and on fourth Sunday night. Brother Harris was called to fill out the unexpired term, plus one year, which has just ended.

Brother Harris, at the beginning of last year, asked to cut it back to fourth Sunday and Sunday night, which was granted. In calling our pastor for this year the church insisted on two Sundays per month, the second and third Sundays for our services. It was stated in the Baptist paper for October 11 that our services would be on the second and the fourth Sundays, which was an error. We want everyone to know that we will hold services on the second and the third Sundays during this pastoral year. The people in our church and community are to take note of this and to come and worship with us on these Sundays.

G. Frank Sawyer

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FREE GOSPELS AND TESTAMENTS FOR JAPAN

Rev. Victor B. Beattie, Jr., Pastor of the Ocean City, N. J., Baptist Church, left by plan from New York's Idlewild Airport on Columbus Day to spend two months in Japan. He is the most recent in a succession of American pastors and evangelists invited by the Pocket Testament League, of New York, to participate in the League's nation-wide campaign of evangelization and Scripture distribution in Japan.

Alfred A. Kunz, executive director of the League, reports that the Gospel and Testament distribution is ahead of schedule in the enormous task of placing 10 million copies in the hands of the Japanese. To date 5 million Gospels and Testaments have been given out under the agreement with General McArthur laid down in the answer made to his three questions:

1. Will you distribute these Scriptures Free?
2. Will they be printed in Japan, and in Japanese?
3. Do you have a plan to finance this program?

The testimony of all who have had a part in this great campaign is that infinitely more has been accomplished by making these Scripture portions available to the Japanese people without charge than would have been possible if a price had been set. Distribution would have been reduced to a fraction of that which has been achieved, and thousands of souls who have been won through the reading of the Gospels and Testaments would still be groping in darkness and despair.

During the campaign in the northern island of Hokkaido in August and September, half a million Gospels and Testaments were distributed in scores of cities and towns, and over nine thousand decisions were recorded. The governor of the island and the mayors of many of the cities gave the campaign hearty support.

The Pocket Testament League has reprinted the story of the conversion of Captain Mitsuo Fuchida in tract form. It was Capt. Fuchida who commanded the air armada that raided

Pearl Harbor. He is now a member of the League's evangelistic staff in Japan. Copies of the tract may be obtained free from the League's headquarters, 156 Fifth Avenue, N. Y., New York.—Pocket Testament League, N. Y.

"LEST WE FORGET"

Give to Superannuation

Our readers have been very graciously reminded twice through the Baptist, that October is Superannuation month, when all of our churches are under lasting obligation to rally to the loyal support of our old ministers.

If, perchance, some of us have been somewhat remiss in responding to these calls, or reminders, we trust that you will not delay, but take this matter to the Lord in earnest prayer, open your hearts in sympathy and appreciation for these, who have reached the even-tide of life, after many years of faithful service in the ministry of our Lord and Saviour, then open your pocket books and give.

October, 1950, will soon pass into history, so what is to be done for our aged ministers must be done quickly. We may call October the "sunset" of the year, for only two months, then a New Year. It is the harvest time of the year. Men gather their grain and store it, or sell it. They have a fine sense of "taking things easy for awhile," knowing they have enough and to spare. This is also the sunset of life for our aged ministers. The only harvest they will reap here is what we do for them to make life a little more comfortable, except, of course, their joy in knowing that they have "fought a good fight, they have kept the faith," and that a "crown of righteousness" is laid up for them in the Glory World.

"And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake" (1 Thess. 5:12:13).

Make your contributions as generous as possible and send direct to the Chairman-Treasurer, Rev. M. L. Johnson, Sims, N. C., Route 1.

Alice E. Lupton,

A NOBLE UNDERTAKING FOR THE CAUSE OF CHRIST

Hundreds of high school students of the New York metropolitan and Camden-South Jersey areas gathered to renew their pledge to reach their classmates for Christ through the Hi-B. A. Clubs in a series of area wide "Kick-off Rallies" the week of September 11. The first rally was held at Haddonfield, New Jersey, with 200 high school teen-agers in attendance. One of the outstanding results of that first rally came when, among a number of young people accepting Christ as Saviour, a local high school football star gave his heart to the Lord.

The recreational program of the rallies followed a "football pattern," with games, refreshments at half-time, and decorations in harmony with the theme. Members of the staff of High School Evangelism Fellowship drove home graphically the importance of witnessing and the value of the Hi-B. A. Clubs through a skit, "Youth Triumphant."

Kenn and Jane Clark, who will leave this month for Japan to set up a Hi-B. A. Club program in high schools throughout the Land of the Rising Sun, gave their testimonies and told of their plans. The young people responded by pledging their efforts and gifts to help buy a panel truck equipped with public address system for the Clarks.

Rallies were held each night thru the week, covering Bergen County, Essex and Union Counties, in North Jersey, Brooklyn and Westchester. Throughout the week, hundreds of high school youth responded to the invitation given by A. Brandt Reed, National Director of the HSEF, who found that the young people came already geared to the challenge of the Hi-B. A. program.

Unanimous response came to the request for Hi-B. A. members to take coin banks to be filled for the Hi-B. A. Gospel Sound Truck for Japan. Already a number of new high school students have been won through the enthusiasm of members of the Clubs.—High School Evangelism Fellowship, N. Y.

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

"CHURCH PEACE MISSION"

N. C. EASTERN CONFERENCE HOLDS GOOD
SESSION

The "Church Peace Mission" of the United States and Canada is staging conferences to be held in a great many cities of this country and Canada for the purpose of waging peace drives against modern warfare. These conferences will be held in some of the larger cities where large numbers of people can be reached by the sponsors and speakers so that great emphasis might be brought to bear upon the minds and hearts of thousands of influential people for the purpose of developing a greater sentiment against war, and to strengthen and encourage a greater movement for world peace and good will among all peoples.

It is hoped that, from the results of these great conferences in many of the leading cities of the country, interdenominational meetings will result in many metropolitan centers, and that the spirit and good-will for peace, unity and brotherly love may be felt throughout the country. It is hoped that, from these great conferences and their influence upon thousands of people in various sections of the land, city pastors, evangelists, and laymembers of the churches will hold local conferences, group meetings, and stage lecture, or speaking campaigns, encouraging the people to seek peace instead of war, to pray for peace rather than to talk of war and devastation. There should be a concerted action taken in the name of Christ and righteousness by church leaders to take a stand against modern warfare.

The "Church Peace Mission" has named October 15 through December 15 as the period for the holding of the conferences in designated cities of Canada and the United States. During this time some of the leading churchmen, pastors and evangelists, will take part on the program of the conferences, and speak in the interest of Christianity, and against war. They will urge a greater loyalty to Christ, a greater interest in prayer, and a deeper study of the Bible for spiritual guidance, contented hearts, and unity in Christian action for the good of all mankind.

Since the true way to peace and happiness is through the great commandment: "Love thy neighbor as thyself," it behooves Christians everywhere to seek that peace and happiness for the world by standing resolutely together in the light of Christian doctrine for brotherly love and good-will so that the greatly desired peace may come to the world. Where there is Christian unity of purpose and plan for world peace, there will be felt a greater force for world peace and human happiness everywhere. The "Church Peace Mission" seeks to encourage and to further the cause of Christ and righteousness in the world and to extend a greater feeling against war, wherever it may occur.

The annual session of the Eastern North Carolina Conference convened at Antioch Church, Craven County, on October 18 and 19. It was well attended by ministers, delegates and visiting friends from the various churches of the conference. There were quite a number of ministers and friends from churches of the other conferences of the State. It was a great occasion, the hospitality was all that could be expected, and the Christian fellowship was not to be excelled at any church gathering.

There were some splendid messages delivered during the two days of the conference. Reverend Thomas H. Willey, Cuban Missionary, made a most impressive speech on the Cuban Missions, and the school that is progressing so well there for the training of native missionaries for the preaching of the gospel to the unsaved in their own country.

Reverend J. R. Bennett brought the conference sermon in a most appealing manner. He, as is his custom, spoke with power, emphasis, and deliberation, impressing the congregation with the great need of a deeper and greater concern for the cause of righteousness in the world. It was a very good message.

There were made several reports concerning the national organizations, institutions, and programs of work of our denominational enterprises. These reports were given as information to the conference, and the encouragement of the work in general. The conference endorsed on Thursday the proposed N. C. Discipline, which had been prepared by a committee of the North Carolina State Convention. It was presented to the conference by Rev. David Hansley.

Brother C. K. Dunn, Business Manager of the F. W. B. Press, Ayden, North Carolina, made a splendid report of the business of the Press and the success that it is making in all departments of the work. The people expressed great pleasure in knowing that the Press is going forward in a splendid way, and that its publications are constantly increasing in sales as time passes. Mrs. J. C. Moyer gave a glowing report of the State Woman's work in all departments, showing that the women are making gains all the while in these phases of our church work, namely: Missions, Christian education, Superannuation, Orphanage work, Cragmont, and the like. Her report was received with interest by everyone present who heard it.

All in all, it was a good conference, and one that the people attending enjoyed very much. The next session of the Eastern Conference will be held with Deep Run Church, near the village of Deep Run which is twelve miles south of Kinston and on the Kinston-Wilmington Highway.

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

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PROGRAM NORTH CAROLINA AUXILIARY CONVENTION WEEK OF PRAYER NOVEMBER 13-17, 1950

FOREWORD

After prayerful meditation and study, we have made the following arrangement for our Week of Prayer in November, 1950.

Our Watchword for the year, as given in our Year Book, is "Advancing with Christ" ((Ex. 14:15). If there is anything we can do to put this text into greater action than we have yet done, perhaps it can be done through witnessing. Therefore, we have selected our topic for the week with this in mind.

Theme: "Ye are my witnesses."

MONDAY, NOV. 13

(Lesson One)

Thought for the day: "Search the Scriptures."—Jn. 5-39.

Hymn: "In the Service of the King."

Prayer: That God will show us ourselves just as we are, and that as we cry aloud unto Him, we may become true witnesses for Him.

Hymn: "O, for a Thousand Tongues."

Prayer, for your pastor, church and all sick and shut-ins.

Scripture lessons: Isa. 43:10; 63:7; Psalm 66:16.

May We Notice—

A—Special marks of true witnessing for Christ, as it relates to our personal experiences: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my pathway" (Psa. 119:105). "Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee" (Psa. 119:111).

WHO ARE TO BEAR TESTIMONY?

If it is really true that we have a saving knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, then we are required to reveal it by our mode of living, and by the testimony we bear. "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy" (Psa. 107:2).

Through the departmental work of our auxiliaries God is calling one and all to yield ourselves as living witnesses for Him. May we recognize the fact that our testimony is an outgrowth of our faith in the Lord Jesus. If we are full of His knowledge and grace, we will be able to say with the apostle in Acts 4:20, "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (II Cor. 4:13), we have further testimony.

"We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken."

WHERE OUR TESTIMONY IS NEEDED:

A story is told of a tribe in Africa, who had recently been turned from cannibalism, which had been forced upon them by the government. It was commonly reported that they would eat their own dead. Mothers of other tribes would sometimes frighten their children by saying, "If you do not behave, I will give you to the Gios," which was the name of their tribe.

It is said that one day the Missionary looked out and saw quite a number to his door. Each man carried a large basket of rice on his back. They had been traveling for ten days to find a market for their grain. Some one told them of us, he said, and encouraged them to try us before starting out for the coast. So they came. "The Lord was in this change of plan, for He brought them to our door," the missionary said. We quickly arrived at an agreement for the rice, and while doing so, asked, "Do you know about Jesus?" Some of them repeated the name after me, "Jesu, Jesu." They looked blank, but shook their heads, saying "No, we never heard of him." One of them seemed to have a bright idea, and he said, "Oh, maybe he is the chief around here." The Missionary said, "No, He is not chief here—He is God's Son." When he mentioned God's Son, those who had been listening carefully, looked with amazement and exclaimed, "God's Son! Why we did not know that God had a son." "Oh, yes," he was told, "God had only one Son," and "God so loved us that He gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (Jn. 3:16).

The story continues, that the group of thirty six men were so amazed and so interested they sat down to hear the story of Bethlehem and of Calvary for the first time in their lives. After prayer, one of the men arose and said, "White man, we want to thank you for telling us this story. We never heard that God had a Son, and we did not know that He loved us." Then with deep emotion he exclaimed, "White man, why can't some of you come to our country and tell us this story often; then our wives and our children will hear it, too." The missionary testified further, that that appeal has never left him, and that on that day he began praying to the Lord of the Harvest, to send forth laborers into His harvest, that this Tribe should hear the Gospel of His grace. It is said that the answer to this prayer would be amazing

to those who can hardly convince themselves that God does really hear and answer even when we go to him in sincere earnestness. Our prayers must be, or should be offered with the spirit of Isaiah, when he said, "Lord, Send me." C. H. Spurgeon once said "The Christian should work as if all depended on him, and pray as if all depended on God. He should be nothing in his own estimation; yet he should be one of those gloriously active nothings of which God makes great use of."

Hymn: Tell me the Old, Old Story."

Rededication of ourselves and our all to Him who died to save us from our sins.

Announcements
Benediction

PROGRAM FOR TUESDAY, NOV. 14

(Lesson Two)

Thought for the day: Bearing witness for Christ.—Jn. 15:27.

Hymn: I Love to Tell the Story

Prayer: Praise and Thanksgiving unto the Lord.

Scripture Lesson: John 15:27; Acts 5:20, 21.

Hymn: "Praise Him, Praise Him."

Prayer for your State and District officers, ministers and all church leaders.

CHRIST, THE ONE GREAT WITNESS:

No greater testimony was ever given than that of Jesus, who bore true witness of the Father and of Himself. He said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (Jn. 10:10). In Luke 19:10, He says, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

CHRIST IS OUR PATTERN

He said, "If a man love me, he will keep my words; and my Father will love him and will come unto him" (Jn. 14:23). If our lives are hid away in Christ, our will is to do His will. Selfishness, vain glory, indifference, pride, propping ourselves up to be something when we are nothing, and many other things that Satan uses to deceive, decoy and ruin, are standing between some professed Christians and the God of their salvation, hence, their testimony for Christ is nil. If our testimony is to mean anything to a lost world, it must be genuine. The Lord cannot use people for His glory, who do not know him, regardless of what they profess.

What we really are in our hearts, will manifest itself by our outward testimony, both by the way we live and in what we say.

To gain spiritual strength in the Lord, we must exercise the faith we have in Him. Prayer, or daily contact with the Lord will enable us to realize the true spirit of witnessing for Him.

LET THIS MIND BE IN US:

"I want to speak a word of cheer

To wretched folks that sin has crushed,
And shed a sympathizing tear,
Though Satan seeks to keep me hushed.

I mean to breath an earnest prayer
From day to day as moments fly,
And have within my heart a care
For those whom other folks pass by."

COMMISSIONED OF THE LORD

It is our privilege to be "commissioned of the Lord," as witnesses for Him. "Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord."

It may be that some pruning will have to take place before we can become effective witnesses. It is said that a little girl was visiting her grandmother for the first time in more than a year. In the meantime her grandmother had found Christ, and the little girl saw such a change in her, she could not understand it. One day while going down the street she noticed that several people stopped to ask some favor of her grandmother, and that they were readily granted. It impressed her so much that she asked, "Grandmother, you had to give up a lot of things when you became a Christian, did you not?" meaning that being a Christian was not only giving and doing, but it consisted in a real change. Her mother replied, "Yes, being a Christian did really cost me a lot. There had to be a "pruning" in my life. When I found Christ, I had to give up my high temper, my determination to have my own way in everything, regardless of others, I had to lay aside the idea that I was some specific person, with the thought that my way, my plans, my will were the only right way. All of these had to go when Christ came into my heart. He taught me that "He is no respecter of persons." He convinced me that I was a new creature in Him, and that I was to walk in newness of life, and become a true witness for Him in all I do or say, and now joy and peace fills my soul.

MAY THIS BE OUR PRAYER:

"Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
To walk, and speak and think for thee;
Still let me guard the holy fire,
And stir up thy gift in me."

Not my will, but thine O Lord—
Help me thy will to know,
That I may follow in thy steps,
Help me thy way to know.

May I bear witness day by day
To thy redeeming grace,
That others may find Christ in me
And seek my Saviour's face.

Hymn: Jesus Calls Us.

Closing prayer, that God will take away all delusions from us, that we may see ourselves as God sees us and enter more fully into His plan for us, through the leadership of the Holy Ghost.

(P. S.—The three succeeding lessons will be published in the following issue of the Baptist paper.—Editor.)

W. N. A. C. WORKING TOGETHER WITH CHRIST THROUGH RECORDS MADE IN 1950

Digest of State and District Reports,
June, 1949—July, 1950

1. Sixteen states reported and sent in W. N. A. C. dues. They are Alabama, Arkansas, California, Georgia, Michigan, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

2. States reporting the most new members are Arkansas, California, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

3. Eleven of the sixteen states are co-operating in the W. N. A. C. Financial plan of Work (The Co-Laborer Band Fund). They are Alabama, California, Georgia, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Special recognition is due the following states for their regularity and faithfulness in supporting their National Convention's adopted financial plan of support to the National Boards of our denomination.

Oklahoma, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina, Texas, and Virginia. These names appear here in the order of their promptness and faithfulness with their Co-Laborer Offerings.

4. Two states report having carried out the Officers' Training Day as suggested by the W. N. A. C. Plan of Work, and with gratifying results relative to better reports, and note members informed concerning the Auxiliary Plan of Work. (See the 1950 Statistical Report for proof of this statement.)

5. Study Course Records as compared with last year's record reveal the following facts:

1. For the first time every woman in 5 auxiliaries read a mission study book.

2. There were 1123 women who read mission study books.

3. More study courses were held than ever before, but with fewer pupils. Why?

6. There were 225 new Woman's Auxiliary organization reported organized and off to a good start this year, and 16 new G. T. A. organizations were reported organized since January 1, 1950, and 5 Y. P. A. organizations were reported off to a good start. The states in which these organizations were reported are as follows:

Arkansas, California, Georgia, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.

7. Some items in which our records show that we have made some progress over last year are as follows:

1. Offerings made to the Co-Laborer Band Fund are the largest since the plan was adopted.

2. Convention dues were nearer to being paid 100% than ever before in the history of W. N. A. C.

3. The training of Auxiliary Officers is gaining recognition, and bearing fruits.

4. The organizing of Free Will Baptist youth into auxiliary groups for missionary education is noticeably on the increase.

5. There were more F. W. B. women enlisted as new members in Woman's Auxiliary organization than in any year in its history.

6. There were fewer inactive members reported. This speaks well for auxiliary organizations and their plan of work. We are sorry to hear of any inactive or suspended from roll even temporarily.

8. The offerings contributed by Free Will Baptist Auxiliary Women to all phases of the National Association's program last year was the best record ever made by them. The total offerings from the 16 co-operating states was \$98, 922.67.

9. Being true to our Auxiliary Motto "Laborers together with God," and also true to the purpose of our organization "aid the Church in its evangelistic and missionary work," we used less than one-tenth of this amount for the promotion of our own program. Thus you see that more than nine-tenths of all our offerings as well as our activities went to the support of that Body of which we are an auxiliary both in name and in deeds. Is there any wonder, then, that Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary continues to grow and be blessed of our Lord and Master?

Read Malachi 3:10, 17-18 for an explanation.

Yours sincerely for more and better "Laborers together with God" in 1951.

Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Executive Secy.

ST. MARY'S AUXILIARY HOLDS GOOD MEETING

The Woman's auxiliary of St. Mary's Grove Church, Johnston County, North Carolina, held its regular monthly meeting recently in the home of Mrs. Greta Langdon. There were several members present for this meeting. The program leader gave a very interesting talk on the subject: "Advancing with Christ through Missions in India."

It was decided in our business session that we help the orphanage with a contribution of canned goods, and also to furnish some bed linens. It was a good meeting and everyone seemed to have been greatly interested in doing things for the cause of Christ.

Our next meeting will be held with Mrs. Joel Johnson, Jr. After all of the business matters were attended to, the meeting came to a close with the members present repeating in unison the Lord's Prayer.

Mrs. Hilda Lawery, Reporter

MRS. J. C. GRIFFIN HOLDS STUDY COURSES IN SOUTH CAROLINA

At the District Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the South Carolina Conference, which met at the Manning church, September 30, plans were made for two study courses to be given at centrally located churches during the following week by Mrs. J. C. Griffin of New Bern. N. C. Rev. and Mrs. Griffin were visitors at the Convention, being in a revival at the Mt. Elon church, Pamplico.

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, members of auxiliaries from Sand Hill, Beulah, and High Hill churches, met with the Mt. Elon auxiliary for a study of the Manual and of Stewardship.

On Thursday and Friday of that week, members of the auxiliaries from Bethany, New Town, Salem, and Manning churches, met with the Horse Branch church auxiliary for a Manual study.

At both study courses, the attendance was good, averaging for the entire group over 30 women each day.

Mrs. Griffin presented the Manual in a challenging and practicable way, stressing the spiritual side of each member's duty and the joy that comes through consecrated service. None went away feeling that their place of service was too small to require the best that they could do. The study was an inspiration to all and will prove helpful during the coming years.

Appreciation was expressed by each auxiliary represented for Mrs. Griffin's willing service.

Mrs. Paul Ketteman
Fourth Vice-President
S. C. Woman's Dis. Aux. Conv.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Reports from the various district Auxiliary Conventions that have come in, are very gratifying to those of us who are watching, praying, and serving that the work may go forward, with our Master leading. Our women are becoming more interested, and the Departmental work under the direction of six vice-presidents, who made splendid reports in the Eastern Auxiliary, which met with St. Mary's Church, in New Bern, September 21st, showed reasonable gains in the various departments.

The work of the State Field Worker last year is being felt very keenly in the district conventions. She started out last year, working toward a "Revival of Fitness" among the auxiliary women of the State. She conducted Officers' Training Classes in several districts, taught the Manual of Methods, and visited in many of the local churches where she led class work on various subjects. Mrs. Griffin was re-elected by the State Auxiliary Convention to serve in this capacity during 1950-1951. She hopes to get even better results from her efforts this year than she did last. To do this, she must have your support and co-operation, auxiliary women. It is an opportunity to become better acquainted with the Auxiliary work as a whole, and to understand the duties of the Vice-Presidents, and be able to serve with a greater degree of efficiency as an officer, or better prepared to co-operate as a lay member.

Let us be in earnest prayer daily, for our Field Worker, that the Lord may use her in a greater way in behalf of our work for the Master. Look out for the Week of Prayer programs for November. They will appear real soon, we hope in time for necessary preparation in the local auxiliaries. Unite in prayer at 9 A. M. each day in behalf of Missions, and at 1 P. M. with the Bible College Band, who also prays for our missionaries and for the mission fields. Keep in mind that our Lord wants His children to be obedient and lean on Him for all our needs.

Editor, Auxiliary Department

PACKSVILLE F. W. B. AUXILIARY HOLDS MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of Packsville Woman's auxiliary, Packsville, W. Va., was held in the home of Mrs. George Lucas. The meeting was opened by the members present singing the hymn: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," and Mrs. Jarvis Combs led in a word of prayer. Mrs. Ralph Steven had charge of the program in which eleven members took part. Following the completion of the program, the business period was entered into by the group.

When the business was over, we had two Biblical games, followed with the serving of refreshments by the hostess. This being over, she opened the gifts that were brought to her by those present.

Our new officers for the ensuing year are as follows: Mesdames R. L. Williams, president; Hubert Bias, first vice-president; George Lucas, second vice-president; Gene Cantley, third vice-president; Ralph Stover, fourth vice-president; Jarvis Combs, fifth vice-president; Garnet O'Mears, secretary; and Mrs. John Scarboro, treasurer.

By the Reporter

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SHILOH AUXILIARY REPORT

Shiloh Auxiliary held it's regular monthly meeting Friday night, October 6, with Mrs. J. T. Legette. The program from the Year Book of Programs was followed with the following members taking part: Mrs. Hallet Harris, Mrs. H. R. Osborne, Miss Leona Wallace, Mrs. Gordon Boyd, Mrs. J. E. Foreman, Mrs. James Boyd, and Mrs. Dallas Foreman.

The business session followed with the president, Mrs. Margaret Woolard, presiding. 16 members were present. It was time to elect officers for the ensuing year, as the meeting ended our year's work. All officers were re-elected to serve another year.

ANNUAL REPORT

Daily Bible readers	61
Sick visitors	153
Sent cards	76
Sent cards to aged ministers	4
Took trays	18
Took Flowers	14
Gave Tracts	28
Made soulwinning efforts	9

OFFERINGS

For Building Fund	\$84.64
For regular Treasury	148.47

DISBURSEMENTS

Missions	\$32.85
Orphanage	25.00
Cards	4.00
Postage	1.86
Manuals	7.20
Cragmont	2.00
Conventions	10.00
Christian education	2.50
Anna Phillips Loan Fund	10.00
Some needy	22.00
Local church needs	4.30;;;
Superannuation	5.00
Total	\$126.71

Mrs. Delsie I. Waters, Secy.

ATTENTION! FLORIDA WOMEN

We invite all Auxiliary women of Florida to be present at the State Association on Nov. 3, 4, 1950, at the Piney Grove Church in Chipley. Plans are being made to effect a State Woman's Auxiliary Convention at that time.

We beg you to respond with a delegate and any report and suggestions you think will make this organization the very best of its kind.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Chester Pelt-
Mrs. Ernest Owen



Hull Road Senior Leaguers, Greene County, N. C.

The Hull Road Free Will Baptist Senior League Class has had Lindley Barrow as group captain for the past months. The class has about twenty members, and hopes to add new members in the coming year. The class has followed the Senior Adult Free Will Baptist League Quarterly, and there has been some study on some important characters in the Bible. There has been special emphasis on

more reverence for God's word and God's house.

The class hopes to have more participation by the members and more social activities during the coming year. In Christ the class will go forth to draw others to Him.

Back row, reading Left to Right:

Geneva Heath, Marynina Barrow, James Wooten, Billy McCoy, Dav-

id Barrow, and Stephen Ginn.

Second Row. L. to R.:

Louis Barrow, Thomas Turnage, Melba Ginn, Burnice Fields, Dixie Waters, Linda Jones, and Sylvia McCoy.

First Row, L. to R.:

Boyd Barrow, Betty Harrison, Edward Hill, Mildred Heath, Meriam Barrow and Lindley Barrow.

Lindley Barrow, Group Captain

PROGRAM

of the
FIFTH UNION, CENTRAL CONFERENCE
convening with
ASPIN GROVE F. W. B. CHURCH
WILSON COUNTY
October 28, 1950

- 10:00—Devotions, Rev. L. B. Manning
 - 10:20—Welcome address, Clinton Gardner
 - 10:30—Response, Rev. N. D. Beamon
 - 10:45—Moderator's address
 - 11:00—Appointment of committees
 - 11:20—Special music by local church
 - 11:30—Union Sermon by S. A. Smith, alternate, Johnnie Vernelson
 - 12:00—Lunch
 - 1:00—Devotions by Rev. W. L. Hart
 - 1:20—Business period
 - 2:00—Report of committees
 - 3:00—Adjourn
- Mrs C. D. Hamilton
Mrs L. J. Caton
Barney Kirby

DAY BY DAY

- Day by day, oh Lord, renew me,
With that blessed life of Thine,
- Day by day, oh Lord, enfold me
With Thy mighty grace divine.
- Day by day, oh Saviour, take me
For Thy servant, willing, free,
- Day by day, oh Master, make me
All that Thou wouldst have me be.
- Day by day, oh Saviour, keep me
Just abiding in Thy love,
- Simply trusting and obeying,
Looking unto Thee above.
- Day by day, oh Saviour, give me
All the strength I need so much,
And with Thee and Thy blest Spirit,
Ever keep me, Lord, in touch.
- Day by day, to fight the battle,
Day by day, Thy Will to do,
- Day by day, the Cross to carry,
Seeking only to be true.
- Help me, Lord, to leave the future

Safe within Thy hands for aye,
Trusting Thee, Lord, to renew me,
Living simply day by day.

—A. G. Fisher

PROGRAM

of the
Third District League Union, Eastern Conf.
Baulaville Church
Saturday, October 28, 1950

SATURDAY NIGHT

- 8:00—Devotions led by George Sanderson
- Welcome by Eugene L. Exum
- Response by Mrs. Ethel Whaley
- President's Message, Lemmie Taylor
- Sword Drill, Mrs. Ethel Whaley, Leader
- Program by Leagues of Sarecta Church
- Business Period
- Call list of Leagues
- Benediction

By the Committee



OVERCOMING TEMPTATION

(Lesson for November 5)

LESSON: Matthew 4:8-11; John 6:15; Romans 13:12-14; I Corinthians 10:12-13.

GOLDEN TEXT: James 1:12.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

The word "temptation" may have either of two connotations. It may be used simply to speak of testing or trial, or it may be used in the sense of solicitation to evil. Both these ideas are brought together in two verses in James 1. There we read, "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God; for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempteth no man; but each man is tempted, when he is drawn away by his own lust, and enticed."

That God tempts in the sense of testing or trying is apparent, for we have that very word used in Genesis 22:1 (A. V.). There is a trial of our faith which even though it is proved by fire will resound to the praise and honor and glory of our Lord at His revelation (I Pet. 1:7). On the other hand, God does not tempt any man with evil. Such a temptation comes from our own hearts or is directed toward us by the devil and finds a response in us because of the waywardness and selfishness of our own hearts.—Moody Monthly.

1. The devil's great ambition is, and always has been, to occupy a position of authority where others will worship him.

2. The promises held out by the devil in temptation may be very alluring, but to yield to them would be rebellious against God.

3. When the devil is defeated he may withdraw his presence, but it is only "for a season." He is sure to come back.

4. The only interest some people have in the Lord Jesus is the possible physical benefits they might obtain from Him.

5. Though the darkness of sin surrounds us everywhere in the world, it is possible for us Christians to walk in the light.

6. The "armour of light" not only serves to illumine our pathway, but it also helps to keep attackers away.

7. The negative teachings about the Christian's conduct in the world are just as important as the positive ones.

8. If we make use of the provisions God has made for us in the hour of temptation, we will not want to make provision to fulfill fleshly desires.

9. Temptations can come to us only by Divine permission, and they are always under Divine control.

10. God never intends for us to succumb to temptation, but stands ready to deliver us.—Selected

11. Here are some suggestions that are good in times of great temptations: When tempted to seek revenge for wrong done you, pray for God's guidance. When tempted to cater to the lusts of the flesh, ask yourself what will be the result if you yield. When tempted to seek honor, high position, prestige, etc., think of what Christ said to his disciples who wanted the high seat in the kingdom.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

12. **Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.** The verses of this topic are taken from Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians, and they sound a clear note of warning to those who live under the influence of evil practices. It has been pointed out that "a boastful self-confidence in the presence of evil is a veritable trap-door to sin." This warning should be taken seriously by all people today, and especially by young Christians who are unacquainted with the tactics of Satan in using depraved human beings to carry out his will. We must consider our weakness and unpreparedness against such a formidable foe as Satan, and completely trust Him who said, My

grace is sufficient for thee.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

II. The Lesson Illustrated

Alcoholism a Vice—

There has been too much said in recent years about alcoholism as a disease. No doubt alcoholics and people who make men alcoholics are pleased to regard alcoholism merely as a disease. Such an attitude appears to relieve them of responsibility, at least to a very great extent. The very word seems to take much of the sting out of what has commonly been called plain drunkenness. But calling anything by a new name does not change its character. The Scriptures never talk about alcoholics or alcoholism, but they have a plenty to say about drunkards and drunkenness. And one thing they say is that no drunkard will inherit the kingdom of God. The Bible never says that any paralytic or epileptic or leper or any diseased person is thus barred. Drunkards are invariably classed with other sinners and not with the diseased. See the list in I Cor. 6:9-10. Drunkenness is pictured as a vice, and is described in our lesson in connection with other vices: "Let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy" (Rom. 13:13 RSV). It is primarily because drunkenness is a vice and easily leads to other sins that we as Christians are concerned about it. With the knowledge that we have of the dangers of alcohol, if we are ever tempted to drink our immediate response should be no.—Arnold's Commentary.

Bible Study Class at Hugo F. W. B. Church

The "New Testament Bible Class" will begin on Tuesday night, November 7 at Hugo F. W. B. Church. Please make this announcement in your church and Sunday School. New students are invited to enroll for this study. I trust that we can have a large class. Pray much that the Lord will wonderfully bless in this work.

Rashie Kennedy

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Hull Road Junior Leaguers, Greene County, N. C.

The Hull Road Free Will Baptist Junior League and the Junior Choir comprise of the same members. Mrs. Robert Waters was elected as group captain for the coming year. Mrs. Gilbert Jones is choir director, and Mrs. C. B. Barrow and Miss Glenn Hill are accompanist for the group.

The Junior Choir plays a very important part in their church program. It was thru the efforts of the Junior Choir, several years ago, that a building fund was started to build Sunday School rooms. They gave programs and asked for free will offerings, which went into this fund. The church, seeing the noble efforts of her 'little flock,' rallied and built eight Sunday School rooms and two rest rooms. This choir gives a special program at Christmas and Easter time. The church is on

half time, and one Sunday a month the Junior Choir has charge of the special music. Each Sunday night is practice time. After spending part time on the league lesson the rest of the time is devoted to learning new choruses and songs.

It is not all work and no play for this group, they enjoy picnics and swimming parties in the summer, and weiner roasts and Hallow'een and Christmas parties in the winter.

The choir has visions of starting another building fund to build a parsonage, so they may have a pastor to live near enough to work with them, not only on Sundays but all through the week, and to put the church on full time. "And a little child shall lead them."

This picture of the Choir is not a com-

plete picture; there were six absent at the time. Those present were, reading from left to right, back row:

Helen Hill, Carol Wade, Flora Turnage, Joan Heath, Jimmy Heath, Michael Jones, Mrs. Gilbert Jones, Kieter McCoy, and Carol Hill.

Second row, left to right:

Bertie Ann Hill, Quincy Harrison, Bobby Waters, Alma Hill, Phyllis White, Brenda Barrow, Peggy Wooten, and Carol Barrow.

First row, left to right:

Aubrey Hart, Hugh Hill, Suellen Hart, Preston Waters, Marsha Barrow, Cora Harrison, and Sandra Ginn.

Front, left to right:

Dolores Askew, Susan Mitchell. Mrs. Robert Waters is Group Captain.

GUM SWAMP CHURCH EXPERIENCES A GREAT REVIVAL

On the fourth Sunday night in September, the Rev. F. A. Rivenbark of Durham, North Carolina, began a series of revival services which continued for two weeks. We, the members of the church, and the visitors and friends who attended the services really enjoyed the spiritual messages which Brother Rivenbark delivered. We had with us each night our pastor, Rev. D. W. Alex-

ander, and we did appreciate his presence very much.

Mr. Griffin, from Greenville, North Carolina, directed our song service, and we greatly appreciated his services. The Junior Choir opened the service each night with splendid singing. We are hoping to have Brother Griffin to be with us again in our services in the near future.

The Lord blessed us in many ways during the meeting. There were thirty-four confessions of faith in Christ as their per-

sonal Saviour. There were several who took membership with us from other churches. We are praying that others will give their hearts to God before it shall be too late. We are praying that we may be able to have Brother Rivenbark with us again sometime in the future to hold for us another meeting.

We are asking that the Christian people pray for the unsaved in our community.

Mrs. Roy Brewer
Greenville, N. C., Route 4

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

CHRIST AND IAN

Ian was a blue-eyed, rosy-cheeked little laddie who lived in a distant missionary home in China. From his name I think he must have been of Scottish birth. Being far from all other white children his earliest education fell to his parents who taught him of the love of God in Christ Jesus. One day little Ian saw a magazine on which in big letters was the word "Christian." He spelled it out aloud, "C-H-R-I-S-T, Christ; I-A-N, Ian." His mother at once pointed out that this was a true description of a "Christian"—Christ and Ian. If he went through life with Christ first, Ian could not fail to be a bright Christian, and would prove the keeping power of his great Master in all circumstances. Thus he was helped to realize God's rightful place in a Christian's life, and that no life without Christ could be Christian.

Ian never forgot this, and when later he went to the China Inland Mission School at Chefoo, China, it was more deeply impressed upon him. When he left school and went to Sydney, Australia, to work in a bank, he maintained this stand. His companions knew that he was a Christian, and that his life matched his profession—it was Christ and Ian.

Then came the war. Ian became one of the R. A. A. F., training as a navigator. When he took his oath of allegiance he turned to Psalm 91, and placed his fingers on verse 1: "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." In this way he claimed God's help in his new path, again realizing it must be—Christ and Ian. One of his friends hearing he was joining the Forces said that Ian would be "all right" and be able to withstand the snares and temptations which would surround him. Immediately came the reply alone. I must have Christ as my strength, or I shall fail." Time proved that with Christ and Ian there was victory, as his companions testified.

He was sent to England and from there a letter speaks of his leading the hour for service men one Sunday morning, and singing the chorus:

"Heart-aches, take them all to Jesus;
He will take your heart-aches all away."

He spoke to the men of the disciples' being in the boat and of the stormy waves until Jesus came into the little ship. Then the storm ceased and all was calm. Ian told them how he had taken Christ into the boat, and how safe life is through all its storms when Christ is with us—for him it

was Christ and Ian. It was arranged that he was to take part in the service hour on the following Sunday, but that very day Ian was called higher. He lost his life in an air crash in Rutland, England. That bright promising young life which had brought cheer and blessing to so many was suddenly cut off. Had God kept His word about those who "dwell in the secret place of the most High"? Yes! Ian had been abiding under the shadow of the Almighty all through the spiritual dangers which press so sorely on the soul, and now he is dwelling in wonderful gladness in the presence of the Lord he loved—Christ and Ian together up there. He has gone from his earthly home, just a little ahead of his loved ones, and some day we shall all be forever with the Lord.

Ian's partners who wrote thus of their son, have added something for you, which their loss, indeed, their double loss, for ten days after another equally promising son, Gordon, was lost over the North Atlantic—makes more affecting. This is their question: "Have you taken Christ into your life? He alone can save from the power of sin. Without Christ life is meaningless. With Christ first, life is radiant.

Christ and Ian means "Christian."

Christ and Gordon means the same. Will you put it to the test and prove it true of Christ and you?—The S. S. Visitor.

THE LAND WE LOVE THE MOST

Lord, while for all mankind we pray,
Of every clime and coast,
O hear us for our native land—
The land we love the most.

O guard our shores from ev'ry foe,
With peace our borders bless,
Our cities with prosperity,
Our fields with plenteousness.

Unite us in the sacred love
Of knowledge, truth, and Thee;
And let our hills and valleys shout
The songs of liberty.

—John R. Whedeford

EDGEWOOD F. W. BAPTIST CHURCH TO
HOLD REVIVAL

The Revival meeting will begin at Edgewood church Nov. 5, at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. E. E. Edwards of Chocowinity N. C., will do the preaching. The public is cordially invited to attend these services each evening.

Mrs. E. E. Harrell

PLEASANT GROVE, HARNETT COUNTY, N. C.
TO STAGE REVIVAL

Pleasant Grove Church, Harnett County, North Carolina, will stage a revival meeting beginning Sunday night, November 5, and continuing through November 17. This church is near the town of Erwin, N. C. The services each night will begin at 7:30, and Rev. G. C. Joyner, a well-known F. W. B. minister of Smithfield, N. C., will be the evangelist.

The public is cordially invited to attend this meeting. Come and let us worship the Lord together. This church will go on half-time service during the ensuing pastoral year. The preaching services will be held on the first and third Sundays each month. The Reverend J. C. Hathaway of Smithfield, N. C., has been called to pastor the church.

Mrs. W. O. Warren, Church Clerk

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October 29, 1950

P R O G R A M

Theme: "Victorious Christian Living"

Scripture: I Corinthians 15:57

Song: "Faith is the Victory."

- 9:30—Song Service
- 9:45—Welcome, Charles Hinnant, Kenly Church
- 9:50—Response, C. S. Hinnant, Pleasant Grove Church
- 9:55—Devotions, "No Victory without Christ" by James Batten, Micro Church
- 10:10—Special music, Kenly Quartet
- 10:15—Brief business session
- 10:35—Highlights of F. W. D. C., Rev. W. E. Renfrow
- 10:50—Congregational singing
- 10:55—Sunday School lesson, "Growing through Reading and Meditation" by Gus Wenzel, A. C. College Ministerial Student
- 11:20—Special music, Wilson Trio
- 11:30—Convention sermon, "Victorious Christian Living"—Rev. R. H. Jackson
- 12:00—Lunch
- 1:00—Song service and invocation
- 1:10—Delegate's report to National S. S. Convention, H. J. Corbett, Micro Church
- 1:25—Special music, Daniel Chapel Duet
- 1:30—Business session
- 2:30—Election of officers
- 2:40—Installation of officers, Rev. J. A. Evans
- 2:50—Chorus singing
- 3:00—Adjourn

Richard Lamm

"WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED!"

A. J. Lambert
Brilliant Boston, Ala.
Box 148

As you know this question was asked by the Philippian jailer (Acts 16:30), and this is the only record that this question was ever asked by any one in the Scriptures. The answer given to him by the great Apostle Paul still is the only true answer to this question: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved and thy house." Had Paul told him to be baptized in water he would have been stating that man had to do some kind of works in order to receive salvation. But Paul knew what he was doing, for he said in Ephesians 2:8, 9, "For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. Not of works, lest any man should boast."

Salvation is a gift from God to any one who will believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. First John 5:1 says, "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God." The Philippian jailer believed, then works followed as evidence of his faith, for he took Paul and Silas out of the prison, and they went with him into the house, the same hour of that night. After Paul and Silas had preached the Word of the Lord unto all who

were in his house, they also believed on Jesus Christ as the Saviour of men. The jailer and all his household were baptized straightway, not in order to be saved, but as evidence of faith in Christ.

Note the words, "and is by grace," Then is it not the grace of God who gives this salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus? Otherwise grace would be of no avail. But if salvation be of works then there would be no significance of grace. We read in Romans 11:6, "It is the grace of God that brings salvation," Titus 2:11, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men." Therefore, it is clearly shown that salvation cometh "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to God's mercy he saved us by the washing of regeneration, and the renewing of the Holy Ghost" (Titus 3:5).

There is nothing by works that man can do to be saved. Works of righteousness will always follow true salvation, as the only evidence that one is saved.

JESUS WANTS TO SAVE YOU

You know you are lost,
Bound for an eternal hell—
The Saviour died on the cross
That with your soul all may be well.

Won't you trust him this hour?
For some day it will be too late.
Yes, Jesus has all the power.
For you he may close the gate.

Come and confess every sin,
Ask him now to forgive you.
Promise a new life you will begin
Then he will help you through.

Jesus is so loving and so kind,
That he died to save everyone.
No other Saviour can you find,
So why don't you now come?

Oh let him come into your life
While he is pleading with out-stretched hands.
He will remove all your sins and strife
If you will only keep his command.

He can make your pathway bright
And help you along life's way,
For to you he will be a shining light
That will lead you every day!

By Robert Hidde

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

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WHAT HE LEFT

In Memory of a Faithful Deacon

Departing from this world on July 16, 1950, was the soul of a faithful servant of the Lord. Brother Calvin Baggette, age 79, was a member of Liberty Free Will Baptist Church, Manning, South Carolina.

His departure, a sorrow it was seen
But it made heaven glad
For, a song they sang,
"He's one of God's whom Christ redeemed."

He left behind a pathway
Exhibiting signs of service for his Saviour—
King
A trail both wide and plain that leads to the
Home of the Lord where he sought to exalt
His Holy Name.

His was a testimony of a friend
Who sticketh closer than a brother
His was an influence for Jesus, and
A challenge to both sinner and friend,

Rev. Tom Hamilton

I would believe that one who preserved
a lock of hair, a simple flower, or any trif-
fle of my bestowing, loved me, though no
show was made of it.—Washington Irving

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of materials and labor, due to the gen-
eral advance in the cost of living, has
compelled us to act. Other regulations
concerning subscriptions remain as be-
fore. We are urging all our friends to
send in as many subscriptions as possi-
ble before the 15th of November.

C. K. Dunn, Sr., Executive Secy.-Treas.

PROGRAM

of the

Sixth Annual Session**Florida Free Will Baptist State Ass'n.**

convening with

Piney Grove Church**November 3, 4, 1950****FRIDAY MORNING**

Rev. Rufus Hyman in charge of all announcements.

- 9:30—Devotional, Rev. A. H. Retherford.
 9:45—Welcome address, Ernest Owen.
 10:00—Appointment of Credentials, Nominating and Program Committees.
 10:15—Report of Bible College, Rev. Henry Melvin
 10:45—Recess for Credentials Committee to compile report
 11:10—Sermon, Rev. Herman Grubbs; Alternate, Rev. D. F. Pelt
 12:00—Noon Hour

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30—Devotional, Rev. J. E. Nichols
 1:45—Moderator's message
 2:15—Credentials Committee report
 2:30—Report of Board of Education
 4:45—Report of Alabama Children's Home by Rev. K. V. Shutes
 5:00—Adjournment

FRIDAY NIGHT

- 6:45—Devotional, Rev. J. M. Rich
 7:10—Sermon, Rev. Henry Melvin

SATURDAY MORNING

- 9:30—Song service
 9:45—Devotional, Rev. I. O. Cook
 10:00—Report of Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. Chester Pelt
 10:20—Business Session. (Reports from Committees and Boards.)
 10:20—Business Session. (Reports from Committees and Boards.)
 11:00—Missionary service, Rev. Thos. E. Willey of Cuba; Alternate, Mrs. T. E. Willey
 12:00—Noon Hour

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30—Devotional, Rev. Ruel Johnson
 1:45—Continue Business Session
 2:30—Appointment of Delegates and Report of Nominating Committee
 3:00—Adjournment

REVIVAL AT WHALEY'S CHAPEL

A revival meeting will begin at Whaley's Chapel F. W. B. Church, Sunday night, October 29. Rev. Walter Carter of Rockingham, N. C., will do the preaching. Service will begin each evening at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend these services each evening.

R. N. Jarman

PROGRAM

of the

Sunday School Convention**Albemarle District**

convening with

Mt. Tabor Church

Washington County, N. C.

October 29, 1950

- 10:00—Opening devotions conducted by Mr. David Furlough
 10:15—Welcome address, Rev. L. E. Ambrose
 —Response, Mrs. W. V. Reynolds
 —President's message
 10:30—Calling the roll of ministers
 —Recognizing visiting ministers
 10:45—Minutes of last Convention read by the secretary
 —Sunday School reports given
 —Orphanage report
 —Offering taken for Orphanage
 —Special music by the host church
 11:30—Sermon by Rev. Ralph Osborne
 12:00—Adjourn for lunch
AFTERNOON SESSION
 1:00—Devotions conducted by Rev. Richard Ambrose
 1:15—Business
 —Report of any committee
 —Special music
 1:55—Talk by Rev. David McAfee
 2:15—Report of finance committee
 —Treasurer's report
 2:30—Adjournment
 By the committee

PROGRAM

of the

Albemarle Union Meeting

of the

Mt. Tabor Church

Near Creswell, N. C.

- 10:00—Devotions conducted by Rev. R. C. Ambrose
 10:15—Moderator's address
 10:20—Reading minutes of last meeting
 —Calling the roll of ministers
 —Calling the roll of churches
 11:10—Offering for orphanage
 11:20—Special music by local church
 11:25—Sermon by Rev. Cecil Alexander
 12:00—Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Devotions by Rev. Tom Davenport
 1:15—Special music by local church
 1:20—Business period
 —Treasurer's report
 —Apportionment committee's report
 —Miscellaneous committee's report
 —Petitions for next union
 —Election of officers
 3:00—Adjournment

Alice Webster

Program Committee

PROGRAM**N. C. CENTRAL CONFERENCE****Leo Tripp, Clerk****Winterville, North Carolina**

Greetings:

The North Carolina Central Conference will hold its two hundred second session with Reedy Branch Church, Pitt County, on Wednesday and Thursday, November the 8 and 9, 1950. Program follows:

WEDNESDAY MORNING

- 9:30—Devotions, Rev. Clarence Little
 9:45—Welcome address, Rev. D. W. Hanksley
 —Response, Mrs. Thomas Tyndal
 10:00—Moderator's address
 10:15—Business
 11:15—Congregational singing
 11:20—Introductory sermon, Rev. N. D. Beaman
 12:00—Lunch

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:00—Song service and prayer, Rev. N. B. Earrow
 1:15—Memorial service, Rev. D. A. Windham

THURSDAY MORNING

- 9:30—Devotions, Rev. Ralph Osborne
 9:45—Business
 11:00—Special music by local church
 11:15—Sermon, Rev. L. B. Manning
 12:00—Lunch

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:00—Devotions, Rev. C. J. Harris
 1:15—Business
 2:30—Adjournment

PROGRAM

Following is the Program of the League Convention of the Second Union of the Central Conference which convenes at King's Cross Roads on October 28, 1950.

- 7:30—Opening hymn, "Onward Christian Leaguers"
 —Devotions, Romona Pollard
 7:45—Music
 7:55—Business
 8:10—Sword Drill
 8:20—Talk, Bing's Cross Roads
 8:40—Business
 8:55—Closing Hymn, "Bless Be the Tie That Binds"
 9:00—Adjournment, League Benediction
 Pat Stanley, Comm.

So long as we love, we serve; so long as we are loved by others I would almost say that we are indispensable; and no man is useless while he has a friend.—Stevenson

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Silence My Heart

Silence my heart, Lord Jesus,
Bid the tumult within be still.
Quiet the raging billows,
And a holy hush instill.

I would hear Thy voice, oh Jesus;
But the tempest's ceaseless roar
Doth oft drown out the message
That my soul so longeth for.

Silence my heart, Lord Jesus,
That I may hear Thy voice,
Yea, even Thy faintest whisper,
And in Thy great love rejoice.

May Thy all pervading presence
My waiting soul infill,
Till my every thought is captive
Into Thy blest holy will.

Grant me Thy peace, oh Jesus,
That nothing can molest;
So shall my heart be silenced,
So shall my spirit rest.

—Avis B. Christiansen

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ARE THE HEATHEN LOST?

Louis H. Moulton
Glennville, Georgia

This is a question that has been a source of disturbance for many of God's children and the answer can only come by searching the Scriptures, as they are the only authority that we have on this subject. The Bible teaches very emphatically that salvation is through the Lord Jesus Christ, and through Him alone . . . else Christ died in vain.

Acts 4:12, "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under Heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." In Mark's record of the great commission in Mark 16:16, we read, "He that believeth not shall be damned." I Corinthians 3:11, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." John 14:6, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; NO MAN cometh unto the Father but by me." I Timothy 2:5, 6, "For there is one God and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for us all, to be testified in due time." I John 5:11, 12, "And this is the record that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his son. He that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." There are many other scriptures that could be given but the Bible does plainly teach that all are lost, that those who have never heard the gospel shall be lost, and it is only by the grace of God that any are saved. Romans 3:23 "... all have sinned and come short of the glory of God," and Romans 3:10 "There is none righteous, no, not one."

Everyone of us would like to feel that someday, somehow, God would eventually save those that have never heard the Gospel, but God's Word is truth and we cannot inject human reasonings or human feelings in this matter. Romans 2:12, "For as many as sinned without the law, those shall also perish without the law." The context here teaches that none have ever lived up to the light that is in him apart from the revelation of God through his word. If we examine the

first chapter of Romans, verses 16-32, we will see the way God looks on the heathen world, lost . . . and with out excuse. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; So that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but because vain in their imaginations and their foolish hearts were darkened."

Even in the darkest parts of the earth, God has revealed himself to man and man has turned from God and the light and rejected it. Romans 1:25, "Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever." There is no place in the scriptures where we have any evidence of salvation apart from Jesus Christ. Romans 10:13, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved," but verses 14 and 15, "How shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things."

I shall never understand why, in spite of this clear, simple teaching of the Bible regarding the necessity of being born again, many professing Christians in addition to the unsaved do not definitely accept the Lord Jesus Christ. John 3:3, "Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." These are the words of Christ, Himself.

If a man must be born again and accept Christ to get to heaven, then I say to every Free Will Baptist, let's accept God's challenge and command in Matthew 28:19 where Jesus said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations," or "disciple all nations." If there is another way that the heathen can be saved aside from the gospel of Christ, why go to them? Why waste our money and our time and our lives?

The logic of the missionary appeal is contained in the words of Francis Shunk Downs, "The church of every generation is commissioned by Christ to evangelize the world in its generation. To evangelize the world is to present Christ as the only Saviour and divine Lord that every human will have a fair opportunity to intelligently accept or reject Him."

Perhaps it may be news to Free Will Baptists that in mission lands the heathen population is still increasing far faster than the Christian population, that if 1000 missionaries were today to land in India, each one could have a parish all his own of 550 villages, that Arabia with a population of seven million, has less than 50 openly confessed Christians, that the heart of South America is "the greatest stretch of unevangelized territory in the world," that here at our back door, so to speak, Latin America with a population of 125 million, there are still 60 million unevangelized with only one missionary to every 40 thousand population.

While vast continents still lie shrouded in midnight darkness and hundreds of millions still suffer the horrors of heathenism, are we as F. W. Baptists going to sit or stand by

NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

THE NEED FOR PREACHERS

Almost everywhere I go I find that there is a shortage in ministers. That is not only true with the Free Will Baptist, but also many other Protestant bodies are suffering because a lack of qualified ministers to lead the different congregations. But in our church the need is great. Churches are having to resort to the use of licensed ministers to fill the pulpit in order to have service in the ministerial leadership. Of course, these licensed ministers cannot function as ordained ministers, but they can help, providing they are qualified to be a real "licensed minister."

There are several reasons that there is a shortage in ministers. I shall not try to give them all, but just a few that we may think of that is facing us as a denomination.

I. For several years we had no college to train young men for pastoral duties. Almost any well qualified layman, who has been saved, and is led by the Holy Spirit can preach. I have heard some good biblical messages by men who would not even consider being licensed, let alone being ordained. But now we have a Four Year Accredited College. Our Bible College in Nashville, Tenn., is offering every one who wants to qualify and make good as a leader. And may I say right here, any person who is not willing to lay everything on the ALTAR and get all the knowledge possible to help him to be well qualified for real Christian leadership is making a grave mistake to ask for license to preach to say nothing of being ordained to pastoral duties. The time has been that a man could beat along and preach once a month and keep a church living, but that time is past. Every congregation is made up of high school and college graduates, in a large measure.

Not for anything in the world would I discredit the conscientious man who desires to preach the Gospel, and who feels that God has called him. But I certainly cannot agree that God is pleased with the man who thinks that he can jump right into the pulpit, and that God will give him EDUCATION so that he can intelligently, and rightly divide the word. God will never pour language down a man's throat, or fill his mouth with words. That is not the general rule with God. Of course, God has made exceptions when it was necessary for a message to get across for his glory. But Christ taught us to "search the Scriptures," and Paul said "Study to show thy-

self approved unto God, a workman not ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." God places upon those whom he has called the responsibility of getting knowledge. God has blessed us with a college where our young people can get biblical training, so as to be prepared for pastoral and whole-time Christian service. The churches are desiring such leadership and therefore they are beginning to hold off from employing those who do not have the training. Thus we have a number of preachers without any pastoral work, and churches without pastors.

2. A great number of young people who really desire to go into full-time Christian service are hesitating because they realize that the financial support of those who labour as Christian leaders, pastors included, is so meager that they are not willing to make the sacrifice. A leading pastor, whom I happen to know and who could take his carpenter tools, and go out and make from ten to fifteen dollars per day, is doing whole-time pastoral and evangelistic work, and is getting an average of six or seven dollars per day, and has to do a lot of visiting of the sick and burying the dead and other things that the minister is called to do, and keep up an automobile to do his pastoral work. Since this is true, a great number of young people are entering other callings instead of the ministry. Some of you may say, "Won't God look out for the man he calls? Yes, but Paul said, "How can they hear without a preacher? and how can he preach, except he be sent?"

No church should be satisfied to pay their pastor less than an average salary made by the majority of the membership. If the head of the family makes \$10.00 per day then the pastor ought to get \$10.00 per day. I heard a man who is doing carpentry say just a few days back that he was making \$15.00 per day doing work for the government. His pastor was getting less than \$5.00 per day. Jesus said, the "servant is worthy of his hire," and Paul said, "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel" (I Cor. 9:14).

No man can do manual labour four or five days to the week and do the work of pastoring and evangelizing. The ministry is a whole-time job. No man can serve two masters. We cannot divide our time between the ministry and fill the full-time service of God.

3. I seldom hear any one pray: "Father send us labourers into the field." We are not praying for God to call our sons and daughters, and those of our neighbors. But, as said before, many are being called and they "play Jonah," due to the hardships of the ministry. I heard the wife of a good Methodist minister say once, "I don't want my sons to be preachers. The road is too hard." This good woman knew about the sacrifice. I know of wives in other churches, or denominations that have expressed similar views, in action if not in

words. Together with the complacency of parents and the discouragement in other things, even though God does call, it is hard to decide to "suffer with God's people." Yet God can make the urge strong enough to compel them as He did with Paul, for he said, "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel." From experience, I know that God can make a man miserable whom He has called, and then make him happy when he says, "Yes" to God. Amen.

4. Often older ministers obstruct the way to progress for the younger ministers, for fear that the young fellow might get ahead, and this causes younger ministers to seek for other fields in which to work, rather than with the church in which they were raised. That discouragement given by those who ought to teach differently makes a shortage. This ought not to be. Every experienced minister should encourage every young minister and every one that aspires to the ministry, and thereby help to keep those who have started in the work.

5. Then there are those who get too BIG for the church. They sum it up like this: "It is a little denomination. It is a poor church. It does not have so many advantages as some others, so I will seek for richer fields." Since I began preaching, I have witnessed several who became dissatisfied with the church, and went to stronger denominations. Several of them I have kept in touch with, and I have found that in general they had not reached what they wanted when they "jumped the fence" and went over in the other pasture. Some of them have miserably failed. Some of them have gone down with regrets.

LET US SEEK BETTER THINGS

May we get right down to real business with God and His work, as given to us as Free Will Baptists. Let us support our Bible College, our mission work, support the ministers, and prepare ministers to take the places of those who are wearing out themselves to preach the gospel. In fact, let us quit ROBBING GOD and live up to the Bible, and the Treatise of the Faith and practices of F. W. B. denomination, and let the world and the devil know that we are on the *Solid Foundation*, and, in spite of obstacles, we are going on to the glory of God.

I have learned that we are not to find solace in our own strength; we must seek it in God's omnipotence. Fortitude is good, but fortitude itself must be shaken under us to teach us how weak we are.—Charlotte Branch

He who is false to present duty, breaks a thread in the loom, and will find a flaw when he may have forgotten the cause.—Henry Ward Beecher

:-: Department of Foreign Missions :-:

REV. RAYMOND RIGGS, *Promotional Secretary-Treasurer*
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URGENT—

Funds for Missions Needed

(Copy of Letter Sent to Welch)

October 19, 1950

Rev. J. L. Welch
Chairman, General Board
3609 Richland Ave.
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Brother Welch:

I am sure you have been informed that there is a vacancy of two men on the Foreign Mission Board as a result of the resignations of Brothers Davis and Rogers. I think it becomes your duty to take the initiative in seeing that these vacancies are supplied. At least I would like for you to notify the Executive Committee of the National Association and take what ever steps you deem necessary. Of course, if you think it best for us to go along with just three men until the next annual sitting of the National Association, we shall do our best to function.

As of this date (Oct. 19th), the allocations for Cuba have not been paid for September nor October. The allocations for India have not been paid for August, September or October. This means that in reality our mission fund is (7,000.00) in arrears. Then, too, the current expenses will keep mounting as the November payments will be due soon. I trust you will help to relay this information to all our people, and do what you can to enlist them to share the burden at this time.

I didn't quite realize the tremendous weight of this thing until I assume the responsibility as Promotional Secretary and Treasurer. I shall actually set my books up as of November 1st, 1950. Brother Davis is supplying me with the information that enables me to disclose these facts. I see nothing else to do but

to inform our people as a whole of the existing conditions. We have put our hand to the plow, and we cannot afford to turn back. This job is too big for one man, it is also too big for one board, it becomes the task and responsibility of every Free Will Baptist pastor, evangelist, teacher and layman to rally to our support at this time. Please do what you can as soon as you can and send all monies to the Foreign Mission Board, 242 Victor Ave., Highland Park 3, Michigan.

Respectfully yours,

Rev. Raymond Riggs
Promotional Secy.
and Treasurer

THIS SHOULD STARTLE YOU

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Let me quote from a recent letter I received from a correspondent in Cuba, Illinois: "I have seen your address in Western Voice and am writing you. There is a Free Will Baptist Church about one mile from my home and there has been much discussion about whether the Free Will Baptists still exist as a denomination."

The writer continues by telling something about her church, how they have spent \$4,000 last year for improvements, giving its age as 92 years, and showing the dire need for pastors in that area.

This amazing lack of knowledge on the part of these Free Will Baptists is not necessarily an indictment on Illinois Free Will Baptists, but more appropriately the blame lies with all of us. Whoever is responsible, one fact remains: as a denomination we have been tragically derelict in the field of publicity, advertising, and promotion. Other groups, far smaller than ours, are well known all over the country. We have boasted of the great, peculiar blessings God has endowed us with, and at the same time have either been ashamed to tell the world about it or have been terribly negligent. Indubitably the latter is the case.

Our mediums of communication are sadly inadequate. Our church papers reach so few and tell so little when they reach them. Our literature only partially satisfies the need for information, much of it syndicated or borrowed from other religious periodicals

having no bearing on our denomination and meaning little to us. And while the great medium of radio is being used locally in many places it is not exploited nationally. Thousands of communities in these United States have no Free Will Baptist churches, or have ever heard of one. And for years our home mission boards have merely talked and resolute and wished and talked some more. Only just recently have we seen a small flurry of interest among them, prompted by, in all probability, a sheer demand from our people for some sort of action, and reflected the injection of new enthusiasm brought by some who really care.

About ten young people in our Bible college are preparing for the foreign mission fields and have no assurance that when they are ready we will be ready for them. Salaries of our present missionaries have been inexcusably behind not for weeks, but in some cases months. Our mission school in Cuba, reputed to be the best in that area, has been forced to postpone its opening more than six months for lack of funds and its personnel accumulating debts. Our missionaries have been reduced to the position of beggars—begging 300,000 Free Will Baptists, as well-to-do as any other people, for merely a chance to represent them in carrying the gospel to a sin-sick world; begging for less than a pitiable per capita of twenty-five cents! and now they must not only wait for us to get converted, but must get out and hustle for themselves! Which may be all right if they had the time. But millions die daily while we dally and dilly the time away and allow the greatest business on the face of the earth to suffer.

Dim picture? It tells only a fraction of the story. There is the chapter that tells of some of our states with more than 10,000 Free Will Baptists giving less than \$1,000 to missions annually. It tells of churches with memberships over 500 giving less than \$50 to missions annually. It tells of other churches with still more members giving nothing to missions, and many of them so void of the understanding of God's Word as to boastfully declare they do not believe in missions! What an accounting God is going to have some day.

There are other chapters in this unpopular edition, but you know them already. The question is, What will you do about it? May God in His heaven move on the hearts of our great people and arouse us to a fighting spirit in Christ. May God give us men and women and young people who will consecrate themselves to this way of Christian living and accept the challenges so obvious before them.

When a beautiful soul harmonizes with a beautiful form, and the two are cast in one mould, that will be the fairest of sights to him who has the eye to contemplate the vision.—Plato

Evangelicals and the Social Gospel

George A. Turner

Evangelicals, as a whole, have always been interested in the social implications of the Gospel. That is, they have been quick to recognize that the first commandment, to love God, is followed closely by the second, to love one's neighbor; they have agreed with John that he who loves God should love his brother also.

In coming to this position they have been influenced by their Spirit-enlightened consciousness and by the Spirit-inspired Word of God. They have found this two-fold emphasis, for example, in the peasant-prophet Amos in the eighth century before Christ. No one was more emphatic in stressing man's relationship to Jehovah—"prepare to meet thy God, O Israel" (Amos 4:12) and no one was more incisive in pointing out God's intolerance of "devotion" devoid of justice. Bible readers have been impressed by the great prophet of the exile as he described Jehovah's determination to champion the cause of the under-privileged against the strong "sheep" who took advantage of them (Ezek. 34).

Evangelicals have noticed also that Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan defines "neighbor" as anyone in need regardless of race or creed; that the rich man went to hell, not so much for his action as inaction—he lacked compassion for Lazarus. The reflective reader of Acts may even have noticed that Peter and John, after Pentecost, while regular attendants at the temple services, did not content themselves with a dole to a beggar, but fastened their eyes upon him, and, in the name of Jesus, "raised him up." While evangelicals, for the most part, have followed the three-fold pattern of Jesus' ministry—healing, casting out demons, and preaching, too often they have contented themselves with preaching only.

The Gospel has never been without its implications for the sins of society as well as its application to the sins of the individual. In Paul's day Christianity made its greatest num-

erical gains among the poor, included the slaves. This was true even in cosmopolitan Corinth (I Cor. 1:26-28). Consequently, the apostles had to urge upon their converts the Christian duty of submission to secular authority (Rom. 13:1; I Pet. 2:18). In Luther's day the realization of the worth of the individual, that resulted from the evangelical doctrines of the Reformation, may well have been one of the contributing factors of the Peasants' Revolt. No one was more concerned with the matter of the individual's relation to God than was George Fox; no one was more sensitive to the cries of the oppressed, or more critical of the religionists who ignored them, than this same lonely man.

Modern critics of Wesley and the Evangelical Revival of the eighteenth century complain unjustly that the early Methodists spent so much time "plucking brands from the burning" that they had no time to put out the fire. But, the Holy Club at Oxford not only fasted, prayed, and read their Bibles in Greek and Hebrew, they also visited the prisons. Wesley's last letter (to Wilberforce) was in support of the abolition of slavery. The Evangelicals did far more for the unchurched masses than did "liberal" elements in the Anglican Church.

Students of American church history point out that in the second "Great Awakening," the revival of 1800 had several far-reaching effects; it augmented the numerical strength of the churches, it fostered the formation of missionary societies, it inaugurated the ecumenical movement by the formation of interdenominational agencies for the propagation of the Gospel, and resulted in the formation of interdenominational organizations for reforms by social action. The evangelical elements in the churches became to an increasing degree the conscience of the nation. Among the national evils directly attacked by the evangelicals was lynching. As the leaven of Christianity led to the outlawing of gladiatorial combats in the Roman Empire so now an enlightened Christian conscience,

spearheaded by Lyman Beecher's sermon against duelling, led to abolition of this practice. Alcoholism was condemned officially by the Presbyterians and Congregationalists in 1811.

In 1826 the organization of the American Society for the Promotion of Temperance marked the first time in history that Christians organized specifically to improve the beverage habits of a nation. Later, the Temperance Movement became the Prohibition Movement and sought, by directly influencing legislative action, to have written into law the Christian attitude toward intoxicants. Among the later crusaders for social action none was more influential than an evangelist, Wm. A. Sunday. While a century ago such activity was a new thing, few evangelists will now maintain that it was or is ill advised.

During the same nineteenth century, the "greatest century" in Christian history, another movement ran parallel to those just described. Biblical criticism, especially in Germany, and the dogma of evolution, especially in England, worked slowly, silently, and devastating in the American churches. Many traditionally evangelical denominations welcomed the new "liberalism" and compensated for their loss of orthodox theology by retaining and emphasizing this social application of the Gospel. In proportion as they abandoned the grand central themes of their Protestant heritage they came to emphasize the secondary aspects of Christianity, borne along doubtless by the tide of public opinion which increasingly endorsed "the social conscience." The carry-over from an evangelical heritage, together with a humanistic ideology, often results in the "social gospel" being promulgated with evangelistic fervor. Both history and philosophy agree, however, that humanism alone lacks adequate motivation for a sustained effort.

Meanwhile, the "fundamentalists" in correctly insisting on the basic importance of the individual's relation to God grew suspicious of the "modernists" emphasis on the relationship of the Christian to his neighbor. To agree with the liberals on this point

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: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

Who is responsible if your church is not what you think it should be? In the first place, you are responsible, in part, for the poor condition of your church. Other members are also responsible for your church's lack of zeal and progressiveness. Probably, your pastor is partially responsible for the poor showing which your church is making. Certainly, the responsibility rests with those who constitute your church, for it will go no farther nor do any more for the cause of Christ in the world than what the church people choose to make it do.

Two things are essential: a good leadership, and a good following. If you cannot lead, or be a member of the group that can lead, you can at least be a cheerful follower, and co-operate with that group of the church members. Few military leaders can plan military strategy for quick and sure success in the conflict by the soldiers who are trained to work together. It is also true in church work that efficient church leaders must have loyal followers to help carry out the program of the church. Every phase of the work, from the least to the greatest, can and will become a success if you will share your responsibility in carrying forward the work. And this applies to each member of the church who is capable

of rendering any service for the cause of Christ.

There are too many in the average church who wait for the rest of the members to do what is done in a material or a progressive way. Which group do you find yourself standing with, the producers of good results, or the indifferent and complainers? Gideon won the great battle against the enemy with three hundred strong and active men; men who were ready for any challenge. Are you one of the three hundred strong and active men of your church? Are you doing your part to share the responsibility which the church has for the cause of righteousness? God holds you responsible for your share of the load. What is your attitude toward Missions, Christian education, Superannuation, Orphanage support, and other causes of the church?

Each church needs a revival of interest in its program. Inactive members need to be aroused to their duty concerning the work and success of the church. God is holding negligent church members responsible for their inactivity, and non-support of their church, and his cause of Christianity in the world. On the other hand, he promises happiness and a great reward unto everyone who is active and greatly concerned about the welfare of the Church. If your church is failing, you are partly responsible for its failures. Ponder this thought.

OUR WAY IS NOT ALWAYS GOD'S WAY

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Have you ever been so over-anxious in working for the Lord—having your heart so set on doing a certain thing until you failed to be submissive and let God have His own way in your own life? I believe if we would pass our experiences on to others they would serve as road signs to keep them on the right road, and by so doing remove rocks over which they might stumble.

We must be where God desires. If we are where God wants us to be, He will see to the supply of our need. As long as God says stay here, or there, be sure that He is pledged to provide for us. "They shall mount up with wings as eagles" (Isaiah 40:31). This promise is to be ours if we wait upon the Lord. We shall be able to soar above disappointments—no matter how great—if we wait for God to lead us. To do this we must be fully surrendered to Him—realizing that His way and not ours is the right way.

Have you planned a week's work for the Lord in your church, which you felt was very essential to His cause, and at the week's end none of it accomplished? Then did you feel resentment because Christians

and non-Christians had drawn so heavily on your time, asking for a comforting word, or help on a problem in their lives? Take time out for this—God has sent it your way. Talk to them, pray for them and with them. There is a message in God's Word for each grieved or disturbed heart—pass it on. If we are talking and working in the name of Jesus, He understands. We may never be a great teacher, or leader, nor in the place we feel (not God) we could be used to greater advantage, but Jesus said "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:40).

God has a plan for each of us, and if we come humbly to Him, asking Him to use us, putting aside our own ways and desires, we will be ready then for His Service. It is then, and not before, we can claim and receive His wonderful promises. The reason for failure in work Christians try to do for the Lord is it was not God's way to begin with. Let's be sure that we are doing what pleases God, and that we are in the center of His Will.

More bashfulness without merit is awkward: and merit without modesty insolent. But modest merit has a double claim to acceptance.—Hughes

A true friend is some one who holds you to your best self.—Amos R. Wells

GOD GIVETH THE VICTORY

"Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it."

We wish to take this opportunity to thank all our Brothers and Sisters in Christ for the marvelous way in which they are responding to our appeal in the October 4th issue of the Free Will Baptist paper.

It is only through the goodness of God and His people that we will be able to put over this worthy project.

Little things count. David chose five little stones when he went out to meet Goliath and God took care of the big fellow.

So if we are careful about the little things, God will take care of the big things. Now, a dollar isn't much in this day of inflation, you cannot buy much of anything with a dollar now days, but if you can scrape together enough dollars you can buy most anything even a new automobile. And so it is with building a new church. If enough people will give one dollar each the need will be adequately met.

Now, my good Brothers and Sisters, you just ask God what you should do about this work at San Diego, Calif., and mind Him, for unless God is in it, we don't want any part of it. "Except the Lord build the

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The Woman's Auxiliary Department

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WEEK OF PRAYER

PROGRAM FOR WEDNESDAY, NOV. 15

Thought for the Day

"Love never faileth." I Cor. 13:8
Hymn: "Love Lifteth Me."

Sentence prayers for heart cleansing, for Christian fellowship, and a tongue to praise our Lord and King

Scripture lesson: I Cor. 13.

Prayer: For our missionaries in Cuba and in India, for our national officers and the program of the church.

TOPIC—THE VISION OF TESTIMONY:

A—The voice of the Lord to Paul, Acts 18:9, "Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace." Had it not been for the testimony of Paul and others, we dare not think what the Christian world would have been like today. In looking back through our Bibles we find many characters who were not ashamed to stand up courageously for the cause of righteousness, for God and for His Son, Jesus Christ. Their testimony has borne fruit. We cannot name them all in this lesson, but we might think of Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Elijah and Elisha, Isaiah, David, Job and others. Think of the Mother of Moses, Samuel and his mother, Deborah and women of the New Testament. In studying the lives of these men and women, we are made to feel ashamed of ourselves for our lethargy, indifference and lack of boldness in living and proclaiming the gospel of Christ through our witnessing. Job said, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him." Joshua said, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

B. What Prompts Our Testimony?

1. Our love to Christ. 2. A passion for lost souls. 3. A desire to have a part in promoting the gospel of Jesus

through either going to the mission fields, or sending others, but better still perhaps, if we have the love of God in our hearts, we will make every sacrifice possible for those who are already on the mission fields, in Cuba, India, and Africa, where we have those who should be dear to us, labouring under many untold hardships that souls may be brought into His kingdom. We need a new vision of Christ and his great undying love for mankind.



Mrs. Alice E. Lupton

C. God Is a Great Photographer

He has a true portrait of each one of us. The Bible paints a very vivid picture of the human family. God does not, like the usual photographer, tone down our faults, such as wrinkles, frowns, etc., with rosy tints and smooth brow, but God paints our pictures just as we are. He says, "There is none righteous, no not one" (Rom. 3:9). He states further that "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23).

Another very outstanding touch from His divine paint brush reads thus: "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jer. 17:9).

Then God paints for us another picture, which can be called the masterpiece of the ages, and it is only thru this second picture that we can take hope. This picture is the Christ of Calvary, whose love for us was so great that he bore our sins in his own body on the cross that we might be free from sin and death.

Sing one verse of: "Alas, and Did My Saviour Bleed."

Call an old fashioned testimony meeting for about ten minutes. Pray that the divine love of the Lord Jesus may control our lives to the extent that we shall be happy to bear witness of Him at anytime and in any place.

If we have the assurance that nothing can separate us from the love of God, that if we abide in Him, and that He is our refuge and strength, then we shall have peace with God and bear record of these experiences.

Hymn: "Come We that Love the Lord."

Benediction

PROGRAM FOR THURSDAY, NOV. 16

Thought for the Day

"Come and hear all ye that fear God, and I will declare what He hath done for my soul" (Psa. 66:16).

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."

Stand and pray the Lord's Prayer together.

Hymn: "A Charge to Keep I Have."
Scripture lesson: Romans 12.

TOPIC—BEARING WITNESS TO THE TRUTH THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT

A. Who are to bear witness? Psalm 107:2, "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy." This means each one of us who has been redeemed by the shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Where?

Acts 1:8, "But we shall receive power. After that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be

witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

B—We need to be ready witnesses: I Peter 3:15, "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." We must know the truth, because the truth will make us free. We must know the way, because we would not lead a person in the wrong direction. In John 14:6, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life—" assurance, Rom. 8:16, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." Jesus said in Jon. 14:23, "If a man love me, he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto Him, and make our abode with him." The story is told of an incident in World War 11, where heavy fighting was going on. The enemy seemed to be gaining ground, for they were dropping bombs thick and fast. Finally one of the bombs burst too near some of our boys and one was struck fatally, all the others escaped. This boy, called Bert, had a pal named Tiny Jim, not because he was small, for he was 6 ft. 3 in. The boys all came to the rescue, but as there was no dressing station near, they tried to make him as comfortable as possible, knowing that it would not be long. Suddenly the wounded boy called his pal, and asked "Tiny Jim, can you tell me the way to heaven?" The question startled Tiny Jim, and he could only say, "Bert, I am sorry, but I don't know the way myself, but I'll ask the other fellows." He went from man to man seeking to find the way to heaven, that he might bring comfort to his dying pal. He had asked 16 American boys, from what has been called Christian America. Oh, the tragedy of it! A soul going out, and no one near to show him the way to heaven. When the 17th boy was questioned, he said, after hearing the details, with a smile lighting up his face, "Yes, I know the way to heaven, but I dare not leave my post to go to him. Take my testament, turn to John 3:16, and you will find the

way. He marked the place, fearing that it would not be found otherwise, and said, "Tell your pal that this is the way to heaven." Tiny Jim hurried back to his comrade, and said, "Look Bert, I have it, old chum, here it is, in John 3:16. "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Poor Bert's eyes were wide open, he was drinking in every word. It was a scene that even angels could have wept over. Tiny Jim kneeling in the trench beside him, his great hand holding the Testament, tears rolling down his cheeks, reading over and over again these life-giving words: "For God so loved the world"—a look of peace settled over Bert's face, as he kept gasping out "whosoever." All at once his face lit up with a glow of joy and with one last gasp, said "Whosoever," and was gone. We can say Thank God for the boy who knew the way to heaven.

C—What if such a question came to us, would we know the answer? I heard a woman, supposed to have been a Christian many years, confess that she did not know how to deal with the unsaved. I learned later that she was a woman whose life was not a living testimony for her Lord, but that she carried a "chip" on her shoulder at all times. Nothing pleased her that did not agree with her ideas and plans. No wonder that such a person had no influence for Christ, for she had no witness. "Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord" (II Tim. 1:8).

Hymn: "Higher Ground."

Closing prayer for our work in the Homeland, Superannuation, Benevolences, Christian training of our Youth, our Bible College and that we dedicate our pocket books to the Lord in real earnest.

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, NOV. 17

Thought for the Day

"And I will put my Spirit within you" (Ezk. 36:27).

Hymn: "Amazing Grace."

Pray that we shall have the mind of Christ, and that His spirit shall

dwell richly in the hearts of auxiliary women everywhere.

Scripture lesson: Phil. 2:1-11.
Hymn: Bringing in the Sheaves.

Silent prayer and meditation, followed by softly singing one verse of "Take Time to be Holy."

TOPIC—THE HOW OF CHRISTIAN TESTIMONY

By remembrance, Jon. 14:26, "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." Some one has rightly said: "A Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks; a heart through which Christ loves; a voice through which Christ speaks; and a hand through which Christ helps." Complete surrender and dedication to the Lord means that He not only can, but He does use these minds, hearts, voices and hands of ours in bearing witness to a Saviour's undying love.

If we want our neighbor to see her pastor for help, was asked: "What do you see in life?" She replied, "I suppose I see what every one else sees, a big question mark, written in large letters across the horizon." Then the experienced and wise pastor said: "Don't see a question mark, see a cross." This is what Jesus told His disciples to do, this is what He came to do, for all through His ministry He had His face turned steadfastly toward Jerusalem. He never lost sight, even for one brief hour, of the fact that the cross was just ahead.

The cross is meaningless to the world to-day, but to us who have been redeemed by the precious blood of Christ, our Saviour, the cross with the broken body of our Lord hanging upon it, suffering as never man suffered, is ever before us. If we were to lose sight of the cross, and what it stands for, we should be among the most miserable creatures in our day.

B—Jesus testified, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (Jon. 8:32).

1. Knowing the truth makes it impossible for us to have a "cloak" to cover us, or for us to hide behind excuses, for the "truth" is to make us

free, for the Master in continuing His message on "freedom" said in verse 36, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

Read Hebrews 11th Chapter. This is the finest picture gallery in all the world. There they are in fine array, some vital truth being said of each. Notice Abel in verse 4—"he offered to God a more excellent sacrifice, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: And by it, he being dead yet speaketh." His witness has borne fruit all down the centuries. What is said of him is also manifest in the lives of all of the others. It is a real inspiration to me to take my Bible and sit down with these old patriots, who lived and witnessed for the Lord hundreds of years ago. In my imagination, I place them one by one on the walls of my room, then meditate on the lives of each, trying to gather to myself all the good that came from them, as well as observing the hardships they had to encounter. Try this out sometime, it will be worth your while.

The World Needs Our Testimony

We should take time to look around on a world gone mad with greed, lust for power, and other wicked things. Every device of Satan is drawing men away from the truth. The Bible, the Christian's only weapon of defense in the warfare between the spirit and the flesh, is being hurled back into the faces of those who are proclaiming the gospel of Christ.

We know we are trusting in a God of might, of power, of justice, of compassion and mercy, as well as being a God of love so great that He sacrificed His only Son to die on the cross for our redemption. Let us bear witness:

1. In our homes—"Go forth to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath compassion on thee" (Mark 5:19).

2. In our community—"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16).

3. In our Church, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together,

as the manner of some is; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Heb: 10:25).

4. In all the world, or wherever the Lord has need of us. "Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage" (Matt. 22:9). This is Home Missions and other Christian activities. "And go quickly, and tell his disciples that He is risen from the dead—there shall ye see Him: lo, I have told you" (Matt. 28:7). "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations." Read Matt. 28: 13, 19, 20 and witness for Foreign Missions.

Read Acts 1:8 and following verses.

It is reasonable to think that the mind grows by what we feed it on. Our devotion to Christ through daily Bible reading and study, our humble sincere prayers, our faith in God, daily dedication to our Lord of ourselves and all we are and have, will strengthen us to become "doers of the Word, and not hearers only" for our words will be as empty vessels unless they are backed up by the lives we live and the things we do in His name.

Consecration Hymn: "Take My Life and Let It Be."

"To every man there openeth
A way, and ways, and a way,
And the high soul goes the high way,
And the low soul gropes the low:
And in between, on the misty flats,
The rest drifts to and fro.
But to every man there openeth
A high way and a low,
And every man decideth
The way his soul shall go."

—By John Oxenham

Benediction

Prepared by Alice E. Lupton, 3rd
Vice-president of the N. C. Auxiliary Convention

Five great enemies to peace inhabit with us, viz., Avarice, Ambition, Envy, Anger, and Pride, and if those enemies were to be banished, we should infallibly enjoy perpetual peace.

Petrarch

It is a much shallower and more ignoble occupation to detect faults than to discover beauties.—Carlyle

GOODSPRING AUXILIARY HOLDS MEETING IN THE CHURCH

SENDING OUT URGENT CALLS FOR NEW MEMBERS

The Woman's auxiliary of Goodspring Church held their October meeting in the church. There were thirteen members present for this meeting. Mrs. J. B. Parsons had charge of the program for the day. It included interesting and challenging discussions of the India Mission work. Mesdames J. C. Mosier, Buford Tomlin, Vara Parker, and Mrs. Irvin McMahan took part on the program.

A special missionary program was planned to receive a special gift for foreign missions. We are working this year for a greater increase in our auxiliary membership than we had last year. Our last year's record was 33 percent increase. We are inviting those women of our church and community to come and join us in the great work. We want to make our church and community better, and to do our part to make Jesus known everywhere.

Our Auxiliary meetings will be held in the church each month through the winter months. Be sure to attend these meetings, and help us to do a greater work for the Lord.

Mrs. Evelene McMahon

BAPTIST AUXILIARY HONORS STUDENTS

WILSON FREE WILL BAPTIST GROUP ENTERTAINS NURSES, AND ACC ENROLLEES

The Free Will Baptist students of Atlantic Christian College and student nurses of the Carolina General and Woodard-Herring Hospital were entertained at a weiner roast given by the Wilson Free Will Baptist Church and the Woman's Auxiliary Monday evening, at 7:30 o'clock at Five Points Park.

The Rev. James A. Evans, pastor of the church, welcomed the guests to the city, the church, and to the entertainment which was being given in their honor.

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All took part in the weiner roast, after which songs were sung and games played.

Members of the Wilson Free Will Baptist Church and others cooperated in staging the event.

Students from ACC attending this weiner roast were Miss Mary Ann Oliver, Miss Janie Creel, Miss Jean Carol Westbrook, Miss Edna Earle Harden, Miss Barbara Hutchinson, Miss Eloise James, Miss Becky Collins, Miss Nancy Allen, Miss Marguerite Hinnant, Miss Jaunita Mitchell, Miss Wilmer Massengill, Miss Evelyn Parker, Miss Carolyn Smith, Miss Dorothy Taylor, Miss Pauline Narron, the

Rev. M. L. Tyndall, Fletcher McCoy, Morgan McKinney, Wilbur Ballenger, Glenn Brigman, Warren Mallard, Elwood Narron, Jodie Strickland and Groves Scott.

Those from Woodard-Herring hospital attending were Miss Elsie Brown, Miss Doris Millard, Miss Hilda Morris, Miss Pansy Leonard, Miss Ina Ruth Bartlett, Miss Pamona Maxine Joyner, Miss Evelyn Ruth Mann, Miss Margaret Ann Rowe, Miss Nora Marcell Sawyer and Miss Rose Marie Speight.

Miss Carolyn Daniels, Miss Edna Fleming, Miss Janice Howell, Miss Gail Tugwell, Miss Mildred Barnes, Miss Joyce Boykin, Miss Elsie V. Little, Miss Annie G. Packer, Miss Ann Spivey, Miss Barbara Jenkins, Miss Martha Johnson, Miss Ruth Skinner, and Miss Virginia Johnson were guests from Carolina General hospital.

Mrs. Roy A. Davis
(Chairman Publicity Committee)
Wilson F. W. B. Church

EVANGELICALS AND THE SOCIAL GOSPEL

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seemed to some a potentially dangerous concession, hence a prejudice against "the social gospel." The history of every heresy shows that it has left some scars on orthodoxy. Neither Augustine nor Luther would have gone as far as they did in insisting on the "bondage of the will" had it not been for Pelagius and Erasmus respectively. It is difficult to keep a proper perspective in a controversy, especially as serious a battle as that between naturalism and supernaturalism in this century. Difficult it is, but of vast importance!

Many will point out that the Acts and Epistles make clear that the Christian community need only concern itself with evangelization. It is true that Paul did not organize a society for the abolition of slavery, nor go to Rome for the purpose of urging the Senate to forbid gladiatorial combats. The question is whether Paul, had he lived in the fourth century, would have devoted a small fraction of his time to encouraging the outlawing of unchristian institutions. Christianity in the first century was an "underground" movement. Until the government became nominally Christian the church was naturally more concerned with self-preservation than social legislation. In the Old Testament, however, the pro-

phets made it clear that God expected national leaders to carry out His will in all phases of community life. Just as many supposed that keeping up the sacrificial system would excuse them from brotherly love and ethical conduct, so now we must not assume that preaching alone or loyalty to orthodoxy will compensate for by-passing ethical issues.

Evangelical missionaries do more than get people converted. They concern themselves with every phase of the new Christian's contact with pagan society. Education, health, economics and legislation engage part of their attention. Many times little communities of converts, in the midst of pagan society, are necessary to establish Christian character and express God's will in society. How then can a Christian be unconcerned with any attempt by education or legislation to make this nation more expressive of God's will for men? Let us rather be consistent and admit that salvation begins, but does not end, with the individual's transformation, but that it also aims at the ultimate transformation of society. Jesus' command is to work as well as watch—"occupy until I come."

That human rights will ultimately triumph over "state's rights" is a certainty. The question is whether evangelicals will remain aloof from the struggle and wait for the liberals and the communists to do what the Bible and Christian conscience indicate should be done. To do so will write another embarrassing chapter in the annals of the American churches; embarrassing because we may be justly suspected of being too ignorant, too unconcerned, or too cautious to declare our position. To justify such inertia by insinuating that every one who is articulate is a "moderate" or a "communist" may be to add sin to sin. By thus declaring ourselves we will be in a much stronger position to lead an aggressive campaign against modernism and communism and towards a revival of New Testament religion.

What is now needed is not less stress on the sins of the individual, but more upon the sins of society; not less stress on the individual conscience but more upon the "social"

conscience. Leadership is needed in praying through, studying, and thinking through the Christian attitude toward what is called our national cancer—racism.

As should be apparent from the above, this writer has no tolerance for a mediating theological position, nor towards atheistic humanism in church or state. He repudiates any merely humanitarian ends; instead he is convinced that religion without its humanitarian aspect is partial and sterile. To "visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction" is no less part of "pure religion" than "to keep oneself unspotted from the world." This is simply a plea for Biblical Christianity, for a recognition that "if ye fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well: but if ye have respect of persons, ye commit sin, being convicted by the law as transgressors." This is no plea for "one race"; what is needed is not the obliteration of racial distinctions, but the equalization of opportunity. Christ's method is as important as Christ's end. His method is not force, but the method of enlightenment, persuasion, exemplification. Christ will not convert the heathen without our aid, nor will He preach love for one's neighbor except through His disciples. He needs our united, emphatic, and repeated WITNESS.—Reprinted from the Christian Digest

CHANGE IN PRICE!

THE BAPTIST PAPER GOES TO TWO DOLLARS

All subscriptions sent to us before November 15, 1950, will be accepted at the old price of \$1.50 per year. After that date the price will be \$2.00 per year, \$1.00 for six months.

We had hoped to avoid this change but the recent upward swing in the cost of materials and labor, due to the general advance in the cost of living, has compelled us to act. Other regulations concerning subscriptions remain as before. We are urging all our friends to send in as many subscriptions as possible before the 15th of November.

C. K. Dunn, Sr., Executive Secy.-Treas.



Fellowship with Other Christians

(Lesson for November 12)

LESSON: Acts 11:11-18; Philippians 2:1-5

GOLDEN TEXT: Philippians 2:4-6.

I. THE HEART OF THE LESSON

Fellowship with other Christians was shown in a striking way by Peter in the home of the Roman centurion at Caesarea (Acts 10:17-48). It was endorsed by the church in Jerusalem (Acts 11). The apostles taught the "all-embracing" principle of Christianity for all races of people, regardless of rank, position or training. One way to enrich Christian fellowship is "face-to-face" contacts with other Christians in the home, church and community. Another way, either direct or indirect, is with Christians of other nations, races, and creeds.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

1. Two verses stand out strongly in Peter's report. He asserts, "The Spirit bade me go with them, making no distinction" (vs. 12). This observation undoubtedly was based first of all on the vision which God gave him, in which the Lord made clear that what He had cleansed Peter was not to speak of as common. The relevancy of the vision to the mission of the men who came to Peter in Joppa is quite evident, inasmuch that Peter could definitely say the Spirit of God made the application and that he (Peter) understood that there was to be no distinction drawn, even though this mission had to do with a visit to a Gentile.

The second scripture in this connection is verse 17: "If then God gave unto them the like gift as he did also unto us, when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I, that I could withstand God?" The very fact that the Lord gave the Holy

Spirit to the Gentiles when they believed on the Lord Jesus was full and sufficient answer to any question that could be raised as to the legitimacy of Peter's action. It is not without significance, therefore, that we read in verse 18, "When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then to the Gentiles also hath God granted repentance unto life." Moody Monthly.

3. Since we have the consolation, comfort, and fellowship that we enjoy as Christians we are under obligations to live as Christians.

4. The consolation, or comfort in Christ, is the comfort that comes from the knowledge of sins forgiven, which brings peace to the soul.

5. The comfort of love is the work of the Holy Spirit who is able by love to persuade us to live as He would have us live.

6. The fellowship of the Spirit means that every individual Christian has been made a partaker, or sharer, in the Holy Spirit.

7. Bowels (or tenderheartedness) and mercies mean kindness and thoughtful consideration of our fellow Christians.

8. Quite often we condemn only such outward sins as drunkenness, immorality, etc., but overlook tattling, striving, backbiting, selfishness.

9. It is one of the greatest joys of a pastor to see the members of his flock act genuinely Christian in all their conduct.

10. It is impossible for Christians to think alike on many matters, but they can still be harmonious with one another.

11. As Christians, we owe love to every child of God, and every child of God is obligated to love us.

12. Christ appeared in the midst of the disciples, and the nearer they got to Him the nearer they got to one another.

13. Let this mind be in you, which also was in Christ Jesus. Paul concludes his exhortation here by pointing out the Lord Jesus Christ as

man's perfect example. He laid aside His heavenly glory and came to earth and suffered for us, and He did it willingly that we might live. Paul's exhortation to us here is, that we strive to let this same mind be in us which was in Christ. We also should be willing to forego some of our comforts and pleasures in order to administer to the necessities of others.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. F.)

II. THE LESSON ILLUSTRATED

A Japanese Girl Speaks

The following letter was written by a thirteen-year-old Japanese girl, Hideke Inourie, to a girl in another nation. She does not mention the fact that she lost her right hand thru a bomb.

"To Some Schoolgirl in Australia:

"I am afraid you may not like receiving this letter or answering it, because I am Japanese. But I hope it is not so.

"I am not your enemy. It may help a little if I tell you that I too have suffered—my three brothers, they are asleep; and my house, it is burned.

"Out of all this cruelty and hatred and mistake, could we not arrange that there should be peace and prosperity and happiness for all countries? I want it that way.

"Even to a war-scarred land like mine, spring will come. It is coming now, with plum-blossom and cherry and happiness and warmth. How do we arrange that it might be spring for all the world?

"I would beg you believe that I write this letter not with my pen, but with my heart." International Youth Review.

Fellowship with Men Like Pih

Many a lonely missionary in a far-away land his found in reliable native Christians a fellowship that meant much. James O. Fraser, a missionary of the China Inland Mission, thus described such a man whom he knew in southwest China. His name was Pih. Said Fraser: "Pih is simply splendid. He is not much of a preacher, but a quiet, unassuming man of moderate education, willing to do just

anything. Always on hand when there is any drudgery or hard work to be tackled, making things easier for everybody. You don't notice him much, but—like the boy's definition of salt is 'the thing that makes the porridge taste nasty when there isn't any'—he is the kind of man who makes things difficult for you when you haven't got him—Arnold's Commentary.

REVIVAL AT MT. ELON CHURCH PAMPLICO, S. C.

Rev. J. C. Griffin of New Bern, N. C., was the evangelist for a twelve-day meeting at Mt. Elon F. W. B. Church, Pamplico, South Carolina, September 27 through October 8. Services were well attended each night. There were a number of young people who gave their hearts to Christ; others rededicated their lives to is service. Christians were blessed and strengthened, and everyone was made to realize the seriousness of the times in which we are living and the early coming of the Lord Jesus. Hearts were burdened for the unsaved.

The pastor, Rev. Paul Ketteman, led the children in choruses each night. Their eagerness to sing about the Saviour and His love was an inspiration to the grown-ups who looked forward to hearing and joining with them each night.

Special music from visitors and from the local church was enjoyed and appreciated.

Mrs. Griffin inspired the women to consecrated service for the Master through the Woman's Auxiliary, as well as the other phases of our Christian work. The practical, down-to-earth teaching of the Woman's Auxiliary Manual and Stewardship each afternoon, Monday through Wednesday, made every woman more conscious of her place in God's Kingdom and her ability to fill that place thru Him.

Prayer groups before the service each evening proved that "Prayer Changes Things."

We give God the glory for answered prayer during the meeting and trust Him for the increase through the seeds that were sown.

THE GOLDEN KEY TO TRUE HAPPINESS

(This message was delivered at the League Convention held at King's Cross Roads Church, and was requested to be published in the Baptist paper.)

Surely, some who have looked at the title of this article know what the key to happiness is, but there are some who do not know. May I tell you how king Solomon tried to find happiness by his seven keys? We shall follow him as he turns each of the seven keys, opening seven different doors, all marked the door of happiness.

The first key that king Solomon used was the *Key of Knowledge*. All of us remember king Solomon as the wisest of all men. He wrote 3,000 Proverbs, and 1005 songs, and knew much about a great many things. Today we find man seeking happiness by the possession of great knowledge, but through the misdirection of his knowledge he is about to destroy himself and his civilization. So we see, as king Solomon did, that knowledge is not the key to happiness.

The next key that King Solomon used was the *Key of Pleasure*. He decided that he would give up all the strain of studying the problems of his kingdom, and have a good time. In modern language he was saying that he would go to the movies, the dances, the beaches, and other things of that type, and that would surely bring true happiness. Today we find people who are seeking happiness in the same way that Solomon did. This is especially true among the young people. They are seeking to have a good time, and they want to be happy, and many are making the same mistake that Solomon did in his search for happiness. He soon realized that the *Key of Pleasure* was not that Golden Key. Each of us must realize that fact also.

The door that Solomon opened next was the *Door of Self-Indulgence*. He had become weary from study and saturated with worldly pleasures. So he turned to the tavern. He had the idea that if he would drink liquor, it would cause him to forget his troubles, and he would be happy. There are many people who have the same idea that Solomon did, but forgetting trouble will not bring either peace or happiness.

The next key that king Solomon tried was *Great Possessions*. He had the great Temple of Solomon built and he had a big place built for himself, but his great possessions did not bring to him happiness. Man today must realize that great possessions are not the key to happiness.

Key number five opened the door to *Deceit and Passion*. King Solomon had seven hundred beautiful and attractive young wives. Being infatuated with their beauty, he began to neglect his duties to God and to his kingdom. He lost his moral efficiency, and the mastery of himself. King Solomon married for beauty, lust and political power more than for love. But

his great household did not bring him any peace and happiness.

The next key that King Solomon used opened the door of wealth. But this wealth did not bring to him the peace and happiness which he wanted. Today there are many people who think that in order for a person to be happy he must have great wealth. Many times the man with the most money is one of the most unhappy creatures you can find in the world. So, we see that wealth is not that Golden key to true happiness.

The seventh key that king Solomon used was the *Key of Music*. He thought that music would, perhaps, bring peace and relief from all the ugly things of his youthful life. But music is not a cure for sin, and it was not effective in dealing with the results of sin.

All the things which king Solomon had done were not entirely wrong, but he had failed to use the key to true happiness, which is *Obedience to God*. So, he is warning the youth against making the same mistakes that he had made. Many of you know that there is one way to heaven, which is through Jesus Christ. As there is only one way to heaven, so there is only one key that will open the door to peace and happiness. Don't fool yourself by thinking that knowledge, pleasure, self-indulgence, great possessions, desire and passion, wealth and music will open the door of true happiness. There are thousands who are travelling the broad road which leads to death, who flatter themselves that they are on the path to happiness. We all must realize that we cannot find happiness by seeking it. When we forget self, and seek the will of God, then we will have found the golden key to the one and only true happiness. God's will is that we believe on Jesus whom he sent to die for us and he wants us to keep his commandments. When we find the Golden Key to true happiness, we have also found the key that opens the door to eternal life.

In closing I would like to say that each and every person can have peace and happiness if they will accept Christ as their personal Saviour. This is something that I know from the experience in my own life. Since I accepted Christ as my personal Saviour a little over a year ago, I have had peace and happiness in my heart. You can have that peace and happiness too. It is left for you to decide.

Miss Elsie Dunn
Fountain, N. C.
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Ask and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

"Try this for one day:—Think as though your thoughts were visible to all about you."

PROGRAM

31st Session Alabama State Association
Freewill Baptists
East Florence Church
Florence, Alabama
November 9, 10, 11, 1950

Thursday's session will be the Ministers Meeting. The theme of the day will be "Home Missions."

THURSDAY A. M.

- 10:00—Devotional by local church
10:15—Get acquainted period and recognition of visitors
10:30—Moderator's address
10:45—"Home Mission, What Is It?" Rev. J. T. Quick
11:05—"Our Great Need." Rev. J. B. Bloss, Columbia, Tennessee
THURSDAY AFTERNOON
1:00—"How Best Accomplished." Rev. J. J. Staab
1:30—"Who's Responsibility?" Rev. Grady Hudson
2:00—"Does God Require It?" Sister H. A. Pitts
2:20—"Who Is Qualified to Work?" Rev. Rufus Hyman
2:40—Business and suggestion period
3:00—Appointment of credential, auditing and business committees.
—Adjourn

THURSDAY NIGHT

- 7:00—Children's Hour. Rev. W. H. Ryland children
8:00—Sermon by Rev. Ralph Staten, Red Bay, Alabama
—Assignment to homes
FRIDAY A. M.
8:45—Devotion, by Rev. N. A. Patterson
9:00—Welcome, by the pastor, Rev. E. P. Roden
9:10—Response, by Rev. E. W. Graves.
9:20—Seating of standing delegates
9:30—Report of Credentials Committee and reception of letters
10:00—Seating delegates and visitors
10:05—Report of Youth's Camp Committee
10:10—Report from National Association, A. J. Lambert
10:30—"Christian Education and Free Will Baptist of Tomorrow." Rev. Henry Melvin

- 11:00—Devotion, Rev. Ira Barker
11:15—Sermon by Rev. L. C. Johnson, Nashville, Tennessee

FRIDAY, P. M.

- 1:00—Devotion, to be supplied
1:15—Report of Home Mission Board
1:30—Report of Unified Program
1:40—Verbal reports from Sunday School and Ladies Auxiliary Convention by their chairman
2:00—Reports from Auditing Committee, Associational Treasurer and Superannuation Board
2:20—Report from Board of Trustees of

- Children's Home
7:00—Devotion—to be supplied
—Sermon, "Missionary." Rev. D. C. Dodd
SATURDAY A. M.

- 8:30—Devotion, by Rev. Harry Mitchell
8:45—Business Committee report, Resolution Committee report, appointment of Board Members and Delegates, election of officers
10:45—Devotion, to be supplied
11:00—Sermon, by Rev. J. L. Lavender
—Adjourn

NEWS FROM HARRELL'S CHAPEL GREENE COUNTY, N. C.

Dear Christian Friends and Co-Workers:

We want you to know that we are trying to do our part in the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom on earth. We held our first service in our new church on the fourth Saturday in November, 1948. Our regular quarterly meeting should have been held in October, but we did not have the seats installed in the church at that time, so we postponed our meeting until November.

We organized our Sunday School in January, 1949, and now have 119 members on the roll. Our attendance each Sunday is very good. Several have won their Perfect Attendance pins for the first year. Some of them have perfect attendance thus far for their second year pins.

We organized our Woman's auxiliary at our church in January, 1949, and have 22 active members. The people of the church and community have enjoyed two revival meetings at the church this year; one was in April, and the other was in October. Both were held by our good pastor, Rev. T. P. Ellis. He preached some stirring messages straight from the Word of God. There have been 64 new additions to the church during the past two years.

Visitors are always welcome to come to our church and to worship the Lord with us. We want them to come and see our new building, which all of us are very pleased to have as our place of worship.
Mrs. R. E. Hart, Snow Hill, N. C.

A WORD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks, and deep appreciation to our many friends for the many expressions of sympathy extended to us during our recent bereavement of the loss of our beloved wife and mother, Mrs. W. L. Hart.

W. L. Hart and Family,
Clayton, N. C.

Judge not that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

ITINERARY WORK SCHEDULED AMONG THE CHURCHES

Rev. Noah Brown

This is to announce that I am planning my itinerary work which will begin around the first of the year, 1951. Those who wish to correspond with me concerning the work, and who may be seeking information concerning it may write to me at the address given below. Many church people should certainly be interested in having this itinerary work carried on for the good of our church people. We are hoping to be able to do a good work for the cause of Christ wherever we are called to render service for the Lord.

Rev. Noah Brown
Rockingham, N. C.
Route 1

MACEDONIA TO HAVE THANKSGIVING AND HOME-COMING DAY

There Will Be Special Speakers and Singers for This Occasion

There will be a Thanksgiving and Home-Coming day at Macedonia F. W. B. Church, Craven County, North Carolina, at Ernul on the third Sunday in November, 1950. This will be an all-day service. The Sunday School will be at ten o'clock, and preaching service at eleven o'clock. Dinner will be served on the church grounds at 12:30.

In the afternoon, there will be singing by different groups of singers, and a lecture will be delivered by Walter McD. Croom, superintendent of the Orphanage at Middlesex. All members, former members, and former pastors are invited to attend these services for the day. Come and bring a basket.

D. W. Alexander, Pastor

Money is a good servant, but a dangerous master.—Bouhours

Are the Heathen Lost?

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complacently, or will we in the words of Titus Coan of Hawaii cry, "Lord, send me where Thou wilt, only go with me; lay on me any burden, only sustain me; cut any cord but the one that binds me to Thy cause, to Thy heart."

These do not make beautiful headlines: "Cuban School unable to open due to lack of funds" "Missionaries In India receive half sustenance" "Missionary Salaries three months behind." May we never hear God's voice crying, "What hast thou done? The voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground." God forgive us! God arouse us! Shame us out of our callousness! Shame us out of our sin!

GOD GIVETH THE VICTORY

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house, they labor in vain that build it." Here's a letter we received this morning from Rev. and Mrs. Jack Arnold of Gainesville, Tex. I quote: "Dear Brother in Christ I have read your urgent appeal for help. Thank God for men who love the soul of man, rather than the pleasures of this world.

"We thank Jesus that you are interested in our young people. May God richly bless this work you are contemplating.

Enclosed is \$5.00 toward your building effort. May your appeal touch the hearts of our Free Will Baptists, and may they respond with their dollars and their prayers."

Signed—Yours in Christ Jesus,
Rev. and Mrs. Jack Arnold
Gainesville, Texas

Won't you remember us when you pray? for if God is for us who can be against us.

Yours in His service,

Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Carnett
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The passions may be humoured till they become our master, as a horse may be pampered till he gets the better of his rider; but early discipline will prevent mutiny, and keep the helm in the hands of reason.
Cumberland

Mankind in the gross is a yapping monster, that loves to be deceived, and has seldom been disappointed.—Mackenzie

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WE SHALL SLEEP

Published in memory of Mrs. A. B. Barrow

We shall sleep but not for ever,
There will be a glorious dawn;
We shall meet to part, no never
On the resurrection morn.

From the deepest caves of ocean,
From the desert and the plain;
From the valley and the mountain
Countless throngs shall rise again.

When we see a precious blossom
That we tended with such care;
Rudely taken from our bosom
How our aching hearts despair.

'Round the grave we linger
'Till the setting sun is low;
Feeling all our hopes have perished
With the flower we cherished so.

We shall sleep but not forever
In the lone and silent grave;
Blessed be the Lord that taketh
Blessed be the Lord that gave.

In the bright, eternal city
Death can never, never come;
In His own good time He'll call us
From our rest to home, sweet Home.

—A. B. Barrow and daughter, Ida B. Pol-
lary, Ayden, N. C., Route 1, Box 80.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, our heavenly Father, in his great wisdom, has taken our beloved Brother Vernon Deck and wife, Gertrude and son, James, who lost their lives in a car wreck, May 14, 1950, Dickson, Tennessee,

We, the members of Western Quarterly meeting of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists, do hereby resolve the following:

First, That, in the passing of our brethren and co-workers in Christ, we have lost three of our most active, and beloved members of our quarterly meeting. While we miss them, we gratefully submit, and humbly acknowledge that our Master doeth all things well, for we know that all things work together for good to them that love God;

Second, That, to their loved ones, we extend our deepest sympathy, and assure them that we share in their sorrow. We look

forward to the time when the dead in Christ shall rise; and

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to their family, a copy be kept by the clerk of our quarterly meeting, and that a copy be kept by the Pleasant Ridge Church Clerk.

Rev. J. L. McIntosh, Moderator
Mrs. J. L. McIntosh, Clerk
Lyles, Tennessee

LEAGUE CONVENTION TO BE HELD AT OAK GROVE CHURCH

South Carolina Central Conference, Nov. 11

The Young People's League Convention of the Central Conference of South Carolina will be held at Oak Grove F. W. B. Church on Saturday, November 11. We wish to urge all churches belonging to this convention district to represent with a very large delegation of young people. We want those to come who would like to join this convention. Visitors are cordially invited to attend this convention. Come and enjoy the day with us in the service of the Lord.

Mrs. Franklin Eaddy, Cor.-Secy.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

We should like to express to Brother L. E. Ballard how much we like the topics in the last two quarterlies of the Senior and Adult League booklets. We think that they are wonderful. If missions were taught more, it might be that the missionaries could get what they need. We are praying that God will bless and instruct you to keep on in the good work.

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CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

MISSIONARY POCKETS

"What are you going to do with my coat, Mamma?" asked Robert, watching his mother as she laid out a pile of little garments.

"It is for the missionary box, dear," said Mrs. Vincent. "It is too small for you and, being almost new, will fit some smaller boy nicely. My boy is getting so big he hardly has a chance to wear out anything."

"Please wait a minute, Mamma. There are some things in the pockets I want."

"And, Mamma, if you are going to send my little white apron, there are some things in the pockets that I want," said Amy, putting aside her doll to hurry to the pile of garments. "I couldn't think of giving away this lovely blue hair ribbon."

"And my jack knife, and three of my best marbles are in the pockets of these trousers. Mamma, would you have given these clothes without examining them?" he asked, turning over everything in the heap, as he looked through other clothes for treasures.

"You have so many playthings, Robert, that I thought you wouldn't miss a few of them. If I were a little boy 'way off in a lonely little home out West, I think I should like to find a few pretty things in the pockets of the clothes that come in the missionary box; don't you?"

"Missionary boys are different," muttered Robert; "they don't expect playthings."

"No, I suppose not," said his mother; "but do you think they would enjoy them?"

"Maybe they would, but I can't spare these."

Mrs. Vincent went off to the meeting with the little clothes and her own gifts, but not until every pocket had been searched. Robert and Amy carried the treasures to the playrooms, and put them in their proper places, but somehow neither was happy. They tried playing, but little Bobby wanted to play, too, and the game broke up in a quarrel. Then they both wished it was a schoolday, so there would be something going on. Finally they sat down on the floor to look at the big illustrated Bible which was one of their treasures, and baby Bobby came up behind them so he could see, too. It was strange that the first picture they turned to should be that of Christ teaching His disciples and that the words underneath it read, "Freely ye have received, freely give."

"I'm going down to Mrs. Upton's with some of my things in those pockets," said Robert, suddenly. "It isn't fair that we should have so much and those other children nothing."

"That is just what I was thinking," said Amy. "Let's fill every pocket full."

When the ladies saw the children coming with their hands full of gifts, they said, "Let's not send the box today, but give all the children a chance to fill the pockets of their garments, too."

When the box was opened in that lonely little home out West, I wish you could have heard the squeals of delight from the four little children. The oldest was only eight and the baby three, but every one had been remembered, and the floor was covered with marbles and little toys and trinkets. They liked the clothes very much, but the pockets filled to overflowing with nice things they liked best of all.

When the letter came, telling about their great joy, Amy said, "Let's see that the missionary pockets are full instead of empty." And ever since then the boys and girls save up all the year, so there will be no pockets empty when the big box goes on its long journey.—*Wide world.*

Honoring God

Charlie was going home with his uncle. All night they were on a boat that was furnished with tiny beds on each side of the cabin, called berths. When it was time to go to bed, his uncle said:

"Hurry and jump into your berth."

"May I first kneel and ask God to care for us?" asked Charlie.

"We'll be taken care of," said his uncle.

"Yes, but Mother always told me not to ever take anything without first asking for it."

Charlie's uncle had nothing to say to that, so Charlie knelt down, just as he did at his bed at home, and asked God to care for them through the night. That was honoring God. It took courage, but Charlie set a good example.—*Selected.*

A NOTE OF THANKS

I wish to express my heart-felt thanks to White Hill Church and community, Beaufort County, North Carolina, for the love offerings on October 8. I am very thankful to everyone who had a part in making these offerings possible for my convenience and joy.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Miss Georgia Cayton
Aurora, N. C.
Route 1

NOTICE

Having tendered my resignation as member of the National Foreign Mission Board, which of course terminated my office as Promotional Secretary-Treasurer, and Rev. Raymond Riggs having been elected to this office in my stead, you will, therefore, from this time forward send all remittances for foreign missions to the following address:

Rev. Raymond Riggs,
Promotional Secretary-Treasurer
242 Victor Avenue
Highland Park, Michigan

Very sincerely,
Winford Davis

"Take your needle, my child, and work at your pattern; it will come out a rose by-and-by." Life is like that—one stitch at a time taken patiently and the pattern will come out all right like the embroidery.—O. W. Holmes

How poor are they that have not patience.—Shakespeare

AMERICA'S DREADFUL SPIRITUAL PLIGHT

"People spend eight times more hours at movies than at Sunday School; only one out of twelve persons in our country attends church, seven out of eight children quit church and Sunday School attendance before they reach 15 years of age; fifteen million "sex" magazines are printed monthly and read by one-third of the American people; there are more bar maids in this country than college girls; one million—ONE MILLION—American girls have venereal disease; one hundred thousand girls disappear EVERY YEAR into white slavery; one million illegitimate babies are born annually; there are almost a million illegal abortions performed annually; our nation harbors three times as many criminals as college students; a major crime is committed every twenty two seconds; an aggravated assault or rape every hour; a murder every forty minutes; there are sixty suicides in our nation daily; two out of three adults, both men and women, smoke; three out of ten who start as light drinkers, end up drunkards; as a nation we spend about seven hundred fifty dollars on pleasures, sins, cosmetics and amusements to every dollar given to foreign missions. Read, pray, weep, as you consider America's dreadful spiritual plight."

—J. Edgar Hoover

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The Three Wise Monkeys

In a temple at Kioto in far-away Japan,
The little Apes of Nikko are sitting, wondrous
wise;
And the one they call Mizaru—he's a funny little
man!
Mizaru sees no evil with his eyes.

The next is Kikazaru—quite funny, too, is he;
But ah! the people tell me he is wise beyond
his years;
As fine a little gentleman as any ape could be;
Kikazaru hears no evil with his ears.

The third one is Mazaru, and, like the other two,
His way is often quoted by the folk he dwells
among;
And that which makes him famous is a simple
thing to do—
Mazaru speaks no evil with his tongue.

Now the temple at Kioto few of us may ever see,
Or the Little Apes of Nikko, they're so very far
away,
But if we would do as they do, I think you'll all
agree,
We might in time become as wise as they.

Florence Boyce Davis

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Her Sight Was Restored

In the Philippine Islands lived a little girl named Maria. She had a brown skin, like the people of that island have, but what about that? She need not have a brown heart.

There were beautiful palm trees round about her house, and the sea was quite near, too, so that she could hear the splash of the waves against the shore as the wind drove them in. Little Maria often watched these beautiful things about her house.

One day the sun shone as bright as ever as Maria lay upon her mat bed. It came creeping over her eyes and awoke her, but she could not see all the beautiful things that she saw before, for she was almost blind. Some sickness had come upon her, of which her father and mother did not know, and it had made her blind. Now all

was dark and the world was not the same to her.

But a strong man had come to the town where Maria lived. He was a white man and he looked kind and friendly. He always carried with him a box and a book. Sometimes he opened his box and took medicine out of it and gave it to the sick folk. Maria's father and mother saw the wonderful things the kind man did for the sick people, so they carried their blind little girl to him, too. He looked at her eyes, put medicine upon them and bound them up with soft linen cloths. Little by little the pain went away.

One day the kind doctor (for that is what the kind man was) took off the bandages and said, "Look little Maria, look!" Maria looked, and oh, how lovely, for she could see the bright sunlight she used to! The waves were as blue, and the trees and flowers were also the same. Had they ever been different? No; the only different was, she could now see as well as ever. The kind doctor had made her blind eyes to see again. How thankful and how happy she was for what he had done for her!

But this was not all. The kind doctor opened his Book, which was a Bible, and read to her about the Lord Jesus, who can heal all diseases. He too had made the blind too see and the lame to walk, when He was upon earth. All this He can do now yet for those who trust Him. He is just the same powerful One today as He was when He walked upon this earth. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever" (Hebrews 13:8).

Our mind's eyes, too, have been blinded by sin, and we cannot see the beautiful things that God has in Christ for His people. The Lord Jesus can open our blinded eyes and give us new sight. When He has washed away our sins, the blindness will also go away from our eyes, and we can see His beauty. We can see how ugly and sinful we are, and how beautiful and gracious He is. Do you want Him to take away your blindness? He is ready to do it for you just now—only believe in Him as your Saviour from sin and trust your all to Him forever.—Anon.

I Do Not Drink!

By A High School Girl

Everybody's doing it? No not yet; Because I'm Somebody, don't forget.

Anybody with courage to stop and think Is certainly somebody; I don't drink.

Many a "Somebody" who didn't think Became a "nobody" because of drink.

Anybody can follow what some crowds do; I'm trying to be somebody; how about you?

Please, a Word for Your Publishing House

By Loy Everett Ballard

Perhaps the information given below will help some of our people to understand and appreciate more the work being done by the Free Will Baptist Press each quarter in producing literature for the denomination. Naturally there are many things we are not doing (and this is true of every institution and department of work of the church) which need to be done, and some among us seem so keenly conscious of the need of publications not being printed, that they can hardly appreciate that which is being done.

Let us take a look in upon the staff of ten men and four women who are now laboring day in and day out preparing the literature which you will be using in your Sunday Schools and Free Will Baptist Leagues during the first quarter of 1951. Just what is being done, and will be done, to provide the first quarter literature?

Well, let us begin with the editors, since the preparation of the copy is the first essential. We employ three resident editors, and, beginning with 1951, will use the services on a part time basis of one non-resident lesson writer. These editors will write, edit contributed articles, select and otherwise prepare for the typesetters material for the Sunday school and league quarterlies, The Free Will Baptist, and Youth's Banner, which will contain approximately 875,000 words. They will write the Sunday school lessons seven times and the league programs three times. To prepare for this task they have read many thousand pages of material in research. They have written almost twice as much as will go into the publications—writing, rewriting, discarding and writing over again. They will read word by word every contributed article before it is marked for publication. They will read many syndicated and clipped articles and stories which will never be used. For example, the editor of Youth's Banner read seven stories during October which were not used in the November Banner for various reasons. It is our policy to reject all articles and stories that fail to hold up a high standard of Christian living, or fail to give worthwhile information to the readers. We also try to avoid using articles not in harmony with our church doctrine. (Here we are faced with difficulty because of the fact, so ably set forth by Rev. Raymond Riggs in a recent article, that our people are far from being in agreement on some subjects.)

After the editors have prepared the original copy, they are far from being through. One or more word-by-word proofs must be checked, and a final press proof. Most of the 875,000 words referred to above will be read by the editors at least three times before you read them. Perhaps it will be in-

teresting to know that of these 875,000 words approximately 310,000 go into the Sunday school publications, 98,300 into the league quarterlies, 356,700 into thirteen numbers of the Free Will Baptist and 110,000 into Youth's Banner.

Moving now into the printing department, we learn that the Linotype operators use approximately 7,500 pounds of metal to set these 875,000 words up in lines which average eight words to the line. After the type is set up it goes to the make-up department where it is assembled into 580 page forms, many headlines being set in by hand, and all the material carefully spaced out to give a good appearance, cuts from which pictures are printed are fitted in, and the pages are then assembled in the chases for printing.

We are printing around 170,000 copies of quarterlies for the first quarter of 1951. To print the pages that go inside these books our presses will have to make 427,100 individual impressions. We will use around 26,000 pounds of paper and 200 pounds of ink. Another 110,000 impressions will be required to print The Free Will Baptist and Youth's Banner for the first quarter. To provide covers for the first quarter quarterlies special designs have been made up, and five different colors of ink are being used in connection with their printing. Our special cover press will have to make around 185,000 impressions to finish the covers according to plans.

Let us now go on to the finishing department. Here all the 400,000, more or less, printed sheets must be folded so the pages will come out just right. The folders must be then properly assembled, covers must be folded and placed on each book, the books must be stapled and trimmed. In the finishing department all the 170,000 quarterlies are handled by at least four different people. Since two staples are put in each copy, there must be 240,000 operations of the stapling machines. Since each copy must be trimmed three times, and not more than 100 can be trimmed at the time, around 1,100 operations of the paper cutter is required.

Let us leave our 170,000 quarterlies, stacked in neat piles, almost to the ceiling in the mailing room, and go in the office of the Press for a minute. There will be approximately 2,500 separate orders received for first quarter literature. Each letter must be opened in the office, the orders carefully checked. Orders for book stove items, Youth's Banner, etc., must be separated from the orders for quarterlies. The orders must be entered in books, labels must be typed to accompany the order sheets to the mailing department.

Back now to the mailing department.

Each of these orders must now be taken in hand by a clerk, who carefully counts out the number of each quarterly ordered, assembles the lot, wraps in a neat package, pastes on the labels, and puts the package in the proper place for mailing. In the case of The Free Will Baptist each copy must be stamped with the name and address of the subscriber, the copies going to each post office be wrapped separately, and the packages put in mail bags according to the direction they are to go.

Time fails us to tell of the much book-keeping necessary to keep up with this volume of business, the many letters that must be written, the hundreds of statements that must be mailed out each month to customers with charge accounts. Time fails also to allow us to tell of the many services rendered the denomination through the book store, the printing of minutes, special publications for religious groups, envelopes, letter forms, etc., for use of our people.

Yes, time flies, and we must get busy, for there is much yet to be done here before 221,000 copies of literature can go out to Free Will Baptists, north, south, east and west, for the first quarter of 1951.

Wade Jernigan Holds Good Meeting at Cabin Church

Rev. L. E. Ballard New Pastor for Church

On October first, the Reverend Wade Jernigan of Oklahoma began a revival meeting at the Cabin F. W. B. Church. He was assisted by Rev. Bailey Thompson, State League Evangelist of Oklahoma. The meeting closed on October 11, with many people having rededicated their hearts to the Lord. There was one new convert added to the church. We were blessed with a great spiritual blessing, and many stated that they were greatly helped in many ways.

We are asking all Christians to pray for us as we strive to go forward in the service of the Lord. May we be able to do his holy will at all times.

Our pastor for the coming year is Rev. L. E. Ballard of Greenville, North Carolina. His good wife will assist him in rendering services for us during the year. We are inviting the people of the church and community to come and worship the Lord with us fourth Sundays for our morning and evening services.

By the reporter

Morality without religion is only a kind of dead reckoning.—Longfellow

NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

Growth in the Eastern

The Eastern Conference of Free Will Baptists of North Carolina showed a healthy growth in its Fifty-Fifth session which convened with the Antioch Church, Craven County, October 18-19. According to the "Digest of Reports" there were added to the conference last year 998 members, above all losses by death and other ways. Also, one old church, that had been dormant for several years, was revived and reported and also one new church organized. The financial report was approximately \$1,000 above the previous year for all purposes of the denominational work.

As for the particulars of the conference as related to its internal affairs we will let you read the minutes as arranged by the clerk.

Indifference

I find a spirit among many Free Will Baptist people as well as other denominations that "one religion is as good as another." This being true many Free Will Baptist moving into cities and in communities where it is not particularly convenient to attend a Free Will Baptist church, join with other religious faiths. Often these faiths are adverse to all that is taught by the Free Will Baptist. Often it is said, "We are headed for the same place." That can be true, or it may be false. There are certain faiths that deny the "Virgin Birth of the Lord Jesus," and I am sure that according to the Word of God that any faith that denies the Virgin Birth of the Lord Jesus is of the devil, therefore such faith is under the curse of the Word of God. Paul said:

"But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed" (Gal. 1:9).

Paul preached that Jesus Christ was the Son of God. He also preached that we are saved, by the "Shed Blood

of the Lord Jesus." There are denominations who preach "salvation by works." Here is Paul's word as revealed by the Holy Spirit, "Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasures of his will. To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our sins, according to the riches of his grace" (Gal. 1:5-7). So to preach the forgiveness of sins without the atonement made by the shed blood of the Lord Jesus is to preach under the "curse." That kind of religion is in absolute contradiction to that which is believed and taught by the inspired Word of God, and as accepted and believed and taught by Free Will Baptist. So let me say to you Free Will Baptist members everywhere when you are about to trade your faith—the faith of your church—be sure that which you are about to join is in keeping with the inspired Word of God. We can be tolerant toward others, but we cannot afford to be indifferent. God condemned indifference severely in these words: "Because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth" (Rev. 3:16).

To be indifferent about knowing and living up to the truth of God is equal to saying that God does not care what is right and what is wrong, what is evil and what is good. Some one has said that God cares more for the man on the wrong side of the fence than for the man who is straddling the fence. The Lord condemned Israel for its indifference, and here is what He said: "I will search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men that are settled on their lees: that say in their heart, The Lord will not do good, neither will he do evil" (Zephaniah 1:12).

Let me say again, as I have said before in my writings, to deny the "Virgin Birth" and the divine revelation of the Lord Jesus to the Father is to openly denounce the Word of God. God has declared that Jesus Christ was His Son. At the baptism of Christ God said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased"

(Matt. 3:17). And again at the transfiguration: "And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son; Hear him" (Mark 9:7). Now see I John 5:10 and there you will see that to dispute this Scripture is to dispute the record that God has given. I warn you to not dispute the Word of God nor to join with them that do deny God's record of His Son.

The Cape Fear Union

I had the privilege of attending the Cape Fear Union meeting October the 28th.

It was an extremely spiritual gathering. Everybody seemed to be in good spirits.

All the churches in the entire union represented, but two, I believe. The reports were good, coming in from the various churches. The union and the conference are launching out on a number of progressive moves for the denominational work; among which are now requirements for those who aspire to the work of the ministry. One requirement is that those who are ordained must continue to study and improve his knowledge of the Scriptures. In the work of improvement they must take periodical examinations and without improving their talent, they are censured for their lack of improvement and are likely to lose their credentials. To use the exact words as we gathered them in the charge, it was said, "We no longer ordain and turn ministers loose to do as they please about study. If they do not improve in the ministry we demand their credentials to be returned to the ordaining council."

At this union meeting two licensed ministers were ordained, namely Albert Coats, a member of Hopewell church and T. C. Smith, a member of the Goldsboro church. The ceremony was very impressive from start to finish.

The Church in Raleigh

The membership of the church in Raleigh is small, but there are some of the work than his hearers are for their work. He must think for an of the most interested members to be

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Department of Foreign Missions

REV. RAYMOND RIGGS, *Promotional Secretary-Treasurer*
242 VICTOR AVENUE HIGHLAND PARK, MICHIGAN

LETTER FROM CUBA

DEAR FRIENDS:

Just a few lines to say a few things that I have kept in my heart for sometime. I have still alive in my mind the precious time I spent in the U. S. in the company of many American brothers, especially with our own Free Will Baptists.

For two months, beginning on the 24th of June 1949, I traveled day after day with our leader and father of our Cuban mission, Reverend Thom. H. Willey. It was a long trip, through several states, in which we visited a large number of churches, enjoying the best welcome in each one of them.

Words are weak to express the many impressions and experiences, especially in the spiritual field, that I received all along my trip.

Thousands of Christians in these churches approached me with the most Christian and friendly smile, so that they made me feel right at home even when we had some difference in the language and perhaps in the manners. How can I forget such a big experience?

After this two months came the sad moment in which Mr. Willey and I had to separate from each other, for me to go to Nashville and for him to come back to Cuba. On my arrival at the school in Nashville where I spent nine months studying, getting finally the two year diploma with the help of credit for some of the subjects I had studied in our Cuban Bible School. I had the best welcome by the teachers and other workers of that institution.

As the months went by my understanding and compenetration with that nice and lovely group of teachers and students grew up so much until I did not feel any longer that I was a foreigner or a stranger. I was one of the group as some of them told me. Those were nine months of joy,

learning and growing in necessary experiences.

Another thing that moved my heart with gratitude was the spontaneous contributions of the pastors and church members of the surrounding churches, to help me through school all the time until I finished. As to the school in Nashville, I received such nice treatment from the faculty and students that I got to love it as much as I love ours in Cuba, so I have the greatest and best desire for the growing of that institution.

I want to say thanks to the faculty and students of the Free Will Baptist Bible College and to all the pastors and church members that in some way contributed to my stay in the U. S., with their offerings, kindness, care or any other help. I ask for your prayers for me and our work and promise to pray for you every day.

I married just a short time ago. Now my wife and I are living in the school and ready to start at any moment our task as teachers in the school.

Today is the 23rd of October and our school is still closed for the lack of money. Five or six days ago we received the check for the month of August, but we were so far behind that it was impossible to cover the debts. Now we are in expectation of some more money to cover the debts and have something to start with, but we believe it is already in the hands of the Lord and soon will get to us.

In spite of the economical crisis we can observe the best willingness in every worker and students and the Lord is certainly blessing the fields. We are praying for the Lord to be glorified in everything.

We, the Cuban workers and Christians appreciate and are deeply grateful for the love with which the American Christians have helped us thru

in the knowing and carrying on the Gospel of Christ. The same would say the Willeys and other American missionaries who are with us here and are such a great blessing to us and to our country.

Mr. Willey is still in the States. Let us pray for him and although it is a little bit late for the school year to start let us pray and do our best that this may prove to be the best school year we ever had in the Lord's work.

Thanks again and may the Lord bless you in His service every day.

Benito Rodriguez

Miss Barnard's Letter to the People

Glennville, Georgia
October 31, 1950

Dear Friends:

Man proposes but God disposes! So, somehow in His infinite wisdom He has seen fit to dispose of my cherished plans to visit our churches for the next few months. September 1, I began what I hoped would be a continuous itinerary, to have fellowship with as many groups of our people as possible, acquainting them first-hand with the India field and needs while glean- ing information, suggestions and counsel from you, until nearer the time for me to return to India. But after the Mission- ary Convence in Nashville I had a flare- up of trouble for which I required medical aid. While offering me relief from my immediate distress, the doctor insisted upon a series of thorough examinations, particularly in view of my long residence in India and my record of illnesses there. I spent some days in hospital for this purpose, and was dismissed with an unquali- fied order for complete rest until January. The doctor is one in whom we have reason to have great confidence, as he is prominent on the Vanderbilt Hospital Staff, well known all his lifetime in Nashville, and known to me professionally for a number of years. I could not conscientiously disregard his advice. I am therefore inactive for the pres- ent, and shall not be free to visit the places I had counted on visiting this year, nor even to plan any future itinerary, as I am advised to refrain from laying any plans until I have seen the doctor again in Janu- ary.

As I write this, I have somewhat the feeling of hanging black crepe on my own doorknob! Maybe you, too, know the feel- ing. If so, you know how bitter it is. But my better judgment accepts it as the only possible path of victory and assurance of future usefulness to Him and to you. Inas- much as several have already asked me if

I had been forbidden to return to India, I judge the same question may be raised in your minds, and I am glad to answer it here. If the doctor has any doubt about my being able to return to India in due time, he has not revealed such to me. He has said that I certainly ought not to return until I had fully recuperated, but he holds out every hope that the course he prescribes will enable me to recover full strength. So, while I trust I shall always be ready to go or to stay at His bidding, I have no reason thus far to change my original plans for returning to India not later than May, 1951.

Things continue to happen in India—many of them not conducive to complete rest! Miss Kamala Nanaka, the tall, fine-looking teacher whom many of you have seen in the India pictures, has recently been taken from us in a cholera epidemic, leaving us in greater need for workers. Typhoid also has invaded our ranks. Missionaries and Indian Staff are pitifully overworked, and my own plight right now makes me feel sad to think what those on the field at present may face a few years hence, with the demands so great and the "laborers" so few. Please remember the challenge: "Pray ye!" Blessing also conditions and the faithful witness of converts and workers keeps us cheered. As I remain here at home I hope I can write a letter to the papers occasionally and through this medium still keep you in touch with India. That is, if I can do this and still keep within "doctor's orders"!

Yours in His quieter, but yet glad, service,
 Laura Belle Barnard

Missionary Film of Cuba

Now you can see for yourself missions in action. The following paragraphs tell how to obtain this film for your church.

This film is available for use in any evangelical church. Use the film in your Young People's Meeting, Church services, Woman's auxiliary and missionary meetings, youth rallies, etc.

There is no rental fee but we do ask that you receive a free-will offering for the F. W. B. Foreign Mission Board at the close of the service in which the film is used. After use, the film must be returned promptly to headquarters or to the address which we will give you.

This film must be shown on a 16 mm sound projector. Your State Director of missions will aid you in securing one if you have none available.

The number of copies of this film

is limited, therefore please reserve as far in advance as possible.

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F. W. B. Foreign Mission Board
 242 Victor Ave., Highland Park 3.

Michigan

Please reserve the film, "Letter to Melitina," for use in our church on the following date:

First Choice _____
 Second Choice _____
 Third Choice _____

We will receive a free-will offering for the F. W. B. Mission Board and return the film promptly. We have or can borrow a 16 mm Sound Projector.

Mail the film to:

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 Zone _____ State _____
 Name of Church _____

Those interested may clip this reserve blank and mail it in to the F. W. B. Mission Board.

The Car Fund for India

In a called session of the Foreign Mission Board in Nashville, Tennessee, on October 3, 1950, Rev. Winford Davis, the former treasurer, reported that the car fund had been re-established. When Miss Barnard is ready to purchase the car for India, the money is ready.

Let it be understood that there was no intention to the part of Brother Davis to misuse the funds, it was only to meet the emergency of the delinquent salaries of our missionaries. It was his plans from the very first to replace the funds as soon as the treasury could afford it. Brother Davis resigned from his position as Promotional Secretary-Treasurer, and from the Board. As a Board we want to speak words of appreciation to Brother Davis for his long, faithful and untiring service. He has served faithfully since the very beginning of our Foreign Mission efforts. It is our prayer that he will serve the Lord as faithfully in another field as he has in this one.

The present officers of the Foreign Mission Board are as follows:

Rev. Rashie Kennedy, Chairman, 713 Simmons Street, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Rev. J. W. Alford, Vice-Chairman, Columbia, North Carolina.

Rev. Raymond Riggs, Secretary-Treasurer, acting as Promotional Secretary, 242 Victor Avenue, Highland Park 3, Michigan.

Signed by the Committee.

Rashie Kennedy
 Raymond Riggs

Foreign Missions

FOREIGN MISSIONS DEPARTMENT
 OVER FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS
 IN ARREARS

(This is run again for emphasis.—Ed.)

Now lets talk turkey. It was revealed in our recent Missionary Conference in Nashville, Tenn., that the Foreign Missions Department was over Five Thousand Dollars behind in our allotments to our mission fields. The time has come when we must do more than talking, planning and even more than praying. We must give. The S. O. S. call will continue to be sounded long and loud until we are even with the board in this department of our work. The reason for this situation is not that Free Will Baptists aren't interested in Foreign Missions but it is because that the demands on each of our Foreign Fields have been greater than the growth in Stewardship at home.

In order for us to be relieved of this financial crisis we are appealing to churches and individuals to send in immediately special offerings to expedite the amount in arrears.

FIFTY MEN TO GIVE ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS EACH

We are challenging fifty individuals or churches to give \$100.00 each between now and November 15th to relieve us of this condition. The following persons have pledged themselves for the following amounts to be paid by November 15th—Rev. J. W. Alford \$100.00; Rev. Rashie Kennedy \$100.00; Rev. Raymond Riggs \$100.00; Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Johnson \$100.00; Rev. E. C. Morris, \$200.00; Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Thigpen \$25.00; Rev. and Mrs. George Ludwig, \$25.00; Rev. W. S. Mooneyham \$10.00; Rev. Wayne Tucker \$25.00; Rev. and Mrs. Henry Melvin \$25.00. There are many more in our ranks who are able and I believe interested enough to come to our rescue at this crucial time.

First, ask yourself the personal question "what can I do personally"? If you cannot be a one hundred dollar man by November 15th then pledge what you can. Perhaps your church would make a hundred dollar pledge to be paid any time before November 15. Folks, we need and must have your help. We cannot let our missionaries down. They are standing in the gap in our stead. Let's rally to their support now. Please pray about this matter and ask God exactly what you should do, then fill out the blank below and send it immediately to Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Promotional Office, 242 Victor Ave., Highland Park 3, Michigan.

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: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

ANOTHER SIGN OF SPIRITUAL PROGRESS

A great many churches are getting away from the old idea that one revival a year is enough for their people. In the early days, each church looked forward to having a revival meeting sometime in July or August, and that no other time of the year would be suitable for such a meeting. Moreover, very little thought was given to the reviving of the church members, but that the sole purpose of the revival was to get new converts to swell the church roll, and to get some of the people, young and old, to show some interest in the religious life of the community. Those revivals, however, meant much to the church and community, and we would not minimize their value in their day to both the church and the community.

But, in this modern age, when so many things are moving at a rapid pace, a great many of the churches and ministers have conceived the idea that even two revivals in the average church year are not too many. In fact, we have reports that some churches have held this year as many as three revival meetings for their people, and that the results were gratifying indeed. A greater spiritual awakening seems to have come to those churches because of having had two and three revivals in them for this year.

When viewing this from a religious standpoint, it is quite sensible for church people to look forward to having more than one revival meeting in their churches for a period of twelve months. As a usual thing, church members need to have two to three revival meetings each year in their churches for the reviving of careless members and the quickening of active members to a greater sense of their duties in church work. Furthermore, the un-Christian people of the community, who usually attend revival services once a year, will be greatly benefited by having the privilege of attending the services of two or three revivals in their community during the year. Such meetings bring to their attention the need of spirituality; the need of turning to Christ for the forgiveness of their sins; and why they should stand for all that is good and upright for all the people of the community. These revivals are reminders of the great need of being aroused from a religious viewpoint, and placing the community on a higher spiritual basis as the years pass.

We believe, with the rapid movement of things in this modern world, it is becoming more and more necessary that every church should hold each year at least from two to three revivals for the good that they will do for the people as a whole. Greater joy, peace and happiness will come to the people of those churches and communities as time passes that will set up the practice of having two and three revivals each year for the cause of Christ in their midst.

GOOD REPORTS FROM UNIONS AND
SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS

In this section of the country, good news has come to us from some of the Union meetings and Sunday School conventions. The Second union, for example, of the Central North Carolina Conference, which was held at King's Cross Roads Church on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in October, had a very good session. The attendance was all that could be expected, the different reports of the work of the union were good, and the messages on various subjects were far above par. The Union sermon was of a high type, and quite fitting for the occasion. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed it very much.

At the noon hour an old-fashion picnic dinner was spread on the long tables on the church grounds, and the entire crowd of people enjoyed a feast of good things to eat, while they also enjoyed the sweet Christian fellowship together. Quite a number of the ministers of the Union district were present and shared in the fine spirit of brotherly love and Christian fellowship. It was a fine day and all were made happy because of its pleasantness, and the splendid accomplishments of the Union for the glory of the Lord.

The Sunday School conventions convening in the different districts have reported that they held good sessions, and that the attendance was very good. Great interest was taken in the different phases of the work of these conventions, and much progress is being shown from time to time. Certainly, these Sunday School conventions which come each fifth Sunday of the quarter in their respective Union districts are meaning much to the welfare of the Sunday Schools and churches of those districts. It would be a near tragedy should any of them decide to cease operating. On the other hand, as they continue to function down the coming years, it is to be expected that they will be doing even a greater work for the cause of righteousness in the world than anyone can foretell.

As a matter of fact, a great many of these Sunday School conventions are looking forward to having a better training system for the Sunday School teachers of their various Sunday Schools of their districts. My God speed the day when this idea will be more completely realized, because there is a serious need of better trained Sunday School teachers in all of our Sunday Schools throughout the entire denomination. May the ministers, the Sunday School superintendents, and lay-leaders of all the churches of the denomination arise, and set in order methods and means by which this thing can be realized in the not distant future.

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

Editor

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Special Notice to Cape Fear Auxiliary Women

Mrs. J. C. Griffin, our State Field worker, for the Women's auxiliaries will teach the Manual of Methods, beginning the 15th and the 16th of November in the Cape Fear district. The first day's classes will be conducted at the Smithfield Church, and the second day's classes at Shady Grove Church. The classes will begin each day at 10:00 a. m.

I am urging that all Cape Fear auxiliaries to attend the class most convenient to them. Each person attending these classes is requested to take lunch, and an offering along with them for Mrs. Griffin.

Mrs. Almond Warrick, Pres., Cape Fear District.

Holly Springs Auxiliary of Newport Moving Forward

The Holly Springs Auxiliary is still making progress for the Lord. It was reorganized two years ago, with our pastor's good wife, Mrs. J. R. Bennett being elected president with 48 members enrolled. It now has 75. Brother Bennett and his wife are doing a good work here. They mean so much to our Aid; also the church.

We are very fortunate to have Mrs. Bennett for our president, one who loves the Lord and is anxious to see work carried on for the glory of God.

The Annual Meeting was held at the church Wednesday evening, Oct. 4, with a good attendance. The meeting was called to order by the president. The Devotional was led by Miss Nellie Cannon, the subject

being "Advancing with Christ through Missions in India," which was enjoyed by all.

The president called for the minutes of the previous meeting, which were read, approved, roll called, and payment of dues.

Regular dues collected for the month of October were \$17.15.

Cash on hand October 1, 1949, \$81.17. Received during the year 1949-50, \$678.49, making a total of \$759.66.

Officers were elected for the year 1950-51: Mrs. J. R. Bennett, President; Mrs. Roy Garner, Secretary; Miss Nellie Cannon, Treasurer; and it was moved that the vice-presidents stay just as they are.

After closing prayer by Brother Bennett the hostess served sandwiches and drinks.

The next meeting will be held at the church Wednesday evening before the 2nd Sunday in November.

Thanks be unto the Lord that our church and its auxiliaries are growing. Pray that we may be true and faithful always, and co-workers with God.

Mrs. Roy Garner, Secy.
Newport, N. C.

Special Call to Eastern Auxiliaries

This is to remind all local auxiliaries of the Eastern District of the Eastern North Carolina conference of my request at the recent auxiliary Convention that I am asking each of you to send me, not later than December 12th, some amount for Super-annuation Christmas gifts. The total amount that I receive will be equally divided among the retired and disabled ministers of the Eastern District. Let us not neglect this all-important duty. Let us not spend too much this Christmas for toys to be torn up before the New Year begins.

Mrs. Walter Rhodes, Sixth V-Pres.
Beulaville, North Carolina

Let the Revival Be a Revival

Vance Havner

It is regrettable that with many to-day the terms "revival" and "evangelism" should be thought of as synonymous and interchangeable. Of course, there is a profound difference. Evangelism is the proclamation of the Gospel in order to win the lost.

Revival must precede evangelism among us today. "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation . . . and sinners shall be converted unto thee" is the divine order. The evangelist who said he would rather wake up five hundred Christians than convert five hundred sinners was right: if five hundred Christians are really aroused, they will soon win five hundred sinners.

Yet we speak of evangelistic campaigns as revivals. A drive for more church members often obscures the real issue in a church where what is really needed is an awakening of the members it already has. The average series of special meetings usually begins with a few messages, on revival and an appeal to backsliders, but soon turns to the unsaved, leaving a complacent church untouched. Preaching to the church is often resented. It is sometimes taken as a reflection on the work of the pastor or a rebuke to the people, who immediately become very anxious to have the preacher turn to the unsaved, because that leaves church members comfortably untouched. It is more pleasant to comfort the afflicted than to afflict the comfortable, and the prophet is sure to be accused of scolding.

Fruitless Confusion

We are politely ignoring real revival and confusing it with a number of things. The real trouble is untouched, and we are treating the saints as convalescents before they have been operated upon. The farmer breaks up his land, sows the seeds, cultivates, harvests. In the fields of the Lord, the teacher sows the seed, the pastor cultivates, the evangelist harvests. But too often this is done on fallow ground that has never been broken up, and we "sow among thorns." The harvest is scanty and the pickings meager. Something was overlooked at the start. To be sure, if a farmer did nothing but break up the soil all the time, he would reap no increase, but he will never fill his barns if he does not break up the ground. Undisturbed ground is unproductive ground, and some of us have been alone a long time.

The New Testament order is not accidental: John the Baptist, our Lord, Peter and Paul and John. We need a John the Baptist ministry to tear down the high places and build up the low places and straighten out the crooked places and prepare the way of the Lord. Finney wrote: "There is only here and there in the country a minister who knows how to probe the church when it is in a cold and backslidden condition so as to effect-

HOW TO BE SAVED

By Rev. L. W. Wheeler
Warren, Arkansas

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2:8-10).

This passage of Scripture declares the utter inability of any other way to save man. Some declare that salvation is by good works, religious observances and such like, which man himself must do or observe, in order to be saved. There are some who say "If I cannot save myself, if I cannot be saved by anything I can do, how can I be saved?"

First, note, God says that it is by grace we are saved. Until I take the position of a lost sinner, unworthy and undone, a proper subject for grace, there is no hope for my soul. When I humbly take that position, the grace of God which has supplied a Saviour steps in, and the gracious words of the Lord Jesus fall on my ears—"Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out." God's gracious promise reaches me in all my sins. "Whosoever believeth on Him (the Lord Jesus Christ) shall not perish, but have everlasting life." Oh, the grace of God in giving His only son! Oh, the grace of the Son of God, who though He was rich, yet for our sakes became poor, that we through His poverty might be made rich! Truly, by grace are ye saved, but the Word of God says also, "Ye are saved through faith." Faith is the hand that reaches out and takes salvation which is the gift of God. Faith is taking God at His word. Faith lays hold of God's promise and says, "I believe it."

And what does God's Word say about us? God's word says "All we like sheep have gone astray." Faith says, "That's true of me." I've wandered far from God. God's word continues to say of us, "We have turned every one into his own way." Faith replies, "Alas, that is also true of me. God be merciful to me a sinner." It is then that God's Word meets us in our need and adds, "The Lord hath laid on Him (Christ) the iniquity of us all." Hearing this good news faith cries out, "Praise be to God, that is also true." Christ Himself bore my sins in His own body of the tree, but my sins are all atoned for, because I now accept Christ as my Saviour, I am saved by the grace of God through faith.

Dear reader, salvation is the gift of God. Delay no longer. Now as you read these lines, stretch out the hand of faith and grasp the gift of God, then humbly falling on your knees give thanks to God for His marvellous grace in saving a poor sinner like you.

Nature's Flytrap

G. H. Clement

All children know that spiders like to catch flies. It builds its web as a trap for the unward fly; and once a fly gets its feet entangled in this fine mesh it is soon food for the hungry spider and its family. "Come into my parlor said the spider to the fly," is a line from a rhyme that all boys and girl's recite at school, which tells of the spider's cunning ways to catch the fly. But there is a plant that also catches flies, and feeds upon them.

This plant which is called Venus's fly-trap is found only in a small area about Wilmington, North Carolina. It is a wild semi-aquatic herb which has leaves that end in two plates. Let an insect light upon this leaf and it snaps together, imprisoning the insect. Now to look at this plant one would never suspect any danger. Its little flowers and innocent-looking leaves do not speak of treachery. But a fly needs only to light upon its very edge and it will be trapped. The points on the edges of the plates act like bars on a prison; and the insect cannot get away, but dies a slow death. Now we cannot understand entirely the purpose of such insect traps, except that the plant feeds upon them, apparently. But I wonder if God seeks to teach us an important lesson through this strange plant? There are many sins that look harmless enough. Young folk ask, "What harm is there in this and that?" Satan knows that he cannot get all his victims by very obvious, glaring sins. He knows that there are many folk who would be repelled by them, so those he cannot get one way, he tries to entrap another way. He makes the sin look very innocent, and attractive. But sin is sin no matter how beautiful it may appear, and once one has been enticed by its allurements, he finds himself hopelessly ensnared.

Sin means death. Our only way of escaping its deadly effects is to take refuge in Christ who overcame sin and its penalty on Calvary's Cross. He alone can set the prisoner free, and keep him henceforth free as he trust in Him.

If you have an illustrated dictionary you will find a picture of the Venus's-flytrap in it. Study it, and then pass along to others the lessons that God intends it to teach after we are sure we have learned them ourselves.

Had I a dozen sons,—each in my love alike,—I had rather had eleven die nobly for their country, than one voluptuously surfeit out of action.—Shakespeare

I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true; I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live up to what light I have.—A. Lincoln

ually waken the members and keep them awake. They have a form of piety which wards off the truth while at the same time it is just that kind of piety that has no power or efficiency. They are often employed about the machinery of religion and pass for good Christians, but they are of no use in a revival."

The Church Must Repent

Dr. Sidney Powell, in his book *Toward the Great Awakening*, tells us that Moody and Gypsy Smith in their later years preached more than ever to the church. Gypsy Smith said he did so "because the world knows the present condition of the church and it listens to the preacher who is frank and honest about it. He wins the outsider by preaching to the church."

The church must first repent. To five out of seven churches in Revelation our Lord said, "Repent." But just try preaching repentance in the average church today and see what happens. We will do anything else but repent. We will invent all kinds of excuses and alibis and substitute any number of good activities, but we will not repent.

It would be a fine thing to begin a new type of special services in our churches just to mend our own fences and sweep out our own back yards. We mix such endeavors with other objectives, and rarely is the church itself cleansed. We can well afford some meetings where we pray only for ourselves. We need to declare a moratorium on much we deem more important and drastically clear the track for a real revival at any price. We can never do other things well until we attend to this. Enlistment, stewardship, personal work, evangelism, all of these flow from, but do not constitute, a revival. The church, as well as the individual, needs to set aside time for self-examination, repentance, confessing and cleansing, and not clutter up that program with any other interests until these have been taken care of. Let the revival be a revival, and not a mixture of a dozen different endeavors! The objectives that take up so much of our time these days would soon be realized if we let them alone until we first got right with God and each other.

Concerning California Church Fund

Dear Brother Garnett:

I saw your appeal in the F. W. B. paper a few weeks ago, which appealed to me very much. I am herewith sending two dollars, which is a very small offering, but my prayer is that many may be moved to respond to your appeal, that you may be able to erect a soul-saving station there in your section of California.

Surely, God moved you to make that appeal, and I am praying that many will respond to your call. I wish that I were able to respond with a real worthwhile offering, but God knows my ability. I assure you that I shall be praying for the success of your efforts. I want to say that you are not asking too much, for I feel that God is leading us as Christians out through your appeal.

May God prosper your every effort.

Yours for his service,
Mrs. Troy Hickman

Dear Editor:

After reading Sister Hickman's letter, this text came to my mind:

"Whatsoever He Saith unto You, Do It"

Looking at this text from the standpoint of Homiletics, we see three imperatives: First, Recognition. We must recognize the Lord when he speaks. We must recognize him, not only as the sovereign Ruler of the universe, but as the ruling power in our lives.

Second, Obedience. We must obey him in every phase of our lives. We must do what he tells us to do, go where he tells us to go, and say what he prompts us to say. Our hearts must be in complete submission to his holy will. This full surrender to God of our lives is the recognition of God's claim upon man, and also the acknowledgement of his call to holiness.

Third, Courage. We must be courageous in every phase of our Christian activities, for it takes courage to obey the will of God. Daniel proved his courage when he defied the decree of Darius, and when he prayed three times a day with his window open toward the city of Jerusalem. Again, we say that it takes a lot of courage to be a real Christian.

"Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it." We do feel so much alone in this extreme southwest corner of the United States. True it is that there are many Christians here, but we do want the Free Will Baptist to take a place (which we feel rightly belongs to us) along side the other denominations here in the west, and we are working to that end. We are praying that the Lord of the harvest will send in laborers

and finances to help us in his kingdom work here in California.

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and "whatsoever He saith unto you, do it." Please mail your offerings to Rev. W. A. Garnett, 808 First Avenue, ElCayon, California.

Rev. W. A. Carnett

Some Rambling Thoughts

The testimony of this writer for 1950 is that the Lord has been very gracious unto us, from both a physical and a spiritual point of view. I heartily agree with the Psalmist who said, "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, and serve the Lord with gladness; come before him with singing. Let every one praise ye the Lord."

May we who profess to know the Lord have more praise and thanksgiving, so the world may know we have been with Jesus. In the writer's experience, we have come in contact quite often with some things like Jesus did. As he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men who were lepers, and they stood afar off. They cried for mercy and Jesus had compassion on them. The scriptures say that as they went, they were cleansed. But only one turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God. We learn that this one was a stranger, but he felt very humble, and he gave thanks to Christ for healing him.

Remember what Christ said: "Were there not ten cleansed, but where are the nine?" Sometimes we are made to wonder about the unthankfulness of some people.

We do enjoy reading the Baptist paper so very much. We are wondering about the western part of the state since we do not get so many articles from that section, as we once did. We also have not seen anything from Dr. Fred Mexey in the Baptist paper for quite a while, and a number of others, too numerous to mention. I have been taking the Baptist paper for more than forty-eight years, and I have never let it expire during that time.

Mrs. Mary Rouse
Dudley, N. C.

Who Will Do Likewise?

Dear Brother Riggs:

Enclosed you will find seven dollars to be used for the Foreign Missionary causes. We hope the need has been met in Cuba and that the school has opened. Our prayer is that the work may go forward in the name of Christ.

Sincerely yours,

Earl Grubbs
1803 Bailey St., Route 6
Columbia, Tennessee

Tennessee Personalities and Events

Newly elected officers of the State Association which met recently at East Nashville Church include Rev. E. M. French, Greeneville, moderator; Rev. William Mishler, Cedar Hill, assistant moderator; I. L. Stanley, Greeneville, clerk; Rev. Adam Scott, Nashville, assistant clerk; Rev. C. B. Thompson, Nashville, treasurer; and Rev. George Dunbar, Chuckley, statistician. Perhaps the most outstanding thing done at the association was the appointment of a committee to locate, construct, and direct a youth camp ground for Tennessee Free Will Baptists. This committee was composed of the executive committee of the board of trustees of the Tennessee Home for Children and two additional members, I. L. Stanley and C. F. Bowen.

Officers of the Eastern Quarterly Meeting which was held at Goodsprings Church recently are as follows: Rev. William Mishler, moderator; Rev. Lester Jones, assistant moderator; Mrs. William Mishler, clerk; Marjorie June Ellis, assistant clerk; and Mrs. Lester Jones, treasurer.

The following new ministers were received into the Presbytery of the Cumberland Association at its October session with Heads Church: Charles Craddock, Edward Corn, Damon C. Dodd, Bayless McDonald, B. A. Moore, Walter Reynolds, and T. O. Terry. Edward Corn, formerly of North Carolina and now a student in the Bible college, was ordained at this session.

Head's Church, Cedar Hill, reports a fine revival conducted by Ronald Creech recently. There were 10 conversions during the meeting and 4 more came the Sundays following. These were service men from nearby Fort Campbell. Rev. and Mrs. Rupert Cravens have just closed a successful singing school at Head's with an enrolment of 47. The woman's auxiliary purchased table cloth material during October for the Home for Children, according to Esterline Elliis. Rev. William Mishler is pastor of Head's Church.

East Nashville Church has adopted a budget of \$13,440, the largest in its history, for 1951. Of this amount \$1,100 will go to foreign missions and \$500 will go to the Bible college. There are 285 members of East Nashville Church.

The Nashville City League Union plans another Thanksgiving service with all Free Will Baptist churches and the college participating. The proceeds will go to the Home for Children. It is hoped that I. L. Stan-

ley, superintendent of the Home, will be the speaker.

Pardon the personal note, but this reporter has had his baby's name changed from Jeffrey Bryon to Clarence Floyd Bowen, Jr. Everybody seems much happier about it for some reason.

The Important Question

"Run and hand Father the Book, Charlie, and we will have worship," said his mother, when tea was finished.

"Let us find the place," said the little boy, opening the Bible where the red marker lay at the third chapter of the Revelation.

Charlie listened very attentively all the time of the reading. But when his father repeated that beautiful verse, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me," he could not wait until his father had finished, but ran up to him with the anxious inquiry, "Father, did He get in?" Let me ask the same question of every child. Has the Saviour got into your heart? He has knocked again and again—is knocking now. Open your heart and bid Him welcome, and this will be the happiest day of your life.—Sel.

Turned a New Leaf

Yes, that is what Lenwood F. W. Baptist Church in Jackson County, Florida, has done. After nearly seventy years of one service per month, our church has gone on half-time basis, or two services per month. This will be on the second and fourth Sundays of the month for the new church year. Reverend Rufus Hyman is our new pastor for this pastoral year. We are hoping for a prosperous year in the work of the Lord. J. F. Fillingim, Deacon of the Church

A Note of Thanks

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to the ladies auxiliary for the many nice cards and gifts I received for my birthday.

I wish you much success in your work, and you have my prayers.

Your brother in Christ,
Rev. J. C. Franks

Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled.

Are We Going to Forget

Christmas will soon be here, the birthday of our Lord and Saviour.

About this time of the year, most of us are thinking of gifts for our loved ones and friends. There are many, no doubt, that have their gifts listed, and plans prepared. I wonder if we have forgotten to include a birth-day gift for our Lord? No doubt we have the names of many special friends on our gift list, and will think our-selves very fortunate indeed if we can keep the cost within one or two week's salary. Have we the name of Jesus on this special list? Jesus is a special friend at all times. It never gets too cold, or rains too hard that He will not visit his children. Jesus is never too tired to visit with us, when our troubles are great, and we need a friend most. Our earthly friends will give us the cold shoulder, so to speak, just when we need them most.

Jesus never gives or turns the cold shoulder to anyone. He is always on call, and ready to serve. He will go with us where-ever we go, or when ever we go. All that is asked of us is that we be willing to take Him into our homes and lives. Can we afford to forget such a friend? Let us remember December the twenty-fifth this year in a special way, and add the name of Jesus to our gift list. Let's remember Christmas as the birthday of the best friend the world has ever known. This Friend came into the world that you and I may have birthdays ever lasting.

I have before me a little paper that is printed in the Norfolk Naval Shipyard. This paper is printed once each week, and carries the news, and happenings of the yard. Last Monday in each corner we saw the word Extra, Extra! The head lines in very large type we saw \$25,642.38 pledged in five days to the chest drive. Did you say good going? I agree with you whole-heartedly. Can you imagine what one day's pay given by each Free Will Baptist would do for Jesus through your local church? It means your church could increase its support to the many different programs that depend on it for finances.

Those of us that take the Baptist paper know what these programs are, and how they are pressed for money. A day's pay given as a birthday present to our Lord and Saviour this Christmas would mean much to the work He expects you and me to do. Did you ask how are we to give a day's pay when every thing is so high? That is a good question, and I think this is a good answer. I am going to get that extra church envelope, and inclose a day's pay in it as a combined Christmas, and birthday present for my very best friend. Then, I will do the best I can with what's left to secure gifts for the family and friends.

Christ expects the first fruits, the best we have. He wants to come first in our

thoughts, and lives. So let's observe this Christmas by letting Him take His place at the top of the gift list. If we will do this, all of us will retire much happier by doing so.

Instead of wearing a red feather in our hats, let us wear a smile of happiness, and peace of mind, and heart, in knowing that we gave a day's pay as a birthday present to one that gave his life that we might have birthdays everlasting. Just a small gift to our very best friend.

I gave, I gave my life for thee, What hast thou giv'n for me?

I left, I felt it all for thee, What hast thou left for me?

I've borne, I've borne it all for thee, What hast thou borne for me?

I bring, I bring rich gifts to thee, What hast thou brought to me?

Stanley Everette
424 Barclay Ave.
Portsmouth, Va.

Foreign Missions

(Continued from page 6)

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Dear Brother Riggs:

I, We promise to give to the Foreign Mission Department to help in this crisis the amount of \$_____ to be paid on or before November 15, 1950.

Name _____

Address _____

Church _____

Mail all contributions to Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board, 242 Victor Avenue, Highland Park 3, Michigan.

Rev. Raymond Riggs
Promotional Secy.-Treas.

NOTICE

Having tendered my resignation as member of the National Foreign Mission Board, which of course terminated my office as Promotional Secretary-Treasurer, and Rev. Raymond Riggs having been elected to this office in my stead, you will, therefore, from this time forward send all remittances for foreign missions to the following address:

Rev. Raymond Riggs,
Promotional Secretary-Treasurer
242 Victor Avenue
Highland Park, Michigan

Very sincerely,
Winford Davis

Perfection is attained by slow degrees; she requires the hand of Time.—Voltaire



CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

(Lesson for November 19)

LESSON: Isaiah 1:11-17; John 4:19-24; Colossians 3:16.

GOLDEN TEXT: John 4:24.

I. THE HEART OF THE LESSON

Though fellowship with other Christians is a large factor in making public worship worth while, the primary purpose should be to render homage to God and to receive spiritual strength from him. A church is the last place in the world where a person should try to "show off." A person who goes to church to display his (or maybe we should say her) clothes, or to obtain patronage for his business, or to try to impress others with his importance or with his ability as a singer or even as a preacher, should read the words of Isaiah (v. 12) about trampling God's courts. Worship that is a mere pretense is no real worship at all. The person who receives real profit from a church service is one who worships God in spirit and in truth. He comes with the purpose of coming in touch with God and of receiving fresh inspiration in his own soul and of imparting inspiration to others. Whether we sense God's presence or not will depend upon the atmosphere of the worship service—whether it is spiritual or cold—and upon the leader, and upon our own spiritual condition and attitude of mind. There should be on the part of the worshippers an attitude of expectancy and faith. True worship helps to lift us above the petty things of life and gives us a broader vision and greater equanimity of soul—Arnold's Commentary.

1. The Lord is not looking for quantity in our worship but for quality.

2. Even the worship which God has prescribed may become obnoxious to Him, if we go through the form only.

3. The keeping of sacred days and

seasons is pleasing to God only when it is really done unto the Lord and not as a mere custom.

4. It is possible to assume the attitude of prayer and to go through the words and motions of prayer without receiving any attention from God.

5. Clean living, honest dealing, and doing good will flow from hearts that have learned to worship God acceptably.

6. It is a good thing to follow the customs of the fathers, if the fathers were right.

7. The mountain or the valley, the closet or the open space, are equally acceptable as places of worship.

8. The salvation which has come to us through the Jews is not known by a great multitude of Jews today.

9. The worship that is acceptable to God must come from our innermost being and be offered in utmost sincerity.

10. There is a blessing in it when a group of believers gather themselves together for the worship of God.—Selected.

11. Going merely through a form of worship, simply to make a show of religion, is an insult to God. Those who practice a form of worship today, but are void of the true spirit of worship, are just as guilty before God as were those Jews in Isaiah's day. He cried out unto those false worshippers to cleanse themselves from hypocrisy, and all sinful practices. "Wash yourselves" that is, cast off your filth of sin; your blackness of heart, and your stained soul. Be clean in heart, pure in spirit, and sincere in worship. You can do nothing more noble, more praiseworthy, and more pleasing to God!—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. E.)

12. In our seminary days years ago the professor of homiletics once remarked about the prevailing absence of testimony in churches, but he said he did not know what the rescue missions would ever do without it. Well, we do not know either. They would close their doors. They must have services to accomplish anything that is worth while. And there also needs to be something more than formal, routine services in our churches if

church members are to keep spiritually alive. There should be opportunity for lay participation, other than doing church chores, somewhere in the program.—Arnold's Commentary.

13. We are asking you to read all the comments in our Senior Quarterly and underscore seven truths you believe to be especially timely.

II. THE LESSON ILLUSTRATED

Exterior Adornment Insufficient

Those who adorn only the exterior, but neglect the inner man, are like the Egyptian temples, which present every kind of decoration upon the outside, but contain within, in place of a deity, a cat, a crocodile, or some other vile animal.—"Clement of Alexandria."

Why He Couldn't "Catch Up"

"You're just out of date," said young Pastor Bate to one of our faithful old preachers who had carried for years, in travail and tears, the Gospel to poor sinful creatures. "You still preach on Hades and shock cultured ladies with your barbarous doctrine of Blood. You're so far behind you'll never catch up; you're a flat tire stuck in the mud." For some little while a wee bit of a smile enlightened the old pastor's face. Being made the butt of ridicule's cut did not ruffle his sweetness and grace. Then he turned to young Bate, so suave and sedate. "'Catch up,' did my ears hear you say? Why, I couldn't succeed if I doubled my speed. My friend, I'm not going your way!"—Christian Victory.

S. C. Association to Convene

The Central Association of the Original Free Will Baptists of South Carolina will convene on the ninth and tenth days of November, 1950, with Mount Ariel Church in Horry County, six miles north of Conway, South Carolina, on old Marion Highway.

M. C. Todd, Clerk
Lake City, S. C., Route 3

Money and time are the heaviest burdens of life, and the unhappiest of all mortals are those who have more of either than they know how to use.

The Blessing of Intercession

Andrew Murray

Of all the promises connected with the command, "Abide in me," there is none higher, and none that sooner brings the confession, "Not that I have already attained, or am already made perfect," than this: "If ye abide in me, . . . ask whatsoever ye will, and it shall be done unto you." Power with God is the highest attainment of the life of full abiding.

And of all the traits of a life-like Christ there is none higher and more glorious than conformity to Him in the work that now engages Him with out ceasing in the Father's presence—His all-prevailing intercession. The more we abide in Him, and grow unto His likeness, the more will His priestly life work in us mightily, and our life become what His is, a life that even pleads and prevails for men.

"Thou hast made us kings and priests unto God." Both in the king and the priest the chief thing is power, influence, blessing. In the king it is the power coming downward; in the priest, the power rising upward, prevailing with God. In our blessed Priest-King, Jesus Christ, the kingly power is founded on the priestly "He is able . . . to save . . . to the uttermost, . . . because He ever liveth to make intercession." In us, His priests and kings, it is not otherwise; it is in intercession that the Church is to find and wield its highest power, that each member of the Church is to prove his descent from Israel, who as a prince had power with God and with men, and prevailed.

The place and power of prayer in the Christian life is, however, too little understood. As long as we look on prayer chiefly as the means of maintaining our own Christian life, we shall not understand fully what it is meant to be. But when we learn to regard it is the highest part of the work entrusted to us, the root and strength of all other work, we shall see that there is nothing that we so need to study and practice as the art of praying aright. We shall all admit that it is only when the Church gives herself up to this holy work of intercession that we can expect the

power of Christ to manifest itself in her behalf. It is my prayer that God may make clearer to His children the wonderful place of power and influence which He is waiting for them to occupy, and for which a weary world is waiting, too.

There is another truth that has come with wonderful clearness concerning the teaching of Jesus on prayer. It is this: that the Father waits to hear every prayer of faith, to give us whatsoever we will, and whatsoever we ask in Jesus' name. We have become so accustomed to limit the wonderful love and the large promises of our God, that we cannot read the simplest and clearest statements of our Lord without the qualifying clauses by which we guard and expound them.

If there is one thing more than another which the Church needs to learn, it is that God means prayer to have an answer, and that it hath not entered into the heart of man to conceive what God will do for His child who gives himself to believe that his prayer will be heard. God hears prayer; it is a truth universally admitted, but of which very few understand the meaning, or experience the power. We must go to the Master's words, and take His wondrous promises simply and literally as they stand.

Thousands have found an unspeakable blessing in learning how completely Christ is our life, and how He undertakes to be and to do all in us that we need. It may be we have not yet learned to apply this truth to our prayer life. Many complain that they have not the power to pray in faith, to pray the effectual prayer that availeth much. The message I would fain bring them is that the blessed Jesus is waiting, is longing, to teach them this. Christ is our life; in heaven He ever liveth to pray; His life in us is an ever praying life, if we will but trust Him for it. Christ teaches us to pray not only by example, by instruction, by command, by promises, but by showing us Himself, the ever living Intercessor, as our Life. It is when we believe this, and go and abide in Him for our prayer life, too, that our fears of not being able to pray aright will vanish, and we shall

joyfully and triumphantly trust our Lord to teach us to pray, to be Himself the life and the power of our prayer.

May God open our eyes to see what the holy ministry of intercession is to which, as His royal priesthood, we have been set apart. May He give us a large and strong heart to believe what mighty influence our prayers can exert. And may all fear as to our being able to fulfill our vocation vanish as we see Jesus, living ever to pray, living in us to pray, and standing surety for our prayerlife.

—The Christian Digest

Mt. Beulah Church Making Splendid Progress

We are glad to let our Baptist readers know that we are making progress in Mount Beulah Church. In recent months we have had twenty new members added to our church roll. Our Sunday School is increasing, and we now have a goal set for 150 members, and this goal has almost been reached already. Our church has installed a new heating system, along with the other improvements. Sunday we held a baptizing at Crenshaws Pond.

The Woman's auxiliary of our church is making great progress all the while, and the Lord is blessing in a great way. The pastor, Rev. Noah Brown, is preaching harder than ever to be able to lead his people into a greater spiritual consecration, and into a greater work for the Master's cause. In fact, we think we have one of the best churches in Richmond County, N. C.

A revival meeting will begin at Mount Beulah on November 5, and will continue for several days. The evangelist will be Reverend Fred Rivenbark of Durham, N. C. The services will begin each evening at 7:00 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend these services. This will be our third revival in our church for this year. We thank the Lord that we now have full time work, and our pastor's salary has been increased to \$2,600 per year.

We are also very happy to report that many souls are being saved, as the good work of our church is going on. Please pray for us, and for the work of our church.

Church Reporter

O Israel, return unto the Lord thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity.

Take with your words, and turn to the Lord: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously: so will we render the calves of our lips.—Hosea 14:1, 2.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

ERIC'S ADVENTURE

G. A. Neilson

Outside the great wonder city of New York, in a small suburban town, lived a little lad.

Within his little heart burned the consuming desire, to see the sights which he had heard so much about, the great skyscrapers, such as the Woolworth and the Empire State Buildings, the dazzling lights of Broadway, the wonderful Natural History Museum.

A sinister plot was eventually at work in his mind, and this is how he carried it out. He carefully watched Mother's movements, and when she went out one morning the bold Eric rifled her purse and filled his pockets before making his silent departure.

In a few minutes he was around the corner, and without delay found himself leaning comfortably against a seat in the train, city bound at last.

His eyes stared out the window, not wanting to miss any of the on-coming sights, while excitement grew more and more intense as the train rolled nearer the city. There, sure enough he could see the tall buildings.

Emerging finally from the great crowd in the Central Station, he found himself out in the greater crowd, all jostling and hustling along. Then after wandering around for a few hours he felt decidedly hungry, so promptly disappeared behind the doors of a cafe. His courage never failed him, and he managed to order a substantial meal, much to the amazement of not a few there.

His disappearance at home caused consternation indeed. The mother was frantic with grief, thinking that he must have been kidnapped or run over. Not a line had been left to tell where he had gone. The police were informed, the father was phoned, and the neighbors all helped in the fruitless search.

On the third night the 'phone bell rang in the home. Eric's father answered the call. "Is that Number So-and-So?" "Yes. Have you any word of my boy?" "I have indeed," replied the missionary. "He is safe and sound. I spotted the strange boy outside, and invited him in, gave him something to eat, gave him a warm bath and bundled him off to bed; so now he is fast asleep. I'll put him on the seven o'clock train in the morning, and you can meet him. Will that do?"

Next morning arrived with mingled feelings for Eric, feelings of fear and remorse

on the one hand, feelings of gratitude on the other, seeing that his wandering had ceased. Both parents greeted the arrival of that train with palpitating hearts, and their joy knew no bounds as he flew to the end of the train and in a moment was in his mother's arms, crying repentance and begging forgiveness.

Such was the adventure of Eric, and such has been your adventure, though perhaps you had not realized it. Have you not said repeatedly: "I want my own way, and I'm going to have it." You have been saying "No" to God.

Let us have a little chat and see what God has to say about our rebellion. "All we like sheep have gone astray" (Is. 53:6). Who are lost? Yes, all of us. And whom does that include? It includes me and it includes you. Then He says: "We have turned every one to his own way." So you can't slip into Heaven by trying to do good deeds, for all have sinned.

Now let us look at the second half of the verse. "But the Lord hath laid upon Him (just like a huge, heavy load) the iniquity of us all." What did God do with our sins at the Cross? He laid them on Jesus. Just as though He had been guilty of these sins of ours. Now, then, let me ask you this. If you truly believe that the Lord Jesus bore all your sins and that means their punishment, where are they now? All gone, you say. Of course they are, and believing in Christ you are forgiven. God has blotted them out and forgiven you forever. Eric got a wonderful reception and a wonderful pardon, but nothing to the welcome and forgiveness Jesus gives to all who come to Him.—The Soul Winner.

Change of Address

This is to inform the readers of the Baptist paper that my address has been changed from 1114 Lewis Street, Bellmead, Texas, to 710 N. 11th Street, Waco, Texas. Those desiring to communicate with me are requested to address us at the above new address.

Clarence J. Hearron

"Enclosed you will find a check in the amount of \$15 for subscriptions to the Baptist paper.—I. J. B. Thanks a lot for these subscriptions. A great many people are sending in now nice lists of Subscriptions for our church paper for which we are thankful.—(Editor).

Home, Sweet Home

Here is a story from the Louisville Courier Journal (7-25-50) which is so typical that it might have happened in any city of any state on any day of the year and The Clip-sheet wishes to discuss it with that fact in mind.

Wilbur Cox, a 25-year-old machinist, killed his father-in-law and wounded five other persons with a shot gun. His terrified wife was looking on, and saw her father killed her mother and two brothers wounded, two passers-by hit by stray shots.

This is the information we get in the first two paragraphs of the story. Skipping down 13 paragraphs, we find this statement: "Cox had a few beers on the way home from a ball game during the afternoon." At home, he got into an argument about his drinking. He threatened his wife and the four-weeks old baby with the shot gun and she thought she had talked him out of it, but she was mistaken.

Here's the set-up: A 25-year-old man, with a wife, a three-year-old son and a four-weeks old baby. He served 20 months in Italy with the 88th Infantry Division and was wounded once. Whether or not he drank beer before he came into the army, we do not know. Many thousands of other young men were abstainers from this mischief-making beverage until they learned to drink it in the military establishment, because of temptation which involved a direct working agreement between the U. S. Government and the brewers.

Seventy-five per cent of all beer consumed today is consumed in the home. This shift in consumption has been brought about by the character of beer advertising, the perfection of a can in which beer can be marketed, and the use of grocery stores as distribution points.

As a result, thousands upon thousands of babies, small children and women, are constantly terrorized, brutally assaulted and subjected to other outrages because of the consumption of beers which are advertised over the radio and by colorful advertising in the magazines. Home life in America! Well, there it is! What are we going to do about it? The Clip-sheet, Washington, D. C.

Fort Wayne Moved for God

In Fort Wayne, Ind., recently Jack Shuler, son of Dr. Bob Shuler of Los Angeles, met with no less success for the Lord than Billy Graham. The meetings began in the Gospel Temple seating 2400. Later the committee of ministers and laymen brought in a tent seating 5000. The final night 12, 000 people crowded an open-air stadium. During the three weeks over 1000 came forward for salvation and reclamation. This number included many Jews and Catholics.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

O'ituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

Resolutions of Respect (Fitzgerald)

Since God in his tender mercy has seen fit to call from our midst our beloved brother, Fred C. Fitzgerald, we the members of Rains' Cross Roads Church wish to submit the following resolutions of respect:

First, That we bow in humble submission to God's holy will, realizing that our loss is His eternal gain;

Second, That in the passing of our brother and co-worker in Christ, we have lost one of our most faithful and beloved members of our church. Brother Fitzgerald was always present, ready and willing to do more than his part of the church work. He was very cheerful about his church work, for he was enjoying his work for the cause of Christ. Even though he is gone, his memory will still live on and on, and he will be remembered by those with whom he so faithfully laboured;

Third, That we strive more diligently, and prayerfully to go forward in the work of the Master, as a tribute to the memory of our departed brother, and in remembrance of his devotion to the cause of righteousness;

Fourth, That to his wife, children, and loved ones we extend our heart-felt sympathy, and may they find comfort in the One who said, "In my Father's house are

many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. 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;" and

Five, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy be sent to the Baptist Press for publication, and a copy be spread on the church records.

By the Committee

Memorial Tribute of Mrs. Ava Tripp Braxton

It is with a sad heart that I write of the death of my loving mother-in-law, Mrs. Ava Tripp Braxton. She died five minutes to one o'clock in the early morning of December 28, 1949. She was 72 years old on December 11, 1949. Everything was done for her that could be done, but the Lord saw fit to take her to live with Him.

For many years she had been a true and faithful member of Reedy Branch F. W. B. Church. She enjoyed going to church, and doing things for her Lord and Saviour. She lived a good life, and enjoyed doing things to make others happy.

The funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. David Hiansley. She was laid to rest beneath many beautiful flowers in the Winterville Cemetery beside her husband.

The survivors are Bernice Braxton, her son, two sisters, Mrs. Annie Brown, and Mrs. Sudie Faulkner. One Brother, Mr. Willie Tripp, and seven grandchildren.

God took her away from earthly pain,
The family's loss is heaven's gain.

God bless memories she left behind,
Never will her memory fade;
Sweetest thoughts will ever linger
'Round the grave where she's laid.

Written by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Bernice Braxton, Ayden, N. C.

He Remembers His Mother

Mrs. Ina Fagan, deceased, widow of the late Mr. M. S. Fagan of Dardens, North Carolina. Mrs. Fagan who was a devoted member of Corinth Church and a regular attendant to her church until she departed this life. She was always willing to show her loyalty in a financial way. Her son, Mr. Bruce Fagan, who is now a business man and travels different states, we regret to say has never been a member of his Mother's church, but he still thinks of his sainted Mother's loyalty to her church, which she loved so well. Bruce faithfully and generously is helping to support her old place of worship, both by attendance and in a financial manner. We, the entire membership, certainly appreciate his help and we wish we had many, many boys who would not forget their Mothers and their kind way

of living, and the noble deeds they did while they were young. But we do have so many who have passed by the favors received from their mothers, but Bruce still remembers her. He has taken up her deeds where she has laid them down. May God bless you, Bruce.

By Corinth F. W. B. Church reporter

A Special Invitation for You Revival Days Are Here

Beginning Wednesday, November 1, thru Sunday, November 12, Reverend Paul Jack Ketteman, Pamplico, South Carolina, will hold revival services daily at 7:30 and at 11:00 a. m. on Sundays at the First Free Will Baptist Church on the corner of Granet at Stephenson Street in Hazel Park, Michigan.

Rev. Ketteman is a graduate of Columbia Bible College, and clerk of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. He is noted as a youth speaker and "fiery" evangelist.

Rev. Homer E. Willis, Pastor

Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would shew the king the interpretation.

Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions.—Daniel 2:16, 17.

Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.

For Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do. Dr. I Watts

THIS IS LAST CALL

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We had hoped to avoid this change but the recent upward swing in the cost of materials and labor, due to the general advance in the cost of living, has compelled us to act. Other regulations concerning subscriptions remain as before. We are urging all our friends to send in as many subscriptions as possible before the 15th of November.

C. K. Dunn, Sr., Executive Secy.-Treas.

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found. These few are making a great sacrifice to carry on the work. They were extremely nice to your servant. I went into several homes. Their hospitality was grand. To those who do not know we want to say that there is not a prettier location for a church in the city of Raleigh. It is located on Bloodworth and Franklin streets surrounded by a splendid citizenship. Of course, the building which is the old mansion used by Governor Aycock has some age, but it is good material and well arranged for an educational building, or so arranged that it can be made into a splendid educational building. At present it has a seating capacity, with extra chairs from the other rooms, of more than one hundred persons, as we counted while there. They have six class rooms that are in use. There were only two additions to the church while we were there, but they were of the very best people to be found. One came by confession of Christ as Saviour, and the other came from a Missionary Baptist church, her husband was already a member of our church. We are sure that the work we did there will bring much more fruit in the future. The meeting closed Sunday (October 29th) after a week's service only at night. A nice picnic dinner was served on the grounds after the 11:00 o'clock service Sunday. Several visitors from Shady Grove, Sampson County, and St. Mary's Grove, Johnston Co., were present for the services Sunday.

There is a debt on the property, which could be expunged if half the Free Will Baptists in North Carolina could see fit to sacrifice a little and pay off the debt. The property is worth a great deal more than the debt, as I see it, perhaps three times the amount of the debt.

Young Preachers

It is a well known fact that young preachers cannot do that which a more experienced minister can do, but every young preacher should be encouraged and helped by the older ministers. I well remember that when I was ordained, that Elder B. B. Deans and others of his day helped

me right into the work. Brother Deans, of precious memory to me, resigned two churches and recommended me as his successor and I was elected to take up where he laid down the work. Some how there has always been a spirit about me since those days to rejoice when a young preacher makes good.

At this time we have a large number of young men who are getting into pastoral work for this ensuing year. At Beaufort Rev. L. E. Styron, who was ordained October the 21st in the F. W. B. church at Beaufort, is taking the full pastorate. At Kinston, Rev. J. B. Narron has started on his first year as pastor. This is a whole time church. We understand that Rev. Albert Coates has work, we do not know as to the churches. Rev. T. E. Smth was called and has accepted the church at Morehead City, which is a whole time work. It is quite an undertaking for young ministers to take on whole time churches for it takes a lot of study and prayer and going for a young man to jump right into such responsibility at first. These young men need the prayers of all of God's children. Not only do they need the prayers, but they need encouraging and instructive words by those who have experience. We older preachers are soon to lay down our armor and join the great number who have gone on to their reward. So let us encourage these young ministers and try to help them to real efficiency. God bless you "boys." I shall pray for you and the work under your charge. Paul writes to Timothy saying, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15). Not only is the young man to study, he is to work according to all the admonitions and commandments. The next verse says, "But shun profane and vain babblings for they will increase unto more ungodliness" (2 Tim. 2:16). So the young preacher, as well as the old, must shun many things that other people participate in. He must be better prepared, for be a mouthpiece for the church. He must live clean. He must be an exam-

Paul says again, "If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and good doctrine, whereunto thou hast obtained" (1 Timothy 4:6). Read the preceding verses in your Bible for the "things" that Paul is asking Timothy to keep. A preacher has more to do than to get up two or three messages per week to deliver on Sunday. He must live out the Gospel for seven days of the week. He has to visit the sick, administer to the needs of the sorrowing, encourage the weak, seek to lift up the fallen and be a real "shepherd over the flock." A shepherd is a leader and one who watches over. He cannot drive the flock. Sheep are not easily driven, but they are to be led. Most Christians will follow a spirit filled, all on the altar pastor, who seeks the good of all and one who loves all the flock. Paul said, "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barnabians, both to the wise and to the unwise" (Rom. 1:14). So, a preacher must love every body and feel that he owes his best to all alike. He can have no pets. He must be the servant of all.

Let Our Prayer Be

I believe that if there was ever a time when we as Free Will Baptists need to pray, "Master, send laborers into the vineyard," more than another, it is now. There is a shortage of ministers in many sections. Mission points and churches need to be established and maintained. We have the best advantage that we have had in many years for preparing those whom the Lord calls in that we have a four year college in Nashville, Tennessee, where those who aspire to the ministry can be prepared in Bible knowledge and church administration. Let us pray, that God will call more young men and women into the field. And after they have accepted the call, let us who are Christians stand back of them, and help them to prepare by encouraging, and actually opening our purse strings to the need of the College and the needs of the students. Then open the purse at every opportunity to take care of our prayers.

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Thank the Lord

By Vida Munden Nixon

Thank the Lord for safety,
Bringing Pilgrims over sea,
And for making hearts so brave
As to baffle angry wave;
Thank Him for the faith of men
Strong enough for trusting when
Tempest battled with the sail,
And their bark was light and frail.

Thank the Lord for motives pure
In those hearts that did endure
Hardships for their freedom's right,
And looked not for burdens light.
Thank Him for foundation laid,
And for ev'rything that made
Of the Puritan's estate
This, our country, good and great.

Thank the Lord for men of might
Who stood for their country's right;
Thank Him for the hand of love
That directed from above,
And, through all adversity,
Kept a nation glad and free.
For our church and state and store
Thank the Lord for evermore.

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GOD WILL KNOW YOU

One evening a gentleman was strolling along a street in Toronto, with apparently no object in view but to pass the time. His attention was attracted by a remark of a little girl to a companion in front of a fruit stand: "I wish I had an orange for Ma."

The gentleman saw that the children, though poorly dressed, were clean and neat, and calling them into the store, he loaded them with fruits and candies.

"What's your name?" asked one of the girls.

"Why do you want to know?" queried the gentleman.

"I want to pray for you," was the reply. The gentleman turned to leave, scarcely daring to speak, when the little one added, "Well, it does not matter, I suppose, God will know you."—Unknown.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

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Our Baby

In Memory of Our Baby Who Was Born
 And Died on August 20, 1950

Our baby came but not to stay,
 For God had called for her that day.
 Her hair was black, her cheeks were red,
 We never dreamed that she'd be dead.

We never will forget the day,
 When God looked down and took her away.
 It seems we cannot understand,
 But God knows better than any man.

Our baby is gone to Heaven we know,
 To be with the Angels on that bright shore.
 And some sweet day we hope to go,
 To live with her forever more.

We know that when we reach that land,
 To sing with all the Angelic band,
 We'll see her than so pure and white,
 And sing and shout to our delight.

We'll draw her close to our breast,
 And on our bosom she can rest.
 We'll be so happy all we three,
 And live throughout eternity.

Written by her parents,
 Mr. and Mrs. Robie Harper
 Dunn, N. C., Route 5

Lawrence D. Boykin

It is with a sad heart that I attempt to write of my dear husband's death. He passed on to his eternal home on April 8, 1950, being at that time 72 years and seven months old. He was born and reared in Wilson County. We were married October 11, 1898, and had lived together 51 years and five months, lacking three days. He united with the Free Will Baptist Church at White Oak Hill in Nash County, where he attended regularly about 15 years. Later he united with the Missionary Baptist Church at Naple Chapel closer home. He was laid to rest in the church cemetery at Marsh Swamp.

Mrs. Lawrence Boykin
 Route 1, Bailey, N. C.

Aim at perfection in everything, though in most things it is unattainable. However, they who aim at it, and persevere, will come much nearer to it than those whose laziness and despondency make them give it up as unattainable.—Chesterfield

Let Us Be Careful, Brethren

By L. E. Ballard

Some years ago a quiet, earnest servant of God labored for a number of years to build up a little church in love, fellowship, and good works. His people were simple people, and the church was located in a quiet little community. Sin was there, of course, for sin is everywhere, but the vile forms of iniquity so well known in some places was something about which these people knew little. So the pastor did not preach so much about dancing, gambling, and the like. He proclaimed righteousness, and set up Jesus Christ as an example to follow. He sought to bring the girls and boys under the divine influence early. He preached repentance to be sure, and faith, and love. And many a precious soul found the Lord at his altar, and the church grew in fellowship, and in works of love. When they erred in the way, the good pastor prayed for them, admonished them in love, and won them back to God.

Came one day another preacher, when the good pastor was away for a period of time holding a meeting in a distant village. This new preacher went to some of the leaders of the church. "God has sent me here," he proclaimed with boldness. "I have some messages from God for the people, and I want to hold some services in the church. I come in the name of the Lord."

Now these people were God-fearing folks. They did not want to stand in the way of God in any good thing He might want to do. They did not know how to contact their pastor at the moment. So they acted themselves in the matter, and said to the visiting preacher, "Go ahead, give us the message you have from God".

For three or four night he thundered away from the little pulpit. He condemned quiet preachers as agents of the devil. He told the people that they were on their way to hell. He blasted away against dancing, card playing, gambling, drew vivid pictures of the iniquity of the road-houses (about which none of the simple

people knew anything) and the whole tone of his preaching was that they were all guilty of all sin. He blasted their ways of doing things in the church to kingdom come.

In short, he blasted the church into quarreling factions, disturbed in their faith. And he blasted the simple pastor who had been leading them out. And his final blast was: "Don't blame me, folks, blame God. He sent me here and told me what to say."

I knew of another man in a certain church, who loudly proclaimed in the church one Lord's Day that certain things were said and done in a meeting during the week before, which he had not attended. "How do I know?" said he. "Well, the blessed Holy Ghost told me; that's how I know." The next day an humble but Godly man who had attended the meeting saw the "loud speaker" on the street. "Brother," said he, "do you believe that the Holy Ghost lies?" "O, No!" said the man, "The Holy Ghost never lies." "Well," said the other man, "yesterday you accused Him of lying, for you said that he told you that certain things were said and done at the meeting, and I was there every minute, and these things were not done nor said. Now, if the Holy Ghost doesn't lie, He did not tell you that they were."

O, my brethren, we need to be careful! If we have convictions about things, let's give them out earnestly, but soberly. If we feel deep down within us that God is leading us, we may say, "I feel that God would have me say these things." If it is something God has spoken His will about in His Word we may declare "Thus saith the Lord," but be able to tell where and when He spoke. But if we are endeavoring to interpret Scripture, let us stay within the bounds of interpretation. Let us echo God only when there is a voice to echo. Let us not proclaim our own ideas, no matter how good they may be, about things, then hide from those

who might differ with us, or whose feelings may have been wounded by our criticism, "Don't blame me, blame God."

Brethren, I have written this in all sincerity. I believe that God wanted me to write it. But I say to you if you differ with me, or if you think I am wrong, or if I have hurt your feelings, don't blame God, blame me!

MARY'S NEW GLOVES

A little girl whose name is Mary had a pair of black kid gloves given her, and she was very proud of them. One day she went on a visit to her aunt, dressed in her best dress with her new kid gloves on. She tripped along the lane quite merrily thinking herself quite a little lady, and every now and again kept wiping the perspiration from her brow with the finger of her glove.

As she passed a row of workmen's cottages, the children came out and looked at her very curiously. Mary thought they were admiring her pretty dress, and I fear she was a little proud of it. But when she arrived at her aunt's, her pride was humbled, as she learned the real cause of attraction. The black dye had come off her new gloves, and right across her brow and on both her cheeks, there were great black marks, making her look quite funny.

Her aunt led her into a room in front of a mirror, and when Mary saw herself as she had been seen by others, her thoughts were quite changed, and instead of being proud of her appearance, she was very much ashamed. It was the sight of herself in the mirror, that changed her opinion of herself. This is just how it is with many a sinner, old and young. A sight of oneself in the looking-glass of God's Word (you will find one in Isaiah 1:6, and another in Romans 3:10-16) humbles pride, and shows how unfit for Heaven the sinner is, apart from being cleansed from sin in the precious Blood of Christ. Have you seen yourself in the mirror of God's Holy Word? —Gospel Chimes.

I know of no more encouraging fact than the unquestionable ability of man to elevate his life by a conscious endeavor. It is something to be able to paint a particular picture or to carve a statue, and so make a few objects beautiful; but it is far more glorious to carve and paint the very atmosphere and medium through which we look, which morally we can do.

Thoreau

NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

What Is Our Relationship with God?

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

My dear reader, who is leading you? Does the Holy Spirit lead you to talk unbecomingly about your brother or your sister in Christ? Does the Holy Spirit lead you to the show, and especially on Prayer meeting night? Does the Holy Spirit lead you to take that can of beer that some of you, who claim to be believers in Christ, drink, sneakily sometimes, when you think that your pastor might pass by and take a peep into that cafe or beer joint? Does the Holy Spirit lead you to forsake the worship services for worldly pleasures? Does the Holy Spirit lead you to make debts that you know your income will not meet? Then, does the Holy Spirit lead you when you dodge the one who befriended you and let you have that which you do not intend to pay?

Brother preachers, have you made debts that you do not try to pay? Some preachers have a bad name when it comes to paying their honest debts. Are you one of them? You who read these questions will agree with me, I am sure, that the Holy Spirit does not lead a person to do any of the above things. Then if you are guilty, how can you claim to be a son of God. Years ago a number of people were assembled at an altar in a certain church where I happened to be, a man was at the altar seeking to know Christ. Several had prayed with the man, then a fellow with an unusual voice broke forth loudly in prayer for the man, whereupon the man who was seeking the Lord got up and left the altar. When asked why, his answer was, "that man who was praying for me owed me a debt and would not pay it." Only those who are sons of God indeed

can pray for the unsaved constantly. "He that would labour must first be partaker of the fruit," says the man of God.

How Many Members Have You Got?

This question was asked some time back when I was conducting an evangelistic meeting in a certain church: "How many members have you got for the church?" My answer was, "I'm trying to get people saved, and then let them become members. Un-saved members in a church are a hindrance to the ongoing of the church. Ninety-nine percent of all the trouble that is in the churches is caused by un-converted church members. I have had a lot of trouble with them and know what I am talking about. Those who are truly saved and spirit-filled may differ in matters pertaining to the work of the church, but they will not dispute with anger and show malice and envy, and destroy the work by that old slogan, "rule or ruin." That is "Divilism" which comes from those who are blinded by the god of this world.

If you want a preacher who is set on adding to your church roll, you do not want me; but, if you want to get those who are out of Christ saved and all on the altar for Christ, I shall be glad to help you when possible.

Some times I find some who will say, "I want us to get . . . into our church," calling the name of some particular person. Then very likely they say these words, or to that effect; "He is well to do and he can be of so much help to us," or perhaps they say, "He can help us so much financially"

A few years ago a man who did not confess to be a Christian was asked by a certain minister to take membership with his church. This honest man said, "Preacher, I am not a Christian, and I have no business to join any church until I get right." This preacher wanted that man to join his church because he was a well-to-do-citizen, and pretty well fixed financially, but the sinner had more real sense than the preacher had. Men do not join the church to become Christians. They should join some church because they have accepted Christ and are believing with all their

heart that Christ saves them from sin and death.

Looking for the Good

Anybody can point out someone else's bad qualities. If you want to distinguish yourself, go around pointing out good qualities.

Pick out the man whom every one dislikes. Selecte the one you feel could best be spared from your office, from your circle of acquaintance, from the community in which you live. Ask yourself if there is not something good about him.

Put him on the mental dissecting table. Cut him to pieces and see what is in him. Remember, you are looking for the good. Throw away the bad in him and forget it. Make a list of his good qualities. It will surprise you how many you can find.

The next time you hear him criticized tell people the good things you know about him. You will at least be different and you will find it will do you more good than it does the one who finds fault about him.

How would you feel if you knew that people, when ever they talked about you, talked only about the bad in you? You know it is there, plenty of it, but you rather not have it talked about. It is much nicer to have only your good points discussed.

Give the other fellow the kind of deal you would like to have yourself. If you can say nothing good about him, then say nothing. There are very few people in the world whom we cannot say something good about, if we try. The trouble is we do not try. Yet the more good you find in other people the more good other people find in you.

My father used to say, "If you know nothing good to say about a fellow, say nothing." However, there are times when we have to speak of the bad, when it comes to a state of justice. There are things that face us some time which are hurtful. Some fellow goes to the bad, and we are asked for the truth, then we cannot afford to lie. But we certainly can refrain from magnifying the bad and enlarging on it at every turn of the road.

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The City Where the Pilgrims Lived

NEARLY forty miles southeast of Boston on the highway leading to Cape Cod and Provincetown, along the bay and for some distance inland, lies the old town of Plymouth, Massachusetts, to which thousands of pilgrims journey each year for the sake of viewing the landing place and first home of those other Pilgrims of long ago.

Although Plymouth is an industrial center, having the largest cordage works in the world, and with a neighboring town harvesting a large percentage of the cranberries in our country, the noise of these industries does not intrude upon the older section of the town, which is very quiet and restful and very much as one would expect to find it.

While Court Street, the main thoroughfare of the town, is very lovely with its magnificent trees lining each side and its fine old houses with their unique chimneys, it does not bear the distinction of being the oldest street in Plymouth. That honor goes to Leyden, the first thoroughfare to be laid out in New England, although it was nameless until 1802 when the name it now so appropriately bears was given. Along this street the Pilgrims built their little settlement and began life in the New World, undergoing many hardships and dangers.

Many of the personal belongings of these first brave settlers are to be found in Pilgrim Hall, a granite structure resembling a Greek temple which was erected on Court Street many years ago for the purpose of housing these priceless relics. Among these are Governor Bradford's Bible, the famous broadsword of Captain Miles Standish, Elder Brewster's chair, and the queer little cradle made of wicker with rockers of wood in which Peregrine Whitt, the boy born on the Mayflower while the ship was anchored in Provincetown harbor, was later rocked by his Pilgrim mother.

Leyden Street leads to Burial Hill, on



Pilgrims view this new homeland and thank God.

whose summit stood the old fort and watchtower, built as protection for the early settlers, the sites being now suitably marked. Here lie buried many of the Pilgrim band and their descendants. Among the many interesting markers is a great boulder erected to the memory of Thomas Clark, the mate of the Mayflower, who died in 1695 at the age of ninety-eight. Another is the grave of Tobitha Plaskett, the first woman school teacher in America, who wrote the

quaint epitaph for her own stone.

It was on Coles Hill, nearer the water front, however, that fifty of those who perished during that first hard winter of three centuries and more ago were buried. So that the Indians might not know how few remained, the last sad rites were performed at night; then the earth was leveled so that no trace of graves could be seen. A handsome monument covers the spot.

Thanksgiving

Mrs. Sallie Carraway
Robersonville, N. C.

I oft do wonder why some folks think
That one day of the year;
Is enough to thank our heavenly Father
For all the things we hold so dear.

Especially for His only Son
Who suffered, bled and died;
Shedding his precious blood for all
On the cruel cross when crucified.

Yes, we need to thank him more and more,
While here on earth we stay;
Every minute, every hour and not
Just Thanksgiving Day.

If you will count all of your blessings,
And name each and every one;
It will fill your heart with gladness
As you recall what He has done.

We need to be much more thankful
Than we've ever been before;

For time is swiftly passing,
And soon time will be no more.

Won't you listen and heed the warning?
Get down on your knees and pray;
Thank Him for all He has done for you
And be more thankful every day.

I'm Thankful

I'm thankful for the sunshine,
I'm thankful for the rain,
I'm thankful for the summer wind
That blows the golden grain.

I'm thankful for my country,
I'm thankful for my God,
I'm thankful for the flowers I love,
The rose and goldenrod.

I'm thankful for my health and strength
And nerves that are not jerky,
But most of all I'm thankful
That I wasn't born a turkey.

—Unknown



"Give THANKS to God"

Thanksgiving Day

November 23, 1950



WHAT OUR CHURCHES NEED

In the Book of Revelation, chapter 3, verses 15 and 16, we read these words, as John the revelator wrote of the church of Laodicea:

"I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth."

I am persuaded to believe that this is the condition of many churches today. I know that there are some few who are still on the firing line for God. But as a majority, we find them in a lukewarm state. I would to God that all churches were really on the firing line for the Lord. That is what we as a nation need today. If this country of ours would turn back to God, He would reach down his hand of mercy and save us from our sins.

Most of the churches have done away with the old-fashioned altar. It seems that people have become too good to kneel and pray. He was far better than any of us are. I believe what Jesus did was a good example for all people today. I do believe with all my heart that if all the churches would put back their altars, and use them that we would see great things taking place as they did when Jesus walked on the earth.

We need to pray to God from the depth of our hearts, not just from our lips, and believe when we pray, that God will do just what we ask of him to do. If we will only believe and trust him, we would see the mighty works of God working in our lives in a miraculous way. People would get saved as we have never seen before. God is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

I believe that God will bless a church more if they have an altar and then use it as they should. Jesus fasted and prayed until his sweat became as it were great drops of blood. We should be so zealous as to pray in great earnestness. May God help those churches that do not have an altar to see that altars are established in them.

Indeed, we do need to come back

to God as never before, and cry out unto him, and let him have his way in our hearts and lives. Then we would see great things taking place with us. He has blessings untold for us if we will only humble ourselves and receive them. God alone can save our nation if we will turn unto him in sincere prayer, and live true Christian lives.

Mrs. Brasco Knox

LAUNCHING OUT— TAKING CHANCES

The Church Must Go Forward

Those who are seekers; day dreamers; planners; organizers; and producers, have very little time for "roadside chats."

The Pilgrim Fathers were seekers of religious freedom and freedom of conscience. They bore many hardships and deprivations in order to secure for themselves and their posterity the joys of peace, free worship, and love of fellowship.

Samuel Morse, Thomas Edison, Benjamin Franklin, and scores of other noted men were dreamers, vision-minded, practical, aggressive and producers. Their achievements, benefactions live after them. What they possessed was insight, faith, hard work, endurance, discouragements, zeal, etc. The cloud of adversities did not stop them. They succeeded. They were producers and organizers.

The Apostles Peter, John, Paul and others of the Gospel Ministry went forth into strange cities, countries, and among strange peoples with a mission—a deep purpose. They launched out, by the leadings of the Holy Spirit. They took chances of persecutions, jail sentences, whippings, death at the stake. They had in their hearts one objective: that of winning the lost to Christ. Their minds and hearts were entered upon victory for Christ.

They left for the world an heritage of truth, light, and hope. They died in faith, and with the promise from the Father of the joys of eternal rest. Their sacred writings and admonitions unto all men will last through all time—an eternal heritage for

those who follow in their footsteps.

The church is launching out. It is taking chances in the midst of a world distraught with envy, greed, suspicion, war. The Church is to ever fight for victory over sin and Satan. It is to seek with a greater zeal than ever to supplant evil with good, the lack of faith with righteousness, and hatred with true Christian love. The church is to launch out with multitudes of men and women who have faith, vision, determination, and love in their hearts for the winning of the greatest victory of all time—Victory for Christ. These men and women must be strong and brave soldiers of the cross, patient in hope, and enduring hardships for the salvation of the lost.

These teeming multitudes of Christian leaders will create new mission posts, open doors of new churches, establish new orphanages, found new Bible schools, etc. It will mean the launching out into broad fields of service for the greatest cause on earth. They will bear the Light of all Truth, the blessed Word of God. Their flag will be the White Flag of Peace, Love, and Hope. When they come to lay down the Book and the Flag, they will have left for those behind them a heritage worth remembering.

No home church, mission, or any other religious organization can afford to be complacent, lukewarm, or indifferent; it must launch out, assume responsibilities, let come what may.

Rev. Jack White

DEBTS FORGIVEN

In a Scottish village lived a doctor noted for his skill and piety. After his death, when his books were examined, several accounts had written across them in red ink: "Forgiven—too poor to pay." His wife, who was of a different disposition, said: "These accounts must be paid." She therefore sued for the money. The judge said: "Is this your husband's handwriting in red?" "Yes," she replied that it was. "Then," said the judge, "there is not a tribunal in the land that can obtain the money where he has written, 'Forgiven.'"

So when Christ says, "Thy sins be forgiven," we are released from our spiritual debts.—Selected.

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

CENTRAL CONFERENCE HOLDS GOOD MEETING

The Central Conference of Free Will Baptists met Wednesday and Thursday, November 8 and 9, 1950, with the church at Reedy Branch in Pitt County. The sessions were well attended, and the fellowship and spirit good. Ministers and delegates from the churches of the conference and visitors from various outside places were well entertained by the people of the community.

Rev. Dan Beaman, Snow Hill, delivered the Introductory sermon at 11:30 Wednesday, bringing a message on the Church of Christ and its Mission. He brought some very interesting thoughts on the subject. On Thursday, Rev. L. B. Manning followed up with the conference sermon, discussing some of the things that hinder the progress of the church.

Speaking on Wednesday as the special guest of the conference, Rev. L. C. Johnson, President of the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, brought some inspiring information about the student body, the plans and prospects, and the building program of the college. Present also during the conference and representing various phases of the state and national program were Rev. Rashie Kennedy, Chairman of the National Mission Board, who

spoke in the interest of missions; Rev. J. W. Alford, mission treasurer for N. C., who gave a financial report for information of the conference; Rev. M. L. Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer for Superannuation and Church Finance Corporation, who represented these two causes; Mr. Walter McD. Croom, Superintendent of the F. W. B. Orphanage, who reported on conditions and needs at the orphanage; and Rev. David Hansley, state educational treasurer, who gave a report on the funds for Christian education.

Two important items of business considered by the conference on Wednesday were: First, the endorsement and adoption of the proposed N. C. discipline, as handed down to the conferences of the state by the State Convention. Second, the passing of a notion, upon recommendation of the ministers of the conference, asking the State Convention to set up a special committee to prepare a uniform question to be used in the examination of candidates for the ministry by the various conferences and associational ordaining councils of the state.

In the closing session of the conference Wednesday, the following officers were elected: Moderator—Rev. C. L. Patrick; Assistant Moderator—Rev. Bruce Barrow; Clerk—Leo Tripp.

MRS. R. B. SPENCER PASSES

We are possessed of a feeling of deep sadness as we write these words to announce the death of Mrs. R. B. Spencer, wife and companion of the Editor of the Baptist. Her illness was of short duration, only a little more than twenty-four hours. After a few hours of suffering at home she was taken to the hospital in Greenville where she received the best possible medical treatment, and the most attentive and courteous professional attention. Sister Spencer was taken ill during the early evening of November 7, and passed away about ten o'clock Wednesday night, November 8.

The Central Conference, of which Brother Spencer is a member, was in session during those days. The following message of sympathy, signed by Rev. D. W. Alexander, Moderator, and Brother Leo Tripp, Clerk, was sent to Brother Spencer and family:

Rev. R. B. Spencer and Family,

extends to you the deepest sympathy of this assembled group. May God bless you.

J. E. Wooten

THANKSGIVING AT ORPHANAGE

The Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Middlesex, North Carolina, will observe Thanksgiving as usual this year with a special service and program rendered by the children, and dinner on the ground. Friends of the Home everywhere are cordially invited by the superintendent to come and visit on Thanksgiving Day, November 23. Those who can do so are asked to bring baskets, as this is the day the children eat with their visitors.

A great Thanksgiving Day is in prospect for all who visit the orphanage.

"He must be a thorough fool who can learn nothing from his own folly."

Often the drunk's family is left destitute when he is jailed. County juvenile officers then are called to find and see that the man's family is fed and cared for.

How Much I Owe

When this passing world is done,
When has sunk yon glowing sun,
When we stand with Christ in Glory,
Looking o'er life's finished story,
Then, Lord, shall I fully know—
Not till then—how much I owe.

When I stand before the throne,
Dressed in beauty not my own,
When I see Thee as Thou art,
Love Thee with unsinning heart,
Then, Lord, shall I fully know—
Not till then—how much I owe.

When the praise of heaven I hear,
Loud as thunder to the ear,
Loud as many waters' noise,
Sweet as harps' melodious voice,
Then, Lord, shall I fully know—
Not till then—how much I owe.

Even on earth, as through a glass
Darkly, let Thy glory pass;
Make forgiveness feel so sweet;
Make Thy Spirit's help so meet—
Even on earth, Lord, make me know
Something of how much I owe.

—Robert Murray McCheyne

It is a great folly to part with your own faults, which is possible, but to try instead to escape from other people's faults, which is impossible.—Marcus Aurelius

Dear Friends:

The Central Conference now in session at Reedy Branch, Pitt County,

-:- Department of Foreign Missions -:-

REV. RAYMOND RIGGS, *Promotional Secretary-Treasurer*
242 VICTOR AVENUE HIGHLAND PARK, MICHIGAN

FOREIGN MISSIONS

The following message on Foreign Missions was clipped from some church paper by Rev. J. W. Alford and handed to me to be used in behalf of our Mission Program:

"God had only one Son, and He was a Foreign Missionary."

The followers of Jesus were first called Christians in a Foreign Missionary church.

Every Epistle in the New Testament was written to a convert of Foreign Missions or to a Foreign Mission Church.

Every book in the New Testament was written by a Foreign Missionary.

The Book of Revelation was written to seven Foreign Missionary churches.

The Book of Luke was written by a foreign Missionary convert.

The book of Acts describes the first Foreign Missionary journeys.

The only Apostle who did not become a Foreign Missionary became a traitor."

You see from this message that "the only Apostle who did not become a Foreign Missionary became a traitor and that was Judas. It seems that we have a lot of traitors today who do not believe in Foreign Missions. So many preachers and laymen in the church are like the disciples were when they saw the god woman come to Jesus, and pour the "very precious ointment on His head. When the disciples saw it "they had indignation; that is, they were wrought up over it, and said, "To what purpose is all this waste? For this ointment might have been sold for much and given to the poor" (Matthew 26:6-13).

Judas was so wrought up, so mad over this ointment being wasted, as the disciples called it, until he planned another scheme for money. In Luke 22:3-6 we have these words, "Then entered Satan into Judas—and he

went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray Christ unto them and they were glad and covenanted to give him money"—"thirty pieces of silver" (Matthew 26:15)."

Listen to me friends, as you withhold your prayers and gifts from the cause of Foreign Missions, you are betraying Christ. You are betraying Him for the amount of money that you could give and are able to give, yet you don't love Him and His cause enough to give. Your excuse is that we have too many poor heathen at home.

What are you doing at home to win the lost to Christ? Like Judas, those who do the least at home and abroad hollow the loudest. Those who pray, give, and go that Christ may be made known to all the world are like the good woman when Christ said, "she hath wrought a good work upon me" (Matthew 26:10). Jesus said to His disciples after His resurrection, "Go ye, therefore and teach all nations." He is still saying that to us today. Free Will Baptists have endeavored to go teach and preach the Gospel to other nations, as Jesus commanded. We have sent missionaries to India, Cuba and Africa. We sent them with our gifts of love. It will take our gifts of love to keep them on the field. Brother Riggs informs us that it takes \$3500 a month to keep them there so they can preach and teach the Word of God. This means that it will take close to \$50,000 this year. North Carolina has been asked to raise \$11,000 this year from July 1950 to July 1951. Dear Christian friend, how much of this will you give? How much will you encourage your church to give? Many of you are able to give \$20 a month, which would take care of one native student missionary. Others are able and can give \$30 a month which would take care of one native missionary teacher or preacher. Some have

been blessed of the Lord so much that they would be able to pay the salary of an American Missionary which is \$75 a month. Pray about it! Ask God how much He would have you give as an individual. Ask Him how much He would have you lead your church in giving monthly to Foreign Missions. One of our pastors told me the other day that the Lord had lead him to adopt the "penny a meal plan" and that he was giving that much this year for Foreign Missions.

If all of our people would adopt this "penny a meal plan" there would be plenty of money for Foreign Missions, and prayer would be offered three times a day. What the Lord leads you to give send it quickly to Rev. J. W. Alford, Columbia, North Carolina. The need is urgent at this time, all North Carolina funds for Foreign Missions go to Brother Alford and he sends it to Brother Riggs for the missionaries.

NOTICE

Having tendered my resignation as member of the National Foreign Mission Board, which of course terminated my office as Promotional Secretary-Treasurer, and Rev. Raymond Riggs having been elected to this office in my stead, you will, therefore, from this time forward send all remittances for foreign missions to the following address:

Rev. Raymond Riggs,
Promotional Secretary-Treasurer
242 Victor Avenue
Highland Park, Michigan
Very sincerely,
Winford Davis

Announcement

I have just purchased the new sound color movie film of our Bible School and Missionary work in Cuba to be used in North Carolina. Any church that may desire to have this picture shown to their people for their information and inspiration may arrange it by writing to Rev. Rashie Kennedy, 713 Simmons Street, Goldsboro, North Carolina. At each showing a free will offering will be taken for Foreign Missions.

Yours to serve,
Rashie Kennedy, Chm.
Foreign Mission Board
Director in N. C.

Fairmount Park Free Will Baptist Church Celebrates

Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift. II Cor. 9:15.

We are indeed grateful to God for His wonderful favors shown for the past several weeks. We believe a mighty sweeping revival has been launched, and especially in the Fairmount Park Free Will Baptist Church.

For several weeks now, there has been seen in the everyday life of the pastor, the Rev. W. A. Hales, an agonizing of deep burning passion for the lost. He has expressed himself many times in the presence of this reporter of how he yearns to see lost souls saved. This has been followed by many in his congregation. Therefore the unity of the Spirit of God, the pastor, and membership brings the church into the desire of a mighty revival.

For several weeks before we began our work here, we have been told that weekly baptisms were performed and souls brought to a saving knowledge of Christ Jesus in nearly every service. This proves to us that the congregation was really ready and on fire for a real revival.

On October 15, the Rev. Damon C. Dodd came in our midst as our Evangelist. He too, saw a golden opportunity of readiness for a mighty revival and thanked God. Every service there were many who stepped out for Christ either conversion or dedications. The question was asked the reporter, "How could anyone sit or stand when God was dealing and persuading and under a ministry as Brother Dodd preaches and practices?"

Special music consisted of the choir and several visiting choirs. All the arrangements was made by the Rev. J. Albert Harris, our educational and Music Director, who took office with us October first. Mrs. Elizabeth Harris is our organist. Their working with us and with the assistance of several other very capable friends and members of the church helped the music in a great way. The music was enjoyed by everyone and high compliments were paid to Rev. and

Mrs. Harris for the work they have done in such a short time being with us.

There were over one-hundred decisions made for Christ during the two-week Revival Series, out of which fifty-one new members by baptism and letter came into the church. We surely praise the Lord for His mighty works. In the past six weeks, there has been several baptized and received into our church seventy-six new members. On September 17th the five-hundredth member was received into the church who was Mrs. Louise Baker Morrisette. At the close of our revival, there had been added to our roll as membership to make the total of 596 members.

Sunday October 29th brought our series of evangelistic services to a close with a great Home-coming Day for all. The Church celebrates its 7th anniversary and the 5th anniversary of Brother Hales work here, his 48th birthday and a drawing to close of a mighty revival series with a great Home-Coming. A picnic lunch was spread on the grounds and a throng of people crowded the grounds all day. The attendance for the days service was estimated near 1800 people.

For a brief history of the church—This church was organized by the Rev. W. A. Hales, present pastor, in October 1943 with 27 charter members. This church called as its first pastor the Rev. Mr. Harden who served one year. Then the church called the Rev. W. E. Richardson who served as pastor the second year. During the time the Bros. Harden and Richardson served the church held its services in the Woodman of the World Hall in South Norfolk. The Rev. W. A. Hales assumed his duties as pastor November 1945 and shortly thereafter the church began building its sanctuary on the present location. This building was completed and held its opening services in March 1946. The congregation began its worship at the present site with 66 members. Immediately after the opening service in the new building, the church and Sunday School, the Free Will Baptist Leagues and the Woman's Auxiliary experienced a very rapid

growth, and immediately began the construction of an educational building which was completed in March 1948.

The value of the church property at present including land, buildings and furnishings is approximately \$100,000. The membership of the church is at this time 599, counting two additions November 5, and the revival still lives within the hearts and lives of the people. There has been received into the church under Brother Hales ministry 576 members.

We would not forget to covet the prayers of the praying people. We have such a growing ministry here in the city of Norfolk that we have become in need of a director of Religious education and the church has called the Rev. J. Albert Harris and his good wife to work with us. We feel that they are a great blessing to our folk and have noticed quite a change for the betterment in our music department as well as our educational work.

We are really climbing in our attendance in the Sunday School and F. W. B. Leagues.

The church Reporter

WHEN WE PRAY—

Jennie Staplin

If we regard iniquity in our heart, the Lord will not hear us (Ps. 66:18).

But—"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9).

Then—"If our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God" (I John 3:21).

And—"This is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask any thing according to His will, He heareth us: and if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him" (I John 5:14, 15).

We should manage our Fortune as we do our health—enjoy it when good, be patient when it is bad, and never apply violent remedies except in an extreme necessity. —La Rouchefoucauld

All is but lip-wisdom which wants experience.—Sir P. Sidney

Program

Following is the program for the Georgia State League Rally which will convene on the 24th of November, 1950, at Satilla Church, Hazehurst, Georgia. Rev. J. B. Lovering will preside.

- 10:30—Song by congregation
- 10:40—Devotion by the Glenville League
- 11:00—Recognizing representatives from various Leagues and Churches
- 11:15—Song
- 11:20—"What Can Youth Do for Christ in the Educational Work" by Rev. Joe Fort
- 11:40—"What Can Youth Do for Christ in the Social and Business World" by Mrs. Edith Shivers
- 12:00—Lunch
- 1:30—Congregational singing
- 1:45—Program by the young people of Satilla Church
- 2:30—Special music by the Harmony League of Lake Butler, Florida.
- 2:40—Round table discussion on the "Need of Co-operation from the Adults in the Young People's Work"
- 3:10—Adjournment

86th Birthday Celebration

A birthday celebration is to be held at Antioch Free Will Baptist Church, Craven county, on the fourth Sunday, November 26, 1950, in honor of Brother Willie Gaskins, who is the oldest and most faithful member of the Antioch Church and was superintendent approximately 50 years and is honorary superintendent at present.

Relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend.

There will be Sunday school at 10 o'clock and church service at 11 o'clock by Rev. Anderson of Morehead City.

Dinner will be served on the church grounds at 12:30 o'clock.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Lonnie Dowdy
Mrs. Luther Gaskins

Tibetan Greeting!

Mont Hurst

Tibet is the mysterious mountain country adjoining China. The custom of greeting one another by the people is very odd. When two men greet one another they will approach with a bow, extend both hands with palms open and stick out their tongues. In sticking out the tongue it means that the person has no evil words in his mouth and in holding out his open palms he signifies that he has no weapons and wants to be friendly.

NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

WINFORD DAVIS, *Treasurer*

Cash Receipts and Expenditures Report—January 1, 1949 to October 22, 1950

Prepared by Elmer D. Jarvis—Jarvis Tax Service, Monett, Mo.

SUMMARY OF CASH TRANSACTIONS

Period January 1, 1949 to October 22, 1950, inclusive	
Cash on Hand—January 1, 1949	\$ 785.20
<i>Receipts for period:</i>	
Per Records	\$76,119.58
Unknown (1)	70.20
	\$76,189.78
Less: Payments made on notes by deduction from checks	350.00
Total Cash Received	75,839.78
	\$76,624.98
<i>Disbursements of cash:</i>	
Cash payments	\$ 1,461.69
Cash deposited in bank	75,163.29
Total Cash Disbursements	\$76,624.98
Balance—Cash on Hand 10-22-50	\$.00
Cash in Bank—January 1, 1949	\$ 177.90
Add: Deposits for period	75,163.29
	\$75,341.19
Less: Checks written for period	71,963.88
	\$ 3,377.31
(1) Cannot determine source of this income from records. Could be offerings received that were omitted from the records or could be Rev. Davis deposited this amount of his personal funds in error.	

BANK RECONCILEMENT—OPENING AND CLOSING

First National Bank, Monett, Mo.

Bank Balance—January 1, 1949	\$ 1,083.29
Less: Deposit, January 3, 1950	785.20
	\$ 298.09
<i>Less: December checks outstanding:</i>	
No. 210—Mrs. Josephine Stevens	\$102.00
No. 205—Kenneth Turner	13.00
No. 214—Rev. E. C. Morris	5.19
	120.19
Bank Balance 1-1-49	\$ 177.90
October 22, 1950—Balance per Bank Statement	\$ 5,357.55
Add: Deposit not on bank statement	150.27
	\$ 5,507.82
<i>Less: Checks outstanding:</i>	
No. 35—Laura B. Barnard	\$ 75.00
No. 37—Laura B. Barnard	75.00
No. 63—T. H. Willey	91.15
No. 64—Laura B. Barnard	75.00
No. 65—Mrs. T. H. Willey	1,319.36
No. 70—Damon C. Dodd	420.00
No. 72—Jarvis Tax Service	75.00
	2,130.51
Book Balance	\$ 3,377.31

RECEIPTS FOR PERIOD—BY STATES

January 1, 1949 to October 22, 1950		
Ohio	\$ 2,304.11	Oklahoma 5,164.40
Illinois	2,425.83	Nebraska 31.00
Alabama	1,275.30	Indiana 15.00
Kansas	46.00	Kentucky 2,519.80
South Carolina	3,398.72	Texas 2,237.62
Michigan	9,794.90	North Carolina 17,963.51
Tennessee	7,313.16	West Virginia 1,449.70
Colorado	5.00	Missouri 11,354.87
Georgia	2,873.46	Virginia 1,755.37
Iowa	25.00	New Mexico 195.00
Arkansas	624.58	Mississippi 387.76
California	166.66	National Auxiliary 911.62
Florida	466.79	National Program 485.75

Cuba Association	500.00	Total Known Income	\$76,119.58
Louisiana	2.00	Unidentified Income	70.20
Book sales, Review & Other	426.67		
		Total Income for Period	\$76,189.78

EXPENDITURES FOR PERIOD

January 1, 1949 to October 22, 1950

Africa	\$ 1,998.99
Cuba Mission	35,169.54
India	22,784.25
Office Expense, Review Costs, Postage, etc.	2,574.79
Salary—Rev. Winford Davis	1,725.00
Office Salaries	811.95
National Program	336.00
Rev. and Mrs. Roach—Salary and Expenses	3,762.96
Rent	220.00
Dan Crank	225.00
Kenneth Turner—Salary and Expenses	568.43
Rev. and Mrs. Wilfong	300.00
Cost on Film	283.33
Promotional Fund	1,260.00
Payment on House	100.00
Carl Valance	45.75
Board Meetings—Expenses (3)	515.79
E. F. M. A.	288.80
Insurance and Bond	88.26
Other Miscellaneous Expenditures	366.73
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Total Expenditures	\$73,425.57
Amount by Cash	\$ 1,461.69
Amount by Check	71,963.88
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Total	\$73,425.57

RECONCILEMENT OF BOOK AND AUDIT BALANCE

October 22, 1950

Balance per Book—October 22, 1950	\$ 3,439.50
Add: Unidentified Income	70.20
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	\$ 3,509.70
Less: Expenditures made and not recorded:	
Check No. 335—Post Office	\$ 4.00
Check No. 349—Winford Davis—Post Office Rent	1.00
Check No. 551—Post Office	1.21
Check No. 34—Toccoa Fall School	50.00
Check No. 37—Laura B. Barnard	75.00
Check No. 533—Adjustment on Cuba Check	1.18
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	132.39
Book Balance—October 22, 1950	\$ 3,377.31

PAYROLL SCHEDULE

Period January 1, 1949 to October 22, 1950

Salary due January, 1949, to November 1, 1950, 22 months at \$75.00	\$1,650.00
<i>Salary checks are drawn:</i>	
January, 1949 Check No. 216 . . . 2 months	\$150.00
March, 1949 Check No. 260 . . . 2 months	150.00
April, 1949 Check No. 294 . . . 2 months	150.00
July, 1949 Check No. 357 . . . 6 months	450.00
September, 1949 Check No. 414 . . . 3 months	225.00
November, 1949 Check No. 472 . . . 3 months	225.00
July, 1950 Check No. 16 . . . 5 months	375.00
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Total Salary Checks	\$1,725.00
Overpayment	\$ 75.00

He will certainly not say, "Well done."

His words will be: "Depart from me,
For I did my very best;
To show you the way that you should live
Then with me you could ever rest.

But you heeded not my teachings,
Went on in your sinful way;
Leaving your Christian friends and loved
ones
To wander where you'll be that sad day."

It grieves our hearts to think of you,
The ones we love so well;
To know you have forsaken Christ,
And have doomed your soul to hell.

Mrs. Sallie Caraway
Robersonville, N. C.

Steps to Eternity

That Depends upon the Way One Is Headed

From the cradle to the grave is life's pilgrimage. Responsible characters are their own choosers. Life's road leads ahead. On this way, there is the road that leads to the right, and there is the road that leads to the left.

Steps to eternity are markers of the way each individual travels. Steps to the haven of rest at the end of the journey had guideposts of truth, love, justice, mercy, purity, patience, hope, etc. These steps were not all easy. Some were most difficult, others were shaky, doubtful, but the guideposts pointed ahead where the sunset of life shone brightly, gloriously, for there the pilgrim rested his weary feet when the day's work was done.

The steps leading down the left road mark the way of the traveler on a dangerous pathway. The markers are sensual pleasures, greed, lusts of the flesh, pride of life, envy, ill-will, deception, etc. Each weary traveler must chose his own steps, bear his own burdens, and endure his own punishments. When he hears his own punishment of life, he finds no happiness, no friends, no consolation. Darkness stands before him; regret in his heart; and shame upon his record, all because he made steps to eternity on the wrong road. What he had once gained, was but as vanishing perfumes on the desert air, never to return.

Steps to eternity are of one's choosing: One on the right is the Shepherd, the light and the truth; on the left is the old Dragon, the seducer, tempter, murderer, destroyer of all happiness. Ways of thinking, acts of daily living, and modes of human behaviour are all steps on the road to eternity.

Count your steps to eternity; watch the guide posts; make your pilgrimage steadfast, sure, safe for evermore.

John Durant

When the Trumpet Sounds

WHAT WILL BE YOUR CONDITION?

Friends, where will you be when the trumpet sounds,
And time will be no more;
Will you be in the pool room, shooting pool?
Or standing by some bar-room door?

Or at a filthy picture show
Which is not fit to see;
Such places are condemned by our Lord
And so they are by me.

The Sunday baseball games
Are another place of woe;
Yet, it seems as if such places
Are where most folks want to go.

You never hear a word about the church,
Or when they heard a preacher pray;
But all about these sinful places
You hear them day by day,

It could be you'll be in some swimming
hole,
Having what you call fun;
But if the Lord should call you then,



The Stewardship of Money (Lesson for November 26)

LESSON: 2 Corinthians 9:6-8; Philippians 4:10-18.

GOLDEN TEXT: 2 Corinthians 9:7.

I. THE HEART OF THE LESSON

A maker of abstracts once told us that strictly speaking we do not buy land, but a title to it. He remarked that the land all the time belongs to God. Not only does God own the land, but the coal and oil and gold and silver and other metals that are in it. He also owns all the water in the world, and he has made wonderful provision for sending the rain and sunshine which make possible the growth of plants and the existence of animals and men. As an acknowledgement of God's ownership, and of the material blessings which come from him, it is fitting indeed that we set apart a portion of our income for God. This is not all that we owe him, as we shall see in the lessons that follow, but we surely do owe him this. In a loose sense we may talk about giving to God, but strictly speaking we do not give things to him any more than we buy land. We render to him what is his due.—Arnold's Commentary.

1. Faithfulness is the essential qualification in a steward whether it be in great things or in small.

2. No man can be fully faithful in his spiritual life unless he is also faithful in using his money for the Lord.

3. Some men seem to find it easier to conduct another man's business honestly than to be honest in using their own possessions for God.

4. God and mammon are exactly opposites and therefore it is impossible to serve both at the same time.

5. "A contented mind is a continual feast." If Paul could be content with his lot as a prisoner, we ought

to be contented with our privileges today.

6. Paul was not omnipotent, but he could do all things which lay in the path of duty, through the help of Christ. And what Paul could do in this respect, we can do. See 2 Cor. 9:8, in the lesson text.

7. Riches make favorable impressions on many people in this world, but not in the next.

8. Riches have great power but they are unable to ward off death, and are also unable to purchase Heaven.

9. Poverty will bar no one from Heaven, if the poor will hear and obey the Word of the Lord.

10. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work. God's children need not fear that if they will be unable to give more tomorrow. He gives back in a multitude of ways we never dream of until we realize the blessing. He is not only able to make His grace abound toward His people, but He is able also to abundantly supply them with all necessary things.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

11. Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my afflictions, verse 15. Paul expresses his appreciation for the kindnesses which the Philippian brethren had shown him in his afflictions. Great hearts are always thankful to those who befriend them in time of need. This is especially true with those who have to labor for Christ under adverse circumstances. Those Philippian brethren had sent Paul a gift which would cause his imprisonment to be easier to endure. John Bunyan spent twelve years in Bedford prison, England; and, while in that confinement, he wrote the book entitled "The Pilgrim's Progress." Christ gave him strength and vision to write this wonderful book.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

Notice, however, that this word to give is definitely qualified, first of all by the expression, "as he hath purposed in his heart." Giving is not to be haphazard, but the result of heart purpose. We can have such purpose only as we know something about

that to which we are giving and as we have prayed about it.

In the second place, this giving is qualified by the expression, "not grudgingly." Somehow or other, it is true, even though we can't explain it, that God can take little, when it is given gladly and joyously, and multiply it. On the other hand, a great deal given grudgingly does not carry such blessing from God.

The third word of qualification is "or of necessity." The idea expressed here is that of someone forcing us to do something against our will. Our giving is not to be forced, is not to be the result of coercion; but is to be done cheerfully—Moody Monthly.

II. THE LESSON ILLUSTRATED

A Living Thief

Dr. Lorimer once asked a man why he did not join the church. The reply was that the dying thief did not join the church, and he was saved. "Well," said the minister, "if you do not belong to a church, you help to support missions, of course?" "No," said the man. "Thy dying thief did not help missions, and wasn't he saved?" "Yes," said Dr. Lorimer, "I suppose he was, but you must remember that he was a dying thief, whereas you are a living one."

Giving to God

Dr. Adam Clarke once preached on the words, "Let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely." At the conclusion of the discourse he announced a collection. "How can you, Doctor," asked a lady later, "reconcile the freeness of the water of life with the collection at the close?" "Oh, madame," answered the learned and venerable divine, "God gives the water without money and without price; but you must pay for the waterworks, for the pipes, and the pitchers which convey the water to your neighborhood." Remember, you pay nothing to God; you are charged nothing for the water; but you cannot have convenient chapels to sit in without paying for them, nor a regular ministry to urge the water on your acceptance, without making a suitable provision for its support.—1000 Evangelistic Illustrations.

A Just and Righteous Peace

The UN General Assembly opened its fifth regular session in an atmosphere of lively hope and spirited determination. The hope was mostly realistic, springing from the decisive United Nations stand against aggression in Korea. The determination appears to stem from a deep conviction on the part of many delegations that the present crisis must be resolved so that out of it will develop a more effective international organization.

The United Nations has previously dealt with conflicts in Greece, Palestine, Indonesia, and Kashmir, and halted the fighting for negotiations pointed toward a permanent settlement. In Korea, however, armed force authorized by the UN is, for the first time, carrying on a police action to restore order. Initial United Nations collective action has been successful. If we can now do what is fully important, insure an independent, united Korea, this resistance to aggression may well prove to be, as Dr. Ralph J. Bunche has suggested, "a turning point in modern history."

The police action in Korea has led to several proposals for making the United Nations a more effective guardian of the peace. Secretary of State Acheson's "peace packet" is receiving special attention as a possible means to increase the powers of the Assembly by making it "a veto-less Security Council." The American plan provides for (1) emergency sessions of the Assembly on 24-hour notice if the Security Council is prevented from acting; (2) maintenance of a security or peace patrol to investigate, upon invitation of the nation or nations concerned, a threatened breach of the peace; (3) establishment of UN military units by member states, to be on constant call for United Nations service; and (4) appointment of a committee to devise further ways to effect collective security.

These proposals aim to transform the Assembly into a more efficient organ to attain a larger measure of international order. Whether or not adopted wholly or in part, they have the notable advantage of focusing the

world's attention on ways and means to strengthen the UN organization.

Of even more significance than the peace packet proposal, in the long view, was Secretary Acheson's urgent call for Assembly action against the root causes of international anarchy—the hunger, disease, oppression, and social injustice that bedevils the world's peoples. This stress is urgently needed at a time when our military budgets skyrocket and when we too easily place reliance on the use of force as the primary means to save our civilization. The crucial test of our era comes precisely at this point: can we build a gargantuan military machine to resist overt aggression and yet channel adequate resources into a more positive program? That is, can we develop throughout the world the conditions that would make possible, in Lincoln's phrase, "a just and righteous peace?"

The United Nations during the past five years, has already made significant gains in the economic and social fields. Epidemics have been checked and chronic diseases controlled. Concerted efforts have been and are being made to provide for such distribution of the world's food and clothing that hunger and nakedness may be diminished. The UN, moreover, has assisted the orderly development of indigenous movements in former colonial areas and among dependent peoples—movements that strive to achieve political independence and basic human rights.

While recognizing such signal contributions to world community, it is all too apparent that these efforts, in the light of human needs, have thus far been minuscule. Our preparations are colossal for possible war, which if it came would multiply our problems a thousand-fold and threaten the very values on which our civilization is built. By contrast, our preparations for peace are feeble, obscured as they are by our nationalistic prejudices and obstructed by our individual fears and limited vision.

In this context men and women of high faith and steady purpose must activate in their communities certain principles which are moral in nature:

To recognize the inescapable necessity for a powerful military appara-

tus, while combating with vigor the tendency to believe that increased armaments alone can save us.

To resist the hysteria and extremism that already undermine fundamental human rights in this country.

To persuade ourselves that we must make vastly larger sacrifices in order to provide adequate economic and spiritual resources for the encouragement and assistance of backward peoples—in our own and other countries—thereby helping them to realize a fuller life.

Only in this way can we develop a groundswell of new confidence and faith. This, in turn, will strengthen the determination of United Nations leaders to achieve security and well-being for all members of the human family. The decisive contest to win "the peace the world wants" will thus be given impetus and a moral directive during the critical days ahead.—In World Alliance News.

A Wonderful Word

There is a lamp whose steady light
Guides the poor traveler in the night;
'Tis God's own Word! Its beaming ray
Can turn a midnight into day.

There is a storehouse of rich fare
Supplied with plenty and to spare:
'Tis God's own Word! It spreads a feast
For every hungry, thirsty guest.

There is a chart whose tracing show
The outward course when tempests blow:
'Tis God's own Word! There, there is found
Direction for the homeward-bound.

There is a tree whose leaves impart
Health to the burden'd, contrite heart:
'Tis God's own Word! There, there is found
And makes the guilty conscience clean.

Give me this Lamp to light my road,
This Storehouse for my daily food;
Give me this Chart for life's rough sea;
These healing leaves, this Heavenly Tree.

—Observer

Give us, oh, give us, the man who sings
at his work! Be his occupation what it
may, he is equal to any of those who fol-
low the same pursuit in silent sullenness.
He does more in the same time—he will do
it better—he will persevere.—Carlyle

Simplicity, of all things, is the hardest to
be copied.—Steele

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

Little Grandmother's Thanksgiving Story

You want to hear about Thanksgiving days a long time ago? Well, let me see. I think I will tell you about the first one I remember clearly."

The children drew their chairs closer to Little Grandma, their faces eager and expectant, for Little Grandma's stories were almost as good as grandma's Thanksgiving dinners. Little Grandma was grandma's mother, and one of the treats of coming out to the old farm for Thanksgiving and Christmas was gathering in Little Grandma's room to hear the stories of long-ago times.

"Of course I can remember farther back than this one, but it just seems like a confused picture made of kinfolks, turkey, pumpkin pies and poundcake.

I remember this one so well because it was different from all the others. My father—your great-great-grandfather—was a squire, and I was very proud of this, for not everyone had the education or ability to be squire. To be sure, there were not many cases to be tried in those days, for the country was not thickly settled then as it is now, and every one was so busy getting a start in the new country that there did not seem to be much time for wrongdoing, so you may well imagine the excitement when a man was brought to our house on Thanksgiving morning to be tried for horse-stealing. Father did not have an office, so all cases were tried in our big living room. A number of relatives had come to eat Thanksgiving dinner with us. The women went out to the big log kitchen to help Mother prepare the dinner, but the men stayed in the living room to hear the trial. I was just a little girl, too small to help with the cooking, and not big enough for it to seem unseemly for me to stay where the men were, so I divided my time between the two places. I can see how the old living room looked just as plain as if it were only yesterday. It was a big room, with two high fourposter beds in two corners of it. Our best blue-and-white coverlets were on the bed, and a hugh bolster and two fat pillows on each bed. There was no carpet on the floor, but mother had scoured it until it was very white and clean. In another corner of the room was the big china-press, with the blue and white set of china, and the white set with pink rosebuds on it. In the fourth corner stood the old-wall-sweeper clock that told the hours of the day, the days of the month and the changes of the moon. But the best ornament of that room was the wide fireplace.

with its big back-log and forestick glowing red, making the brass andirons glitter like gold.

"The prisoner was a young fellow, scarcely more than a boy, and I was terribly sorry for him. He did not try to deny taking the horse—it wasn't any use. They had caught him riding it, and they knew the horse by its white forefoot and the white star in its forehead. All he would say when father tried to question him was: 'I wanted to get back home, and I meant to return the horse.' But this did not satisfy the owner of the horse, for horse-stealing was a serious crime, and he wanted to make an example of this case that would frighten all others from undertaking such a thing in that neighborhood.

"The old clock's hands crept around to eleven. The womenfolks had carried the blue-and-white china and the white china with pink rosebuds out to the log kitchen to set the long table. Then it was dinner time, and Mother came to ask the folks out to dinner. Father stood up and looked at the young man with his hands tied behind him. Then he looked at the owner of the horse, and this man frowned, as much as to say: "I won't eat dinner at the same table with a horse thief." He was a good neighbor and Father did not want to offend him; so he said to the prisoner: "We will go to dinner now, and, later, I will loose your bonds and allow you to eat while I guard you." The young fellow's face flushed scarlet, and he dropped his head in shame.

"In those days children always waited until the older people had eaten. As it happened, there were only myself and small baby brother and two little girl cousins to wait that day, for all the older boys had gone hunting. Mother fixed a platter of things for myself and two cousins to eat in the living room, to keep us from getting too hungry; but I could not eat with the poor, tied man watching me.

"He kept moving restlessly until at last his chair was against the door. Watching him when he did not see me, I saw him wrench and twist the ropes until, at last, he slipped one hand out, his wrist scratched and bleeding; then I heard the rattle of the doorlatch as he reached up behind him, and I knew what he meant to do. My first impulse was to run and tell Father, but my pity for the young fellow stayed my feet. The door he was by was on the opposite side of the house from the one which went out toward the log kitchen, and the orchard and then the woods came up close to that side of the house. He stood up and looked at me. The younger children were too small to understand anything about why he was here, and paid no attention to his move-

ments. I looked back into his pleading eyes and said promptly: 'I won't tell!'

"A look of relief flashed over his face. 'Are you sorry you did it, and will you promise God not to do it any more?' I asked. 'Mother says that is the way to make things right—to be sorry, and promise not to do it again—it's all God asks of us, you know.'

"Indeed I am sorry, and I won't do it again—I promise you little girl; and I promise God, too,' he said, earnestly. 'I was so homesick, and wild to get home for Thanksgiving, and I thought I could bring the horse back. I never meant to steal it.'

"I know you didn't! I answered. 'Now, wait a minute; I want you to take this with you, and I'll open the door so it won't rattle or squeak.' I took the towel off the platter and wrapped up a drumstick of the turkey and some slices of the white breast meat, and some mince pie, some of mother's homemade bread with butter on it, some pound cake and doughnuts. You see, in those days they let the children eat whatever the older people ate. I gave him the bundle and opened the door, closing it behind him so gently that the old wooden hinges did not make any sound. Then I watched from the tiny window beside the door until I saw him slip from tree to tree down through the orchard and disappear in the thick woods.

"It was some time before the folks got through with their dinner, for there was so much to eat, and they took plenty of time to enjoy it. The dinners were not served in courses then, but all put on the table at once, and each one ate as long as he was able.

"I saw the men come out of the log kitchen, picking their teeth with their quill toothpicks, looking much better-natured than when they had gone in; but when Father opened the door of the living room, I gave one wild glance about the room. I suddenly realized what I had done.

"'Betsey,' he said sternly, 'come here!' And all at once I was the prisoner on trial. I had been trained to be a truthful child, and I told exactly what had happened, although I was shaking with fright at my father's solemn face and Mr. Hamilton's angry exclamations. I had also been trained to always show proper respect for my elders, but when Mr. Hamilton, the owner of the horse, started toward the door, saying, 'We will saddle our horses and catch the thief,' I screamed out, 'He is not a thief, and you shan't go after him,' and I planted my body squarely against the door. 'It is Thanksgiving time, and you ought to be ashamed,' I said. "You've got your horse, Mr. Hamilton, and you ought to be thankful over that. Now, let him go home to his mother so he can be thankful too. He said he was sorry, and he promised me, and he promised God, that he wouldn't ever do it again, and Mother says that's all God asks of us.'

"I can feel the stillness of that room to this very minute. Mr. Hamilton's angry

face changed slowly, then he laid his hand on my head, and, turning to father, said: "It seems we have a new squire in our neighborhood, and I think I will abide by her decision."

"Mother was wiping her eyes on the corner of her apron, and one of the aunts sobbed out loud, then one of the little cousins began to whimper "I'm hungry. Betsy gave all our dinner away!"

"The womenfolks hurried us out to the kitchen and gave us a bountiful dinner; but I remember I could hardly eat for thinking about the poor fellow who was running, running toward his home, but could not get there in time for the Thanksgiving Day."

Little Grandma started up, saying that she must go remind the other grandma to look at the turkey, for fear he was browning too fast, but the children's hands clung to her dress and her apron while they clam-

ored: "Did he get home, Little Grandma?" "Did he keep his promise?" "Was he always good after that?" "Don't you know any more about him?"

"Yes, he got home safely," Little Grandma answered. "And the next spring he came back to our neighborhood and Mr. Hamilton hired him to work for him all summer; and in the fall Father and Mr. Hamilton persuaded him to go to the academy that winter for he was so quick at learning, and, after that winter, he went to college, and he decided to be a minister, and"—Little Grandma's face flushed a rosy pink—"and—he always said that all the good he had been able to do in the world was due to a little child's trust in him, and her simple creed of right living, which she gave to him on that Thanksgiving Day."—Christian Standard.

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

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BURDEN BEARING

If we are to carry out one of the most humane injunctions of Holy Writ, we must learn how to be compassionate, sympathetic and deeply interested in mankind. There are many ways in which we can place an arm underneath and help to carry the load of another, whose strength has given out. Sometimes one will unburden his or her woes to us, yearning for just a sympathetic word, or for a little encouragement, when many times we fail in our Christian privileges, and show up our own self-righteousness by words of criticism and rebuke. We make them think that God has apparently chosen us for some mighty place in the Christian life, therefore to condescend to utter a word of compassion, or pray a little prayer, or send one on his way rejoicing in the Lord, is so far beneath us that we lose many blessings from the hand of God, that would otherwise be ours if we would let the scales fall from our eyes so we could see the divine compassion of Jesus as He went about healing the sick, restoring sight to the blind, raising the dead and doing other mighty works. Not a person went away from His presence without a blessing, if they came for one. Not a soul cried out to Him for mercy that He did not hear. He knew that weakness belonged to the human race, and that that which pertains to physical life was uppermost in their minds. To overcome and make anew, each life must undergo a change and become new creatures in Christ Jesus, "For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power" (I Cor. 4:20).

Let us not be too slow in showing forth

the real spirit of the "Good Samaritan." Recently we had occasion to see many "Good Samaritans" in action, and since we were the object of the kind attentions, the care, the sympathy and the service which was rendered so graciously, we feel deep down within our hearts that, even though we cannot name the many kindnesses received at the hands of these good people, that our heavenly Father took knowledge of these blessed acts of love in His name, and they will not go without their reward.

I was ill and among strangers, so to speak, in a strange hospital where I was not known and where I knew no one, not even the doctor.

The gratitude I feel toward the hospital and staff, together with the many kindnesses rendered to me while there, will ever live in my heart as a "tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season."

May we help to bless other lives by passing on the kindnesses that come to us, and that will make our own lives shine out as living witnesses for the Christ of Calvary.

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ" (Gal. 6:2).

Ed. of Aux. Dept.

AUXILIARY LITERATURE READY NOV. 15

Auxiliary yearbooks for 1951 and a number of new officer manuals will be off the press and ready for distribution by November 15. The announcement came from Mrs. J. E. Frazier, WNAC treasurer.

Prices for the literature begin at 35c for the Go Tell program books, and go down to 20c for the booklets for auxiliary officers. The yearbooks for adult auxiliaries are 30c each. The "Manual of Methods," "Working with Our Youth Manual" and "Guide Book for YPA Leaders" are also 30c each.

The booklets for auxiliary officers are new and were authorized by the convention. "They are especially written for officers," Mrs. Frazier said, "but will be equally helpful for members who desire more efficient leaders and workers in their auxiliary."

Booklets have been written for the president, membership chairman, YPA sponsor, study course chairman, benevolence chairman, secretary and treasurer.

Standard of Achievement wall charts are still 25c. Orders should be sent with a check or money order as no literature can be sent COD. Address orders to Mrs. J. E. Frazier, WNAC Treasurer, Box 965, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

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SECOND SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION HOLDS GOOD SESSION

Speeches on Methods of Teaching Very Good

The Sunday School convention of the Second Union meeting district of the Central Conference of North Carolina convened with King's Cross Roads church on Sunday, October 29. The convention began with congregational singing, using the hymn, "Praise Him, Praise Him."

The first speech was by Brother Tripp who made a very interesting talk on the subject: "The Need for Training S. S. Officers and Teachers." His message was followed by Mrs. Bertha Tripp's talk on the theme: "Methods of Teaching Beginners, Primaries and Juniors."

Mr. Jasper L. Lewis was invited by Mrs. Spivey to speak on the subject: "Methods of Teaching Intermediates, Seniors, and Adults." All of these talks were greatly enjoyed and appreciated by those present.

The various committees were appointed and the ministers present were enrolled in the convention, and given recognition. The convention adjourned for lunch, and everyone enjoyed the splendid dinner which had been prepared by the members of the local church for this occasion.

At the beginning of the afternoon session, the Rocky Mount Sunday School was in charge of the devotions. The convention then entered into a business period, following which Brother Zeb Morgan rendered a musical solo. Oral reports were given by different delegates from the various Sunday schools. Following these reports we again had some splendid music which was rendered by the Conway Quartet.

After the different committees made their reports, a motion was made to give a standing vote of thanks to the local church for the kind hospitality shown this convention. It was then moved that the convention stand adjourn.

By the Reporter

A desire to resist oppression is implanted in the nature of man.—Tacitus

A Gentle Deed

In a collection of sermons to children the following beautiful story which is well worth repeating is told. It was in a school of black children in Jamaica. The teacher had made a law that a lie told in the school should be punished by seven strokes on the palm with a strap. One day Lottie Paul told a lie, and was called up to receive the punishment. Lottie was a little girl to whom pain was a terrible experience. But the schoolmaster had to enforce his law, for untruth is an evil thing in a school, and in a child's life. Lottie stood before the master's desk in great fear. Her cry of pain when she received the first stroke went to the teacher's heart. He could not go on with her punishment, but he could not pass by her sin. This is what he did. He looked to the forms where the boys were seated and asked, "Is there any boy who will bear the rest of Lottie's punishment?" A little fellow called Jim started up at once, and said, "Please, sir, I will!" Stepping from his seat to the desk, Jim received without a cry the six remaining strokes. It was a loving heart that prompted the boy to bear the pain for a poor little schoolmate. The teacher did not fail to direct the scholars' vision, as with tears in his eyes, he gathered them around his desk and told them of Him who long before bore the punishment of death for a sinful, ruined race.—Selected.

KEEP COOL!

David F. Nygren

It isn't easy I'll admit
To just sit still and thus permit
Some one to rave and swear and hit
And say you're headed for the pit,
To let him tear just bit by bit
Your name to shreds till not one whit
Is left, and then the field to quit
And take it all and just submit—
It isn't easy, no, it's hard,
You'll have to watch, be on your guard;
But let him rave and play his card,
And carry on his wild bombard,
Each accusation just discard,
His ire and gestures disregard—
In short, though he is wild and coarse,
Smile and consider well the source—
A rule: Just how to treat a fool:
Keep cool!

"I Am Not Fit to Live"

The screams of a woman being beaten to death rent the damp night air near Birmingham, Ala. A husband was beating his wife to death. Early in the morning the husband sought out a friend to help him find his wife. They found her—beside the road, dead!

The man wailed out, "If I killed her, I am not fit to live." Well, he did it but had not planned to, he was drunk at the time. He and his wife started drinking with three men. It was 1:00 p. m., and at a night spot. At 5:00 a. m. he was wailing out his cry.

All the road houses in the land are not worth a single life. Nor all the billions involved in liquor traffic worth a single soul. Those endorsing this condition in our society are endorsing murder multiplied many times, and cannot wash their hands of this blood by not being personally involved in the act.—Editorial in The Alabama Baptist, Sept. 28, 1950.

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There are people who seem to take pride in peddling the faults of others. Such people are hard to convince that they are in the wrong. I heard a conscientious preacher say, "I had a lady, a member of my church, and she was a 'tattler' in reality. One day I prepared a sermon and preached on tating, and did every thing that a man could do to present that truth to her, except call her name. When I had finished, this lady met me at the pulpit and said, 'preacher, I am so glad you preached that sermon today, maybe it will help Sister _____, calling the name of another sister in the church.'" So, we cannot see our own faults. But we can see and peddle the faults of others. Some times we go out of our way to expose the faults of some fellow, who may be just as good at heart as we, but the weakness of his flesh overpowered him. Instead of lifting him up, I find some people who seem to want to push him deeper in the mud. Those fellows who brought the woman to the Lord Jesus had "the spirit of stoning in their heart," but Jesus said, "Ye that are without sin cast the first stone." Their mouths were stopped. They had to back out.

Silence does not always mark wisdom.

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Thanks for Pain

My God, I thank thee who hast made
The earth so bright;
So full of splendor and of joy,
Beauty and light;
So many glorious things are here,
Noble and right.

I thank thee, too, that thou hast made
Joy to abound;
So many gentle thoughts and deeds
Circling us round;
That in the darkest spot of earth
Some love is found.

I thank thee more that all our joy
Is touched with pain;
That shadows fall on brightest hours;
That thorns remain;
So that earth's bliss may be our guide
And not our chain.

I thank thee, Lord, that thou hast kept
The best in store;
We have enough, yet not too much,
To long for more;
A yearning for a deeper peace
Not known before.

I thank thee, Lord, that here our souls
Though amply blest,
Can never find, although they seek,
A perfect rest;
Nor never shall until they lean
On Jesus' breast.

—Adelaide Anne Proctor

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A FEW BIBLE TRUTHS

B. E. Coxwell

Eve was the first person on earth to commit sin, and Adam was the second. From their transgressions, all came under the curse of sin. In Christ all was made alive. He removed that Adamic transgression so that all people might be relieved of the curse who did not sin, or until those who sinned themselves. A person has to become as a little child, innocent, to be able to enter heaven.

God caused Solomon to be the wisest man that ever lived, because he preferred wisdom to riches. Now, Christ said that there was not any man born of woman greater than John the Baptist, who had to suffer

his head to be executed from his body because of a sinful woman. Remember, Peter was Christ's first disciple, and He sifted him as wheat, and prayed for him. Peter would have fallen away and have been eternally lost if Christ had not prayed for him.

Dear people, the Devil has tried me several times, thinking that I would fall and become one of his subjects. Has he tried you and are you standing firm for Jesus. Samson was a great man, according to the Bible, for the Lord gave to him strength, but his wife betrayed him. Like Eve, she transgressed, and Samson lost his strength when his hair was cut short. The Devil is wise and deceitful at all time, and you have to watch him on every hand. Noah preached a long time, some say about 120 years, and not a soul did he save. But I would not say that, for we do not know how much influence he had on his wife and his three sons and their wives. Only 3 souls entered the Ark. Others might have been saved before the flood came. There will be some who will not be saved when Christ returns again to earth.

Some say that there are a great many more divorces now than there were years ago. And some claim that they did not get the right person for a husband or wife, and that is the cause of so many divorces, and that the Lord did not have anything to do with them, that is, He did not join them together. Remember, the Devil still has his eye on you, seeking to cause you to stumble, or to fall into his sinful ways. Note, he fooled Adam and Eve, and so he is fooling people today, and causing many divorces everywhere.

John the Baptist was the first to baptize by immersion, which represented Christ's burial and resurrection (Romans 6). Christ was the One Who taught the sacred ordinance of Feetwashing as a token of love. Paul also taught it, as he was a close follower of Christ. This is what we should do, in accordance to Christ's command, if we want to enter the pearly gate, because that is a great example of humility and service which Christ instituted in the Upper Room when He established the Lord's Supper.

"THOU ART INEXCUSABLE, O MAN"

I have just been reading an article in the Baptist by Rev. C. F. Bowen, about our mission work. It should awaken us to the point that God isn't slack concerning His promises. Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." Jesus has sent men and women forth into the mission fields, but we who are home are slack in our duties to God and our fellow man. We are very slack concerning our promises to God. How many times when we want God to do something for us, that we promise, God that we will obey him, will just do everything God wants us to do. If He will just answer our prayer to put over what we want done. But then after our prayers have been answered, we soon forget.

Christians, how many times does God tell us to leave off unnecessary and trivial things, and pay our debts? To whom? To our fellow man, who has not heard of the name of Christ. Aren't we at least in Zion when we can recline in our easy chairs with a full stomach and say, "Let someone else do it, I have a big job to feed my own family." Feeling you can justify your selves, and just keep on reclining in your easy chair.

Let us look at a great man, when he was only twelve years old. He said, "Don't you know I must be about by father's business?" Jesus sets the example, to start at an early age to be about our Father's business.

How must we know what is our Father's business? First, after we

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are converted, God puts a loving spirit in our heart of wanting to tell others. It is a heart of love and compassion for others. Jesus says, "Love thy neighbor as thy self." Who are our neighbors and who should we be neighbors to? Those we can help, of course. If our neighbor is cold, give him clothing. We owe that to him for he is in need. If he is hungry feed him. We owe it to him. If he is sick minister unto him. We owe it to him, for we are well, we are God's children to walk in the way Jesus set the example for when He was on earth. He doesn't tell us to do something He wouldn't do Himself. He ministered to the needs of others, and told us to do likewise.

Jesus did missionary work. He took his gospel of love to the lost. We owe it to our heathen friends. Jesus died that they might have this same salvation we enjoy in our own lives. We are indebted to our neighbor to take the gospel to them, we have it, and it's for them too. We must not forget our missionaries, for our Bible tells us: "A workman is worthy of his hire." If our brothers and sisters are laboring in God's service to keep our neighbors, we have not done our duty to God until we have fulfilled our part that we can do here at home, give, give, give, and pray and pray until we are willing to let God have His way in our lives, that we

are completely surrendered to the will of our Father.

Christian brothers and sisters, this missionary problem is weighing heavily on my heart. The question keeps coming to me: What are our missionaries thinking since their projects had to come to a stand still? Their zeal is hanging loosely in their hands, and their burdens weighing heavily on their hearts. Just stop and think, Christians, how would you feel, and how could you take care of your family if your employer failed to hand over your pay check at the end of the month? Your depending on him keeping his word. In other words you are dependent on him, for his word means the livelihood of your family is by your labor.

That is the same way with our missionaries. Our word means the financial backing to our missionaries, and their labors mean the salvation of many who know not Christ, until through their efforts have brought the Holy message of God to them.

Let us make a vow and keep it to pay off this debt to our missionaries, and then keep ourselves clear of indebtedness, by being careful and pay our tithes first. God will bless us, and we can get along good on our salaries.

By keeping in touch with God, our hearts will be touched by the pleas of our missionaries when they say, "Do your part that we may do ours."

Remember, God says, "Owe no man." We are in debt to our fellowman. Let us mind God.

Expressions of Thanks and Appreciations

We take this method of expressing our sincere thanks and appreciation to the many friends, relatives, and neighbors, for their words and tokens of sympathy and consolation during the hours of our deepest sadness and bereavement of the loss of our loving companion and Mother, Mrs. R. B. Spencer. Her sudden illness and unexpected death in a few hours were so sudden and shocking that we were unable to understand just why she had to go from us as she did.

We shall long remember the kind words, deeds of kindness, and tokens of love from our many friends, churches, woman's auxiliaries, conferences and Sunday School conventions who were so thoughtful of us in our moments of deep sorrow and heartaches.

Again we want to say that we thank everyone who sent telegrams, cards and letters and flowers to us, expressing their sympathy and deep concern over the passing of our dear companion and mother.

R. B. Spencer,
Rubie Lee and Franklin

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to advise my friends that I am now living in Saratoga, N. C. Any one desiring to contact me may write me at the following address.

Rev. R. W. Allman
General Delivery
Saratoga, N. C.

Dost thou love life? Then waste not time; for time is the stuff that life is made of.— Benjamin Franklin

NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

OUR VISIT TO THE CENTRAL

We had the privilege to visit the Central Conference of North Carolina in its "two-hundredth and second session" on the 8th of November. I was only there the first day. I was accorded the happy privilege of presenting the book, "His Name Among All Nations," by Miss Laura Belle Barnard, by the courtesy of the moderator, Rev. D. W. Alexander. We sold several copies to friends of the Foreign Mission cause by our people. We praise God for these who wanted more knowledge of history of our church and at the same time more willing to take a copy of this fine book. Every minister should have a copy of this book. Not only does the book carry a message, but the \$2.00 for it helps the treasurer of the Foreign Mission program.

DAWSON'S GROVE CHURCH

It was my happy privilege to take my wife to Dawson's Grove church, near Enfield on the ninth of November where she taught the Woman's Auxiliary during the day and I showed pictures of our work at the Bible College and Cragmont Assembly together with "The Door to Heaven," and "Good Tidings," these being sound pictures. I have never visited a people that seemed to be more appreciative than these good people. "By their fruits ye shall know them," said the Master. Our reception was grand and we enjoyed the fellowship. Dawson's Grove is not large in membership, but it is strong in the faith. Several years ago, Brother J. H. Harris, Sr., moved to that community and purchased property. The church is made up largely of the Harris family. The children of Brother J. H. Harris, Sr., and his children's children with some other fine Christians are deeply interested. Rev. J. R. Forest of New Bern, is the pastor and doing a fine work.

RUTH'S CHAPEL

We closed out a series of meetings at Ruth's Chapel last Tuesday night (Nov. 7th) in which God wonderfully blessed. The congregation from the beginning was good. The seating capacity of the church was overrun several nights so that extra chairs had to be brought in for the seating. Mrs. L. E. Ballard conducted the singing, in which she led the children in chorus singing and the regular congregational singing was "tops."

We were favored with three different male quartets during the meeting and one

solo by a visitor who desired to help in the work.

We said that the meeting closed the 7th, but it did not close in results. For a large attendance was evidenced in the prayer meeting on Friday night and then Sunday November the 12 we had three more who gave themselves unto Christ and who testified that they were "saved," and one received by letter. We baptized sixteen Sunday afternoon. In all there were seventeen conversions according to testimony and three received by letter and there is one more to be baptized now, which will make twenty additions to the church from the meeting and with the following Sunday.

I know that some are about ready to say, "Griffin is bragging." But not on Griffin, bless your life. I am "bragging" on Jesus Christ, my wonderful Saviour who can save and who will save when people will repent and call on His precious name.

May I say that Ruth's Chapel has one of the finest groups of young people to be found anywhere. There are others who are just as good, but you have to pick for them.

SEA LEVEL MEETING

I have promised to conduct a revival meeting at Sea Level, Carteret County, in the Free Will Baptist church for the pastor, Rev. L. E. Styron, beginning Monday after the third Sunday. This meeting will be going when these lines are in print. If you get these lines in time, just whisper a prayer for the salvation of lost souls.

GETHSEMANE CHURCH REVIVAL

Rev. Sam Kennedy, pastor of the Gethsemane F. W. B. church, Tuscarora, N. C., closed out a meeting for his congregation Sunday and had the baptism jointly with us at Bridgeton F. W. B. Church. The Bridgeton people granted us the privilege to use the baptistry, which privilege we greatly appreciated. I believe that Brother Sam baptized nine. He led the devotions and I preached the sermon and we made the altar call in which God blessed and two fine boys confessed and were baptized for Ruth's Chapel, which made the three for Sunday as referred to under the caption, Ruth's Chapel.

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to inform my friends that we have moved from Saratoga, North Carolina, to Davis, North Carolina. Those who should like to communicate with us may do so by addressing their communications to us at the new address.

Rev. Ranton Jackson and Family
Davis, North Carolina

You need no guide to follow the broad way of sin, but you need the Guide to find even the strait way that leads to life.—Everett Morgan

LOYAL CHAPEL CHURCH, COLUMBIA, TENN.

By Freda Price

Monday night, October 30th, 1950, Rev. J. B. Bloss, pastor of Loyal Chapel Church, was greatly surprised when he answered the door of his home to be greeted with a chorus of voices singing, "Happy Birthday."

The throng of people who flocked to his house to celebrate his sixty-sixth birthday were but few of the many who love this humble man of God, with his concern for the lost and great love for humanity.

God has blessed Loyal Chapel Church by putting Brother Bloss in its midst and our prayer is that, in the years to come, God will give him more abundant, physical and spiritual strength to lead the souls who seek a refuge in the wisdom of his teachings and guidance.

Loyal Chapel Church celebrated its traditional Home-Coming Day, Sunday, November 5. The church was organized November 9, 1938, by a small, but zealous group of people, twelve years ago. God has blessed in a mighty way throughout these years and it has grown abundantly.

The usual morning services, Sunday school and the eleven o'clock message, conducted by Rev. Bloss, were followed by dinner, which was served in the basement.

The Maury County Singing Convention met with us in the afternoon. There were numerous quartettes and special singers from various parts of the country.

The church could not hold the hundreds of people who came to hear the praise of God ring out in joyful song.

We can but humbly thank God for this place of worship, for what it means to this community and the Holy Spirit which dwells, immeasurably, in the hearts of those who congregate within its walls.

We'd like to take this opportunity to invite all those, who can and will, to meet with us for singing; held every fourth Sunday night at seven o'clock. If you can sing or if you enjoy good singing, we give to you a hearty welcome.

Our pastor, Rev. Bloss, asks us so often, "Are we as close to God as we should be?" Let each and every one of us search the very realms of our hearts and draw nigh unto Christ, our Saviour.

It is often better to have a great deal of harm happen to one than a little: a great deal may rouse you to remove, what a little will only accustom you to endure.—Greville

Opportunity has hair in front, behind she is bald; if you seize her by the forelock, you may hold her, but if suffered to escape, not Jupiter himself can catch her again.—From the Latin

Stanley's African Letter

Harry J. Albus

Lots of people know about Henry M. Stanley, the famous explorer, who found David Livingstone. In fact many people even know that Stanley discovered the second largest lake in the world, hidden away in the jungles of Africa. Stanley named the lake Nyasa in honor of England's great Queen Victoria. But few people know the amazing story of a special letter Stanley once wrote.

He wrote this letter one day in an African village during one of his travels. On this particular journey he visited Uganda. When he first landed in Uganda he was met by a large crowd. Bright flags waved, tom-toms sounded and trumpets blew.

Through the rows of welcoming people Stanley was led to the king. The king's name was Mutesa. The old king was half heathen and half Mohammedan.

For many days Stanley told the king about the great world outside and about the white man's God. It was about the white man's God that Mutesa was most interested and he would sit for hours listening while Stanley told about God, the heavenly Father, and about Jesus.

Tears streamed down the old dark-skinned warrior's face as Stanley told him about how God had sent His Son to the earth to live and die among men, and how Jesus had been spit upon, pierced and nailed to the Cross.

"And best of all, Mutesa," Stanley told him in the native tongue, "is the fact that Jesus died for you. He died for you, King Mutesa, that your sins might be forgiven."

The old chieftain was so moved by the story that he begged his white friend, who was not a missionary, to send them a teacher to tell them more about God.

That night Stanley paced the floor of his tent as he prayed to God for wisdom.

"Lord, how can I get a missionary to tell this tribe more about Jesus?" Stanley prayed. "I'll not get back to England for months and I must soon leave this tribe to go further into the

jungles. Oh God! What will I do?"

After much prayer over the matter, Stanley suddenly came upon an idea. Why not write a letter asking for missionaries.

In a matter of a couple of hours the letter was written. But there was no postoffice, no train, no stage-coach and no letter carrier and he was a thousand miles from any ship.

His next problem was how to get the letter back to England.

After further thought and prayer, he decided to send a young Frenchman, who was anxious to return home, back to England with the letter.

Early the next morning the young Frenchman set out, with the letter, on the dangerous journey down the Nile through the wild country towards Egypt.

Making his way through the jungles he was soon discovered by a wild tribe of savages. Soon the tribe took out after the Frenchman, determined to take his life.

When the young Frenchman saw the tribesmen following him he increased his speed, in a desperate attempt to escape. Running through the jungles he prayed, "Oh God, somehow, some way get the letter through."

But the tribesmen vastly outnumbered him and on the banks of the Nile he was killed by the band of savages and robbed. His dead body was left unburied on the dry hot sand.

Months passed . . . the letter seemed destined not to reach England.

Then one day some English soldiers found the bones of his body. His boots were lying nearby. Searching through the boots they found to their amazement a letter hidden inside—it was the letter written by Stanley.

They sent the letter to the governor in Egypt, who sent it to England. After seven months it finally reached London and was printed in *The Daily Telegraph*.

Here is part of that letter:

"King Mutesa of Uganda has been asking me about the white man's God. Although I had not expected turning a missionary, for days, I have been telling this black king all the Bible stories I know—he has further caused the Ten Commandments as well as the Lord's prayer and the golden commandment of our Savior, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," to be written on boards for his daily reading.

"Oh, that some pious, practical missionary would come here!"

Do you know what happened as a result of that letter? Seven Christian young men who read it in the *Daily Telegraph* went to Uganda as missionaries, preaching Christ.

One of these young men was Alexander McKay, the famous missionary who won thousands of African natives to the Lord Jesus.

FOR ALL THESE THINGS

Mrs. Richard C. Davis
Hertford, N. C.

I thank Thee God for the wind that blows,
For the sun that shines so bright,
For the beautiful moon above that glows,
And the stars that twinkle at night.

For the rain that falls from the clouds
above,
And the snow so soft and white,
For the birds that sing their songs of love
And the peacefulness of night.

I thank Thee God for the trees so green,
And the cool of the shade beneath;
For the rippling waters ever to be seen
And the flowers disseminate as a wreath.

I thank Thee God for a peaceful land,
Over here, where all is quiet;
Where children frolic hand in hand,
No bomb shelters to run to with fright.

All these things and more I could say
Living here beneath the sun.
Such a pity to say that mortals to-day
Aren't content with what Thou hast done.

Let us try to be sensible; let us try to be
good-natured; let us try to be fair.—C.
Dickens

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

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Auxiliary of White Oak Grove

The Woman's Auxiliary of White Oak Grove met on Friday night, November 3, 1950, at the home of Mrs. Frank Lane. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. William Coltrain. The Lord's Prayer was repeated by all. The scripture was read by Mrs. Reginald Foss. The program for November, "Advancing with Christ through Tithing," was enjoyed by all. After the program was completed, the secretary called the roll, and read the minutes of the last meeting. At this meeting 26 members present; 176 sick visits made; 12 trays given to the sick; 19 bunches of flowers carried to the sick; 502 chapters read; 3 wreaths bought; 5 sunshine baskets given this year.

An offering was taken for the aged ministers, amounting to \$5.00.

It was agreed to send \$5.00 to the Orphanage. In the spring \$10.00 was given the Orphanage for an electric stove.

\$5.50 for missions in April.

A few minutes of silent prayer for the boys in Korea were had at this time.

The closing prayer was by the president, Mrs. Coltrain. The hostess then served refreshments that were enjoyed by all.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Catherine Wood, Friday night before 1st Sunday in December.

Thanks be unto the Lord that our church, Sunday school, Woman's auxiliary, and League are growing. Pray that we may be true and faithful always, and co-workers with God.

Mrs. Ben D. Herring,
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LEE'S CHAPEL AUXILIARY HAS GOOD MEETING

Harvest Day Great Success

Our auxiliary women met in their regular monthly meeting with Mrs. Myrlene Hawley for the month of October. There were twenty members present for this meeting. Mrs. Harvey Hinson, the president, conducted the devotions, and offered several helpful suggestions for the good of the members present. She said, among other good things, "It is not the things we say, but those that we do that count most."

Mrs. Nathan L. Godwin gave a very helpful talk on the study: "Advancing with Christ through Missions in India." Some

mission work was done by one of our members, Mrs. Anna Stone who wrote a little playlet entitled, "Go Tell." It was given by some of the members of the Y. W. A. This inspired us very much to be more missionary-minded for the cause of Christ in the foreign lands.

The Harvest Day at the church proved to be a great success. At the eleven o'clock hour there was a sermon delivered, and following this a splendid dinner was served on the church grounds.

The afternoon session was opened with the selling of the products that were brought to the church. These products were given by the different members. Mr. Harvey Hinson auctioneered them off for the auxiliary, and he did a fine job of it. It was a good day for all of us, and much interest was taken by everyone present.

Our next auxiliary meeting will be held with Mrs. Allene Elmore in November. We especially invite all of the members to be present for this meeting. Also visitors are invited to come and be with us.

By the Reporter

Saint Mary's Grove Auxiliary Holds Meeting

Our Auxiliary held a very good meeting Thursday night, November 9, in the home of Mrs. Joel A. Johnson, Jr. The program leader presented a very interesting program, the theme being: "Advancing with Christ through Tithing." It told of the great work the Free Will Baptists are doing toward advancing with Christ by sending out missionaries, establishing orphanages and hospitals, and expanding our Bible College, which takes our tithes to support.

We all brought groceries to Mrs. Lula Beasley who is sick, and we also agreed when to take our supplies to the orphanage.

Our Christmas meeting will be held with our president, Mrs. Cora Coats. We agreed to exchange gifts also.

Mrs. Hilda Lowery, Reporter
Benson, N. C., Route 1

ATTENTION

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY MEMBERS EVERYWHERE

Another longtime Auxiliary need can now be supplied.

Individual Report Slips are now available for 20 cents per hundred.

Send all orders to:

W. N. A. C. Headquarters
Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Secy.
Box 965, Nashville 2, Tenn.

Financial Report

LADIES AUXILIARY OF HOLLY SPRINGS
Kenly, North Carolina
Route 2

1. Cash to Orphanage	-----	\$133.55
2. Raised for Superannuation	---	7.69
3. Raised for Home Missions	-----	7.73
4. Value of Commodities to Needy	138.40	
5. Cash used in local church	---	40.00
6. Amt. dues to various conv.	---	15.70
7. Amt. dues collected this year	--	85.30
8. No. members enrolled	-----	30
9. No. new members this year	-----	2
10. No. members subscribing to paper	-	10
11. No. mission classes held	-----	1
12. No. members attending week of prayer	-----	12
13. No. Condolence and convalescent cards sent	-----	182
14. No. funeral designs given	-----	8
15. Gallons milk given	-----	522
16. No. chapters read in Bible	-----	2,366
17. Religious services conducted	-----	46
18. Visits to the sick	-----	495
19. Trays of fruit to sick	-----	28
20. Flowers to the sick	-----	84

Mrs. Hinton, Reporter

CO-WORKER IN CHRIST

How I wish I could chat awhile, but I am having a "desperate race" with the post-man because I want you to have this in time to get it in the next issue of The Free Will Baptist.

For years, as you know, there has been request after request for report slips to be used at our Auxiliary meetings. They can now be had and since I did not know this when I sent out the letter in September which announced Auxiliary literature available this year, I know of no other way to let our women know quickly about his new item. I am having some price leaflets mimeographed but it will be several weeks before they are ready for mailing. I will be so grateful to you if you will give this announcement a very prominent place on your page in the next issue of the paper.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Agnes B. Frazier

AND BE YE THANKFUL

The Psalmist asked, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" (Psalm 116:12).

Perhaps this question comes to us from time to time, especially at this season of the year, when the harvest has been so bountiful and God has been so good. He knows our needs and supplies them according to His will. We hear much muttering, fault-finding and grumbling, because something dear to us has not been set in pleasing places, or in keeping with our pet

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: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

BECAUSE OF RUSHED CONDITIONS, ORDER LITERATURE EARLY

Here at the Press the employees are quite busy getting the Sunday School and League literature for the first quarter of the new year ready for shipments before the Christmas holidays begin. Some orders have already been received, and others are still coming. Since the orders will be larger and also since the sales are constantly on the increase, it will press the employees to be able to fill all orders as they come in, therefore we are urging all Sunday Schools and Young People's Leagues to place their orders right away, so that we will have ample time to fill them on time for use beginning with the new year.

Last quarter quite a number of the Sunday Schools increased the size of their orders over the previous quarter. We are expecting this coming quarter to be even larger in a great many cases than the closing quarter. But, if the secretaries will see to it that they make out their orders in full and ample to care for all their needs during the first quarter, we shall do our best to supply

everyone with all the literature that they shall need for their Sunday Schools and Leagues. A greater interest is being shown all the while in our Sunday School and League quarterlies. This is due, probably, to the improved appearance of the quarterlies.

It has been said by some that a number of our Sunday Schools are buying their quarterlies from other publishing houses. Well, that is their privilege, however, we would be glad to serve them as we are other Sunday Schools. We receive frequently here at the office commendations from leaders of other denominations concerning the contents of the quarterlies. Those persons have said that our lessons are on par with other Sunday School quarterlies with respect to scripture content, comments and expositions by the writers of our quarterlies. For these favorable comments we are thankful, and greatly appreciative of the same. For, after all, the worth of any Sunday School quarterly is contained in the contents of the lessons, and the spiritual good that Sunday School classes derive from the study of them. We stand ready to serve one and all alike.

AND BE YE THANKFUL

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desires. Sometime during the year rebellion against the misfortunes that have been ours has perhaps filled our hearts, and we have turned away from a loving Father who would have gathered us together as a "hen gathereth her chickens, and ye would not." He would have quelled our uneasy experiences with "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." (Rom. 8:28). "Do you thus requite the Lord, O foolish people and unwise? Is not He thy Father that hath bought thee? Hath He not made thee, and established thee?" (Deut. 32:6). This is what He is saying to those whose hearts are filled with ingratitude this Thanksgiving Day. Christ knew ingratitude from personal experience, for He said in Jn. 10:32, "Many good works have I showed you from my Father: for which of those works do ye stone me?" We need to "Let the peace of God rule in our hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body: and be ye thankful" (Col. 3:15). "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (I Thess. 5:18).

In Psalm 107, the Psalmist exclaims three times, "Oh, that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men." In the 1st and 2nd verses of this chapter, he reminds us again by saying, "O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for his mercy endureth forever. Let the redeemed of

the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy."

Regardless of the fact that we are living in "perilous times," that the world is apparently in chaos, men are having a form of godliness but are denying the power thereof," greed for power among the nations is filling hearts and minds of our national leaders and war and rumors of war are devastating to the extreme, and we say, "The end is not in sight." This is true, but if we stand firm and faithful to the Christ who has bought us with His own precious blood, we shall not "fear what man can do unto us, for they are not able to kill the soul," but may we trust Him who is able to make all grace abound toward us. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee" (Jer. 17:17).

If sickness, death, disappointments, financial reverses, troubles and sorrows, mental disturbances or other bitter experiences have been ours, if we really know our Lord, we can say with Job, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him." This is a manifestation of our faith, when we submit humbly to the Father's will concerning us. Let us notice how the Psalmist answered his own question in Psalm 116:13, 14. "I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people." Maybe we need to renew our covenant with the Lord, and enjoy this salvation that was purchased on Calvary, that we might be saved and have access to the throne of grace, through His shed blood,

and that our fellowship with Him might be free of restraint or hindrances.

Not in mere words should we praise Him, but with the first fruits of all our increase, with our tithes and offerings, our love one toward another, which is the badge of true discipleship. "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my Redeemer" (Psalm 19:14).

May we strive to forget the things that make us unhappy—things that we cannot alter, no matter how we may complain and mutter against them, but let us take the advice of David in Psalm 37:4, 5. "Delight thyself also in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thy heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thy heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass." May we never cease to give thanks unto the Lord for all His blessings and benefits unto us. Ingratitude for His unmerited favor makes Satan rejoice, while it brings sorrow to the great heart of our heavenly Father.

"And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye His servants, and ye that fear Him, both small and great" (Rev. 19:5).

"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him and bless his name" (Ps. 100:4).

Alice E. Lupton

'Tis better to live rich than to die rich.—
Dr. Johnson

Middlesex Orphanage

SEPTEMBER RECEIPTS FOR 1950

(NOTE: Receipts have been mailed to each individual auxiliary or person contributing, but totals here are shown for all amounts from each church regardless of organization through which it came for the period covered. Our books and files are open at all times for inspection or checking for any particular receipt.)

GENERAL FUND

Cape Fear

Robert's Grove	\$ 11.00
Yalverton's Grove	15.28
Shady Grove	1.70
Goldsboro	17.00
Lee's Chapel	17.50
Powhatan	5.00
Total	\$ 67.48

Central

Spring Branch	\$ 5.00
Antioch	30.00
4th Union	57.27
Rose Hill	39.32
Hull Road	23.00
Marlboro	15.97
Greenville	63.87
Bethany	6.92
Dilda's Grove	5.00
Saratoga	69.26
Gum Swamp	4.48
Aspin Grove	15.00
Winterville	11.00
Total	\$346.09

Rockfish

Pine Grove	\$ 33.00
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French Broad

Avery's Creek	\$ 12.00
Horney Heights	5.00
Beaverdam	5.00
Cedar Hill	18.85
Candler	5.00
Sweeten Creek	5.00
Total	\$ 50.85

Western

Orphanage Memorial Chapel	\$ 8.52
Piney Grove, Johnston County	18.65
Friendship	22.80
Union Grove, Wayne County	1.00
Stancils Chapel	34.08
Rock Springs	4.45
Wilson	17.99
Branch Chapel	6.48
Pleasant Plains	33.77
Everetts Chapel	39.54
Total	\$187.28

Albemarle

Mt. Olive	\$ 2.00
Piney Grove, Beaufort County	6.88
Total	\$ 8.88

Piedmont

Arrington Heights	\$ 17.00
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Eastern

Northeast	\$ 10.60
Oriental	9.15

Wardens Grove	12.00
Wintergreen	23.00
Mt. Zion, Onslow County	2.00
Moseley's Creek	10.00
Roe	3.00
Welcome Home	3.00
Davis	12.50
Ruth's Chapel	7.55
Soundview	14.00
Sts. Delight	31.54
Folkstone	16.84
Friendship	44.00
St. Mary's	22.48
Core Creek	38.40
Sneads Ferry	3.11
Whaley's Chapel	4.63
Union Chapel	45.26
Antioch	60.00
Beulaville	16.12
Kinston	28.16
St. John's Chapel	10.00
Dublin Grove	8.31
Total	\$435.65

Miscellaneous

Parents and Relatives	\$ 79.80
Refunds	68.60
Young People's Friend Subs.	32.00
Concert Class Visits	1,197.77
Coupons	84.30
Cecil Scarborough	10.00
State Convention	131.64
Wilmer Lee Cogle	20.00
Total	\$1,624.11

CLOTHING

Cape Fear

St. John's Auxiliary	\$ 30.00
Bethel Aux., Johnston County	30.00
Lee's Chapel Auxiliary	30.00
Total	\$ 90.00

Albemarle

Sunbeam Bible Class	
Malachi's Chapel	\$ 30.00

Eastern

Dublin Grove Auxiliary	\$ 30.00
Cabin Auxiliary	30.00
Whaley's Chapel Auxiliary	30.00
Bridgeton Auxiliary	30.00
Union Chapel Auxiliary	30.00
Snow Hill Auxiliary	30.00
Kinston Auxiliary	30.00
Union Chapel Circle No. 1	30.00
Sunside Circle, St. Mary's	35.00
Core Creek Auxiliary	35.00
Total	\$310.00

Central

Antioch Auxiliary	\$ 30.00
Sts. Delight Auxiliary	30.00
Reedy Branch Auxiliary	30.00
Free Union	30.00
Total	\$120.00

Western

Edgemont Missionary Society	30.00
Pleasant Plains Auxiliary	30.00
Pleasant Grove Auxiliary	30.00
Shady Grove, Durham County	30.00
Holly Springs Auxiliary	30.00
Selma Auxiliary	30.00

Union Grove, Wayne County	30.00
Micro Auxiliary	30.00
Total	\$240.00

Piedmont

Goshen Grove Auxiliary	\$ 30.00
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Miscellaneous

Mrs. W. T. Rose	\$ 30.00
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MUSIC

Central

Hull Road Auxiliary	\$ 4.00
Greenville Auxiliary	5.00
Bethany Auxiliary	5.00
Grimsley	5.64
Total	\$ 19.64

Eastern

Kinston Auxiliary	\$ 5.00
Macedonia Circle No. 2	15.00
Total	\$ 20.00

Western

Little Rock Auxiliary	\$ 5.00
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REFURNISH GIRL'S BUILDING

Hull Road Auxiliary (Central)	\$ 10.00
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SHEETS

Swannanoa Young Woman's Auxiliary (French Broad)	30.00
Free Union, Beaufort County (Albemarle)	10.00
Smithfield Aux. (Cape Fear)	5.00
Central Auxiliary Convention	4.78
Total	\$ 49.78

SEWING MATERIALS

Bethany Auxiliary (Central)	\$ 5.00
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KITCHEN EQUIPMENT FUND

Eastern District Aux. Conv.	\$100.00
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TOTALS

Total General Fund	\$2,770.34
Total Clothing Fund	850.00
Total Music Fund	44.64
Total Refurnishing Girl's Bldg.	10.00
Total Sheets	49.78
Total Sewing Materials	5.00
Total Kitchen Equipment	100.00
Grand Total	\$3,829.76

DONATED COMMODITIES

Mr. & Mrs. J. D. Murray, food	\$ 23.50
Howell Swamp, Chairs	10.40
Spring Branch S. S., Chairs	90.35
R. McLeod, Pig	20.00
Mrs. Jarvis Holoman, Clothing	20.00
Mrs. May Rouse, Food	13.25
Mrs. Roland Dail, Clothing	35.00
Fremont Chapel, Food and Clothing	55.70
Mrs. Mae Rouse	
Mrs. Roy Outlaw, Food	6.25
Mrs. W. P. Harris, Food	2.00
Mrs. J. R. Johnson, Clothing	13.00
Mrs. Billie Outland, Clothing	30.00
Union Grove, Wayne County, Clothing and Food	68.00
Mrs. E. B. Murphy, Clothing	7.50
Rev. Romie Mitchell, Clothing	3.00
Gum Swamp Aux., Clothing	3.50
Sts. Delight Auxiliary (Central)	
Household Supplies	4.00
Reedy Branch Young Women's Aux., Clothing and Household Supplies	26.25
D. B. Sasser Grocery, Food	15.00
N. C. Dept. of Agriculture, Food	25.00
Markets Division	
Total Value	\$476.70

WALTER MCD. CROOM, Supt.

OCTOBER RECEIPTS FOR 1950

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GENERAL FUND

Western

Holly Springs	\$ 75.00
Marsh Swamp	10.00
Orphanage Memorial Chapel	12.08
People's Chapel	2.00
Conference	66.43
Stoney Creek	50.00
Branch Chapel	4.05
3rd Union	144.65
Friendship	10.95
Total	\$375.15

Central

Marlboro	\$ 4.70
Hull Road	16.20
Kings Cross Roads	9.70
Auxiliary Convention	75.69
Rocky Mount	1.87
Howell Swamp	60.00
Gum Swamp	8.17
Bethany	7.23
Elm Grove	6.00
La Grange	18.78
Saratoga	5.18
Greenville	38.51
Dilda's Grove	7.50
Grimsley	1.33
Rose Hill	23.27
Winterville	13.50
Aspin Grove	18.00
Total	\$315.63

Jack's Creek

Pensacola	\$ 30.03
Bowditch	9.00
Low Gap	9.50
Terry's Fork	4.00
Price's Creek	22.35
Bald Mountain	23.45
Pilgrims Chapel	5.00
Youngs Chapel	6.00
Association	47.70
Total	\$157.03

French Broad

Cedar Hill	\$ 13.75
Horney Heights	5.00
Total	\$ 18.75

Western Yearly

Saw Mill Hill	\$ 5.00
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Rockfish

S. S. Singing Convention	\$ 20.12
Pine Grove	63.58
Total	\$ 83.70

Pee Dee

Association	\$ 57.00
Beaverdam	10.36
Total	\$ 67.36

Piedmont

Stanley	\$ 5.00
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Eastern

Northeast	\$ 11.25
St. Marys	21.78
Dublin Grove	9.16
Wardens Grove	9.50
Arapahoe	111.28

Mt. Zion, Onslow County	3.00
Sneads Ferry	3.99
Union Chapel	30.08
Whaleys Chapel	5.81
Ruth's Chapel	8.59
Kinston	30.00
Davis	12.50
Morehead City	10.00
Lanes Chapel	5.00
Bridgton	6.00
Mt. Olive	4.46
Oriental	5.71
Folkstone	5.07
Soundview	16.00
Conference	807.69
Smith's New Home	15.50
Wintergreen	2.00
St. John Chapel	10.00
Total	\$1,144.37

Cape Fear

Roberts Grove	\$ 5.00
Stevens Chapel	5.70
Union Meeting	50.00
Yelverton's Grove	2.66
Sunday School Convention	135.00
Goldshoro	17.00
Corinth	26.00
Smithfield	2.70
Lee's Chapel	15.00
Powhatan	5.00
St. Paul	10.39
Total	\$275.25

Miscellaneous

Parents and Relatives	\$ 15.00
W. H. Holleman	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Liverman	5.00
In Memory of Enoch Braxton	5.00
Royal W. Wilson	5.00
Refunds	8.50
G. W. Bailey	65.00
Mrs. Jerry Messer	1.00
J. F. Cox	4.00
Fletcher Waters	10.00
Theron J. Paramore	5.00
Young People's Friend Subs.	54.00
Concert Class Visits	576.27
Farm Cash Sales	411.64
Total	\$1,175.41

CLOTHING

Cape Fear

Casey's Chapel Auxiliary	\$ 30.00
Prospect Auxiliary	30.00
Goldshoro Auxiliary	30.00
Hopewell	30.00
Lee's Chapel	34.00
Total	\$154.00

Eastern

Carteret Co. S. S. Convention	\$ 37.00
Sarecta Auxiliary	30.00
Arapahoe Auxiliary	36.00
Macedonia Auxiliary	40.00
Total	\$143.00

Central

Marlboro Auxiliary	\$ 30.00
Ayden Auxiliary	30.00
Daniels Chapel Auxiliary	30.00
Grimsley Auxiliary	30.00
Greenville Auxiliary	30.00
Black Jack Auxiliary	30.00
Friendship	30.00
Piney Grove	30.00
Ayden Fidelia S. S. Class	40.00
Elm Grove Auxiliary	30.00
Total	\$310.00

Western

Pine Level Auxiliary	\$ 30.00
St. Mary's Auxiliary	30.00
New Sandy Hill Auxiliary	30.00

Friendship Auxiliary	30.00
Little Rock	30.00
Marsh Swamp	35.00
Free Union, Nash County	30.00
Rains' Cross Roads	30.00
Total	\$245.00

Abemarle

Malachi's Chapel Auxiliary	\$ 30.00
Auxiliary Convention	34.00
Welcome Bible Class	
Malachi's Chapel	33.00
Mt. Tabor	30.00
Total	\$127.00

French Broad

Homers Chapel Auxiliary	\$ 33.00
Walnut Auxiliary	35.00
Total	\$ 68.00

Piedmont

Cramerton	\$ 30.00
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Miscellaneous

Tabernacle Missionary Society	\$ 35.00
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CHURCH

Edgemont (Western)	\$ 50.00
Elm Grove (Central)	7.77
Total	\$ 57.77

ALBEMARLE COTTAGE	
Auxiliary Convention	\$ 10.00
JOHN RODGERS' PROJECT	
Pleasant Hill Aux. (Central)	\$ 10.00

SHEETS

<i>Cape Fear</i>	
Roberts Grove Auxiliary	\$ 5.00
<i>Eastern</i>	
Oriental	\$ 5.00

Central

Auxiliary Convention	\$ 37.52
Shiloh	5.00
Free Union	11.95
Total	\$ 54.47

Abemarle

Belhaven Auxiliary	\$ 10.00
Sidney Auxiliary	5.00
Convention	10.00
Total	\$ 25.00

MATTRESS

Core Creek	\$ 32.64
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REFURNISH GIRLS' BUILDING	
Howell Swamp (Central)	\$ 25.00

MUSIC

Central

Greenville Auxiliary	\$ 5.00
Friendship	45.00
Bethany S. S. Class No. 2	5.00
Total	\$ 55.00

Eastern

Kinston Auxiliary	\$ 5.00
Core Creek Auxiliary	20.00
Total	\$ 25.00

Western

Bob Self Bible Class	
Edgemont Church	\$ 20.00
Little Rock Auxiliary	5.00
Total	\$ 25.00

TOTALS

Total General Fund	\$3,622.65
Total Clothing Fund	1,112.00

Total Church Fund	57.77
Total Music Fund	105.00
Total John Rogers Project	10.00
Total Albemarle Cottage	10.00
Total Sheets	89.47
Total Mattress	32.64
Total Refurnish Girls' Building	25.00
Grand Total	\$5,064.53

Donated Commodities

St. Paul Auxiliary, Sheets	\$ 3.90
Mrs. Paulette Block, Clothing	5.00
Bethany Auxiliary, Corn, Food	23.00
Pensacola, Food	85.75
Bowditch, Food	32.30
Low Gap, Food	61.30
Terry's Fork, Food	41.80
Price's Creek, Food	67.50
Green Mountain, Food, Clothing	\$1.44
Higgins Chapel, Food	20.60
Bald Mountain, Food	77.20
Pilgrim's Chapel, Food	96.60
Young Chapel, Food, Food	94.30
Free Union Aux., Household Sup.	65.35
Greenville Aux., Household Sup.	27.63
Milburnie, Household Supplies	20.00
White Oak Aux., Household Sup.	10.00
Mrs. B. L. Upchurch, Clothing	35.00
Leder Bros., Shoe Polish	1.35
Free Union, Beaufort Co., Sheets	5.00
Mrs. Luther C. Wiggins, Arapahoe, Sheets	3.80
Davis Auxiliary, Sheets	4.25
College View Cleaners, Dry Cleaning	20.00
Pleasant Hill Aux., Clothing	51.50
Ruth's Chapel Aux., Sheets	4.18
Free Union, Nash County, Sheets	5.00
Mrs. N. R. Hemley, Sheets	5.38
Mr. and Mrs. F. Henley, Sheets	5.38
Mr. T. L. Tyndall, Calif	15.00
S. W. McCoy, Jr., Heifer Calf	25.00
Holly Springs Aux., Food, Household Supplies	19.45
Christian Chapel, Household Sup.	27.00

Concert Class Receipts

September and October
Western Conference

Pleasant Plain	\$ 76.73
Selma	25.89
Pine Level	76.91
Rains X Roads	55.03
Stancils Chapel	41.85
Holly Springs	55.80
Micro	50.09
Kenly	66.25
Fremont	32.01
Stoney Creek	107.40
Pleasant Grove	71.01
Stoney Hill	15.50
Union Grove	92.53
Pleasant Hill	30.00
Piney Grove	56.36
Friendship	49.10
St. Marys	50.00
Marsh Swamp	45.72
Mt. Zion, Wilson Co.	31.18
Milburne	52.60
King's Chapel	49.80
Hillsboro	12.00
Calvary	21.41
Edgemont	28.82
Rock Springs	26.65
Oak Grove	15.05
New Sandy Hill	27.34
Sherron Acres	14.89
Shady Grove, Durham Co.	55.00
Union Grove, Durham Co.	52.87
Tippetts Chapel	56.45
Floods Chapel	31.79
St. DeLight	35.26
Mt. Zion	106.81
Free Union	50.00
White Oak Hill	32.00
Union Chapel	21.00

Rose Bud	40.25
Oak Grove	18.68
Total	\$1,768.94

WALTER MCD. CROOM, *Supl.*

BUDGET RECEIPTS

Eastern Conference	\$2,215.66
Central Conference	1,283.38

Western Conference	2,896.37
Cape Fear Conference	596.73
French Broad Association	167.60
Albemarle Conference	200.88
Rockfish Association	116.70
Jacks Creek Association	157.03
Pee Dee Association	67.36
Piedmont Association	82.00
Western Yearly	5.00
Total	\$7,788.71

:- Department of Foreign Missions :-

REV. RAYMOND RIGGS, *Promotional Secretary-Treasurer*
242 VICTOR AVENUE HIGHLAND PARK, MICHIGAN

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

Refunds	5.04
Total receipts	\$2,075.55
Total	\$2,133.61

Following is a financial statement for the month of October, received from our mission field in Cuba. You will note that some money was sent direct to the field as per our request to hasten aid in the emergency. The October report also shows several such gifts. We appreciate so much those who are giving. Please continue your support, but send all future gifts to the Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board, 242 Victor Avenue, Highland Park 3, Michigan.

Rev. Raymond Riggs

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

October 1, 1950, to November 1, 1950
F. W. B. Mission—Pinar del Rio, Cuba

Cash on hand, October 1	\$ 14.32
Cash in bank, October 1	43.74
CASH RECEIVED—	
Check from Mr. Davis (less bank fee)	\$1,317.71
Flat River, Mo., First Church	100.00
Darlington, S. C., Church	139.00
Darlington, S. C., Church	75.00
Benito Rodriguez	5.00
Cash Deposited	8.00
Edgemont Church, Durham, N. C.	77.85
Woman's Auxiliary of Goldsboro, North Carolina	29.85
Mr. & Mrs. Fletcher Owens, Ashboro, N. C.	15.00
Saratoga Church, Stantonsburg, N. C.	50.00
Dr. Carter by Rev. Rashie Kennedy	25.00
Sandy Plain Church, Beulaville, N. C.	21.50
Hazel Creek Union Church, Kirksville, Missouri	18.00
Southeastern Ass'n of Alabama	25.00
Woman's Aux. of Union Church, Abbeville, Alabama	5.00
Student Fund	90.00
Cuban Asso. (Printing Press)	25.00
Cuban Asso. (Hospitalization)	25.10
Sale of guava	2.50
Student quotas	16.00

EXPENSES (Salaries)—	
Bollero Castillo (farm worker)	\$ 38.00
Efamia Castillo	4.00
Jose Valle (student farm worker)	12.00
Alberto Delgado	16.00
Jesus Lima	12.00
Thomas Izquierdo	10.00
Justino Celerio	10.00
Antonio Echevarria (student field worker)	16.00
Lola Betancourt	3.00
Haydee Ferran	4.00
Benito Rodriguez (field worker)	57.00
Clotilde Concepcion	65.54
Edelmiro Cuba	44.00
Heriberto Sanchez	110.00
Ricardo Gonzales	130.00
Ofelia Sotelo	30.00
Mario Perez	50.00
Nene Corrales	60.00
Erundina Castillo	30.00
Juana Perez	30.00
Victor Pedroso	50.00
Onelio Valle	50.00
Santos Romeu	50.00
Pedro Rojo	110.00
Maximina Sanchez	60.00
Virginia Estevez	25.00
Gertrudis Salamon	30.00
Rafael Josue	70.00
Melitino Martinez	26.13
Aleyda Hernandez	10.00
Thomas H. Willey	100.00
Bessie Yeley	77.00
Total salaries	\$1,389.67
Food	151.24
Building	178.87
Rents	188.00
Maintenance of equipment	31.80
Hospitalization	69.40
Office supplies	9.97
Passages	11.75
Fuel	16.20
Bank charges and exchange	2.75
Care of animals	5.79
Kitchen supplies for opening of	

school -----	13.46
Miscellaneous -----	18.00
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	\$ 697.23
Total Expenses -----	\$2,086.90
Total Balance -----	\$ 46.71
Cash on hand, November 1 -----	1.35
Cash in bank, November 1 -----	45.36
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Total on hand -----	\$ 46.71

I certify that the above is a true and correct statement of receipts and disbursements during the month just passed.

Jerelene Wilfong
Date: 11-11-50

Evangelicals Active in Missions

Missionary Help Goes to Korea

Office of Affairs
National Association of Evangelicals
542 South Dearborn St., Chicago 5, Illinois

Evangelism in Hawaii—Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, reporting on his trip to Hawaii, from Tokyo, Japan, says: "The Islands offer an unusual challenge to Evangelism. There are at least 200,000 Buddhists, not more than 40% of whom have heard the Gospel. The large number of mixed oriental races have many thousands of young people who are leaving their traditional beliefs and must be reached with the Gospel now. In a majority of the new churches up to 75% of the congregations are composed of young people under thirty years of age. United Evangelical effort in the Islands will help meet the tremendous challenge at this hour.

Relief for Korea—Many organizations are trying to gain publicity by sponsoring drives for relief for Korea. The relief situation is in a wild stage at the present time and evangelicals are warned to watch out for a recurrence of the same tricks that were used after the last war.

Pathetic appeals have come from Christians in Korea for clothing before winter. As Christ's own, we are anxious to help immediately. The World Relief Commission of NAE and the Washington Office have been working on the problem of sending aid to Korea "on an evangelical basis." The answer is that this is impossible at the present time. Free cargo space on Army Transports has

been promised but is not available. Anything sent to Korea stands the danger of falling into the wrong hands, either through the government or black market operators.

More appeals will come as the work of reconstruction and relief grows. Evangelicals are assured that when the time comes that relief can be placed in the hands of Christians in Korea to be used with a witness for Christ, their goods will have space "on the first boat". Requests for information and offers for help will be handled by the World Relief Commission, Frank D. Lombar, Executive Director, 536 West 46th Street, New York 17, N. Y.

News about Korea—Mr. Kilbourne of the Oriental Missionary Society in Japan has sent news that the government is giving permission for ten missionaries to enter Korea from Japan. He says, "They hope to be off soon, and one of our group is among the ten." This is heartening news for Christians indeed.

More News from Colombia—The "Mensaje Evangelico," monthly paper published for forty years in Cali by Mr. Chapman, was suspended by the government. An appeal was made and the suspension was revoked. Thank God that this witness can continue.

Evangelical Indians of the village of Ortego, municipality of Cajibío, Cauca, are being fined \$10.00 pesos for having Bibles in their homes. These things, along with the packages of books being returned to the U. S., and the fact that the Bible Society is having difficulty getting import licenses for scriptures, show again that there is no religious liberty in Colombia.

Announcement

I have just purchased the new sound color movie film of our Bible School and Missionary work in Cuba to be used in North Carolina. Any church that may desire to have this picture shown to their people for their information and inspiration may arrange it by writing to Rev. Rashie Kennedy, 713 Simmons Street, Goldsboro, North Carolina. At each show-

ing a free will offering will be taken for Foreign Missions.

Yours to serve,
Rashie Kennedy, Chm.
Foreign Mission Board
Director in N. C.

RECEIPTS FROM VARIOUS STATES FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 1950

Alabama -----	\$ 11.36
California -----	15.00
Florida -----	130.20
Georgia -----	180.83
Illinois -----	134.60
Kansas -----	1.00
Kentucky -----	10.00
Michigan -----	403.28
Mississippi -----	68.42
Missouri -----	133.03
North Carolina -----	31.49
Oklahoma -----	229.06
South Carolina -----	219.35
Tennessee -----	308.50
Texas -----	69.75
Virginia -----	1.15
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Total -----	\$1947.02

FROM THE FIELD

Rev. Raymond Riggs
Promotional Secretary
F. W. B. Foreign Mission Board
242 Victor Avenue,
Highland Park 3, Michigan
Dear Brother Riggs:

May I speak, sir?

Spasmodic giving and special drives can never bring us financial security in our Mission endeavors. We must settle upon some specific and definite plan and stick to it. The quicker we get to a regular monthly income from our churches, the sooner the headaches will be relieved.

While this Board is planning to go along with you in promotion of a monthly system of giving, and we are working with our churches in that direction, we know it will take time to develop it, and in the meantime the work will be financed. You can count on us. Gifts, will, of course, go through our State Office.

We are going all-out, in-so-far as it is possible, to develop a penny-a-meal, plan among our churches. We will subscribe to support a part of the students, and a part of the native Missionary Workers. It will take us a few weeks to get it set up, but we are going after the job.

One native Worker at minimum of \$30.00 is subscribed. It is a definite certainty. Send us, please, the name and address of the native worker assigned to pledge.

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THE STEWARDSHIP OF LIFE

(Lesson for December 3)

LESSON: Romans 12:1-8; 2 Corinthians 8:3-5; Philippians 2:25-30.

GOLDEN TEXT: Illuminated.

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Rom. 12:1).

Our text for today is a forgotten verse by most of our generation. We are at the crest of a wave of self-indulgence in America, and the appetites and pleasures of the flesh are the chief concern of too many of our people. The high-priced restaurants which serve the most exotic dishes are the most popular, and the cocktail bars in the average city are more crowded than the church services and the prayer meeting rooms. More than seventy per cent of the national income is squandered on the body in one form or another—less than three per cent goes for spiritual purposes.

In the face of these facts it seems as though the words of our text for today as wasted, falling upon deaf ears. But it is not to the world at large God addressed these words—they are beamed at the choice minority of the saved who also desire to make their lives count for God. To them Paul cries, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." This is a challenge that is directed mainly to common sense: it is the service required by "reason."

There are many logical reasons why our bodies, as well as our souls, should belong to God and be used in His service. It is in this world and right now that God needs our aid, and most men are afraid of "spirits!" Only when you come to them in a

physical body will men meet you on the ground of common understanding. It is your fleshly tongue that must preach the Gospel and sing of God's grace, and feet are needed to carry the message, even as hands must serve Him in this world. The great salvation which He has so freely provided entails an obligation on all who revel in its freedom—this is the "therefore" which impels the Apostle to beseech you to be reasonable and repay God as far as you are able with service that is full and complete.—Selected

II. THE HEART OF THE LESSON

1. "Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith," verse 6. People differ as to their talents or capabilities, some become good teachers, others excellent preachers, while still others make splendid musicians. Paul, recognizing this fact, urged the Roman brethren to make use of their God-given talents for the cause of righteousness. He pointed out to them that individual talents differ with the grace that is given to each person. If a specific talent, for example, is that of prophecy, they were to use it in proportion to their faith. If it were practical Christian service, as helping the poor, visiting the sick, offering prayer for the bereaved and suffering—whatever it might be—let them attend to that service for the glory of God.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

2. "And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God."

Three truths regarding giving may be stressed in these verses. First, that the Philippians had sent their gift in time of need. Verse 10 indicates that these Christians had been willing to send a gift to Paul previously, but "lacked opportunity." The opportunity arose, the time of need came, and the Philippians were not slow in sharing in Paul's need. The apostle speaks of their fellowship with him in their gift as "ye did well that ye had fellowship with my affliction" (v. 14). Certainly the children

of God should keep informed and be as sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit as possible in order that they may ascertain the proper time for sending their gifts.—Moody Monthly.

3. In the last section of our lesson Paul speaks of Epaphroditus, who was worthy of honor "because for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his life." He may be taken as an example of people who are willing to make real sacrifices for the cause of God. In this regard Paul himself was a pre-eminent example. How many of us know the meaning of real sacrifice for Christ's sake? There are some who do, and some who go to distant lands and even risk their lives to carry the gospel to others. In years past there have been many who have undergone severe privation in order to proclaim the gospel in our own land. Where sacrifice is necessary to achieve that end yet, let us through our gifts or in other ways help to bear the load, as Epaphroditus and the people who went with him did in bringing cheer and the necessities of life to Paul.—Arnold's Commentary

We can make this last section of our lesson practical by placing gifts in Brother Riggs' hands for our missionaries in Cuba and India.

III. THE LESSON ILLUSTRATED

A policeman in Birmingham, becoming a Christian, was so greatly troubled by the sights and sounds and sin among which he worked that for a long time he and his wife prayed: "Lord, take me out of the police service. Give me some other work." Still no answer came and no other work was opened for him. At last he said to his wife: "I think we have been making a great mistake. We have been praying that I may be taken out of the force, and I begin to think that he has put me there to work. Now I am just going to pray that he will help me serve him where I am."

This was the beginning of a life of marvelous usefulness. His influence over the men was so great that he was promoted to be the head of detectives. He was instrumental in saving many criminals.—W. A. Burch.

Second Union, Central Conference of North Carolina

The second union meeting district met with King's Cross Roads church, on October 28. Rev. C. J. Harris, Moderator, was present to preside over the meeting during the morning session. Rev. R. B. Crawford, Assistant Moderator, filled the chair during the afternoon.

A number of ministers attended the meeting. There were nine present who are members of this union district. Four were visiting ministers. They were: Reverends M. L. Johnson, N. D. Beaman, Bruce Barrow, and Allen Bryan.

Rev. J. E. Wooten brought the first message for the day. The program theme was Orphanage and Superannuation. Brother Wooten's subject was "What Is Superannuation Work?"

The second message was delivered in song. Miss Claudia Pollard and Mrs. Jean Pollard sang "Near to the Heart of God."

Rev. C. L. Patrick spoke on the subject: "Our Accomplishments, Opportunities, and Obligations," as a Union relating to Orphanage and Superannuation. After this very interesting talk the ushers received an offering for our Middlesex Orphanage. It amounted to 50.00.

Rev. D. A. Windham led in congregational singing. Rev. M. L. Johnson preached the Union sermon. His topic was "Serving Our Saviour thru Superannuation." Rev. N. D. Beaman dismissed us for lunch.

At 1:00 we reassembled. Rev. Allen Bryan had charge of the opening devotions. King's Crossroads choir sang a song. Rev. Bruce Barrow spoke on the subject: "Opportunities of an Orphanage."

Rev. D. W. Alexander made a report on our F. W. B. Bible College. He urged that all churches help raise money for the college building fund. It was moved that the union take an offering which will be divided equally between the college and foreign missions.

This collection amounted to 32.20, before it was divided.

Saints Delight Church at Ormondsville invited the Union to meet there next session. We voted to accept the invitation. Another item of business was to elect an assistant moderator and Program Committee chairman as Brother R. B. Crawford is moving to another district, thereby leaving his two offices vacant. The union regrets to see Brother Crawford leave, as he has been a great asset to our union. His services will not be forgotten. The moderator appointed Mrs. N. A. Clark to fill his place on the program committee. He did not appoint an assistant moderator as we will elect new officers in our December meeting.

We extended a rising vote of thanks to the King's Cross Roads Church for the splendid hospitality shown the union.

The complete Treasurer's report was read as follows:

Brought forward -----	\$3.44
Received:	
Offering for Orphanage ----	50.00
Contribution sent in late ---	5.00
Offering for College Building	
Fund -----	16.10
Offering for Foreign Missions	
-----	16.10
For Union -----	94.50
For needy Ministers -----	70.50
Total amount received --	\$255.54
Paid out as follows:	
To clerk -----	10.00
To needy Ministers -----	70.50
F. W. B. College -----	16.10
To Foreign Missions -----	16.10
To Orphanage (collection) --	50.00
To Orphanage (Appropriation) -----	35.80
To Cragmont Assembly ----	8.95
To Christian Education ----	8.95
To Missions -----	8.95
To Superannuation -----	8.95
To Church Finance Asso. Inc.	8.95
To State Promotional Work _	8.95
Total Amount Paid Out --\$252.20	
Balance in Treasury ----	\$3.34

Rev. C. J. Harris, Mod.
Mrs. Guy Corbett, Clerk

Sleep is Death's younger brother, and so like him, that I never dare trust him without my prayers.

Sir T. Brown

HOW ARE YOU CLOTHED?

"BE CLOTHED WITH HUMILITY"

(I Peter 5:5)

A. B. Simpson

No Garment is more becoming to the child of God than the gracious garment of humility and none is better styled to please the Lover of our souls.

Humility will save you from self-consciousness. It will take away from you the shadow of yourself and the constant sense of your own importance. It will save you from self-assertion and from thrusting your own personality upon the thoughts and the attention of others. It will save you from the desire of display, from being prominent, from occupying the center of the stage, from being the object of observation and attention. It will save you from vanity about your personal appearance, your dress, your style of living, or your abilities or attractions.

Humility will save you from that which is deeper and more subtle—the pride which does not care for vain display but which finds its secret satisfaction in ones own superiority or talents or birth or spirituality or wealth or success. It will give you that modesty which "vaunteth not itself," and give you a love which "doth not behave itself unseemingly," literally, "which is not rude," which does not slight others or show its sense of irritation or superiority by rude manners.

Humility will keep you from talking about yourself or your own affairs and assuming that other people are as much interested as you are in your achievements. It will save you from taking offence because people seem to ignore you, because people are as much interested as you are in your achievements. It will save you from taking offence because people seem to ignore you, because perhaps your pastor did not recognize you or call upon you. It will save you from arrogance, haughtiness, and self-importance in your manners and bearing.

Humility takes all that out of us, and makes us unassuming, natural, and simple. It will save you from reviewing your own work after it is done, and from feeling self-complacent because you have done it well; or, what is equally vain, chagrin because you did it poorly. The very chagrin shows that you expected something for yourself and, in your vanity and pride, were disappointed. It will save you from looking for flattery and praise from others when your work is done. The humble Christian will simply do his best and leave it with the Lord, and not look for any reward in the plaudits of men; his supreme recompense: "The Master praises; what are men?"

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

"TOO MANY BANANAS"

Dorothea S. Pfautz

Too many bananas! Who ever heard of a boy having too many bananas? That's what Jimmy Norton thought when his mother brought home a dozen from town one day and gave him only one. Yes, it was the biggest one in the sack, too.

"I just know I could eat every one of them. Please, Mother, one more anyway, just one more," Jimmy pleaded.

Mother smiled and gave her boy another one but said, "Too many bananas will make you sick."

Jimmy could not answer because his mouth was too full but he was thinking, "Mother may know a lot of things but I can't figure how a fellow could get sick eating bananas." Anyway, he decided he would never have a chance to prove his mother was wrong because he did not always get even two to eat like he did today. "Sometimes I want to save the rest to eat with our cereal for breakfast," or "I think your father would like banana pudding for supper tonight."

Jimmy came to this conclusion: he would never have all the bananas he could eat, that is not until he was big like his father. Then he got to thinking about all the things he would do when he was grown up.

Jimmy ran out in the yard and began playing with his dog. "You know, Spot," he confided quite confidently, "I've about decided that I'd rather run a fruit market like Toni than be a railroad engineer. Yes, sir, Spot, I think that would be nicer. Don't you think so?"

Spot wagged his tail hard and his young master was sure he agreed.

Perhaps this is why Jimmy was tempted so severely one day. He and his mother went to town to do their weekly marketing. Mother drove the car and Jimmy always opened the garage doors and shut them. He liked to do that for he was sure he was growing up pretty fast. Just last year he learned how to lock and unlock the garage doors. You had to know just how to put the key in, too, to make it work.

They stopped at a department store and Mrs. Norton bought some dress material. Then they went to the ten-cent store, of course. Jimmy bought a whistle and he had a hard time to keep from blowing it in the store. He liked the sound of it very much. "I think it sounds almost as good as Mr. Jackson's, the policeman. Don't you think so, Mother?"

Mrs. Norton only smiled. Jimmy sometimes wondered why his mother just smiled

and did not always answer all his questions. She seemed pleased though and that is all he cared about, for he was dreaming how nice it would seem to be a "traffic cop."

After they had bought the whistle and two or three other items, they drove to another part of town to a large super market. While Mrs. Norton was busy buying groceries, Jimmy was looking around. He came to the vegetable and fruit department and saw a large table loaded down with bananas. There were a few lying loose near the edge of the table.

A voice whispered, "Why don't you grab one and eat it real quick? No one will see you."

Jimmy looked all around and sure enough no one was near, and he started to take one.

Then another voice seemed to say, "That would be stealing."

Jimmy had been taught in Sunday School and at home that it was wrong to steal, but he looked all around.

"Go ahead and take one. You know you never get enough bananas, and your mother will never find out." A little Black Imp was sitting on Jimmy's shoulder and talking as if he were his friend.

Jimmy knew he should not listen and a Bible verse came to him he had learned in Sunday School once. This was it: "Be sure your sin will find you out."

The sly answer came back, "How can anyone find out when no one is looking and there are too many bananas for anybody to miss just one." And Jimmy looked all around once more, grabbed the biggest one he could see and ate it real quickly. He was sure it was not ripe or something for it did not taste as good as usual.

Now, what was he going to do with the skins? He could not throw them down for someone might wonder how they got there; so he said to himself, "I'll put them in my pocket and hide them when I get home."

About this time Mrs. Norton came by and questioned, "Where have you been, Son? I've been looking for you."

"Oh," he answered, "Just looking around." "Well, we'll have to hurry for I promised to meet your father at 4:30."

Soon they were at Mr. Norton's office and he was waiting for them. When they were settled in the car, Jimmy said, "Papa, you ought to see the new whistle I bought today. It's a dandy." The boy put his hand in his pocket and pulled out the whistler, but with it came a piece of banana peeling.

Jimmy turned red in the face and his mother questioned him, "What's wrong?" Then she saw the peeling. "What are you

doing with a banana skin in your pocket, Jimmy?"

Jimmy hung his head and began to cry. He knew his sin had found him out. He finally had to confess what he had done.

Mr. Norton was very thoughtful for a few minutes, then he drove around to the market. "Jimmy," he said, "I think we will go in here and have a little talk with the manager." They went in the store and found him.

It was even harder for young Jimmy to tell the manager he had stolen from him than it had been to confess to his parents. Afterwards, Mr. Norton paid for the banana and said to a clerk, "I'll take six more, please."

Jimmy wondered why his father was buying more for he felt sure he would never have any given him again. Mr. Norton took the sack and gave them to his boy. He then picked him up, set him on the counter, and kindly remarked: "Son, Mother and I will be waiting for you in the car. You may get down and come to us when you have finished eating all six of those bananas."

Jimmy thought that was the hardest thing he had ever been made to do, but he knew his father meant what he said and there was no chance to beg off. All the clerks found out what he had done and tried to sympathize with him, but they only made him feel worse. Customers thought it was very odd for a boy to be sitting on a counter eating. He heard one old lady remark, "You'd think that little boy's parents would make him get down. Some children just don't have any training." He finally got the last one eaten and quickly ran to the car. Nothing more was ever said to him about the incident, and for that he was glad.

Jimmy is a grown man today and has a large store of his own. He said, "It was a long time before I ever wanted another banana; but I have never again stolen one." He laughed when he said, "I guess after all, I proved Mother was right; a boy can have too many bananas."—The Junior Class Paper.

REV. W. L. JERNIGAN GOES TO
TURBEVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

We wish to announce that we have moved from Bladenboro, North Carolina, to Turbeville, South Carolina, Post Box Number 26. Those who desire to communicate with us may do so by addressing their communications to us at the above address.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
W. L. Jernigan

The Bible is the rock on which this Republic rests.—Andrew Jackson

Be careful how you live. You may be the only Bible some people will ever read.

While a pure body is hygienic, a pure heart is heavenly.—Herbert Lockyer,

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

Mrs. Rebecca Boyette

On July 3, 1950, the Lord called Rebecca Boyette from our midst. She was one of the oldest members of the Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church and always took an active part in all the activities of the Sunday School, the Auxiliary, and the church which she loved so dearly.

Widowed in 1915 and left with seven children, ages ranging from two to thirteen, she found time not only to bring up her children and with their help to run the farm, but to be a good neighbor to all, especially those sick and in need. She faced all obstacles of life, even her last fatal illness, with humility, courage, graciousness, sweetness, and faith. Truly, she was a Christian.

She is survived by seven children, two step-children, twenty-one grand-children, and six great-grand children.

The memory she has left her friends and loved one is an inspiration to live a better and nobler life for our Master.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. M. L. Johnson,
Mrs. Eugenia Boyette,
Mrs. James Hunt

Resolutions of Respect

Since God in His tender mercy has seen fit to call from our midst to the great beyond, the following members of Kenly Free Will Baptist Church: namely, Mrs. Carrie Ferrell, Mrs. Pennie Boyette, Mrs. Effie Watson and Mr. H. A. (Dock) Hinant, we the committee wish to submit the following resolutions of respect:

First—That we bow in humble submission to God's Holy will, realizing our great loss is His gain;

Second—That the passing of our much loved members has saddened our church as a whole. For each one was a faithful and beloved person, always cheerful and willing to render their service, wherever and whenever health would permit;

Third—That we strive more diligently and prayerfully to carry on our Master's work, where they left off, as a tribute to their memory and the cause of righteousness;

Fourth—That to their families and friends we extend our heartfelt sympathy and that they may find comfort and consolation in Him who doeth all things well. May they strive to ever follow in the footsteps of their Lord and Master; and

Fifth—That a copy of these resolutions be sent to each bereaved family, a copy be sent to the Baptist Press for publication and a copy be placed on our church record.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Eddie Flowers,
Mrs. Henry Watson,
Mrs. Bernard Ferrell,
The Committee

Calvin R. Looney

Calvin R. Looney, a noble man of good report, wisdom, and filled with the Spirit of God, passed to his eternal home from the Potts community on Friday afternoon, October 20, 1950. He had been in failing

health for some time. Brother Looney had been a life long resident of Franklin County, Arkansas, and an active member in the Potts Free Will Baptist Church. He was an active deacon for 30 years.

Brother Looney was married to Ida Ellen Moffett in December of 1902, and to this union were born four children, two girls and two boys who are still living. He is also survived by his wife, 2 sisters, 3 brothers, and 5 grand children.

Funeral services were conducted at the Potts Free Will Baptist Church by the pastor, Rev. Othel T. Dixon, and Rev. Thomas H. Dixon of Checotah, Oklahoma.

Othel T. Dixon

FROM THE FIELD

(continued from page 11)

How many more do you think you could assign us, and how quick could you furnish us with the names and addresses?

We are advocating a little sticker on small glass jars and placed on the tables. Would it not be fine if you could furnish such stickers?

Yours in Calvary's Bonds,
Thos. E. Beamer

Dear Mr. Riggs:

We would like to help support a Cuban student, native worker, in the amount of (\$5.00) per month.

Our Sunday School class decided to do this after a few of us saw the moving picture, "Letter to Melitino."

We are glad to help. I thank God for this interest my class has in Cuban missions.

Cora Wells, teacher
Kenansville, N. C.

Dear Sir:

We would like to support a Cuban student in the amount of twenty dollars (\$20.00) a month for the time of one year.

Twenty members of the Woman's Auxiliary from the Kinston F. W. B. Church have joined a mission band to pay the amount each month.

Mrs. J. E. Harris
Kinston, N. C.

Dear Brother Riggs:

You will find enclosed a money order for ten dollars. This was our Sunday School offering last Sunday for foreign missions. The S. S. offering on every 1st Sunday in the month is to be given for missions. I hope the amount will be more hereafter. However I promise to always make the amount of ten dollars or more.

Milton Crowson
Benton Harbor, Michigan

It is regular contributions like these that we need.

Rev. Raymond Riggs,
Promotional Secy.-Treas.

Do not let your head open that which is none of your own, but pick out some of the best of your circumstances, and consider how eagerly you wish for them, were they not in your possession.—Marcus Aurelius

Friendship is a word, the very sight of which in print makes the heart warm.—Augustine Birrell

The man that dares traduce himself because he can with safety to himself, is not a man.—Cowper

Nothing is so strong as gentleness, nothing so gentle as real strength.

St. Francis de Sales

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Fourth Union Meeting Makes Report

The Fourth union of the Central Conference of North Carolina convened at Aspin Grove, Wilson County on October 28, 1950. The devotions were conducted by Rev. L. B. Manning, and the welcome address was by Rev. T. P. Ellis. Rev. R. C. Proctor gave the response. The ministers present were as follows: W. L. Hart, E. L. Abrams, L. B. Manning, P. C. Wiggs, R. C. Proctor, C. D. Hamilton, T. P. Ellis, and A. G. Baker. Visiting with us was Wade Calvert of the Piedmont Association.

Fourteen churches were represented with delegates and offerings. An offering was taken for the Middlesex Orphanage which amounted to \$37.24. During the business period of the morning session, the union received a report from the Referendum Committee relative to what progress had been made. The union voted to go to Otter's Creek Church for the next time which will be in December.

The union sermon was delivered by Rev. E. L. Abrams, who brought a splendid message from the fourteenth chapter of St. John's Gospel, and verse twenty-nine. His subject was "Peace." Following the message the union was dismissed for the dinner hour, and everyone present enjoyed a splendid feast of good things to eat which were spread on the tables on the church grounds.

The afternoon session opened with singing and prayer. Rev. W. L. Hart led in the devotions. A motion was made for the union to have programs printed for each union meeting in the future. There was some discussion concerning the support of the League work. It was moved that we receive or adopt the reports of the different committees. A motion was made to send \$25 to the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee.

At this time the officers of the union were elected for the ensuing year and they were elected as follows: Moderator, Rev. R. C. Proctor, Wilson, N. C., Route 3; Vice-Moderator, Rev. H. T. Sowers, LaGrange, N. C.; Clerk, Hubert Burress, Box 56, Saratoga, N. C.; Treasurer, A. J. Tyson, Route 1, Box 171, Fountain, N. C.

After a rising vote of thanks was given for the splendid way in which Aspin Grove Church and community entertained the union, it was moved that we adjourn the meeting until the next time. The union will convene with Otter's Creek Church in December, 1950.

TREASURER'S REPORT

On Hand from last Union ---	91.94
Received from churches ----	93.60
Offering for Orphanage ----	37.24

Paid out:	
Clerk, Moderator and Treasurer -----	16.00
Programs -----	2.00
Orphanage -----	67.48
Missions -----	7.56
Education -----	32.56
Church Finance -----	7.56
Superannuation -----	7.56
Total -----	140.72
Total on Hand -----	222.78
Total Paid out -----	140.72

Balance in Treasury ----- \$ 82.06

Rev. R. C. Proctor, Mod.
Hubert Burress, Clerk

Autumn Is Like the Christian's Life

I know no scene so picturesque
As autumn in her jaunty dress;
When all the treetops overhead
Are robed in crimson, gold and red.

It takes the showers and sunshine bright
The summer's heat; the chill Fall night;
To set ablaze the old oak tree,
The prettiest sight of all to me.

The rain must fall, the wind must blow
Before the leaves such beauty know;
The seasons all must give a share
To make a crown for Fall to wear.

So like the Autumn is the Christian's life
Who has borne the toil, the pain and strife;
His soul reflects a radiance bright.
Only those can know who love the right.

The winds of fear may blow, but he
Is patient like the sturdy tree,
At last old age comes like the Fall,
With sheaves of gold to crown it all.

Julia Shackelford Hyers

M. L. Johnson Holds Good Meeting at Core Creek Church

MANY GREATLY BLESSED BY THE SPIRITUAL
MESSAGES

Reverend M. L. Johnson of Sims, North Carolina, began a revival meeting at Core Creek Church on the fourth Sunday night in August. The meeting continued for one week, closing on the first Sunday night in September. The members of the church were strengthened spiritually, also the visiting friends who attended this meeting. Everyone enjoyed the services and the wonderful messages which Brother Johnson brought during the week.

We had with us each night our pastor, Rev. L. B. Manning, and we certainly did appreciate his presence. We held prayer meetings each night just before the regular services began, and feel that much good was received by everyone who attended these services. We were greatly benefitted to have had in our services Mrs. Lee Whaley from Jacksonville, North Carolina, to direct the music in the meeting.

There were three confessions of faith in Christ as their personal Saviour. Their uniting with the church will be a blessing both to them and to the church it is expected, and we are praying that they will do what the Lord would have them. They were baptized by our pastor on Sunday afternoon, and that evening they were received in full Christian fellowship of the church. We had Communion service that evening, and it was a lovely service.

We are hoping and praying that the revival fruits will live long in the hearts of those who attended the services. Brother Johnson preached the Bible, that is, he preached soul-stirring sermons. They were food for our souls. We are hoping that he will be able to come back and preach for us again sometime in the near future. May the Lord bless him wherever he goes in bringing gospel messages to the lost.

Mrs. C. F. Heath,
Cove City, N. C.

TO CHEER YOU

New mercies every morning,
New strength for every day,
New hope for every trial,
New courage for the way;
New peace of heart and spirit,
New favor and new love,
May God bestow these blessings
On you from heaven above!
"My presence shall go with thee."

—Exodus 33:14

The disease of an evil conscience is beyond the practice of all the physicians of all the countries in the world.—Gladstone

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TRUTH NEVER DIES

Truth never dies. The ages come and go.
The mountains wear away, the stars retire.
Destruction lays earth's mighty cities low;
And empires, states and dynasties expire;
But caught and handed onward by the wise,
Truth never dies.

Though unreceived and scoffed at through the
years;
Though made the butt of ridicule and jest;
Though held aloft for mockery and jeers,
Denied by those of transient power possessed,
Insulted by the insolence of lies,
Truth never dies.

It answers not. It does not take offense,
But with a mighty silence bides its time;
As some great cliff that braves the elements
And lifts through all the storms its head sub-
lime,
It ever stands, uplifted by the wise;
And never dies.

As rests the Sphinx amid Egyptian sands;
As looms on high the snowy peak and crest;
As firm and patient as Gibraltar stands,
So truth, unwearied, waits the era blest
When men shall turn to it with great surprise.
Truth never dies.

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CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH

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“And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it,” Matthew 16:18.

This statement made by Jesus Himself was prompted by Peter's statement that Christ was the Son of God. Previous to this Jesus was asking His disciples what the public opinion of Him was. There was much confusion as to who this Christ man was, but Peter didn't have a doubt

in his mind who He was, and he spoke his mind and said, “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.” In response to Peter's answer, Christ said, “Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven,” v. 19. The church of Jesus Christ is built on a divine revelation of God; an experience, not just a card signing religion or a hand shake of some dignity of today; but on a real born again experience.

Jesus says, “Blessed art thou, Peter,” so you see the Lord's church is a blessed church, and if a blessed church, then there surely must be some manifestation of such blessings, and this excludes the modernists who just sign a membership card of some church, to try to streamline God's truth and try to climb up some other way.

Now let's go to another class. This class of people are those who have a form of worship but deny the power of God. The Word says, “From such turn away.” Jesus said on one occasion, “All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.” So if Christ has all power, seeing that He, Jesus, is the Head of the church, then the Church should have power, too. The early church had power, such power that on one occasion, when they prayed, the place was shaken where they were worshipping, and the church had such prestige the men would lay their loved ones along the roadway so the shadow of its members might overshadow them that they might be healed. But we have some in the ranks of Pentecost who are lowering the standard and putting on their dignity to gain favor with the public. God forbid such profanity. The early church didn't use beautiful phrases, or church socials, or bingo parties; no, my friend, not even three years of college and five years of seminary. But Jesus, standing up, lifted up his voice and said, “These are not drunken, as ye suppose . . . but this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel.” His message sank into the hearts of the masses of people, and thousands of them repented, made

With What Body Are the Dead Raised?

Go with me to I Corinthians 15:35 for my text: "But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?"

My friends, this is the language of the Apostle Paul to the church at Corinth concerning the resurrection of the body. As we enter into a discussion of this great subject, let us notice that there are two questions involved—How are the dead raised? What body do they come? Perhaps more people are confused with this subject than any other in the Book of God. Paul was preaching the resurrection of Christ, which he declared to be the Gospel that saves. He further declares that if Christ be not risen, our preaching is vain and our faith is vain also. But, praise God, he did not leave us in doubt. But, "now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept."

First, I will discuss the element that will raise the body, in answer to the first part of the text. Ist Peter 3:18, "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God; Being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the spirit." Quickened—(made alive by the Spirit; brought from the tomb.)

That same spirit will quicken our bodies and bring them out of the graves. Romans 8:11, "But if the spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his spirit that dwelleth in you." Note the word quicken—to make alive, to revive or resurrect; to make alive as from death. Paul in Ist Corinthians 12:13, "for by one spirit are we all baptized into one body." Therefore, the same Spirit that puts us into Christ will quicken our bodies and bring them out of their graves. Revelation 11:11, "And after three days and an half the spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet." So my friends, it is the Spirit of God that quickens, makes alive, brings our bodies from

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the graves. Ezek. 37:13-14, "And ye shall know that I am the Lord when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you out of your graves, and shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land; then, shall ye know that I the Lord have spoken it, and performed it, saith the Lord." Now beloved, I have shown from the Word of God the element that raises our bodies and makes them alive.

I will proceed with my discussion as to the second question in the text, "And with what body do they come?" This question is being asked today. What kind of body will we have in the resurrection? Paul made it perfectly clear when he took them who asked this question into the grain fields. Here is the thought: If you sow wheat, it will come up and produce wheat. You cannot plant corn and reap wheat, the thing we sow is the thing we expect to reap. Then, he carries us out to the heavenly bodies: the sun, the moon, the stars all differ one from another. So is the resurrection of the dead. If it is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. Paul uses the personal pronoun "it" eight times with reference to the body in this one chapter. But someone says, "preacher, flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God." Of a truth no, we lose the corruptible element in the grave and the spiritual takes its place. Then it is a spiritual body and death has no more dominion over it. 3:20-21, "for our conversation is in heaven, from whence also, we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

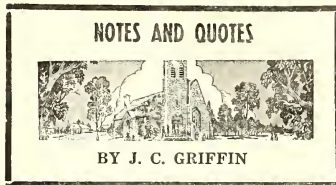
Who shall change our vile body that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the

working whereby He is able to subdue all things unto himself."

Our body will be like him. Isa. 17:15, "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness." First John 3:2, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God; and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is." Isaiah 26:19, "Thy dead shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust; for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead." Isaiah said his dead body would rise from the grave and sing. Job 19:25-27, "For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; And though, after my skin, worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me." Job said after the worms have destroyed his body, yet in his flesh he would see God. Yes, we will have our same personality, our same individuality and identity—minus the corruptible element. Romans 8:22-23, "For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body." Beloved, the above Scriptures are sufficient on how are the dead raised and what body do they come. Yes, Jesus had His same body after He was resurrected.

He walked and talked and ate before the disciples and said, "I am not a spirit, as ye suppose. A spirit hath not flesh and bones as ye see me have." Then our bodies will be fashioned like His glorious body, the next question; will we know each other in heaven? Yes, I believe we will know our friends and loved ones. We go

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OUR VISIT TO THE CAPE FEAR CHURCHES

It was my happy privilege to take my wife to the church in Smithfield on the 15th of October where she taught a group of Auxiliary women. I observed the interest manifested in these women, for they showed that they really wanted to be, and to do their best for the cause. It was a pretty good session lasting from 10:00 a. m. until about 3:00 p. m., with a few minutes off, about the noon hour for refreshments. This period was much enjoyed by all, I think. I know that it was by your scribe.

On the 16th we traveled down to Shady Grove, Sampson county, where another very much interested group assembled for the study. These were some of our extra friends of years ago, as I learned to esteem them highly when I was their pastor. The group seemed to be very happy in the study. They, too, served refreshments about the noon hour. Like the one at Smithfield, this serving was done in richness of taste with many good things to enjoy.

These study courses are growing in popularity among the Auxiliary women and much good is being derived.

HOLIDAYS

Many of the holidays that were intended to be HOLY DAYS have been so abused and misused until it is a sin to even think of the observance. The word holiday means a "holy day; a day set apart for commemorating some important event in history," for instance, "Thanksgiving" set a part to thank Almighty God for the harvest. When I was a boy people assembled at the churches and worshipped the Lord. But now there is more said about the "turkey" than about the Lord. It is a day of feasting. Men and women eat, and drink

and visit, and show very little respect for God or man. The world is too steeped in sin to be thankful. "We eat and drink and rise up to play. People will drive hundreds of miles to see a foot-ball game and would not drive around the corner to a place of worship to give thanks to God for the blessings of life. As a nation we are like the Jews of old: "We believe in God and live in sin." Yes, we live in open disrespect of God's grace and manifold blessings. I think that if God was to speak to us, as so-called Christians today, he would say as he did through Isaiah, "Bring no more vain oblations into my house." I believe that a great deal of what is called worship is an abomination in the sight of God. It is a formality. Therefore, because of the domination of sin in the hearts of men, there is no place for real Thanksgiving.

CHRISTMAS

The holiday known as Christmas which is set apart as the Birthday of the Lord Jesus, is fittingly kept by many as a day of devotion to some pagan god or goddess. There is but little reverence for God or for His church. The "myth" Santa Claus is talked more about than the little baby Jesus. Children are taught to believe in this pagan myth, instead of being taught the reality of the Birth of the Son of God.

Useless toys, cow-boy suits and cap pistols which make the little fellows real heroes in which they get out and play gangsters, slip around corners and hide behind hedges and play killing, and, no doubt, many a child gets the idea of being a gangster in his mind only to absolutely practice his ideal in later years.

There are others who try to drink all the liquor that they can hold, and some more than they can hold. No child of God will celebrate Christmas under the influence of alcohol. In fact, only those who are demon possessed will drink liquor any way. It does not belong to the child of God. If I were so disposed to get drunk every day in the year, I would try to sober up for Christmas, the day observed as the Birthday of the Lord Jesus.

HALLOWE'EN

Then there is Hallowe'en, which is abused with the greatest degree of foolishness, which has of late run into real low down abuse of property and crime. There is not a single thing about the event that resembles sacredness nor worshipfulness. All kind of false faces and ridiculous make-ups and all kinds of pranks are played. Vulgarity is written on automobiles and public places, language that would place a person in prison if written in the open. These writings some times are done by youngsters who ought to be at home with their parents. But because it is a time of fun, many think it perfectly all right to scratch up the paint on an automobile or to write some ugly, vulgar words on the car with soap and some times with tallow or colored crayons, and many other pranks that are not in keeping with decency and right living.

WHAT ABOUT EASTER?

Then comes the event that we call Easter—the day that our Lord arose from the grave. There are those who take pains to be very religious for forty days prior to this occasion, then they close out their pious period with a dance, a drunk, and many other ungodly actions. It is a day of new dresses and hats, and those who have not gone to church since Christmas venture out to church on that day with a sanctimonious attitude, wondering who will have the nicest dress or hat. And many of the children are presented with artificial rabbits and chicks, and other things that have nothing to do with the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

WHAT I BELIEVE

I believe that all these holidays should be observed in the most sacred manner, and that the purpose of the day should be fully manifest in the activities of the day, and especially by those who profess to be Christians.

Before the Lord saved me, I belonged to get in on every Christmas parade and serenade where foolishness, even with dancing to the music

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Free Will Baptist Church at Deep Run, N. C.

This is a picture of the new Free Will Baptist Church at Deep Run, North Carolina, which is nearing completion. The present pastor of the church is L. E. Ballard, who began his pastorate there October 1st.

The church was begun around two years ago, under the pastorate of Rev. P. C. Wiggs, who proved an able leader of the congregation in the erection of the building. The people have erected their church on the "Pay-as-you-go" plan, and have it almost finished. It is modern in every respect, with heating, ample rooms for Sunday School work, etc.

Recently a fine youth choir was organized by Mrs. L. E. Ballard, who is serving as music director. This choir of around thirty voices will be formally presented, with their new robes, in connection with the Christmas services of the church.



LIFE'S HELPERS

Some people are gifted with the power of doing the right thing in the right way, and at the right time. They are kind, gentle, sympathetic, and responsive. They think of others. They anticipate danger and point it out. They are on the lookout for service, and ready to perform it. They make it easier for those about them to be good and to do good. They hesitate not to lend a helping hand at every opportunity. They speak the encouraging word. They straighten out the tangles that perplex and annoy companions. They smooth rough places. They go out of their way to relieve distress or to supply a need. In their presence the day passes pleasantly. Away from them things look drearier, and burdens grow heavier. Welcome and blessed are life's helpers.—Publisher Unknown.

Young People's Auxiliary Organized

On September 27, 1950, the young people of the Ashland City F. W. B. Church of Ashland City, Tennessee, organized the first young people's auxiliary.

The group is to meet once each month for their program and plan some social service to do each month. They have already contributed to the morning worship service by forming the Junior Choir.

The following persons were elected as officers:

President—Murriel Walker
 Vice-President—Jerry Nicholson
 Secretary—Helen Landrum
 Treasurer—Fred Allen Nicholson
 Their Leader is Mrs. T. O. Terry, Jr.

EASY ENOUGH TO FIND FAULT

It doesn't take any genius at all to find fault. Even a very dull and futile sort of a person can do that. On the other hand, it takes some one with vision, insight, and ability to recognize the good in every person and every situation, to discover and acknowledge that which is fine and constructive.

A certain woman once said with a cynical expression, "I can't stand hypocrites anywhere—and especially in the church. There is that John Smith who doesn't have the best sort of a reputation for honesty in his business, but to hear him talk, you'd think he was next door to being a saint!"

The minister's wife was listening and she laughed happily.

"Everybody in the community knows," she said cheerfully, "that John Smith's family is not of the best; that his brother is in prison for a serious crime; and that the children were brought up under adverse circumstances.

"So all in all, I am sure we ought to admit John Smith who is really considerate, a very fair kind of a citizen, and a generous and kindly neighbor, has been benefited greatly and given high ideals through his attendance at church, his fellowship with Christian people, and the vision he has caught of better things.

"I don't believe that John Smith thinks of himself as a saint at all, but I do think he is happy in having a part with us and that he wants us to know it. It's a real opportunity for us to be able to encourage him along the upward pathway."

After all, a community or an organization or a church should scarcely be judged

by its list of experienced members. That isn't fair. It is the pace-setters who are establishing standards for the others to follow, who light the way.

Yes, it is easy enough to find fault but it takes a big soul to recognize the good qualities—the God-qualities in others, and the evidence of God at work in their lives.—*The Youth's Evangelist.*

THE OLD LAMP

A lamp once hung in an ancient town,
 At the corner of a street;
 There the wind was keen and the way was dark
 And the rain would often beat,
 And all night long its light would shine,
 To guide the traveler's feet.

The lamp was rough and plain and old
 And the storm had beaten it sore;
 'Twas not a thing one would care to show—
 Whate'er it had been before,
 But no one thought what the lantern was,
 'Twas the light that within, it bore.

—Selected.

"That in the United States we spend nine billion dollars per year on alcoholic drinks alone, more than twice as much as we spend on our whole public school system and more than we spend on all our private and public schools combined, constitutes a terrific indictment of the intelligence of the American people, indeed of the whole of our Anglo-Saxon civilization."—Dr. Robert A. Millikan.

"To Newton, God is imminent in nature."—Sir William Dampier.

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

Editor

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON

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NEW SANDY HILL CHURCH CONDUCTS GOOD PROGRAMS

The Woman's Auxiliary of New Sandy Hill Church recently held a very successful week of prayer. Though the five programs were combined into two, and it was wonderful how the Lord blessed each one.

The first meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Inez Bunn, where the first two programs in the F. W. B. paper were carried out. Everyone present was asked to pause and pray next day at noon for the good of the meeting and an increased attendance next night. It was wonderful, because the next night, at the home of Mrs. Doris Bunn, almost twice as many attended and a soul-stirring program was given.

An average of 15 members were present at each meeting, plus 7 visitors.

Mrs. Jessie Bunn was leader for both meetings, and she is to be commended for her good work.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Sennie Davis, Reporter

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The First Christmas Tree

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As I understand this Scripture Jeremiah 10:1-5: "Hear ye the word which the Lord speaketh unto you, O house of Israel:

2 Thus saith the Lord, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathens are dismayed at them.

3 For the customs of the people are vain: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the ax.

4 They deck it with silver and with gold. They fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not.

5 They are upright as the palm tree, but speak not: they must needs be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither also is it in them to do good."

I just want to say here, that that great imposter Santa Claus and the Christmas tree as it has always been called ever since I can remember, is one of the greatest mistakes or errors a professed Christian has ever taught their children. We have so often left the Spirit of Christ out just by glorying in the beauty of the tree and thinking of the gifts we were going to give and wondering what we were going to receive. But let it be far from us from this day on to glory in any thing except our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We know that Jesus was born of a virgin but in the Scriptures of the New Testament it

does not give the name of the day or month so let us be thankful that God saw fit to send his blessed Son down to earth to live among men and be crucified on Calvary's Cross and raised again the third day that we might have everlasting life through his atoning blood. I want to relate a little evidence why I say that Santa Claus and the Christmas tree are such a great mistake. I was made to believe that Santa was one man who went all over the world in one night and many of other children have been made to believe the same. When they should have been taught to believe more thoroughly in the Lord Jesus.

Here in our little town of Roanoke, Ala., there was a little boy whose parents had taught him about Santa Claus, and after he grew large enough that he knew the truth about Santa Claus, some one spoke to him about Jesus and he made this remark: "Well, now that I know about Santa Claus, How do I know but what I may find out the same thing about this Jesus story?"

Brethren and Sisters in Christ we should be very careful what we plant in the hearts and minds of small children. We should be very careful not to link falsehoods such as Santa Claus with the truth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Today the sinner and professed Christian celebrate Christmas alike. They have their Christmas tree and Santa Claus. We as Christians have even taken them into our church buildings, and I believe our Lord is saying these things ought not to be.

For he tells us in his word to come out from among the sinners and be a separate people. I had always thought that the

Christmas tree as it is called today, was something to have in honor of Christ, but every time I would start to fix one I would have a peculiar feeling as if I were not quite sure whether I should fix it or not and now that my eyes have been opened I can truthfully say that I am no longer ignorant, therefore I do not want another Christmas tree for my home. We should all read God's Word more and then we would not be ignorant of what God would have us do.

The Christmas tree as we call it is only a custom of the people and according to Jeremiah, and when it was written, it was a custom 600 years before Christ was born, for the heathen people to get a tree and deck it with silver and gold. So to me it is very poor worshiping to get a tree and deck it as the heathens did, and claim we are worshiping our Lord and Saviour and that we have gotten it in honor of him. Let us not worship him in this manner any longer, on what we suppose is his birthday but let us as true believers in Jesus Christ worship him every day of our lives in spirit and in truth, for he seeketh such to worship him.

THE McADAMS IN AYDEN ON TOUR

Sister Lizzie McAdams, her husband, Brother McAdams, and Mrs. Agnes Brown, all of Huntsville, Texas, called by to see us Monday morning, and paid us a short visit. Everyone at the Press was glad to see them, to welcome them again, and to show them how the business has grown since they were last in Ayden.

They will make a mission tour among several of the churches in eastern North Carolina prior to the Christmas holidays. Beginning with the New Year, they will visit other churches of the State and make talks on missions. Many of the churches in other states they will visit as they go south into South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and so on in their visitations in the interest of missions among the churches.

Those desiring to contact them by mail or otherwise between now and the first of the New Year, may address them at Ayden, North Carolina.—Editor.

Send No More Orders for Christmas Cards

This is to advise our customers that we will not have any more Christmas Cards on sale for this Christmas season. We are making this announcement to save our patrons the time and expense of mailing orders to us.—Editor.

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

AUTO WRECKS AND HUMAN SUFFERING

In spite of all that the State and National authorities are doing to curb highway accidents in this country, automobile wrecks and human suffering are constantly on the increase the nation over. While much is being done in various ways to save human life and the cost of property damage and suffering, yet reckless driving continues on the highways, and people are being killed every day. Many are ruined for life by their bodies having been crushed and ruined in highway accidents, and rendered helpless to hold a job or to earn a living for themselves and their families.

We are convinced that, so long as cars and trucks are made to run 70 to 100 miles per hour on the highways and intoxicating beverages are sold all over this country, there will continue highway hazards, death and destruction up and down the paved roads of this land. The careful drivers and innocent people on the highways are injured, suffer and die at the hands of the wild and reckless people who speed down the roads, with little regard for human life.

It is becoming more and more necessary that speeding and drunken driving be rigidly checked. The truth is, the business world is in a too great rush for money, for profits, and for wealth. It is a race of wild competition, hurry, eagerness for the dollar, which makes speed necessary, they think, for the great success of their business. And pleasure seekers are the same way. They are in a hurry, rushing at break-neck speed, to get to the place they are going, for sport and fun. Death and destruction, in a great many instances, follow, or result from these two main aspects of human life. Pleasure-seekers, and money-makers are racing with time to get what they want, and to get it in the shortest possible time, with little regard for the rights and privileges of others. Cut down the speed and lessen the drunks, and driving will become more safe.

It is going to take more than law enforcement to bring highway accidents to the minimum. A greater regard for human life must come before a greater safety will be secured on our State and National highways. A deeper concern for human rights and privileges, and human suffering must be sensed, and keenly felt in the hearts of the people before a greater care will be taken in driving on the public highways of this country. People need to get closer to God, and then seek to be more thoughtful of their fellow man in every endeavor of life. If driving on the highways were considered, by those who drive, as dangerous as skating on a lake of ice with hidden weak places, there would be more precaution taken on the highways by every driver, and less harm would come to the people.

CHRISTMAS GIVING

A great many people are beginning to think of Christmas giving. They are beginning to consider the friends and relatives to whom they expect to make gifts, and what their gifts will be to bring happiness and glad-some hearts. Some will be simple and inexpensive, appropriate and suitable for the occasion, while others will be most expensive and elaborate, bringing great surprises to loved ones whom they hold dear to their hearts.

But there will be the multitudes who will see very few, if any gifts of value, for their joy and comfort. They represent the very poor and needy individuals in city slums and unprogressive areas of the country side. To them Christmas giving will have but little effect, because they, in their poverty, will have but little to give to anyone. Nevertheless, their hearts beat with hope for better things to come. God is as near and dear to them as to those of better circumstances. Be they far or near, at home or abroad, they deserve something of the best at the hands of those who can and will do great things from the bountifulness of life.

God's Gift of Love, his dear Son, is the great example of sacrifice for everyone. The giving of self for the good of others is a noble trait, and the sharing of temporal blessings with those in need is a commendable act. This Christmas should be marked as the greatest in the history of giving to religious causes. Instead of making elaborate gifts to loved ones and friends, God's people should make their chief gifts to the cause of Missions, Christian education, the support of the ministry, Christian orphanages, and the like. Since the need is great, missions should come first, and Christian education next. Certainly, the support of disabled ministers should never be ignored at any time of the year.

May the church people plan to make their largest giving this Christmas to the different religious causes than to any other cause or project. May they see the need more than ever of giving larger sums of money to the orphanages, missions, disabled ministers, orphan children and the widows in need. Greater blessings will come to their hearts if they will share their giving of presents to the poor and needy, charitable institutions, Bible schools, mission causes in foreign lands. Money and material commodities given to such institutions and persons in need will bring lasting values to the hearts of those who share in this kind of giving at this Christmas season.

We see only half of the bow; if we could get high enough we should see a complete circle of beauty. God sees all His promises complete in Christ. It is our privilege to do the same by faith.—Sel.

THE PRICE OF A SOUL

Genesis 2:7—"God formed man of the dust of the earth and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." God created the land, the sea, and the trees, the mountains, and all the living creatures, but never did he repent for making any of these. On the sixth day God, not yet satisfied with his creation, from the dust of the earth he formed a being in his own image. God was very much pleased with his creature, until man saw something that was only good for the flesh. He disobeyed God by eating the forbidden fruit, and since that time God has been seeking a way to redeem the soul. But man seems to reject all efforts that God has given for his redemption.

I have said this to try to get you to understand the price of a soul. God has come in many ways to try to redeem that soul. He appeared in a cloud. He appeared in a whirlwind, and in many other ways to try and redeem that soul he lost in Eden. Then after he had come in the form of a servant and was rejected he gave the command to all, to go into all the world and preach the gospel. Mark 16:15.

"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto me." Jn. 12:32. We as Free Will Baptists could do much toward building the kingdom of God, and if we love the Lord as we should, we would do something for our Lord. We are just as able as any other group, but what we need is a clear vision of the lost.

One great way to help our mission work is by prayer. Prayer is the key to the kingdom of God, but prayer without legs will not accomplish very much. We need to give of our means. I'm sure everyone has read about those 50,000 Koreans who were captured in Seoul. I had the privilege of hearing a missionary speak from Seoul who was forced out of the city after shots had been fired. He said that two thirds of those people were Christians and they died rather than to deny Jesus. My friend, those people died for their Christ. We in America have the freedom of wor-

ship. We can go to the house of God and praise the Lord, but the heathens do not have this privilege. When we want or need money for the home, for a car, for clothes, and many other things we don't wait, but we go to some finance company and borrow the amount we want.

My friend, some of these things we can do without. Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matt. 16:24). We must deny ourselves.

Some day we are going to have to stand before God to give an account of ourselves. How wonderful it would be to be able to look around and see the heathens saved by grace through our effort of giving.

I wonder how many would give a day's pay to our mission work? I wonder if there could be a day set aside for each F. W. B. to give one day's pay to missions? May the Lord bless our every effort is my prayer.

A Brother in Christ,
Rev. Charles W. Brown
707 Grady Street
Elizabeth City, N. C.

Power through Prayer

The mighty Holy Spirit moves to mighty prayer. This prayer is continually round us, like a shield which nothing can pierce; it is behind us with immense driving power. When we go on our Master's errands, we are consciously enabled, consciously uplifted; often we know that something not to be accounted for by the little we could do has been done.—Amy Wilson Carmichael.

"Lord, be Thou my Helper"—the word is the same as in Genesis for the helpmeet provided for Adam, because it was not good for him to be alone. So David in his misery and need, could not be alone, but must have the help which God had provided for him in His own blessed companionship.—Esther Hare.

The Seven Wise Men engraved on the Temple of Apollo at Delhi: "Meden Agan"—Nothing in excess. The eighth wise man adds, "and some things, not at all."

Sometimes we hear people say, "It's not what we do, but what we are, that's important." The truth is that we are very apt to be what we repeatedly do.

OLIVET FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH SCHOOL HOLDS FACULTY MEETINGS

Two Church School Faculty meetings have recently been held at Olivet Free Will Baptist Church in Montgomery County, Tennessee, on Guthrie, Ky., R-1. The Rev. W. C. Clearman, pastor of the church and the officers and teachers of the Sunday School made up the attendance. The objects of these meetings were to discuss the work of the Sunday School, its aim and its goals, and to solve problems which confront the Sunday School.

At the first meeting, presided over by the Rev. Clearman, it was brought out that no business can run successfully and bring in dividends unless there is a common understanding about the business. The Rev. Clearman stated that the church and Sunday School work was the biggest business in the world, and that the teaching ministry could bring in the most dividends if there was co-operative thinking and acting of every person involved.

In the round-table discussion the group agreed that the chief aim and goal of the Sunday School should be to win souls and to keep them won, and to enlist their services. The problems of the Sunday School were named, including attendance, attention, daily Bible Study and teacher efficiency.

In discussing the way of overcoming these problems suggestions were given to increase the visitation program over the community, to make the Sunday School work more attractive, and to increase the teacher efficiency.

Qualifications of a good teacher was discussed. The first was to be a consecrated Christian who is burdened for the lost. Another quality listed was love—love for God, love for Sunday School, and love for boys and girls. Other qualifications named were a knowledge of the Bible and the proper methods of teaching, a thorough understanding of pupils, and to be a praying teacher.

The problem of the Junior age inattention was discussed since Juniors seem to have at least two-thirds of the world's energy leaping from their small statures. Any time is play time for them. But this factor must be turned into a profitable asset in some way. Those in attendance offered many suggestions for this age group. Plans were discussed whereby examples of reverence might be set by all adults attending thus hoping to imbue pupils with the same spirit of reverence, and hoping to thus help them to assume more worshipful attitudes in future services.

This the first meeting of the faculty and officers in this type of council meeting is sure to serve as service training. The group decided to meet monthly. The second meeting was held on November 8.

Plans were made at this second meeting of the Church School Faculty to use a

REVEREND R. B. CRAWFORD GOES TO TEXAS

Notes and Quotes

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Reverend Robert B. Crawford has accepted a call to pastor the Bryan Free Will Baptist Church, Bryan, Texas. He will assume his ministry there on December the first. Brother Crawford has served the Greenville Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, North Carolina, since October 1, 1948. During this period the Greenville church has made great advancements in every department of its work. The material progress, the spiritual life, and the financial status of the church have all been good. The church has been outstanding in its contributions to the different denominational enterprises, and also in adding converts to its local group.

Brother Crawford is a member of the Free Will Baptist League Board, Stewardship Commission, and Radio Commission of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. He has been active in organizational and revival work in this section of North Carolina, holding positions of leadership and importance.

We predict that Brother Crawford will do a great work in the Bryan Church of Texas, as well as being able to render noble service to the cause of Free Will Baptists in that State. He is a man of knowledge and experience, and takes an important part in the national work of the denomination.

Editor of the Baptist

TEMPERANCE: Xenophon ("Memorabilia," II, i. 1) gave two meanings to the word: One, "moderation in healthful indulgence;" the other, "abstinence from things dangerous, as the use of intoxicating wines."

Finding a formula is important, and it is equally important not to be enslaved by the formula we find.

of the devil was carried on. But when I accepted Christ and He entered into my life and took over, I got into the parade for Jesus and I am still in this, the greatest parade ever brought into existence.

I used to get into every Hallowe'en party possible, now since the Lord saved me, I prefer the "Hallelujah party," and the singing of praises to the lamb of God. Amen.

May we praise God for the Christ who was born of the virgin Mary, and observe Christmas in the greatest of sincerity, and may we look forward to Easter as the Resurrection of the Lord, and the making of a possibility for our resurrection in his likeness.

"But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die; but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live" (Romans 8:11-13).

SHOCKING

The value of trained personnel in dealing with juvenile delinquency is being stressed. These people must know when a child is being really bad and when it is being merely diabolically childish.

The Atlanta Journal relates a story concerning the late Mrs. George Hardwick, one of Augusta's most beloved women.

One day Mrs. Hardwick discovered three small boys in the act of hanging a cat in her back yard. She halted the lynching, the Journal says, and assured the young culprits in strong language that they were incorrigible and were all headed for a bad end.

As it turned out, one of the trio, Joseph Recker Lamar, became a justice of the United States Supreme Court. Another, Pleasant A. Stovall, became a famous editor and Minister to Switzerland. And the third, Thomas Woodrow Wilson, became President of the United States.—Chattanooga Times.

"Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote."—Anonymous.

systematic plan of visitation thereby hoping to enlarge the Sunday School.

The Sunday School's new Record System was discussed and plans were drawn up to make it function more effectively. It was decided to give a social for the most efficient class in the Sunday School at the end of each quarter by using the record system to determine the efficiency. It was also decided to recognize the 100 percent students in each department each Sunday.

Officers and teachers in Olivet Sunday School are: Smith Crockarell, Superintendent; J. B. Murphy, Assistant Superintendent; Frank Murphy, Secretary-Treasurer; Beginner and Primary Department, Mrs. Smith Crockarell, assisted by Mrs. J. B. Murphy; Junior Department, Mrs. George Allen, assisted by Mrs. Ed Siler; Intermediate Department, Mrs. George Pead, assisted by Mrs. Hyman Welch; Young People's Department, Hymna Welch, assisted by Miss Betty Moore; Adult Department, Jim Reding, assisted by Mrs. Ed Siler. Mrs. Joe Reding who was teacher of the Adult Class for 30 years was elected Teacher Emeritus.

Mrs. Smith Crockarell, Reporter

CLEANER, BUT NO WHITER

While we were holding a meeting on the streets for Tamils, I observed a Tamil mother bathing her little boy at the water tap. Now I noticed that the little black boy was not a whit whiter after his wash, but I do believe he was very much cleaner. The Indian cannot change the color of his skin, neither can the tiger lick out the color of his stripes.

Now I know thousands of boys and girls who have pretty white faces, and lovely pure skins, but they have black, wicked hearts. Most of them know this quite well. But instead of turning to the cleansing Blood of Jesus to wash away this inward blackness, they try to reform their outward ways. A reformed boy or girl is certainly very much cleaner in his outward life and in the sight of men, but he is not one whit whiter before God.

God requires truth in the inward parts. Reformation begins at the outside, but never enters any deeper than the skin. Regeneration commences within, and then works its way out to the very nailpoints of our hands and feet. Make sure you are regenerated or "born again." Read John 3:1-17, and put your name in "whosoever."—T. B., in Sunlight for the Young.

The liquor traffic is always going to clean up. Why doesn't it do it? Because it can't. There are plenty of men in the liquor business who would like to clean up, but the stuff they sell isn't the kind of stuff which will permit it.

Mere numbers never give wisdom.

:-: Department of Foreign Missions :-:

REV. RAYMOND RIGGS, *Promotional Secretary-Treasurer*
242 VICTOR AVENUE HIGHLAND PARK, MICHIGAN



REV. RAYMOND RIGGS
Promotional Secretary-Treasurer

EVEN KEEL—!

\$11,000.00 Needed by January 1st

You heard me the first time. If the Free Will Baptists of the U. S. A. put their Foreign Mission Department on an even keel by January 1st, we must give at least \$11,000 by that time.

Here is what we mean—

<i>India:</i>	
October	\$1,200.00
November	1,200.00
December	1,200.00
January	1,200.00
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Total for India	\$4,800.00
<i>Cuba:</i>	
November	\$1,700.00
December	1,700.00
January	1,700.00
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Total for Cuba	\$5,100.00
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Total for India and Cuba	\$ 9,900.00
Film & Promotional Expense	
(Approx.) (It may be less)	1,100.00
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	\$11,000.00

At first this sounds like an enormous sum. But if we would stop and consider that there are approximately four hundred thousand (400,000) Free Will Baptists in America—then we see it is a very small amount for so many. In fact it would only be just a little more than .02½cents per capita. However because we have not en-

listed all of these 400,000 people then—all of us must give more.

If every state would see that one half (½) of her year's quota was met by January 1st, we would just about be on an even keel.

Check with your state Director and watch the papers for what your state is doing for Foreign Missions.

Hurry Up! Send an offering to-day. Times' e' wastin'!

Announcement

I have just purchased the new sound color movie film of our Bible School and Missionary work in Cuba to be used in North Carolina. Any church that may desire to have this picture shown to their people for their information and inspiration may arrange it by writing to Rev. Rashie Kennedy, 713 Simmons Street, Goldsboro, North Carolina. At each showing a free will offering will be taken for Foreign Missions.

Yours to serve,
Rashie Kennedy, Chm.
Foreign Mission Board
Director in N. C.

The finest culture comes from the study of men in their best moods.—Plutarch

CHECKING YOUR FOREIGN MISSION OFFERING

We look forward every day to mail time, and it gives us a thrill to receive these letters with contributions for Foreign Missions.

We are gradually catching up—but we must give regularly.

Don't let a single week go by without you and your church doing something for Foreign Missions. Send in a nice offering at least every month.

We have not been able to send India's quota for October or November, neither have we sent Cuba's quota for November, and of course December is almost here.

Folks, this is the season of the year to remember our Missionaries—Hurry up with those gifts! Send them to:

F. W. B. FOREIGN MISSION BOARD
242 Victor Ave.
Highland Park 3, Michigan
Rev. Raymond Riggs,
Promotional Secy.-Treas.

"CHRISTMAS SHOPPING FOR THE LORD"

Dear Baptist Family:

At this season of the year we read and hear much about gifts to be found here and there for the approaching holidays, at which time we claim to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, but for a long while it has seemed to me that we are far from doing it in the right way, and I for one, have decided to do differently.

Of course, it will deprive me of a lot of pleasure to leave off giving a "Christmas present" to kinfolks and friends but here is my plan—to make a list, as usual, of those I would give some thing to, and give the value of the gifts to missions, or maybe a portion of it to some ones who are really in need.

If all Free Will Baptists will do this, it will help to fill in our more than empty treasury for foreign missions, and give cheer, comfort and courage to some who are destitute.

I sincerely believe that it is wrong to rack our brains trying to decide what to give, when perhaps those whom we have in mind do not really need it, go out shopping and patronize firms who are just commercializing on this sacred event. So, instead of this, lets do some Christmas shopping for the Lord, in the name of the great gift which was given for us, where the need was so great.

This plan which I suggest is not to take the place of tithes and offerings, we would make otherwise, but add to them.

Your sister in Christ,
Alice Dale
Greenville, N. C.

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to advise my friends that I am now living in Saratoga, N. C. Any one desiring to contact me may write me at the following address.

Rev. R. W. Allman
General Delivery
Saratoga, N. C.

The Place of the Church in A Modern World

"The Church must be the teacher of the principles of conduct; a voice of judgment; a guardian of moral and spiritual values already won; and the herald of a better day."

This four-fold charge to the Church from the Detroit Conference on the Church and Economic Life has been chosen for emphasis by local churches and church groups during the third annual Church and Economic Life Week, January 14-20, 1951.

"During this special week, designated by the Federal Council's Executive Committee, local churches, church groups and councils of churches join in calling upon their members to study the application of Christian principles and teaching to their own jobs and to the work life of the community and the nation," said Rev. Cameron P. Hall, Executive Secretary of the Federal Council's Department of the Church and Economic Life.

With the cooperation of the religious press, radio stations and church program planners widespread attention is given during this period to denominational and interdenominational statements, and to Biblical, theological and ethical teachings. These are related to the experiences of businessmen, industrial workers, farmers, cooperators, educators, housewives and professional and of-

fice workers who "must discover for themselves what is the right decision in an endless variety of concrete decisions" they make daily in the process of earning a living.

In addition to numerous articles, press and radio references, the Department of the Church and Economic Life provides each year program and study materials adaptable for community, church or church group meetings, forums and discussion classes. The 1951 emphasis will be placed on bringing the report of the Detroit Conference on the Church and Economic Life and the recent statement of the Executive Committee on "A Christian Approach to Mounting Economic Pressures" to the attention of more and more local church people.

Other program aids will include: "For the Sake of His Kingdom"—A Worship Service in Recognition of the Relation of the Church to Economic Life. (3 cts. each, \$2.40 per 100).

"The Christian Conscience in Economic Progress"—A One-Meeting Program for a Church or Church Group based on the Detroit Conference Statement and Reports. (10 cents)

A program Source Book, listing pertinent church publications, books, films and radio programs. (20 cents)

"The Herald of a Better Day"—A folder on "Church and Economic Life Week in Church and Community" with further suggestions for programs and other methods of observance. This will be furnished free of cost (except for postage) in reasonable quantity for distribution to churches and church groups.

The publications are available at low quantity rates from the Department of the Church and Economic Life, the Federal Council of Churches, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

Announcement

This is to inform the Baptist readers of the change of our address from 1512 Second Street, Phenix City, Alabama, to Route 2, Chioley, Florida. We are now pastoring Piney Grove Church, Chipley, Fla.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Rev. Chester A. Huckaby

NEWS FROM FAIRMOUNT PARK CHURCH, NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

We are sure that everyone present enjoyed the wonderful inspiring messages brought from the Word of God by Brother Dodd. Surely we were sad to see his services end with us.

Did you know that Brother Dodd has promised to come and work with us again in January? He will come and direct us in a Christian Workers' Institute beginning January the 1st and lasting through the 15.

In this Institute, there will be work offered to assist every interested person into training to be a qualified Christian worker.

A course in League, Sunday School, Auxiliary, and methods of teaching along with some Bible will be offered. There will be two forty-five minute classes each evening for the entire two weeks.

A wonderful thing about this is, that every person from any denomination may attend. Also, anyone who takes this course and plans to attend a Bible college, may acquire credit toward an E. T. T. A. Certificate.

Sunday School Thermometer

At the last Sunday School Council meeting plans were discussed for increasing our Sunday School attendance. A suggestion was made—"Let's set a goal for a certain number and get a thermometer drawn and seek to push the mercury to the top." The first Sunday we had 214 present. The second Sunday 245 and the third Sunday since beginning which was Homecoming we had 259 present.

Let's keep up the good work. Let's be here every Sunday and please don't just come; but bring someone. That someone might hear the gospel and accept Christ, who knows?

If It Is A Gift, Take It

In the height of the fame of the great evangelist Dwight L. Moody, he visited a man who was the owner of large vineyards and orchards. The host informed Mr. Moody that he was to make himself perfectly at home there. Everything on the farm was at the guest's disposal, who was told, "Mr. Moody, if there is anything in the orchard or vineyard that you would like to have, it is already yours. Just take it."

Said the evangelist later, "When I wanted an orange, I did not go to an orange tree and pray that an orange would fall into my pocket, but I walked to a tree and, reaching up, took the orange that I wanted. It was already mine."

"The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 6:23). Almighty God has given to you His beloved Son and life in Him.



THE STEWARDSHIP OF THE GOSPEL

(Lesson for December 10)

LESSON: ACTS 8:4-8; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20; Philippians 1:12-18

GOLDEN TEXT: I Corinthians 4:1, 2.

I. The Heart of the Lesson

Quite frequently when one lays emphasis upon the work of missions or world-wide evangelism, a strange look comes into the face of some professed Christians and strange expressions are heard coming from their lips. Why should this be so? Are missions a strange enterprise? Is missionary work a new and strange work? We think not. It is rather because they do not know what the Scriptures teach, neither are they possessed by the missionary spirit that such is the case. This is quite evident when we honestly and prayerfully study the Scriptures.

The great commission which the Lord gave His Apostle, however, was the basis for Gospel ministry among all the nations (Mark 16:15; Luke 24:46, 47). The evangelization of the world had its roots in that great commission. The Holy Spirit Himself, in His personal presence, power and energy, is the spirit of evangelization.

1. This persecution set little blazes into action everywhere. These small fires became large ones. If ever Satan erred in judgment it was here. This proves to us that, although he is in the business fighting God for six thousand years, to our knowledge, he still is not all-wise, and is learning. Of anything that could have befallen the Church, this campaign of affliction was the most beneficial to God's cause. Not only did it keep the church on its toes, but spread it by leaps and bounds into every corner of the known world.

2. When people really listen to the

preaching of the Gospel there is bound to be a spiritual revival.

3. Amusements and worldly pleasures may bring a passing enjoyment, but real joy comes only where men experience salvation.

4. It is only reasonable that the human being who experiences a second birth should be a new creation.

5. It was not our sorrow for sin but the work of God in Christ that effected our reconciliation with God.

6. There is no greater service possible for any man than the ministry of reconciliation.

7. An ambassador is expected to do only the authorized business of the country he represents. Thus we should do our service for Christ.

8. Because Christ became our sin it has been made possible for us to become His righteousness.

9. Disappointments may bring a blessing to others if we bear up under them as a Christian should.

10. If Christ is truly preached we should rejoice even though it might be possible to raise questions about the preacher.—Selected.

11. The thought of this verse has to do with the inner man, the spiritual life and not the physical. Since Adam's transgression all people have been born into the world under the condemnation of sin. They remain under this condemnation until they are set free through the New Birth. Then it is lifted up by the grace of God as it is in Christ Jesus, and the born-again one becomes a new creature in Christ the Lord. (vs. 17)—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

12. Paul here shows the nobleness of his Christian character by thinking more of the cause of Christ and the consideration of the lost about him than the hardships which he was enduring in Rome. Indeed, Paul rejoiced because he knew that the Lord's gospel will be effective wherever the apostles preach it among both Jew and Gentile. (vss. 14-18)—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

13. An ambassador is an official messenger or representative of one government to another. In our les-

son Paul declares that he and his fellow ministers are ambassadors of God, who bring a divine announcement to men of salvation through Christ. This salvation, he says, makes it possible for one to be in such a spiritual union with Christ that he is a new creature. It is Christ in the heart that works the transformation. Truly an ambassador by which one can proclaim such news as that is more important than any other on earth.—Arnold's Commentary.

II. The Lesson Illustrated

Recently I stood beside the hospital bed of a seventeen-year-old girl who was about to die. She told me the story of her life—a life of tragedy and sin. Not once had anyone spoken to her of Jesus. Not once had she been inside a church.

The day before she died I was again at her bedside, pleading with her to receive Christ, when she turned her eyes on me and asked, "Where were you Christians before I got into trouble? Why do you wait till I'm dying to tell me I need Jesus to save me?"

Where were you Christians before I got into trouble?

How can you and I, who know the Lord Jesus Christ, answer a question like this? Yet hungry souls are even now crying out, begging for the Bread of Life, not knowing how or where to receive it. And we have it in our power to bring the gospel to them.

Let me ask you in Christian love, earnestly as I ask myself, "What are you doing with the gospel?" Are you telling others—on the street, in your neighborhood, in your circle of friends and loved ones? Are you pointing those under your ministry in Sunday school, church or church organizations to Christ Himself? Are you living Christ so that your testimony has real meaning?—Moody Monthly.

Schopenhauer said that we must see "in the constant change of matter, the fixed permanence of form." Schopenhauer's philosophy had many falsities but this is true.

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

The following is the report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists for October, 1950.

Receipts

On hand October 1, 1950	\$ 360.59
Regular receipts for October	1,545.63
Total to account for	\$1,906.22

Disbursements

Paid to superannuated ministers	\$225.00
Operating expense	63.00
Paid to National Board	148.17
Total disbursements	437.07

Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1950 \$1,469.15

Receipts Itemized

Dailey's Chapel	\$ 21.40
Spring Branch	45.00
Sweet Gum Grove	10.00
Christian Chapel	25.00
St. Mary's S. S. (Wilson Co.)	8.12
Oak Grove	12.06
Rock of Zion	10.00
Spring Hill	5.00
Rocky Mount S. S.	1.00
Dawson's Grove	12.00
Grimsley's	28.71
Malachi's Chapel	15.08
St. Mary's (Wilson Co.)	15.45
Friendship (Johnston Co.)	1.00
Bethlehem	25.00
Pearsall's Chapel	30.00
Macedonia	35.00
Bethlehem Auxiliary	2.00
Whaley's Chapel	45.85
Gum Neck Auxiliary	5.00
British Chapel	7.50
Pine Level	7.00
Warden's Grove S. S.	15.00
Davis	5.00
Heath Memorial Bible Class of White Oak Grove	7.50
Morehead City Auxiliary	35.00
Watson's Grove	8.00
Cape Fear Union Meeting	52.00
Core Creek	75.06
Friendship (Greene Co.)	25.00
LaGrange S. S.	9.39
Holly Springs Auxiliary	5.00
Elm Grove	3.21
Rock Springs	7.75
Stancil's Chapel	20.36
People's Chapel League	2.00
Howell Swamp Auxiliary	5.00
Free Union Aux. Circle No. 2	5.00
Deep Run Auxiliary	10.00
Smithfield Auxiliary	2.00
Greenville	18.17
Macedonia Aux. Circle No. 2	5.00
Shady Grove (Durham Co.)	10.00
Sweet Gum Grove Aux.	5.00
Ray I. Everton, Treas.	14.15
Stoney Creek	20.00
Marsh Swamp	25.25
Gum Swamp S. S.	3.00
Sarecta Auxiliary	10.00
Bethel (Pamlico)	23.78
Dublin Grove	22.56
Hickory Chapel	32.50
Laura Wiggins Bible Class	5.00
Winterville	25.00
Pleasant Grove	10.00
St. Delight	7.00
Holly Springs (Johnston Co.)	10.00
Howell Swamp	34.51
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Newport News 1st Church	6.50
Mt. Zion (Onslow Co.)	8.00
Walnut Creek	5.97
Core Creek S. S.	7.85

Beaufort	10.00
Rains X Roads	45.83
Branch Chapel	22.67
3rd Western Union	10.92
Juniper Chapel S. S.	10.98
Union Chapel	2.00
Dilda's Grove	12.50
Edward's Chapel	38.00
White Oak	10.00
Brice's Creek	9.00
Marlboro	20.76
Smithfield	2.70
J. T. Bailey	10.00
Pine Level	7.00
Black Jack S. S.	2.00
Union Grove Auxiliary, Golds- Circle	3.05
White Hill	13.40
Hull Road	50.00
St. Paul	25.00
St. John	20.00
Macedonia Aux. Circle No. 1	5.00
Kinston S. S.	25.00
Shady Grove	25.14
Eastern Conference	100.00
Pleasant Plains	30.00
Powhatan	50.00
Hopewell S. S.	10.00
Total	\$1,545.63

Signed:

M. L. JOHNSON, *Chairman-Treasurer*

SPECIAL NOTICE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The North Carolina Board of Superannuation is asking for the names and addresses of all the widows of Free Will Baptist ministers in North Carolina. We need this information in beginning the payment of pensions to the widows. We need this information as soon as possible.

Also if there are ministers who are not on our list, and should be added, we are asking for their applications as early as possible.

Please send this information to M. L. Johnson, Route 1, Sims, N. C.

Signed:

M. L. Johnson, Chair-Treas.,
N. C. Board of Superannuation

EARNING YOUR OWN LIVING

There is something admirable about the young man who, regardless of his father's wealth, earns a living for himself. Man is born naturally indolent, and riches are an incentive to self-indulgence. Therefore, the young man who is not contented to nestle back in the lap of luxury but strikes out boldly for himself is a man who is developing his own character. A reputable character is one of life's greatest blessings. Inherited wealth is treacherous. But the earning of one's own money gives a man character and courage, and helps him to know the worth of the dollar he has earned.—*Unknown.*

"The toughest guys drink water."

**WATERY BRANCH CHURCH EXPERIENCES
GOOD REVIVAL**

TWENTY-THREE PROFESSED CHRIST

Our revival meeting began on October 29 and continued through November the eighth. Reverend T. P. Ellis was called to pastor our church, Watery Branch, in November, 1949, and the attendance upon church services has doubled under his leadership.

Brother Ellis is a young man in the ministry, and we believe that he is a God-fled minister of the Gospel.

Concerning the revival, we had good attendance all during the meeting, the crowds increasing as the meeting continued. Those attending seemed to be happy in the Lord and interested in the messages. Many expressed themselves as having experienced a soul-feast of spiritual things. Surely the Spirit of the Lord was with the speaker, and had sway in the meeting.

The church members were revived in the spirit of the Lord, and were drawn closer to the heavenly Father. There were 23 persons who came to accept the Lord as their personal Saviour. There were four who moved their membership from other churches to our church. There was great rejoicing over the good results of the meeting.

We do appreciate the co-operation which was shown by other churches in attendance upon our services. Special music was rendered each night of the meeting, and everyone seemed to enjoy it very much.

Brother T. P. Ellis will be our pastor for another year. The church services will be on each second Sunday of the month at the eleven o'clock hour. The public is cordially invited to come and worship the Lord with us.

Mrs. J. S. Jones

THE WATER CARRIER

When Jesus was a child I think He walked
Beside His mother through the purple
dawn,
Down to the village well for their supply
Of water for the home. They may have
gone
Aside to watch some snowy bloom unfold
Its dewy petals to the coming day,
Or listened as a brown bird sang its song
And smiled at woolly lambs that frisked
at play;
For when the Christ had grown to be a
Man
He spoke of birds and trees and rocks
and sand—
Such simple things, that simple folk like
me
Might hear, and in their hearts might
understand.

—*Unknown*

You cannot find a right way to do a wrong thing.

Christ and His Church

(Continued from page two)

peace with God, and became members of the church.

The early church had power with God, so God added to the church daily such as should be saved. All members of Christ's church are converted people. The church Jesus will present to Himself will be a perfect church without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, holy and without blemish. "And he gave some, apostles; and some prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ," Eph. 4:11-13.

Christian friend, have you reached this place of His fulness? Have you just made yourself at ease in Zion? If so, God said, "Woe unto them who are at ease in Zion." Could you believe Jesus will come for a church that has no power, no vision, some believing one thing and some another? No. I say "no" on these grounds: that He healed all who came to Him. He made deformed bodies whole and opened blinded eyes, and His church will not be deformed or sick, but a church that is whole and sound, being able to see eye to eye and all speak the same thing. "So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment," I Cor. 1:7-10.

"For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am Apollos; are ye not carnal?" I Cor. 3:4.

The church that Jesus purchased with His own blood is the one that

we must feed and perfect, and he, Paul, calls it the Church of God (Acts 20:28). What do you call yours? Col. 1:18, "And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence." Christ has a church which He sets the members in as it pleases Him. Not through church politics will God bless and honor His church, but by the leading of the Holy Ghost, for the Holy Ghost will lead and guide you in all truth and show you things to come. The church must and does have members full of the Holy Ghost to be its leaders. Acts 6:3, "Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business."

How can any people be the real church when they don't have leaders or even believe in the Holy Ghost? Come on, Church of God, as Joshua and Caleb came back with the report, "We are well able to take the land," so are we, the Church of God, able to gather in the masses of them who are saying, "Come ye and let us go up to Zion the house of the Lord, for out of Zion shall go forth the word of the Lord."—Selected.

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Rev. C. E. Orten Passes

On Saturday, July 8, 1950, God called one of our oldest and most beloved members to be at rest with Him. Stoney Creek Church has lost a very dear and loyal member.

Brother Orten was 82 years old last March the tenth. He had been a faithful worker for the Lord while he lived. We feel that he is gone to enjoy that mansion that he used to sing about. Brother Orten will be missed in the church and in his home, and community.

He was always ready to help those in need in any way that he could. His health had been failing him for a long while, but he had not been confined to his bed. He leaves 6 children, and several grandchildren. We would say to the children: weep not for him, for we feel that he is at rest.

His funeral was conducted at the church on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock by Rev. Clifton Rice, assisted by Rev. W. H. Lancaster. He was buried in Willow Dale Cemetery, Goldsboro, North Carolina. The large crowd of people and the beautiful floral wreaths showed how he was loved by all who knew him.

Written by Mrs. David Worrell

MRS. ANNIE MOORE STILL PASSES

On Thursday, November 2, 1950, God sent his angel to the home of Rev. and Mrs. T. B. Mellette, and claimed by death Mrs. Annie Moore Still, Mrs. Mellette's mother.

Mrs. Still was the only daughter of Rev. A. S. Moore. Soon after her marriage to John B. Still, Sr., she united with Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Early County, Georgia. She was a faithful member until her death.

Mother was a devout Christian, and loved her church next to her family. It was always a privilege of hers to attend services and to perform her part well in all auxiliaries of the church. She read with great joy every issue of the Free Will Baptist paper.

Soon after the death of my Father (her husband) she made her home with us, and for almost ten years she was my constant guide in our home. She performed her duties cheerfully with a smile, and around the family altar her voice reached up to God with thanksgiving in Jesus name for blessings daily received.

Mother was in her seventy-sixth year,

and for nearly four months suffered intense pain which she bore in great faith and patience.

Some how she is not dead,
She is just away;
Somewhere in God's own way,
She is just away.

—Written by her daughter,
Mrs. T. B. Mellette

IN MEMORIAM

*In memory of my loving Father,
Josephus Moye*

My Father was a farmer,
A strong, good man;
Straight were the rows
Where his sharp plow ran.

Straight were the thoughts
In his unschooled head;
And straight from the Scripture
Was the life he led.

Gnarled were his fingers,
From life-long toil;
But mellow his heart
That loved the soil.

Close after God
In his soul came labor;
And an equal feeling
For every neighbor.

My Father was a farmer
Who knew the worth;
Of kinship with
The planted earth.

Today the life of my Father,
Who was Josephus Moye;
Lives in the hearts
Of all who knew him.

—Written by his daughter,
Mrs. Martha Moye Braxton,
Winterville, N. C.

A BOY MAKES A KITE

BEN L. BYER

There's flour paste in all the jar lids,
And all the string is gone,
The porch is filled with slender sticks,
And there's paper on the lawn.

The breeze that blows is soft and balmy,
The air is filled with spring,
The countryside is filled with boys
And kites are on the wing.

There's paste spots on the floor and walls
The place is filled with litter,
But then he got his kite to fly
And refused to be a quitter.

One thing is sure: This country will get
a lot dryer or a lot wetter.

With What Body Are the Dead Raised?

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to St. Mark 9:2-5, "And after six days taken with him Peter, James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves; and he was transfigured before them. And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them. And there appeared unto them Elias, with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias." Moses and Elias had been dead over one thousand years. Peter had never seen them, though he saw them that day and called them by their names. St. Matt. 8:11, "And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven." My beloved friends, I want to see Abraham, for he was a friend of God. Paul said, "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; But then shall I know even as also I am known" (I Cor. 13:12) as we are known, we will be the same in heaven. The rich man knew Lazarus in Abraham's bosom. He could see, hear and talk.

Then, when Jesus sent his disciples out and they came back rejoicing because the devils were subject unto them. He said unto them, "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; nothing by any means hurt you; but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven" (Luke 10:18-20). "In that great day of the Lord the graves shall give up the dead, and that angelic host will move out from this old world with its sorrows and shame, to be wafted into the palace of an eternal God, to that great eternal Homecoming to be reunited with our friends and loved ones.

Here is the answer to my text; How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

DESTRUCTIVE FOXES

E. G. REIFF

In that striking little message, called, "The Canticles," or "The Song," the writer pleads: "Take us the foxes, the *little foxes*, that spoil the vines: for our vines have *tender grapes*" (S. of Sol. 2:15). Foxes, he says, spoil the vines. This implies that these little foxes were sneaking around in a vineyard. Instead of openly appearing and disappearing, the characteristic of the fox is to creep and sneak along in such a manner as to be scarcely able to be detected. The fox in the vineyard is doubly destructive. He does not merely rob the vines of their fruit, by his sportiveness, but he also destroys a lot by pulling down and tearing loose the vines as well as by biting the bark of the vines. Can we then understand why Solomon is so intensely interested in his vineyard?

Let us apply these "little foxes" to what many people term, "little sins." These "little sins" are very destructive in the lives of our young people. They destroy the "tender grapes" of love, joy and happiness, if allowed to sneak in the tender lives unnoticed and unchecked. The first, and possibly one of the most destructive "little foxes" we shall begin with is the fox of

SELFBISHNESS

This is a *nasty* little "fox." He is a very important little "fox." In a very short time, if not caught, he will take full sway where he is allowed to get in. This "fox" will destroy the *tender little grapes* of love. He will mar its gracious influence. He will hurt its tender workings. A young person whose love is prevailed upon by this mean little "fox," called *selfishness*, will be mean in bearing. He will be *selfish* in his desires, in his wants, in his personal claims and rights. Oh, the destructiveness of this little neaky "fox" called *selfishness*!

Where this "fox" of selfishness is permitted to lurk and sport, *love*, which is the very opposite, will finally vanish. The two cannot dwell in the same place. One or the other must change quarters. *Love* thrives on being a blessing and sacrifice for others. *Selfishness* lurks in the shadow of gloom, a frown, unhappiness.

We pray that *selfishness* may not gain control of the pure, simple young lives and destroy the *tender grapes* of ripening love.

The next, and in some cases just as mean and degrading a "little fox" we want to write to you about is the "fox" of

DISCONTENT

Look at him peeping out from every nook and corner of a self-controlled life. The very sight of him is mean and contemptible. He destroys the love for work, the love for home, the love for friends, the love for everything that is right and good. Contentment is a characteristic of Godliness. Discontent is therefore a characteristic of ungodliness. Discontent spoils every task and every joy that comes along in the lives of the young. Pray to be delivered from the "little fox" called *discontent*. There is blessed deliverance for those whose lives are spoiled and destroyed by this devilish "little fox." The Lord Jesus can cleanse the heart and life of those who humbly and sincerely seek His face.

Following this "little fox" of discontent invariably comes the "fox" of

ANXIETY

Now watch his subtle workings. This is a seemingly very tender "little fox." His every move and action is oh, so *tender*! But you undertake to hinder him in his tender (?) prowlings, and the dust will fly. Phew! Everything in an uproar! Yes, simply because this tender (?) "little fox" has been discovered and taken hold of. This "fox" of *anxiety* will be the disturber of peace. There is absolutely no peace where he reigns. This "fox" creates distrust to a nerve-racking point. He tries to show ghostly trials and troubles, failures and disappointments where there is no actual reason for it.

Are you hampered by the evil workings of this creator of disturbance, the "fox" of *anxiety*? Claim the promise: "Thou (Lord) will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on *THEE*." God is faithful.

Yet one more "fox" to conclude with. This time it is the "little fox" of

IMPATIENCE

Have you ever lived with or around some one whose life was being destroyed by the "fox" of *impatience*? My, but it means jealous watching and praying, or before you are aware of it, this mean little sneak of a thief, *impatience*, will have your life under control. Once under his sway, it will mean a work of grace in the heart through the operation of the Holy Ghost to be delivered from his fiery little onslaughts.

When the "fox" of *impatience* is hiding somewhere in the heart, the words will be raspy, the actions rude and inconsiderate. Bitterness is also a sign that the "fox" of *impatience* is within working distance. It requires a lot of patience, in fact more

than any one has without the Lord Jesus, to live around and put up with an impatient person. His tender love in the heart will, however, make those patient who are thus Divinely controlled. Gentleness is one of its by-products.

It is an exquisite pleasure to be surrounded by young people, and older ones, as well, who are Divinely patient. Patient people will never blame. Patient people will never be jealous. Patient people will never feel slighted. They are too sensible and too unselfish to feel those things. I am speaking now of those who are exercised in *Divine patience*. No one can be Divinely gentle and at the same time bitter, or jealous, or rude in speech or action.

Pray the Lord to keep you clean and free from the sinful "fox" of *impatience*.

There are many, many more "little foxes" that could be named and enlarged upon, but we trust and pray that those "foxes" we have here designated will not be found in the lives of our young readers. If there should be, always remember there is an absolute Divine Remedy for all sin and uncleanness—the precious cleansing Blood of Jesus. His Blood truly washes whiter than the snow. He can make the heart and life altogether clean and fill it with His very own love and gentleness.

Pray daily, dear young reader: "Take the mean 'foxes' out of my life, dear Lord, through Thy Divine operations by the Holy Spirit, for Thy name's sake. Amen!"—*Gospel Herald*.

DO YOU KNOW!

What the name of Ohio signifies? Beautiful river.

What the name of Missouri signifies? Muddy water.

What the name of Michigan signifies? Great lake.

What the name of Florida signifies? Blooming.

What the name of Iowa signifies? Drowsy ones.

What the name of Wisconsin signifies? Gathering of waters.

What the name of Minnesota signifies? Cloudy water.

What the name of Oregon signifies? Wild Marjoram.

What the name of Kansas signifies? Spooky water.

What the name of Nebraska signifies? Water valley.

What the name of Vermont signifies? Green mountain.

What the name of Kentucky signifies? Dark and bloody ground.—*Unknown*.

Let us try to be sensible; let us try to be good-natured; let us try to be fair.—C. Dickens

"Judge, I just had a coupla beers."

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A Christmas Thought

Oh Christmas is coming again, you say,
And you long for the thing he is bringing;
But the costliest gift may not gladden the day,
Nor help on the merry bells ringing.
Some getting is losing, you understand,
Some hoarding is far from saving;
What you hold may slip from your hand,
There is something better than having;
We are richer for what we give;
And only by giving we live.

Your last year's presents are scattered and gone;
You have almost forgot who gave them;
But the loving thoughts you bestow live on
As long as you choose to have them.
Love, love is your riches, though ever so poor;
No money can buy that treasure;
Yours always, from robber and rust secure,
Your own, without stint or measure:
It is only love that we can give;
It is only by loving we live.

For who is it smiles thru the Christmas morn—
The Light of the wide creation?
A dear little Child in a stable born,
Whose love is the world's salvation.
He was poor on earth, but He gave us all
That can make our life worth the living;
And happy the Christmas day we call
That is spent, for His sake, in giving;
He shows us the way to live,
Like Him, let us love and give!

—Lucy Larcom

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IF! IF!

If every boy and every girl,
Arising with the sun,
Should plan this day to do alone
The good deeds to be done;
Should scatter smiles and kindly words,
Strong, helpful hands should lend;
And to each other's wants and cries
Attentive ears should bend.

If every man and woman, too,
Should join these workers small,
Oh, what a flood of happiness
Upon our earth would fall!
How many homes would sunny be
Which now are filled with care!
And joyous, smiling faces, too,
Would greet us everywhere.

I do believe the very sun
Would shine more clear and bright,
And every little twinkling star
Would shed a softer light.
But we, instead, must watch to see
If, other folks are true,
And thus neglect so much that God
Intends for us to do.

—Youth's World

CAPE FEAR S. S. CONVENTION

The Cape Fear Sunday School Convention convened on October 21, 1950 at Shady Grove Free Will Baptist church. There were five churches representing with choirs and two by letters.

Group singing was enjoyed by all present and a delicious dinner was served on the grounds at the noon hour.

A business meeting was held immediately following dinner, which was presided over by the moderator, Warren Jackson. A contribution of \$135.00 was made to the orphanage.

The convention adjourned to meet next year at St. Paul church, Newton Grove. All churches are urged to represent with their choirs.

Mrs. Emerson Warren,
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"The temperance cause is the foundation of all social and political reform."—Richard Cobden.

☞ The Three Requirements for a Healthy Life ☜

If we are to maintain our physical life at a good level, we need three requirements. They are fresh air, food, and exercise. It is that same way with our spiritual life. If we are to have a good, healthy spiritual life, we also have three requirements that we must follow. They are prayer, Bible reading and service. We cannot afford to neglect any one of these without disastrous results to our spiritual life. Many Christians has caused shipwreck to his life by neglect of one or more of these three requirements, and therefore his life has been robbed of all joy and usefulness.

The first of these three requirements we want to consider is prayer. Paul tells us in I Thess. 5:17 to pray without ceasing. Prayer is not merely asking God for something we would like to have, nor is it a routine exercise that has to be carried out from time to time. Prayer is a means by which we establish living contact with God. It is not merely asking God for what we want but it is asking for something that He wants us to have and seeking to find what it is. We are told that if we ask according to His will that He heareth us. By prayer we find God's will for our lives. Although God's promises about prayer are wonderful there are certain conditions that we must carry on. In Ps. 66:18 He tells us that if we regard iniquity in our hearts He will not hear us. In an electric circuit a little bit of dirt may stop the flow of the electric current; so with our dealings with God, a little bit of sin may interrupt our contact with Him. If there is any sin between us and Him we must put it away and seek His forgiveness for it. Another condition that God lays down is that prayer must be unselfish. In Jas. 4:3 He tells us that we ask and receive not, because we ask amiss, that we may consume it upon our lust. There are many people who think only of self when they pray and we know that sort of prayer cannot be answered. Another condition is that prayer must be offered in faith. (Read Jas. 1:6, 7.) Is the lack of faith

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the cause of our ineffective prayers? If God gives us an answer and grants our requests, are we surprised? Too often this is the case with many. A man once said, "Prayer will make a man cease from sin, and sin will entice a man to cease from prayer, and this certainly is a true saying.

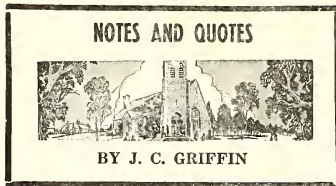
Just as we need food to sustain our physical life so do we need spiritual food to nourish our spiritual life. It is God's Book, the Bible, which provides us with that food. Just as we have breakfast in order to prepare ourselves for the work of the day, so do we need spiritual food to begin our day's work. In the first place, the Bible tells us of something we greatly need to know, and which we could in no otherwise find out about what God thinks about the deep problems of life. It may be very interesting to read man's opinion about certain problems of life, but what these men think will not get us very far. It is what God thinks that really matters, and the only way we can find this is by reading His word. The Bible tells us of God's plan of salvation and His remedy for sin. In the Bible we find not only a guide to what we should believe but the way we should conduct ourselves. It is wonderfully true that although the Bible was written, in its latest portions, 1900 years ago it is the most up-to-date Book in the world, since it exactly meets the needs in the present day.

As we have already seen not only do we need fresh air and food for our physical well-being, but we need exercise as well. In the spiritual life service takes the place of exercise. Some people may wonder why we are left here after we have become His children through faith in Christ. But if Christ took us to be with Him as soon as we are saved, then who would be here to witness for him? He leaves us here so that we may pass the good news on to others. Later in heaven

we will serve Him but perhaps in a different way. Our service here may be preparation for that higher service later. Grudging service is of little value. Service of which the motive power is love and gratitude is the only kind which is really effective. The form of service may be extremely varied and includes service in life as well as by lips. In fact, everything we do and everything we say could be done and said as part of our service to Him. Our service is not confirmed to slated periods. It is not true that part of the day is God's and the rest is our own. We are on duty for God all the time. Service by lip can be either to an individual or a gathering of people. God desires us to work for Him and He must choose that way for us and we must prayerfully find out from Him what His choice is for us. We must be willing to obey His will for us and one thing to remember is that however simple and humble the task is it must be done in the strength of God. We must not feel that the work is too hard or beyond our power. When God spoke to Moses about leading His people out of Egypt, he hesitated in giving God an answer. He felt that it was beyond his power but God told Moses that He would see Him thru. So it is with us. When God calls us to a particular piece of service, we must not doubt that He will give the needed strength and wisdom to see it through. In Phil. 4:13 we are promised that we can do all things through God which strengtheneth us. So just remember, when you are called on to do something for God, don't say "I can't," or "Someone else can do better than I can." Just remember Phil. 4:13.

"Your every voter, as surely as your Chief Magistrate, under the same high sanction, though in a different sphere, exercises a public trust."—Grover Cleveland.

It is one of the great mysteries that a man who is sensitive and considerate in small groups, so frequently becomes foolish, violent and cruel in a crowd.



FALSE. PROPHETS. PREDICTED

The word of God declared that false prophets shall come in the last days. Certainly we are living in the last days. Every Bible student will admit and preach that according to the word of God that we are living in the last days. There is no one that knows when the last day will come and the Lord shall descend from heaven and catch His waiting Bride up to be with Him for evermore. But all prophecy points to His early return.

Many prophets have preached and set days for the ending of the age, but all these set prophecies have fallen flat, and the old earth continues to revolve as nature declares when the Creator placed it in its respectful place and set the bounds thereof.

It was prophesied by certain prophets that the Lord would come in the year of 1914, then it was changed and the date set for 1924. Then, as nothing unusual took place, these prophets began to make it general and to say that "millions now living will never die." This latter prediction may be true, or it may be false. Only God knows when the day will come. Notice what Jesus says: "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no not the angels of heaven, but my Father only" (Matt. 24:36). Thus to set dates is mere religious speculation. These false prophets have won thousands by playing on the ignorance of these who know not the truth.

Many people are indifferent to the teachings which come right into their own family often and take from them their children and loved ones. As we said in writings recently, "We can tolerate these false teachings, but we cannot afford to be indifferent towards them." That would be saying, that God does not care as to right and wrong. God does care, and that is why Paul said, "I charge thee

therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lust they shall heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (2 Tim. 4:1-4).

So when false prophets begin to set dates, just search the Scriptures as Christ admonished us, and find the sure word of God and stand there waiting for His return, or the day when you shall end your earthly pilgrimage. Christ said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Matt. 24:35). His word is that "No man knows the day nor hour."

TO NOT BELIEVE HIS COMING AGAIN IS INFIDELITY

Not long ago I heard a minister of the Gospel say, that in his conversation with another preacher, that it was said by this particular minister: "The second coming of Jesus to this earth, was an old 'hobby-horse' that sentimental preachers had been riding to advantage with emotional hearers," or words to this effect. I made no note of the exact words used by the minister, but the essence is expressed in the above word. Well, the apostle Peter has this to say about it: "This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance; that ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour: knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lust, and saying where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they are willingly ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the

world that then was, being overflowed with water perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men" (2 Peter 3:1-7).

A few years ago I was told that a professor, who was at the head of a high School said in reply to one of my messages, that, "I do not believe in the return of the Lord Jesus." Now this gentleman was a member of a modernistic church that took the bread and the fruit of the vine and called it the Lord's Supper; and, when this supper was observed, he would partake of the emblems of the Lord's broken body and shed blood. Now this is inconsistency; because the Lord said, when He had taken bread and had given it to His disciples, and also the fruit of the vine, "But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it now with you in my Father's kingdom" (Matt. 26:29). Read the whole account of the Supper, as given by Matthew, Mark and Luke, and also John. Then turn to First Corinthians, the eleventh chapter, and get what Paul says. I quote the twenty-sixth verse "For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do shew Lord's death till he come." So when you take of the emblems of the broken body and the blood of our Lord, remember that it is commanded by the Lord Himself, as a sacred ordinance of the church, pointing back to the cross and forward to His second coming. And if you do not believe in His return, be consistent and leave off the Lord's supper.

But His returning is sure to be close at hand. "And as he sat upon the mount of olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, "Tell us when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ and shall deceive many" (Mat. 24:3-5). Read the whole chapter. Here Christ

THAT MISSIONARY SERMON

"I never heard anything before quite like that sermon," remarked Phil to his Uncle Philip, as he entered the sitting-room of his home. "Were you out this morning, Uncle!"

"Yes, Phil."

"Well, I'm glad of that, although the sermon was addressed chiefly to us younger folks. It was all about systematic giving, you see; and the preacher said that even the children should be trained to give their own money. It rather surprised me. I had always considered that what I had was my own, and Father generally supplied me when the extra collections came round."

Uncle Philip looked amused, but said nothing.

"Now, this morning I had no idea the appeal would be so stirring, and as I had spent all my allowance, and forgot to ask Father for more, I couldn't give one cent when the gifts were gathered. I tell you, Uncle, it made me feel small."

Uncle Philip was now thoroughly aroused.

"Does this state of affairs often occur, Phil?"

"Well, no, Uncle, not very often; only just when I forget to ask Father; he never denies me when I want money for such a cause."

"Yet whose gift is it, yours or your father's? Didn't that missionary sermon state something on this very subject?"

"I believe it did, Uncle," said Phil, blushing. "I suppose the truth is, the gift is really Father's, and I deserve

no credit for it."

"You now state the truth as it really is. Suppose, for instance, that I should spend all my money in gratifying self, and when I wanted to give to any branch of the Lord's work, I went to your Aunt Hetty and said, 'Will you please give me something for the missionary cause today; I'm entirely out of pocket; spent all mine yesterday.' Now, Phil, whose gift would it really be? My own or your Aunt Hetty's?"

"Oh, Uncle Phillip, how could you ask such an absurd question?"

"Because I wish to rouse you thoroughly, my boy. How much does your father allow you for spending money?"

"Oh, he's very liberal, uncle. He generally gives me two dollars each month."

"And that is all your own. Well, Phil, it seems rather strange that you cannot manage to save something out of it for Christian giving. Would you object to telling me how it goes?"

"Why, no; certainly not! I'm awfully fond of candy; that takes a good deal; then I buy a good many games; that tennis set is my own."

"Well, Phil, are you going to act upon the sermon?"

"I wish I could, Uncle; but how shall I begin?"

"I know of no better way than just to set a sum aside each month, as soon as your father gives it to you, as belonging entirely to the Lord. Then, upon no account, allow yourself to spend it, no matter how pressing

your need may seem."

"But, Uncle, how much shall it be?"

"What did that missionary sermon say, Phil?"

Phil hesitated a moment, then answered:

"It said something like this: that as the gift is really to God, it should be worthy in every particular. Is that what you mean, Uncle Philip?"

"I do. Now, what is the best you feel you can offer Him?"

"Since I have lost so much time, as you say, spending my own and giving Father's money in its place, I'll undertake to give twelve dollars this first year."

"Bravo, Phil," cried Father. He had entered the room unobserved, and had only caught the last remark.

"But see what I have here," he continued. "We are about to distribute pledge cards among the young, as the best way to train them in Christian giving. If you are fully decided in your own mind, Phil, that you wish to give one dollar each month, you have only to write your name and the amount here."

With Phil, once to form a resolution was to act upon it.

"I'll do it, Father," he said; "but after all, I don't know which has stirred me up most, that missionary sermon, or Uncle Philip's practical comments upon it and me."

Phil never regretted taking the pledge card, but was a better and happier boy all the year because of it.—Young People's Paper.

TRYING TO PLEASE EVERYBODY

ARTHUR BRESTEL

There was once a man who had a fish store and had a big sign in the window: Fresh Fish For Sale Here Today.

One day a friend said to him, "Why do you have that word 'today' on your sign? People can see that you have the fish for sale today."

"I guess you are right," said the fish salesman, and he had a new sign made.

In a few days another man said, "Say, Mister, why is that word 'here' on your sign? People know that your store is here and you are selling your fish."

"I guess you are right," he replied, and

he had a new sign made: Fresh Fish For Sale.

It was not long until another fellow came and said, "What is the use of having 'for sale' on your sign? Anybody knows that you could not stay in business and make money if you give your fish away."

"That is so," he answered, and he had another sign made:

FRESH FISH

In about a week someone said, "That word 'fresh' is not necessary on your sign. People would think you were foolish if you should try to sell stale fish."

The salesman agreed and made a big sign: Fish.

It was not very long until a man said,

"Why do you have that sign on your store? People can see that it is a fish store." So he decided that it was not necessary to have a sign.

The very next day a stranger came to him and said, "Say, Mister, you should have some kind of a sign on your store. All business places have signs."

He said, "I have been trying to please everybody and it looks like I can't please anybody. I am going to have a sign like I want it."

Now, children, let us not try to please everybody or we will fail. Let us serve God with all our hearts and try to please Him in all things.—P. H. Advocate.

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

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FOURTH UNION AUXILIARY MEETS

The Fourth Union Meeting District Auxiliary of the Central Conference of North Carolina met with Aspen Grove on Sunday, October 29, 1950, with Sunday School at 10:00. The meeting was called to order by the president and the devotions were led by Mr. Howard Cayton. Rev. T. P. Ellis led in prayer. Mr. Cayton chose as scripture reading Leviticus 1, verses 1-5. Rev. Allen Baker led in prayer. Welcome address was given by Miss Alice Langley and Rev. N. D. Beaman gave response. An offering was taken for the Orphanage, which amounted to \$44.85. Following a song by the congregation, Rev. P. C. Wiggs delivered the morning message. The president appointed the various committees, after which we were dismissed for lunch by Rev. W. L. Hart.

The afternoon devotions were led by Mr. Clifton Gardner. The Spring Branch quartet rendered two selections in song.

The business session was entered into with roll call. There were 10 Ladies Aids represented and 12 Sunday Schools. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. A nominating committee was appointed, which consisted of Rev. N. D. Beaman, Miss Alice Langley and Mrs. J. C. Edmonson.

The Sunday School Banner was awarded to Edgewood. Edgewood also received the Ladies Aid Banner. The various other committees reported. All reports were accepted.

A play "It Sounds So Cheerful" was given by the young people of Aspen Grove. Following a very enjoyable day we were dismissed until the next regular meeting.

Mrs. Richard Owens, *President*
Mrs. David E. Gay, *Secretary*

REPORT N. C. STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

QUARTER AUG. 25, 1950 — Nov. 25, 1950
Balance brought forward ----- \$ 109.21

Receipts by Departments

Co-Laborer Band -----	\$179.07
Cragmont -----	42.00
Christian Education -----	118.60
Superannuation -----	265.23
Home Missions -----	140.50
Foreign Missions -----	615.01
Orphanage -----	50.00
Church Finance -----	3.00
Per Capita Dues -----	58.40

Contributions, State	
Auxiliary Convention --	11.00
Refund from Mrs. Ballard	49.00
Total received -----	\$1,531.00
Grand Total -----	\$1,641.02

Disbursements

Co-Laborer Band -----	\$179.07
Cragmont -----	42.00
Christian Education -----	118.60
Superannuation -----	265.23
Home Missions -----	42.33
Foreign Missions -----	615.01
Orphanage -----	50.00
Church Finance Assn. ---	3.00
F. W. B. Press, Report	
Blanks -----	12.00
Treasurer's salary,	
three months -----	45.00
Total disbursed -----	\$1,372.21

Bal. in treasury Nov. 25, 1950 --- \$ 268.73

Mrs. M. A. Woodard, *Treasurer*
Winterville, N. C.

MRS. McADAMS WRITES

DEAR CO-WORKERS:

Greetings in the name of our wonderful Saviour! No doubt, many of our friends know that we are in North Carolina now. Many are wondering why, and what mission we are on, we feel quite sure.

Well, we will give it to you as the Lord gave it to us. Several months ago, we were led to take a "Farewell Missionary Tour"; that is to say, to encourage the church people to do more for missions, and especially to the help of our Foreign Mission cause. We want to help put it over.

Listen, we are boosting for our Foreign Mission Directors, and any place that has not had Brother Rashie Kennedy to present his marvelous picture of Cuba, they should engage him at once to visit their church. Then they will have a greater vision for that field of service than ever before. We saw it in Goldsboro on our visit when we first came. You have

a most splendid director for your state. Let him show your people his picture.

Upon leaving Goldsboro, we went to Maury, and heard Brother Tyndall deliver a wonderful message on Sunday. While there we met a number of our old friends whom we had not seen in several years. It was a surprise to those dear workers when we arrived on Monday in Ayden, and went into the Press. We shook hands with a number of them, and looked around to see the improvements which they have made since we were last in our publishing house.

When we left Ayden, our next stop was in New Bern with Brother and Sister J. C. Griffin for a few minutes. It was a great joy indeed to be with them again in sweet Christian fellowship. While there we failed to contact Brother and Sister J. R. Davidson, but were able to speak with Sister Alice E. Lupton and Ballard over the telephone.

Leaving New Bern, we went on to Morehead City to see Brother Smith a few minutes. In fact, we stopped at all the churches as we came on down to Cedar Island. We will mention our trip here in our next writing. We have had two splendid nights at Cedar Island, and will start back to visit other churches.

We are asking for your prayers that we may be a blessing to all the churches which we have privilege to visit. We are hoping that this will not be the last Farewell Visiting Missionary Tour. We have been in the work for 41 years last October. We cannot expect to make as many tours in the future as we have in the past.

May God bless each of you dear people. We expect to see some of you very soon.

H. M. and Lizzie McAdams

"It is the behavior of parents, not of the children, which sets the modern pace toward cocktail parties and kindred disintegrating and unwholesome influences."—Dr. Robert A. Millikan.

Solon said to Croesus, who showed him his gold: "Sir, if any other come that hath better iron than you, he will be master of all this gold."

: : EDITORIAL COMMENTS : :

UNITED EFFORTS ESSENTIAL TO THE BEST
OF RESULTS

Decades ago a poor farmer was striving singlehandedly to clear a parcel of ground upon which to grow food for his small family. The heavy logs that he had cut, together with the underbrush, were more than he could handle alone. He was at a loss as to what to do, and became almost ready to give up in despair.

One day his wife suggested that he ask the neighbors to help him to "roll the logs in piles" for burning, then he could burn them with the underbrush. He thought that it was a good suggestion, and went to see several of his neighbors, and told his difficulty. They agreed to go and help him on a certain day.

His wife and a few of the other neighborhood women made ready and prepared dinner for the "log rollers" that day. From this they received great joy, preparing the vegetables and cooking dinner.

The neighborhood men came bright and early with hand-sticks prepared to lift and carry the logs in piles on the plot of ground this farmer who had cut down the trees. With four men on each side of the log, they piled one after another in heaps until the noon hour. It was heavy work, but they enjoyed it, and had great fun, talking and laughing while they piled the logs.

They enjoyed a good dinner at the house with the good women who had prepared the large country dinner for them. With a period out for rest and some jokes after dinner, they enjoyed a good time together.

That afternoon they went back into the clearing, and by nightfall they had piled in heaps all of the heavy logs and saplings which this farmer had cut down. Before letting his neighbors part to go to their own homes, this grateful farmer thanked each one for his help and interest in making the "log rolling" a success, and promised to help them whenever they needed him, for he fully realized that he could never have gotten the logs together and burned off the growth without their help.

The work in a home of a large family may be compared with this story of the "log rollers." The help of each one is necessary for the work to be done easily and well. Mother cannot do all of the domestic affairs of the home. Daughters and servants must help if the work is done easily and in a good way. The old adage is true: "Many hands make light work."

More than this, this store of the farmer and the "log rollers" may be used, or applied in a good way to the

local church. The pastor cannot do all of the work, nor is it his responsibility. The Deacons, or Stewards, or other officers of the church cannot do all of the necessary things to be done in the church and for the spiritual upbuilding of the community. The truth is, all members of such a church should share, according to their means and strength, in the work of the church. When it comes to making material improvements of the church, the male members can be as the "log rollers" who helped the poor farmer. They can, with united efforts, make the church the type of edifice for the Lord that they want for his glory and for the spiritual welfare of the people of the community. When it comes to financial support of the church and its program for the upbuilding of the gospel of Christ, all the church members, as one great body of Christian workers and supporters, can be cheerful giving of their means bring about great results in their church and community, and for the cause of missions, and other religious causes. With willing minds, as was true of those "log rollers" with that poor farmer, they can do things easily and well, and at the same time get great joy from their concerted efforts for the cause of righteousness home and abroad.

The "log rollers" long remembered what they did for their neighbor farmer, and how they blessed him. Cheerful and active church members, who are "all-on-the-altar" for Christ, cooperating together in peace and harmony, can long remember the good results of their wholehearted labor for the Lord Jesus. When years have passed into history, and their records have been reviewed, they will have nothing to regret for the loyalty of Christian service which they rendered to the generation to come after them.

May the coming days, as this old year passes moment by moment toward midnight of December thirty-first, be days of thoughtfulness of how we should end the year, and how we should not forget God and His goodness, and thereby be reminded to give of our means, as God has blessed us, to the work of missions, to the orphan children and the widows, to the support of disabled ministers, Christian education, and the like. May selfishness and greed, sensuality and earthly pleasures give way to thoughts of kindness, deeds of charity, and brotherly love for our fellow man. May our spending of strength be, as it were, like the strength of those "log rollers," be used for the good of others. May our happiness around the Christmas season be the result of the joy of Christian service, as was the joy of those "log rollers" which came to their hearts in knowing that they had done a good service to a brother farmer in need.

CROP 1950 PROGRAM GETS UNDERWAY



The Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP) officially opened its 1950 harvest appeal to rural Americans to help underprivileged and hungry people overseas with relief in kind by dedicating an entire shipload of foodstuffs on United Nations Day in Chicago. The cargo was made up of advance contributions from 17 states where CROP this year operates and government surplus of powdered eggs and dried milk. Participating in the colorful ceremony were DP children seen above in Ukrainian national costumes who sang "America" in English and in the Ukrainian tongue. Some of the government surplus is seen in the inset during loading ceremonies flanked by Walter Parr (left) and Carl Key (right), CROP's Regional Field Directors.

CHRISTIAN RURAL OVERSEAS PROGRAM BRINGING FAITH IN GOD TO FORGOTTEN PEOPLE

In the view of a man of practical bent who has been around the world observing the needs of hungry millions, the Christian Rural Overseas Program is not only "filling the wrinkles" in men's stomachs, but is also bringing faith in God to people who had thought they were forgotten.

Leaders and friends of CROP heard this inspiring message on United Nations day in Chicago at ceremonies speeding the friendship Food Ship in its way with a food cargo symbolizing the beginning of the 1950 flow of food from American farms to the destitute in Europe and Asia. Speaker of the day was Dr. Raymond W. Miller, consultant to the Food and Agriculture Organization of UN.

"I have a very definite opinion and that is that all normal men throughout the world are religious," said Dr. Miller, a prominent Methodist layman. "It is the abnormal man that denies God. It is the abnormal man that has no relationship be-

tween himself and God.

"We as Christians in Christian America have definitely taken on ourselves as the followers of Christ, as the humble followers of the man of Galilee, to try as much as possible to put into operation some of those things that we get out of His teachings.

"And what are His teachings? I am not a theologian. I am a farmer, but as a farmer I see many, many things in the New Testament out of which have come the Philosophy of CROP. Christ said that man could not live by bread alone, but remember that He left in bread, a combination of bread and the divine spirit that we get from God, and that is the thing on which CROP is based.

"Last year I was in Central Europe, in some communities where the people had received aid from CROP. They'd eaten the food; the food was gone, but behind the food was this—that there were people across the world with a common faith and a common God that hadn't forgotten."

"The FAO of the United Nations," said Dr. Miller, "feels that CROP is one of those operations that can help the world

to help itself by taking information from where it is needed through the medium of seeds and through the demonstration of the actual shipment of actual food that was grown by bona fide farmers. That is a lot better than money."

In Italy, Dr. Miller saw the results of a small planting of hybrid seed corn sent through CROP, he related.

"Let me bring it down to this," he said to his food ship audience, "you increased the yield in those small areas in which your seed were planted until it was the most talked about thing in the whole Po Valley. You have shown the people that it is possible with the same soil and the same labor to take the selected seed and do the things that we do in America."

In Hong Kong, he saw a project conducted among the Chinese by a Jesuit priest, a Quaker, a Presbyterian, a Methodist and several Episcopalian lay women. "They tripled the production of rice in two years' time," he said, "by good seeds and good methods through the same type of thing that CROP is using."

With the food ship on its way to sea, CROP, which has its national headquar-

ters in Chicago, turned its attention to the gathering of gifts from the 1950 harvest to continue the flow of needed food overseas. There are state units in 17 states, and all of them were represented in the cargo aboard the ship.

In its three years of existence, CROP has collected and sent abroad, 3,555 freight car loads of food. There the food is distributed by the three parent agencies of CROP: Catholic Rural Life, Church World Service and Lutheran World Relief.

This season's goal is 1,350 cars. The continuing need to "fill up the wrinkles in men's stomachs," as he put it, was expressed by Dr. Miller in his food ship talk when he said:

"There are hundreds of millions of people who go to bed hungry every night. Half the world's population is hungry all the time. A child is born hungry, it lives hungry and it dies hungry. That is what CROP is attacking."

THE BIBLE AND SOUL WINNING

Will H. Houghton

The Bible is uniquely a personal book. It contains governmental laws and imparts principles which, properly interpreted, and applied, would bring right adjustment in every social relationship; but it is, after all, a book with a message to individuals. Each individual reading it can say, "This means me."

Thousands in every generation have recognized this fact and have found comfort in the realization that, not only is the Lord the shepherd of His people, but "the Lord is my shepherd."

It is this appropriation of the personal message of our Bible that this age seems to have lost—even those who are faithful in proclaiming that "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." The "whosoever," the universality of it, is always before them; but when some Philippian jailer as a lone soul asks, "What must I do to be saved?" they haven't the answer.

The revival in the church is always the making personal of the Bible message. As long as the Bible is the private possession of the king, of the church, or of the scholar, the Book fails of its end and purpose. But, let the releasing of it come and let

it reach the people, and a spiritual awakening is on.

When Tyndale and his associates gave the Bible to the people of England in their own tongue, he opened the door to a spiritual awakening. The nave of St. Paul's held the first five or six copies, and the multitude turned to this church to hear the Word of God read. Later the Bible was reproduced in such fashion that it could enter the homes of the people; and out of an atmosphere of boldness and corruption a revival was born.

The revival of the Puritan period was due to this giving of the Word of God to the common people one by one. It is popular today to ridicule the Puritans; but, as someone has said, "Better the age of the Puritans than the age of the impuritans."

Geneva has had the fortune to be the center of the world's interest for many reasons, but none more significant than its association with the name of John Calvin. He was the man who helped divinity students realize the power of the Bible in personal life. They called Calvin "the man of one book." But students gathered with him for study of the contents of that book, and soon the awakening had come.

John Wesley found the church ignoring the Bible, brought its power to bear on individual lives and a revival was the result.

Every student of missionary history knows the story of Madagascar. When the missionaries were ordered to leave, they hurriedly finished the translation of the Scripture and placed copies of it here and there. When the door of Madagascar was open to the Gospel years later, it was found that the Bible had done its work, and there were many Bible-born Christians awaiting the missionaries.

We are fortunate in our day that the Bible is made available to everyone in his own tongue. But a Bible distributed and a Bible read may be two different things. It is the Bible read, released, received, that operates for the salvation and sanctification of life.

The ministers of today might heed the words of McCheyne: "It is not our comment on the Word that saves,

but the Word itself." How frequently in Acts we read that the early Christians "spoke the Word," and that they went everywhere "preaching the Word." Paul exhorts young Timothy "to preach the Word," and reminds him of how much this Word has meant in the lives of Timothy's mother and grandmother, as well as in his own life.

In the eighth chapter of Acts, one person, Philip, brought the Bible to bear upon the life of another person, the Ethiopian, in such a way that, through the Scriptures, the Ethiopian was brought to the knowledge of the Divine Person—Jesus Christ. This is the method and means of revival and of the lesser thing we call evangelism.

That the Word of God is "quick and powerful" is the claim of the Apostle. The word quick is old English for alive. The Apostle Peter says it is the living Word. It possesses life, but it also imparts its life; for in the same Scripture (I Peter 1:23) he says that we are born again by this Word.

Church history itself is the corroboration of the fact that men may be born from above through the Scriptures. The useful servants of God in distant and recent generations have been Bible-born and Bible-bred. It may be a Wesley in his day, or a Moody in his; but the operating agency is the same—the Spirit of God through the Word of God. Oh, yes, says James (1:18): "Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth."

It is said that when Mr. Spurgeon was enlarging and remodeling his great Tabernacle, when the work was about done, he went to the platform to test the acoustics. Thinking the auditorium was empty, he lifted his voice in the recital of John 3:16. High up on a bit of scaffolding was a workman just finishing his task. The Word of God found its place in his heart at that moment, and he became a born-again Christian.

The blessing of God is on His own Word according to His own declaration to Isaiah: "For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but

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-:- Department of Foreign Missions -:-

REV. RAYMOND RIGGS, *Promotional Secretary-Treasurer*
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ALL SMILES!

Yes, Sir! This makes us happy. It's real joy to read your Missionary correspondence and to know there are so many who are holding this work up in prayer. The missionaries are happy, too, and not only that, but the angels in heaven rejoice, because through our prayers and gifts the Gospel is preached and those who sit in darkness are brought into the marvelous light of the Lord Jesus Christ. WHY NOT SMILE!

After the mail is checked thoroughly, it is turned over to Mrs. Hubert B. Sloan, bookkeeper, with instructions for acknowledgement and posting.

Have you given this week for Foreign Missions?

Raymond Riggs

IN YOUR GIVING, REMEMBER FOREIGN MISSIONS

Dear Friend,

With business letters, the briefer the better. With love letters, the longer the lovelier. This is both, but mostly the latter as you'll see.

Because you are a supporter of The Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Program, we know you love souls and are anxious for them to hear the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. We also know you love our missionaries who are standing in the gap for us. But there are such different degrees of affection, all the way from cold deference to passionate devotion.

Do you agree, that other things being equal, the intensity of our love is pretty fairly revealed by our eagerness to give the utmost possible, in money, as well as in time and service?

Perhaps you really love this cause more than you have actually given, and you are glad of this chance to increase your contribution now.

You know, of course, that the Foreign Mission department is delinquent in funds, thus we are appealing to you, that as we observe this Christmas in praising God for our Christian heritage and the bountiful supply of the good earth, that we think of those who are famishing for the "Bread of Life."

Maybe your class, auxiliary, or your church would give a special Christmas offering for Foreign Missions. Surely you will want to do something personally.

I hope you won't consider this letter a "dun" nor even a call to duty. It's merely an affectionate suggestion that you indulge in a real delight—showing your loyalty by your devoted support.

Will you consider this whole matter conscientiously now, in communion with your God, and if you have not already done so, make the whole transaction a true sacrament.

We eagerly await your response,

Most loyally yours,
Rev. Raymond Riggs,
Promotional Secy.-Treas.

If thou wouldst be borne with, bear with others.—Fuller

WHAT IS WORSHIP?

William Ford

When our Lord was talking to the woman of Samaria He said unto her, "Ye worship ye know not what" (John 4:22).

It is true that thousands of people have a form of worship. Even the heathen in dark Africa and the red Indians have a form of worship, but as Paul said to the Athenians, the inscription of their worship was to the "unknown god" (Acts 17:23). Paul preached unto them the true God who made the world and all things therein. His Son gave His life for the salvation of lost souls and is now risen from the dead and exalted to God's right hand, a prince and a Saviour who will also be the judge of all men in God's appointed day.

Worship is mentioned sixty times in the New Testament and fifteen of those ascribe to Christ directly some of God's manifestations of love and grace. This is the means of drawing out intelligent adoration and worship.

Our Lord said to the woman, "They that worship him (the Father) must worship him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). To worship in "spirit and in truth" means that the Spirit of God reveals Christ through the Word, and the soul responds in joyful gratitude, crying out "To whom be glory" (Heb. 13:21). This is clearly seen in the life and the writings of the Apostle Paul, from his conversion right up into heaven's glory.

He "gave himself for our sins" (Gal. 1:4) What did Paul see? The great sacrifice on Calvary's cross. The fire of our grateful praise is kindled from the altar of God's sacrificing love and grace. This is given in type in Leviticus 16:12-14. As the believer looks at the cross with its suffering Saviour, he cries out in the language of the song:

With pleasing grief and mournful joy,

My spirit now is filled
That I should such a life destroy,
Yet live by Him I killed.

Paul cried out, "To whom be glory for ever and ever" (Heb. 13:21).

The Saviour

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (I Tim. 1:15-17).

When we realize what we were, and how we rebelled against Him, and what His grace has done for us in sending His own Son to suffer, bleed, and die, we "fall at His feet and the story repeat, and the Lover of sinners adore."

Paul once held the clothes of those who stoned Stephen and persecuted God's dear people, but when he saw that Christ Jesus came to save even a sinner like him, we could expect nothing else but that he would cry out, "To whom be glory forever and ever" (Heb. 13:21). This is worship of humble gratitude.

What did Paul see this time? Oh, he saw the exhaustless riches of God's grace when he wrote to the saints at Philippi, "My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory . . ." (Phil. 4:19).

How little of the ocean can a child carry in his hand. Even so does the ocean of God's love and grace meet our every need when we come to Him in humble prayer. It is inexhaustible.

As Paul saw the vision of His love, his heart opened in worship again, "Unto God and our Father be glory for ever and ever" (Phil. 4:20).

The New Covenant

"Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant . . . to whom be glory for ever and ever" (Heb. 13:20-21).

"I will put My laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people . . . For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more" (Heb. 8:10, 12). All the riches of God's grace, through the death of the testator (Jesus), are bestowed on us who are the recipients.

This is the new birth, given to us in the form of a will signed to every believer by the God who cannot lie. How could the Apostle Paul help but

shout, "To Him be glory for ever."

The Source of All Blessing

"For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things" (Rom. 11:36). From this source the stream of God's love and grace flows out from God through Christ into the heart of the believer, then flows back in worship to His God. Our Lord said, "Come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water" (John 7:37, 38), and the believer can sing in worship to his God,

A monument of grace, a sinner saved by blood,

The streams of love I trace, up to the fountain God

And in His sovereign counsels see,
Eternal thoughts of love to me.

So with Paul we sing, "To Him be glory for ever. Amen."

Passing through the Valley

The Apostle Paul said, "I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand . . . The Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen" (II Tim. 4:6, 18).

Here the apostle stood as it were on the very portal of glory. His friends had deserted him. He saw the never-failing God who would preserve him unto His heavenly kingdom. The glories of heaven were filling out again, "to whom be glory."

Divine Wisdom

"To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God" (Eph. 3:10). "To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen" (Rom. 16:27).

The angels in heaven behold the Church with the display of God's wisdom in His glorious redemptive purposes of grace, and millions of redeemed sinners, now washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb, will be filled with the expression of worship. They will all join in giving glory to Him that sitteth upon the throne, saying, "Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanks-

giving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen" (Rev. 7:12).

True worship comes by way of Calvary. Does Calvary and Christ's dying love mean anything to you? If not, no matter what your religion may be, you cannot worship God. The Lord Jesus said, "No man cometh unto the Father, but by Me" (John 14:6). Accept Him now as your Saviour.—Selected.

SMYRNA CHURCH EXPERIENCES GOOD REVIVAL

Reverend Ralph Osborne Did Some Good Preaching

We held our revival meeting during the first week in September. Brother Ralph Osborne of Pinetown, North Carolina, was the evangelist. He brought each evening some very good sermons for the congregation to enjoy. As a result of this meeting there were added to the church ten members. Nine of these were baptized. The Spirit of the Lord was certainly with us in this meeting, and much lasting good was accomplished, we believe.

Our pastor, Brother Elton Harper, was with us during the meeting, and he rendered much help in the services each evening. We are glad that we have added some strong workers to our church, and we hope that the church will be greatly benefitted by their joining with us. This is what we need in our church today, members who are willing to lay aside sin, and turn from the Devil's crowd, and serve the Lord in spirit and in truth.

We are asking the dear readers of the Baptist paper to offer up unto God a prayer for our church here at Blounts Creek, for we do want it to grow in truth and righteousness day by day, and in love with every one.

I do enjoy reading the Baptist paper, for it has many good articles which bring joy to my heart. Come on, readers and write more articles for the paper, so that others may read your good messages.

Yours in the service of the Lord,

Mrs. R. C. Bell,
Blounts Creek, N. C.

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to advise my friends that I am now living in Saratoga, N. C. Any one desiring to contact me may write me at the following address.

Rev. R. W. Allman
General Delivery
Saratoga, N. C.



VICTORIOUS DAILY LIVING
(Lesson for December 17)

LESSON: 2 Corinthians 11:18-30;
12:18-10.

GOLDEN TEXT ILLUMINATED

"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing" (James 1:2-4).

Christian patience is synonymous with fortitude. And this is a quality which too many Christians lack. When the way is hard and rough, when adversity presses upon us, when the hand of every man seems against us and even Heaven seems deaf to our cries, it is far too easy just to quit and turn back from the Christian warfare. He who so does lacks an essential element without which no man can succeed gloriously in the battle we wage for God. Some call this quality courage, some call it endurance, others refer to it as manhood. The New Testament calls it "patience."

The dictionary says that "patient" means to bear or endure pain, trial, or affliction without complaint and with equanimity, exercising the power to endure, displaying forbearance or self-control under provocation, kindly and long-suffering in dealing with the weaknesses of others. All of this, and more, is in the Biblical meaning of the word, and the word by itself is a sermon we all need to apply to ourselves.

The "more" that is in the word in its New Testament sense we can discover from the ancient Greek, which Paul and James spoke, and in which the New Testament was originally written. It was a military term, taken from the vocabulary of the Roman army, and it conveys a different idea from the modern conception of pa-

tience. In those days of hand-to-hand fighting, warriors often formed a line and locked their shields to repel an assault. If a soldier was hardly enough to stand in that line without wavering, giving and taking stalwart blows, and could hold his place and defend his fellow on each side, he was honored with the term "a patient soldier."—Selected

II. HEART OF THE LESSON
Introduction

Today our printed text is from a well-defined section of 2 Corinthians, comprising chapters 10-13, which may be labeled Paul's self-vindication. In these chapters Paul condemns certain agitators in Corinth who have been working against him and recounts at some length his apostolic labors and sufferings and also the extraordinary revelations given him. His purpose is so to vindicate his apostolic authority that there will be no need of exercising discipline against anyone upon his impending arrival in Corinth. Thou we would regret the unjust opposition against Paul, nevertheless we are thankful to receive in his words of defense important items of information about him found nowhere else.—Arnold's Commentary

Paul's Boasting

While the Corinthians boasted of their wisdom, wealth, learning, etc., Paul could boast of being an Israelite, son of Abraham, and of being a staunch follower of the Lord Jesus. While they talked of material things, and earthly pleasures, Paul spoke of spiritual matters, and concerned himself about the salvation of the lost.

He is the world's great example of endurance, tenacity of purpose, and the willingness to suffer for Christ's sake.

His life of endurance and sacrificial service for God's glorious kingdom stands out in all Christendom, thus showing to the world "what Christ has been able to do with such a humble servant." — Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

God's Sufficient Grace

We have to refer to verse seven to understand what Paul is speaking about in this verse. This thing or condition or infirmity, whatever it

was, was what he called a thorn in the flesh. There is no language to tell us directly what it was in his life, neither is there any certainty in any reference given. Paul himself said that it was the messenger of Satan to buffet him. He took it to the Lord in prayer three times before he received an answer. Next read the comment of S. D. Gordon in our Senior Quarterly.

II. THE LESSON ILLUSTRATED
Devil's Best Tool

It was once announced that the devil was going out of business and would offer all tools for sale to whoever would pay his price. On the night of the sale they were all attractively displayed, and a bad looking lot they were: Malice, Hatred, Envy, Jealousy, Sensuality, and Deceit, and all the other implements of evil were spread out, each marked with its price. Apart from the rest lay a harmless-looking wedge-shaped tool, much worn and priced higher than any of them.

Some one asked the devil what it was. "That's discouragement," was the reply.

"Why do you have it priced so high?"

"Because," replied the devil, "it is more useful to me than any of the others."

"I can pry open and get inside a man's consciousness with that when I could not get near him with any of the others, and when once inside I can use him in whatever way suits me best. It is so much worn because I use it with nearly everybody as very few people yet know that it belongs to me."

It hardly need be added that the devil's price for discouragement was so high that it was never sold. He still owns it and is still using it.—1000 Evangelistic Illustrations

Communism is evil because it violates the law of freedom. The Greeks who were going into battle were told, "Before all, remember liberty."

Attempts to establish equality by centralization and ownership of power in the hands of a few men, leads only to a disruptive inequality which is destructive of everything in character.

Notes and Quotes

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tells us of the "false prophets." Yes, they are here—right here in the United States, crying: "Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold he is in the desert; go not forth: behold he is in the secret chambers; believe it not" (Matt. 24:24-26). Thus if it is dug up from the forest or the desert, or it makes no difference where, if it conflicts with God's pure Word as recorded in the Bible, we are warned to not follow their calling, "Lo here and lo there." Another last day warning. "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of themselves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient unto parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God: having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lust. Ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth" (2 Tim. 3:1-7).

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The example of our Lord. "He went as His custom was."

Because of

The Scriptural exhortation that echoes through the centuries, "not forsaking our own assembling together as the custom of some is."

Because of

The uplift which comes through worship. Who is not conscious that his greatest need in these days is "A Presence which disturbs me with the joy of elevated thoughts"?

Because of

The harmonizing of the soul with the music of the spheres. Our age cries out for those who are "in the spirit on the Lord's Day."

Because of

The joys of Christian fellowship. "Behold, how pleasant and how good that we, one Lord confessing, together dwell in brotherhood, our unity expressing."

Because of

The courage and Christian optimism received. "I had fainted unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living."

Because of

The contribution that worship makes to the building of a peaceful world. "The rich and the poor meet together. The Lord is the maker of them all." World brotherhood can be realized only as it finds its source in the hearts, our homes, our communities, our nation.

Because of

The development of a sensitive conscience. It is when we see "the Lord high and lifted up" that we cry "Woe is me for I am undone, for I am a man of unclean lips and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips."

Because of

The acquiring of a passion to serve. It is the love of God nourished in the sanctuary which leads us to "love our neighbor as ourselves" and to serve in the spirit of Him "who came not to be ministered unto but to minister."

Because of

The glory worship ascribes to God.

"Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." Our age needs to recover its lost appreciation of the glory and majesty of God.—Selected.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of expressing our sincere thanks and appreciations to the many friends, relatives, and neighbors for their words and tokens of sympathy and consolation during the hours of our deepest sadness and bereavement in the loss of our loving mother, Mrs. Celia L. Mallison, on November 19, 1950.

We shall long remember the kind words, deeds of kindness, and tokens of love from our many friends and neighbors.

Again we want to thank every one for their sympathy and deep concern over the passing of our dear mother.

Mrs. Blain Aldrich,
 E. L. Mallison

THE BIBLE AND SOUL WINNING

(Continued from page 9)

watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isaiah 55:10, 11).

Our age is not new in its needs. What other ages required, we require. What has brought blessing to other men, will bring blessing to us. The Holy Scriptures are still "able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (II Timothy 3:15).

How can a powerless church find new power? How can a scorned church find new victory? How can the indifferent be aroused, the skeptical be convinced? Where is a spiritual awakening to be found? What will produce the faith which transforms character and gives life point, purpose, poise and power? All the answers are in one answer: "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17).

The Bible has always been the instrument for soul winning, whether in the period of revival or in the gleaning of quieter periods. God has used His Word. He will use His Word. —From Evangelical Beacon.

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MRS. REDDEN JONES CALLED TO GOD

The death angel visited Brother Malachi Jones' home, and took away his father, Brother Redden Jones on the fourth of June, 1950. He was born on January 23, 1866, thus making his stay on earth 84 years, 5 months, and 11 days old at the time of his death.

He was a member of Smyrna F. W. B. Church of Blounts Creek, North Carolina. He was a faithful member, and was always doing things to help the upbuilding of the church so long as he was able to attend services. He served as one of the deacons for sixty years. He never missed but two of the quarterly meetings of the church, so long as he was able to attend the services.

Brother Jones was in declining health for the last two years of his life. He leaves behind to mourn their loss 8 children, several grandchildren, and many loved ones and friends. Rev. D. W. Alexander of Bethel, North Carolina, preached his funeral. The body was laid to rest in his family cemetery near the home beside his wife who had departed about one year before. The flowers were beautiful that covered his grave, and were tokens of the love and esteem in which his friends and loved ones held for him.

Sleep on Brother Redden and take your rest,
Just lean your head upon Jesus' breast;
We all loved you dearly
But Jesus loved you best.

—Written by one of the members of his church, Mrs. R. C. Bell, Blounts Creek, North Carolina.

MR. CLYDE A HYMAN

On September 23, 1950, the Lord called Clyde A. Hyman to rest with him in Heaven. He was going home from town one morning when he was killed in a car and truck accident.

He was a preacher teaching the gospel to every one with whom he came in contact. He was a member of the Darlington Free Will Baptist church. He took an active part in all the activities of Sunday School, preaching services, prayer meetings, League services, and of the church he loved so dearly.

He was known as a wonderful preacher, husband, father, uncle, and friend to everyone.

He is survived by six children and two grandchildren.

The memory he has left is an inspiration for others to live a better life, so that we may be ready to die when God calls for us.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Nancy Hyman, Mother
Miss Dora Hewitt, niece

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas: The Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom and tender mercy has seen fit to call to his reward, our brother Alfred Tripp, we the members of Piney Grove Church, Pitt County, submit the following resolutions:

First, That we bow in humble submission and due recognition to His Holy will in calling the spirit of our brother home;

Second, That we extend to his family our deepest sympathy, and may they find comfort and peace in Him who said: "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest"; and

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to the Baptist paper for publication, and a copy for the minutes of the church.

Irene Tyson,
Mildred Humbles,
Myrtle Ruth Tyson,
Committee

ABOUT RIBS

Snakes have a greater number of ribs than any other animal, the number of ribs varying according to species. The boa or python has the greatest number, having no fewer than 320 pairs of ribs. The rattlesnake has 171 pairs. The python or boa sometimes attains to an enormous size, and has been reported by creditable authorities as reaching the length of thirty feet. The shark has ninety five pairs of ribs, and the conger-eel sixty. The chelopus, or two-toed sloth, has forty-six ribs, twenty three on each side, as against the twenty-four ribs of man. The bradypus, or three-toed sloth, has thirty-two.—Tit Bits.

A heart filled with the love of God brings forth good fruit for our Lord Jesus.—L. L. K.

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SADNESS AND SEEDTIME

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"Servant of Christ, stand fast amid the scorn

Of men who little know or love thy Lord:
Turn not aside from toil; cease not to warn
Comfort, and teach. Trust Him for thy
reward:

A few more moment's suffering, and then
Cometh sweet rest from all thy heart's
deep pain.

"For grace pray much, for much thou
needest grace;

If men thy work deride, what can they
more?

Christ's weary foot thy path on earth doth
trace;

If thorns wound thee, they pierced Him
before;

Press on, look up, though clouds may gather
round;

Thy place of service He makes hallowed
ground."

Sadness is followed by rejoicing; seedtime is followed by harvest time; and through all time the Lord has given His precious "I will's" to strengthen the child of God.

Sadness comes and then rejoicing. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Ps. 126:6). There is the seedtime and the harvest, too. And the three precious "I will's" about which I just told you are: "I will strengthen thee"; "I will help thee," and "I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness." They are all three found in Isaiah 41:10. You boys and girls should not be content unless you walk closely with the Lord, day by day, asking Him to show you His ways, and His paths for you, so that you may walk in truth and under His leadership all your days. There is never a burden, a headache, which He does not share and waits to bear. As the sunshine follows the storm, as harvest follows seed-time, as joy follows tears, so does Jesus walk beside you, dear readers. Are you following Him step by step, through the years? Each sinner who is trusting in Him, He will freely save. That is why He came to earth from Heaven, to seek and save the lost, and for this purpose He gave His own precious life.

Have you, in simple, faith received this Saviour, and bravely owned Him as Lord? Are you then loyally serving Him, gratefully singing His praises, and growing in grace and in knowledge of Him? Are you winning others, too, from darkness and sin, and bringing them to Jesus, that they may know Him in resurrection, as King? Have you told them the Blood of Jesus Christ alone can save them, can bury their

past sins deep in the sea, hidden from God's eyes, never to rise again? You may do all this, when you seek to plant the seed of the Gospel, and your harvesting time may be one of joy. Go forth weeping, and come again rejoicing, bearing sheaves!

PRAYER

DEAR FRIENDLY BOYS AND GIRLS,

"Therefore I will look unto the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me" (Mic. 7:7). Boys and girls of your ages should be able to pray with some intelligence. In fact, if you are a Christian you would probably have things to pray for the people to remember in prayer.

God wants His children to talk to Him in prayer. What kind of family life would it be if we refuse to speak to our parents? We have heard, sad to say, about boys and girls, or brothers and sisters who have refused to speak to one another. Such a life! We hope none of our boys and girls ever are guilty of such a thing! But speaking of talking to our parents: Don't Father and Mother enjoy having you come to them for things? Do they not enjoy it when you come in from school or play and tell them what a fine time you have had, what you have learned, and how you love your teacher and playmates? Surely. No matter how busy our parents are, they never are too busy to be Father and Mother to us.

So it is with God. He is our Heavenly Father. He loves to have us come to Him with what—everything! Not just the good things we think we do, but all the bad things, too. We can tell God things we cannot tell anyone else. One time a dear little boy told me he felt so wicked in his heart that he ran off to tell God about it, without telling Mommy! We know Mother always is glad to pray with us, but how nice it is we can raise our hearts to God in prayer even when Mother is not around. God can hear us any time, in any place, and we can talk to Him about anything. He always is pleased when we come.

We do not approach our parents just when we want something, do we? No, we sometimes throw our arms about Mother's neck, and say, "Dear Mother, how I love you!" And how pleased she is! Even when she is especially tired, she seems to have new life when her children show love to her. Even Father likes a fuss made over him sometimes. And we cannot show too much love for our parents especially when they work so hard to make a good home for us.

So it is when we pray. Let us tell God how much we love Him, and then show it by our actions. If we truly love our parents we will obey their every wish. If we love God we will prove it by living according to His will and wishes for us.

Never neglect your prayer life, dear boys

and girls. It is vital to your Christian living.

Yours, sincerely,
LEOTA L. KNOPP.

—Juvenile Pleasure

THE GOSPEL ALPHABET

ALL men have sinned, God's Word declares,

And thus come short of Heaven;

BUT 'twas for sinners, vile and base,

That God's own Son was given.

CHRIST died for the ungodly ones,

For those whose strength is gone,

DELIVERS them from hell's deep pit,

And brings them to a throne.

ETERNAL life He gives to all

Who bow to Him the LORD.

FORGIVENESS free they know, e'en now,

Who trust His faithful Word.

GRACE brings salvation to the lost,

No sinner need despair.

HOW shall we then escape, unless

We to the LORD repair?

IN CHRIST all condemnation's gone,

And God is glorified.

JUSTLY He pardons, all who come

And trust in HIM who died.

KINGS they are made, and priests to God:

Their sins are washed away.

LOVED with a Father's love, they know

Christ as their strength and stay.

MERCY and truth can now agree,

And peace and justice meet.

NOW GOD can gladly welcome man

Before the mercy seat.

OH, wondrous love! Oh, matchless grace!

The plan devised by God.

PARDON and peace are now revealed

Through faith in Jesus' Blood.

QUICKENED by God the Holy Ghost,

And new-born from above.

REDEMPTION now is known in Christ:

Fruit of the Father's love.

SALVATION is of God alone,

To Him all praise is due.

THERE'S nothing wanted, blessed thought,

For we could nothing do.

UNTO His name, the Saviour God,

Be ceaseless praises given.

VAST is His love! boundless His grace!

The triumphant song of Heaven:

WORTHY of homage and of praise,

Worthy to be adored

EXALTED on the Father's throne

We hail Thee, Saviour Lord.

YES, blessed Lord, Thy claims we own,

For Thine alone are we,

ZEALOUSLY would we serve Thee here

Until Thy face we see.

—Messages of Love.

When we go to a hotel and see a bellhop delivering liquor to a bedroom, we always look around for the nearest fire-escape.

The heart is more important than the head because it is really the heart which directs our lives.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

BEING A WHISPERER

"I don't like her," said a little girl of a new playmate the other day, "cause she's always whispering. I don't mean in school, but just all the time."

"Well, s'pose she does whisper, what harm is that?" said another girl.

"Why, she whispers mean things. She doesn't like to say 'em out loud, and that's why she whispers. I don't like her a bit."

She was right too. The whisperer is not a good companion for any one to choose. And being a whisperer is not good for any girl. The things we do not "like to say out loud" are usually things which are better not said at all. When we must lower our voice, and take another girl into a corner to say something, the chances are that it is an unkind thing or an unworthy thing, girls—don't you really think so? Of course, there are sometimes little harmless "secrets" between intimate friends, but they do not keep us whispering all the time. The confirmed whisperer is not a wholesome playmate to have around, for there is no more contagious habit, and we need to avoid its contagion.

As far back as the days of the wise King Solomon this habit made trouble. In the Proverbs we find the saying, "A whisperer separateth chief friends." The little girls in Jerusalem were very like little American girls today. They had those among them who would take one of a pair of friends into a corner and whisper, "Do you know what Ruth said about you yesterday?" and then repeat some thoughtless word, twisting it perhaps in the repetition so as to seem unkind. Friends can be separated very easily if they listen to whisperers, and whisperers are just the same

as they were in Solomon's day. "Where there is no tale-bearer, the strife ceaseth," is another of the Proverbs, and the word translated "talebearer" is one that also means "whisperer."

This habit, then, is held up as wrong in the Old Testament. When we turn to the New Testament we find the great Apostle Paul writing twice about whispering to his converts. "Such a little thing!" I hear some boy or girl say. "Why should Paul take the trouble to write about it?" But all the great sins grow from little beginnings, you know; and Paul puts whispering right into the catalogue along with "envyings, backbitings, tumults," in one place and in another, with maliciousness, deceit, and murder. Paul knew how a whisper of evil has made murder happen in the end; how a whisper of slander has ruined a whole life; how a whispered lie has brought destruction after it. Some of our worst temptations come in a whisper. The less we have to do with whispering the better boys and girls.

What ever we are ashamed to say out loud can be dropped from our conversation without losing anything. We shall be better liked by all if we do not yield to the whispering habit. The rules of good manners have long ago settled the point that whispering in company is ill-bred. The ill-natured whisperer, the sharp little laugh—these will not make us favorites, we can be sure. Being a whisperer is a great mistake for a young person to make. Openness and kindness of speech are the better way. Let us leave whispering and slander and envy and evil thought—the whole kindred group of them—out of our lives, and we shall never miss them, but rather profit greatly by their absence.—*Juvenile Pleasure.*

SPECIAL NOTICE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

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Church Reporter

Humility is to make a right estimate of oneself.—Charles H. Spurgeon

THE TRAGEDY OF A FRUITLESS LIFE

(Luke 13:6-10)

I. Who Are the Fruit-Bearing Children of God?

A. Those made free from sin and are servants of God. Romans 6:22.

B. Those that be planted in the house of the Lord. Psalm 92:12-15.

C. Those who walk not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stand in the way of sinners, nor sit in the seat of the scornful. Psalm 1:1-3.

D. Those who add to their faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, and charity, (not leaves only). 2 Peter 1:5-11.

II. What Will Make a Child of God to Become Unfruitful?

A. The failure to add the Christian graces to one's faith. 2 Peter 1:5-11.

B. The failure to abide in Christ, John 15:4. (Leaves not enough).

C. The care of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and pleasures of this life-choke out, Matt. 13:22; Luke 8:14.

D. To believe that one cannot fall from grace and think that God will not let a backslider die while in sinful pursuits. Gal. 5:1-4; Hebrews 12:15; 2 Peter 2:20-22; 3:17; 1 Cor. 10:12; Revelation 2:1-5; 3:1-5, 14-19; Galatians 5:19-20; Ephesians 5:1-6; 2 Corinthians 12:21; Hebrews 6:4-6; 1 Chron. 28:9; 2 Chron. 15:2; Jude 12.

II. What Will Become of the Unfruitful Ones?

A. The Lord (not man or devil) shall take them away and cast them into the fire, John 15:2, 6; Rev. 3:15-16; Matt. 13:41-42.

B. As unprofitable servants in the kingdom of heaven, shall be cast into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Matt. 25:3.

C. As those who let their lights go out (quit the church work), shall be shut out from heaven. Matt. 25:1-13; 5:14-16; Rev. 1:20.

D. As those who are the salt which has lost his savour—good for nothing but to be cast out and trodden under the foot of men. Matt. 5:13.

—By Ralph Staten

Our thoughts picture our own inner selves rather than their objects.

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Thankful for All!

Thankful for this:

For the wealth of the fields,
For the amply filled barns
And the fruit autumn yields;
For assurance that God
Continues His care
For the children He placed
In this earthland, so fair!

Thankful for this:

For the blessing of friends
Who are loyally true
Till the road of life ends;
For the Friend above all,
The Sun of the heart,
Whose love shall not fail
When life and earth part.

Thankful for this:

For the dreams of our sires,
For the victories won
By conflict's fierce fires;
But more for the dreams
That are dawning—for peace,
When throughout the wide earth
All warring shall cease.

Thankful for all!

May no morning light dawn
That finds us despairing,
No faith to go on.
May no day cease its tasks
As the evening shades fall
Without praise to the Giver.
Thankful—for all!

—Thomas Curtis Clark

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R. N. Hinnant, Micro, N. C. -----25
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Mrs Geneva Pope, Kenly, N. C. -----22
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Rev. J. N. Barnes, Blakely, Ga. -----20
Mrs C. F. Abrams, Macclesfield, N. C. ---20
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Mrs James A. Evans, Wilson, N. C. ---14
Mrs J. K. Aldridge, LaGrange, N. C. ---14
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Mrs Johnnie Humbles, Ayden, N. C. ---13
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J. L. Welch, Nashville, Tenn. -----12
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Mrs Charlie Humbles, Ayden, N. C. ---12
J. R. Bennett, Bridgeton, N. J. -----12
Mrs O. M. Hilburn, Darlington, S. C. ---11
Mrs T. L. Parnell, Pikeville, N. C. ---11
Mrs Edna Beasley, Arton, Ala. -----11
J. D. Coffman, Hector, Ark. -----11
Mrs Vernon Glover, Wilson, N. C. -----11
Miss Mollie Heath, Greenville, N. C. ---11
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Mrs Mae Rouse, Dudley, N. C. -----10
Mrs John Everington, New Bern, N. C. ---10
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Mrs M. A. Woodard, Winterville, N. C. ---10
Mrs Wiley Ferrell, Smithfield, N. C. ---10
M. S. Cowan, Robersonville, N. C. -----10
Mrs Thomas McLamb, Clinton, N. C. ---10
Mrs Oleo Minor, Columbia, Tenn. -----10
Mrs Marie B. Horton, Kinston, N. C. ---9
Mrs N. S. Lancaster, Fremont, N. C. ---9
Mrs J. R. Cayton, Aurora, N. C. -----9
Mrs G. C. Carter, Sr., Baxley, Ga. -----9
Mrs C. H. Briley, Robersonville, N. C. ---9
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Mrs Alton Suggs, Kinston, N. C. ---8
Mrs Norwood Norris, Pink Hill, N. C. ---8
Mrs C. W. King, Norfolk, Va. -----8
Louis H. Moulton, Glenville, Ga. -----8
Mrs Irene Stover, Marfork, W. Va. ---7
Jenning Williams, Clayton, N. C. ---7
O. Hansley, Durham, N. C. -----7
Mrs R. R. Griswold, Selma, N. C. ---7
Mrs Boyd Peters, Dunn, N. C. ---7
Mrs Viola White, Dover, N. C. ---7
Mrs H. S. Swain, Columbia, N. C. ---7
Mrs Veral Jones, Pochontas, Ark. ---7
Christine Boyd, Joelton, Tenn. ---7
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Mrs Sam McCoy, Jr., Farmville, N. C. ---6
Jesse Ryland, Cordova, Ala. -----6
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Mrs C. M. Whaley, Richlands, N. C. ---6
Mrs Harvey Moore, Greenville, N. C. ---6
Emma Frances West, Dover, N. C. ---6
Mrs R. B. Pyle, Hilton, Ga. -----6
Mrs R. C. Potter, New Bern, N. C. ---6
J. H. Holland, Rocky Mount, N. C. ---6
W. R. Williams, Kenly, N. C. -----6
Mrs Charles Glover, Beaufort, N. C. ---5
Mrs O. S. Bolin, Slocumb, Ala. -----5
A. F. Delawder, Wellston, Ohio -----5
Wade Calvert, Belmont, N. C. -----5
Mrs Lee Bateman, Rockingham, N. C. ---5
Mrs Dalton Lee, Selma, N. C. -----5
Mrs G. L. Marriner, Belhaven, N. C. ---5
J. E. Ingalls, Greenville, N. C. -----5

T. B. Lee, Columbia, Tennessee -----5
Ranton H. Jackson, Davis, N. C. -----5
Eula Morris, Vanceboro, N. C. -----5
Mrs Merle Dyer, Samantha, Ala. -----5
Mrs Gladys Whitson, Durham, N. C. ---5
Mrs J. S. Jones, Stantonsburg, S. C. ---5
Nathaniel Cox, Blounts Creek, N. C. ---5
Mrs Harvey Pittman, Luconia, N. C. ---5
Mrs Pearl Alligood, Davis, N. C. ---5
Mrs Elma Jackson, Newport News, Va. 5
Clifton Rice, Kinston, N. C. -----5

WESTERN UNION REPORT

The second union meeting of the Western North Carolina conference convened with new Sandy Hill Church, Wilson County, October 28, 1950. The union opened with congregational singing, and the devotional service was conducted by Brother Z. C. Bissette. Brother C. J. Barnes gave the response. The usual committees were appointed, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The list of ministers was called with only two present to answer to their names. The union sermon was preached by Rev. L. H. Boylin. An offering was taken for the Orphanage to the amount of \$20.03. The union was then dismissed for lunch for one hour.

The people assembled at one o'clock in the church for the afternoon session. Rev. D. Bissette conducted the devotions, and the list of churches was called with 16 representing with delegates. The total money raised from the various churches was \$71.00.

Disbursements

Incidental expenses	\$ 6.00
To Mrs. Richardson	5.00
To Mrs. G. W. Ferrell	5.00
Missions	20.00
Superannuation	10.00
Christian education	5.00
Orphanage	10.00

Total	\$61.00
Balance in the treasury	\$10.00
Total in treasury to date	\$34.10

The committees for the next union are as follows: Sunday School, C. J. Barnes; Temperance, W. F. Sawyer; Education, W. P. Bunn; Missions, Wade Whitley; Auxiliary, Mrs. W. P. Bunn. A standing vote of thanks was extended to New Sandy Hill church and community for the kind hospitality shown this union. The next union will meet with Milbourne Church, Wilson County, in December.

Luther Bissette, *Moderator*,
T. W. Stancil, *Secretary-Treasurer*

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

This is to inform all leagues who pay 10% dues to the State League Convention that my address has changed to the following:

MRS. WINGATE HANSLEY, *Treasurer*
State League Convention
% Middlesex Orphanage
Middlesex, N. C.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EVANGELISM

First of all, the definition of Sunday School evangelism is Christian education at its best. In our Sunday School, we are to teach the way of salvation through Christ, and then endeavor to bring every student to a personal acceptance of Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Not only are we to do this, but we are to show them how to live a victorious Christian life. My, what a great responsibility we have as teachers and officers of the Sunday School.

According to the statistics, seventy-five per cent of the church members, eighty-five per cent of the church workers, and ninety-five per cent of the ministers and missionaries come from the Sunday School. So we can see, the Sunday School offers the most fruitful field for evangelism.

The individual teachers of the Sunday School are without doubt the greatest evangelists. Realizing this, it is of great importance, that every teacher should know in his or her own heart that God has called them into this field of service. Every teacher should be filled with love for God and their pupils. All too often a person may accept a position as teacher of a Sunday School class simply because some one has asked him to do so, and not because God has called him.

There are five methods for Sunday School evangelism. These are:

(1) The Bible

The Bible is the basic material to be used. Every lesson should be a Bible lesson. The Word of God must always be the foundation of true Christian education.

(2) Memory Work

God has promised that His Word would not return unto Him void. Who knows but what a verse of scripture committed to memory and stored in the heart may some day bring about conviction and perhaps confessing Christ as Saviour.

(3) Worship

Worship is the approach to God. We all know there is only one way to

Laura Edna Kenemer
Hazel Park, Michigan

approach God and that is through His Son Jesus Christ. People must be evangelized before they can truly worship.

(4) Song

Songs used should be reverent and should fit in with the Scripture. They should teach some Bible truth. There are many types of songs to be used—songs of praise, faith, prayer, warning, and services. Certainly jazzy songs and worldly choruses should be avoided. It is my personal opinion that there are some songs used in worship services that have no more worship in them than some worldly song. A good, reverent, worshipful song will reach the heart of most any sinner.

(5) Visual Aids

A student will remember five times as much of what he sees as of what he hears. So, visual aids are very important. A visual aid is a drawing, poster, chart, map, or anything that presents to the eye the truth to be learned.

The aid must be visual. It must be a real aid, not a hindrance to learning. The message of the visual aid must be Christian and Scriptural.

There should be nine departments in the Sunday School. First, the cradle roll department includes children from birth to three years of age. The Sunday School should try to persuade the parents of these youngsters to dedicate their child to the Lord and also to build a Christian home for him.

Second is the nursery class. This is the class for three year olds. The teacher should create a friendly feeling of the child toward Sunday School. We can introduce Christ to them with pictures, songs, and stories.

Third is the beginners. These are the four and five year olds. He begins to receive systematic training in Bible stories and verses.

Fourth is the primary department

for the six, seven and eight year olds. The primary child is an observer and does make comparison of people.

Fifth is the junior department which includes children from nine through eleven. The junior is described as an investigator and a hero worshipper.

Sixth is the intermediate department, ranging in ages from twelve through fourteen. The intermediate years represent the "peak of conversion." This is the period when a large per cent accept Christ, and also when a great majority of criminals begin their careers.

Seventh is the senior group. These are the ages of fifteen, sixteen, and seventeen. They need our love and understanding. We should certainly appeal to them to accept Christ.

Eighth is the young people's group including the age of eighteen to twenty-four. The teacher of this group should be an outstanding soul-winner.

Last is the adult department. The unsaved adults are tragic reminder of Sunday School neglect. A class for young married people could be formed as a part of the adult department. Also a class for men and women of similar age and interests may be built up.

NEW CHURCH TO HOLD REVIVAL

BETHANY NEAR B. F. GRADY HIGH SCHOOL

We are planning to hold a revival meeting at our new church, Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, on highway Number 111, near B. F. Grady High School. The meeting will begin on December the eleventh, 1950, Monday night at 7:00 P. M. Reverend S. A. Smith is our pastor, and Rev. Lloyd Vernon will do the preaching through the week.

We are inviting all who wish to attend this meeting, and worship the Lord with us. We are praying for a successful revival meeting.

Sam Herring,
Albertson, N. C.

Opportunity has hair in front, behind she is bald; if you seize her by the forelock, you may hold her, but if suffered to escape, not Jupiter himself can catch her again.—From the Latin

NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

MORE ABOUT FALSE PROPHETS

In our last issue of the Baptist, we spoke out concerning the false prophets as predicted in the Word of God. Not only are there false prophets who misconstrue, pervert God's Word concerning the return of the Lord Jesus, but also the word of God is perverted in many other respects. Pervert means "To turn from truth, propriety or from its proper purpose; to corrupt; misinterpret wilfully."—*Webster*.

This can apply to taking a scripture out of its setting and making it appear to be something else. When this is done there is always a conflict in the interpretation. When ever there is a conflict you may know that it is not set forth by the Spirit of God. The Holy Ghost never crosses Himself. Man can get his "wires crossed," but not so with the Holy Spirit; therefore, it is said, "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy is of any private interpretation: For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Peter 1:19-21). Then, in chapter 2, verses one and two, he writes: "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that brought them and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of." So, according to this scripture, for man to deny the inspiration of the sacred Scriptures, is to bring in damnable heresies. These are called false teachers. Thus when any part of the Scriptures is perverted, or side-tracked, it is a damnable heresy. Anything that contradicts the Word of God is of the damnable heresy class.

Paul says: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

To deny that the Scriptures are given by the inspiration of God, is to deny both Paul and the apostle Peter. In fact, it is to deny both the Old and the New Testaments.

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly,

that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron. Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them that believe and know the truth" (1 Tim. 4:1-3) So, beloved, you may watch those persons who cry against eating meat and forbidding to marry. Watch every move of these false teachings. Why? "For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer" (1 Tim. 4:1-5). John says: "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets have gone out into the world" (1 John 4:1). Here John calls a false spirit a false prophet. So, all false prophets are dominated by false spirits. As the sons of God are led by the Spirit of God, so false prophets are led by the spirit of the evil one, who is the enemy of God. But John tells us what it is to believe the false spirit or the false prophet.

"Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of anti-Christ, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now is already in the world" (1 John 4:2, 3).

So, to deny that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, who came through flesh to a lost world, is to follow the spirit of the anti-christ. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God" (John 1:1, 2). Verse 14 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." To deny that Jesus has come in the flesh is to join the antichrist gang.

That which denies his "virgin birth" is anti-christ. Let us see. "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him 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. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Be-

hold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us" (Matt. 1:18-23). So, to deny the virgin birth is to deny the word of God, both in the old and the New Testament Scriptures. If Jesus was no more than any other man, how could it be written as the above Scripture declares? This is God's record. Now notice what John writes in the epistle bearing his name. "If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not the Son of God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God" (1 John 5:9-13).

If we fail to believe His VIRGIN BIRTH, we make God a liar and Jesus Christ a bastard. How can such a man be saved? You just as well take your Bible and place it in the fire and burn it to ashes as to deny the VIRGIN BIRTH of the Lord Jesus. You have no foundation for the FORGIVENESS OF SINS. "He shall save his people from their sins," the word declares, but if he is only man, how can he forgive sins?

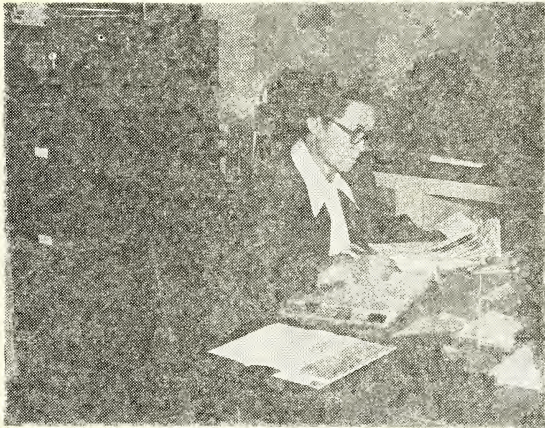
To deny the creation of man is to flatly dispute the word of God. Free Will Baptists believe that the Scriptures are the WORD OF GOD. We do not believe that we came up by the ape or monkey route. If that old guy in England wants to disbelieve the Word of God and claim kin with the monkey let him keep his infidelity to himself and his family. I cannot believe that my grandparents hung by their tails to the limbs of the trees. I am claiming no kin with the ape family. Here is the way I came along—my forefathers started on this way: "And God said let us make man in our image, after our likeness . . . So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: . . ." (Gen. 1:26-28). If we were first apes, then we were made in the image of God. None but an infidel would believe such argument. No Christian would dare say that God's image was an ape-like creature.

"I never saw a city or village yet whose miseries were not in proportion to the number of its public houses."—Oliver Goldsmith.

FROM HERE AND THERE

:-: Department of Foreign Missions :-:

REV. RAYMOND RIGGS, *Promotional Secretary-Treasurer*
242 VICTOR AVENUE HIGHLAND PARK, MICHIGAN



MRS. HUBERT B. SLOAN

BUSY!

That's right. Busy, posting your Foreign Mission money.

Each piece of mail is double checked and Mrs. Hubert B. Sloan is shown entering the amounts in the proper place. The books are set up as follows:

Cash Ledger where *all* receipts and *all* disbursements are posted. Separate accounts are set up as follows: General Fund, Sale of Barnard's Books, Film "Letter to Melitino," Mrs. Josephine Stevens,

and India Car Fund. The balance in these various accounts must balance with the Cash Ledger.

A Ledger sheet is set up for each state; on this ledger sheet is posted the amount of the state's quota for the year, the amount paid to date and balance due. A Ledger sheet is set up for "Total States Quota" on which is posted the total quota of all states, amount paid and balance due. This ledger sheet must balance with the individual state ledger sheets.

Raymond Riggs

LET US TAKE A LOOK AT THE STATE QUOTAS

The following report is as of November 15, 1950

STATE	QUOTA	PAID	BALANCE
Alabama	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 220.68	\$ 1,329.32
Arkansas	500.00	112.99	387.01
California	200.00	99.19	100.81
Florida	800.00	348.33	451.67
Georgia	2,000.00	934.30	1,065.70
Illinois	2,500.00	929.65	1,570.35
Kentucky	1,200.00	59.10	1,140.90
Michigan	4,000.00	3,296.71	703.29
Mississippi	850.00	140.55	709.45
Missouri	8,000.00	2,238.59	5,761.41
North Carolina	11,000.00	3,181.98	7,818.02
Ohio	2,000.00	24.16	1,975.84
Oklahoma	4,000.00	787.61	3,212.39
South Carolina	3,000.00	881.18	2,118.82
Tennessee	5,000.00	2,073.81	2,926.19
Texas	1,600.00	768.54	831.46
Virginia	1,500.00	69.34	1,430.66
West Virginia	2,000.00	260.02	1,739.98
Totals	\$51,700.00	\$16,426.73	\$35,273.27

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. RAYMOND RIGGS,
Promotional Secretary-Treasurer

Dear Mr. Riggs:

We are sending ten dollars to help relieve the awful crisis our mission board is in.

Our hearts and prayers really go out for our missionaries. It's awful to know they are over there giving their all, and no money coming in to relieve the burden.

We trust there can be some plan worked out, whereby this won't happen again.

Yours truly,

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Britton
Surgoinville, Tenn.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We Free Will Baptists of Santa Paula, Calif., are herewith enclosing \$10.00 to help support our Foreign Mission work. We do hope to send more money as we can afford it. We have just begun here in this city.

May the good Lord be with you all and pray for us when you pray.

H. A. Lewis, Pastor

Dear Sir:

The League of Liberty Free Will Baptist Church has pledged \$10.00 a month to missions, but I am sending last month's and this month's now.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Addie H. Holliday
Manning, South Car.

Dear Brother Riggs:

Knowing of your interest in our foreign mission program and to help to relieve the burden on your mind, I am happy to inform you that last Sunday my people voted, or accepted a plan to support one of our full-time native preachers in Cuba. For many months I have been giving this some consideration, and I rejoice in the wonderful way my people responded. I fully believe that in less than a year we will be supporting another missionary.

Yours for missions,
F. A. Rivenbark

The following letter comes from "South African General Mission, Inc." Mrs. Stevens, a F. W. B. is working under this Board and is supported by

her local association in North Carolina.

Dear Friends:

We wish to thank you for the gift of \$150.00 sent for the support of Mrs. Josephine Stevens.

This is the first time we have received a remittance directly from you, and we are placing you on our mailing list that you might receive our magazine and prayer letter.

Rev. and Mrs. Stevens are indeed two admirable missionaries. Our field throughout are very enthusiastic about them. They are doing excellent work, and we praise God for them and the services they render for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ and the preaching of the everlasting and eternal Gospel.

May we wish you God's richest blessing.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Rev. E. A. Shank

PAUL WOOLSEY REPORTING FROM INDIA

Sonapurhat, Purnea District,
Bihar, North India
November 17, 1950

Dear Folk:

Four years have passed since we offered ourselves at the command of the Holy Spirit, to the National Free Will Baptist Board of Foreign Missions and were accepted. We have keenly missed your physical fellowship but have enjoyed, as never before, that glorious fellowship of the Spirit that one Christian can have with another man when they are whole heartedly engaged in mutual work for the Master. These years have passed as swift as the eagle's flight. When we think of the little accomplished in these years, we feel indeed ashamed and realize that we are unworthy and unprofitable servants. The little that God has accomplished through us has been by the grace and mercy of the Saviour. We have now been in the Purnea District two years and here in Sonapurhat more than a year. We feel that you who have and are making our work possible should have at least this brief report of the past year's work. May God forgive its smallness.

Although this does not include the work of the Cronks, they have given us assistance in many ways. They led the first convert of this area to Christ; it was also through them that we first became acquainted with the group that later accepted Christ, was baptized and constituted our first Church. Brother Cronk aided in the organization of the Church and baptized eleven of its members.

From October 1, '49 to October 1, '50 Miles traveled—including two trips south for Barnard -----10,000
Homes visited—By both of us ..600
Revivals held -----1
Conversions witnessed -----19
Number baptized -----8
 3 for Miss Barnard, 1 for Cronk
Churches organized -----1
Received into Church -----16
Churches in our charge -----2
Regular Preaching Stations -----3
Villages visited -----200
Indian Workers—all only part time 3
Bible Woman -----1

Things purchased for Mission
Oxen — Rs312-8 -----2
Horses — 450 -----1
Tent — 40 ft. x 18 — 800 -----1
Fruit Trees — 200 -----60
Shrub Trees (plants, etc. — 60 --40
Medicine — 2400 patients ___5000
Mission Compound, Buildings, etc. Rs
-----14,000

Some of the above figures are not complete and some are only approximate.

A large part of our time during the past year has been consumed in the gathering of materials for the Mission house and overseeing the building. Beside the main house, we have built a small one with two rooms, one for cooking and one for the cook. The Mission house has 3 larger rooms and two smaller ones and a larger veranda. We have two wells, one for the house and one for the irrigation of the garden, trees, flowers, etc. As we are about 40 miles from the nearest small town, we have been handicapped in securing both materials and laborers with the necessary skill.

In order to get corrugated iron for our roofs, we were forced to buy at a tremendous price, three small houses. However, after several unsuccess-

ful trials we found some aluminum paint which made things O. K. Cement is rationed and permits are hard to get from the capitol of the District, a round trip of three days. But God has blessed in a wonderful way and although our compound and buildings do not in any way compare with the others in those Mission Stations better situated, we are proud of the results after a year in a tent through the heat, cold and tropical downpours.

It is much too early to make any statement but if God continues to lead it begins to look as it would not be entirely impossible to organize the First Association of Free Will Baptists in India within the next year. The Church organized this past year consist of people who came straight out of Hinduism. There are some groups whose parents were at least nominal Christians. These are beginning to think seriously of "the thing most needful." However as yet we can only teach, pray and trust the Master.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Yours for a greater year in
the Master's vineyard,
Rev. and Mrs. Paul Woolsey

NEWS FROM SOUTH AFRICA

Dear Free Will Baptists:

I feel that it is necessary for me to introduce myself to you, although this is a shame when coming at such a late date. I am Josephine Mumpower Stevens, from Swannanoa, North Carolina. I am a member of the Free Will Baptist Church here. My husband and I have been on the mission field for a year and a half. Since arriving here I have purposed to keep in touch with the paper and with friends through the paper. But as you see, I have failed. These months here have been filled with adjusting ourselves and carrying on the work here. We have sent out circular letters to friends, and now one has suggested you might be interested in printing these, so we plan to send you the future letters. In case you should find them useful, we would be very happy to have them published.

My husband and I are here working under the SOUTH AFRICA GENERAL MISSION. This is an interdenominational mission. I am supported by 41 churches of the Free Will Baptist Associations—

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UNIVERSAL PRAYER FOR PEACE

Alfred Lord Tennyson once wrote: "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." It is said by some that sincere prayer changed the course of the American revolution, and the war was won for human rights. Fervent prayers of the devout men and women of God changed the course of the Civil war, and Negro slavery in this country came to an end. When God's people of old turned to prayer and supplication for relief of suffering and great troubles, divine relief soon came to them.

During these later days of the Korean war, when the struggle seems to be increasing more and more, a great many of the church people of this country are holding seasons of prayer in their places of worship. A certain town, for example, in North Carolina called together the people for daily prayers at a certain place of worship. They continued this for several days, praying for universal peace. Other cities in other states are doing a similar thing, gathering the people together for prayer at certain hours, and there turning unto the Lord, calling on him to bring about peace and harmony among the warring nations of the world.

There can be no better time for universal prayer for world peace than now. There can be no better time for Christians to turn their hearts more closely to God than now, and beseech him at the Throne of Grace to work in the hearts of the rulers of earth in such a way as to bring about peace and brotherly love, one nation toward another. During this Christmas season, prayer bands in the cities over the country will do well to join others in of-

fering up to God their sincere prayers for Korean war to cease, and for the troubled peoples to become friendly and peaceful. One hour each day given to prayer by groups of people assembled in churches in populated areas over the land will do much, we believe, to bring quietness and peaceful attitude in the hearts of everyone.

God has promised to be with his people in times of trouble and disappointments if they will turn unto him and seek comfort and consolation. He has ever been a loving God, visiting upon the people his manifold blessings, and giving to them warnings of dreadful things to come lest they walk in the right way. He never fails to teach and direct aright the course of human life when individuals seek his word for guidance and the assurance of peace and security. In a time like this, when all the world seems to be torn with suspicion, strife, and contention, God will come to the rescue of the right, if Christian people everywhere will turn unto him in most earnest prayer and seek for relief from war and bitter strife.

Human life is too precious to be sacrificed on battlefields. God has a specific purpose for mankind: to build a world of peace and prosperity; to glorify his holy name by establishing righteousness everywhere and living the Christ-like life in a world of opportunity and boundless resources. Other things often fail to bring satisfying results, but prayer never fails when offered to God for right purposes and in the correct spirit of devotion unto the Lord. The hearts of the people must get right before the Lord through earnest prayer and an unwavering faith if their desires for universal peace are to be soon realized.

NEWS FROM SOUTH AFRICA

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French Broad, and Jack's Creek of the Western part of North Carolina.

I am afraid that these facts are little known to our people for the Lord has so guided that we work under the South Africa General Mission, and not the Free Will Baptist Board which does not have a work in Africa. I do trust that I shall be more faithful in the future to keep other friends informed through the medium of the *Free Will Baptist* paper.

(You could let me know if you could use articles or pictures in the future.)

We do rejoice in the way the Lord is blessing here, and so many things have happened to rejoice our hearts which would have the same effect upon you folks at home, if we could just put them upon paper and send them on.

Yours in Christ,
Josephine Mumpower Stevens

I HAVE NO LOVE FOR JESUS IN MY HEART

This incident is very precious to us so we send it as a true story to young and old who pray for His working in the hearts of the heathen.



THE ZULU WOMAN

"I have no love for Jesus in my heart," the old Zulu woman replied. These words

were spoken a year ago. We had just arrived at Mseleni and on this particular day the Christian women and I were having a meeting in a kraal about four miles from the station. After the preaching I turned to Edith, the native pastor's wife and asked her to talk to this old "koko" about the Lord. She looked so old and her spare clothing of dark oily rags and unhappy face betrayed her as a heathen. In her soft voice Edith began to speak of Jesus and the other women who believed would murmuringly agree as she continued speaking. With a gesture of tiredness the old woman raised her matted head and said, "I have no love for Jesus in my heart." This ended the meeting. Each of us had a heavy heart as we walked the path home.

I could not forget this woman and we on the station prayed much for her and our next prayer-letter that went out to our praying friends asked for special prayer

WHAT MAKES US CROSS

J. H. Horsburgh

A great fact is stated in Mark 10: 45 concerning the Son of man. The speaker is our Lord Himself, who in this, as in all matters, left us an example that we should follow in His steps.

The incident which gave rise to His words is a sad one. Two of His disciples, James and John, wanted to be ministered unto by being granted the chief places in His glory (vs. 35-37). When the others heard it, they were indignant, for they wanted to be ministered unto by having the chief places themselves. But out of the ferment the Lord brought good. He made it an occasion to remind His disciples that they were not of the world, and that their distinguishing mark must be lowliness and readiness to serve one another.

Notice the tenderness and pathos as "Jesus called them to him" (vs. 42). He has been telling the twelve about Himself: of the awful betrayal, the cruel sufferings and indignity, the shameful death that awaited Him at Jerusalem (vv. 32-34). Surely their hearts are melted? Nay, they seem unable to think of Him. They begin to quarrel among themselves as to who should be the greatest. Picture their flushed faces, their angry tones, their passionate gestures! "But Jesus called them to him," and gently quelled the storm. Earthly rulers, He tells them, exercise lordship over others; "but so shall it not be among you: but whosoever desires to be great among you must be your servant, and whosoever of you desire to be first must be the bondsman of all, for even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (vv. 42: 45). In a word, "Remember you are my disciples. The disciple must be as his Master."

Evidently this is something which closely concerns us all if we are Jesus' disciples. It tells us something of what spirit we should have and

what our life ought to be today—and every day.

The passage tells us that the Son of Man came to minister. That is a great subject. It is not that incidentally He ministered unto a few or to many; but He "came to minister." It was His set purpose.

This wonderful passage also tells us something else about the Son of Man. He "came not to be ministered unto."

We are apt to forget this, or perhaps to pass it by altogether unnoticed. The disciples of Jesus are to be "even (as) the Son of man" in coming not to be ministered unto."

This coming to be ministered unto is the spirit which is in the world. It is at the bottom of disagreements in the nursery, fights in the school, quarrels amongst private individuals, wars among nations. And, alas! not only in the world is this spirit prevalent, but in the church also. As Christians we do not adequately realize, perhaps we hardly realize at all, how much of sin and failure, how much of vexation and discontent, how much of peevishness and irritability, how much of discord and unhappiness in our lives, is due to our coming to be ministered unto instead of coming not to be ministered unto.

Are we not too often cross, vexed, rasped, indignant? Some times we show it by a foolish exhibition of temper; sometimes we restrain ourselves; but there the nasty feeling is! Why? In all probability because we have come to be ministered unto and have been disappointed.

The fact is, we are always wanting to be ministered unto by people, by circumstances, by fortune, by the weather, by something. To be ministered unto is so natural, so necessary, so proper! We have been brought up to expect it. We regard it as our right. And if we are thwarted, as we often are, we are apt to get cross, sulky, moody, nery, often ending by making ourselves quite miserable, and others too.

How different it would be, if, like the Son of Man, we always "came not to be ministered unto."

You are slighted, ignored, brushed aside. Your employer or employee does not show you proper consideration, or your neighbor does not treat you with the respect due to your position, your abilities, your character. You feel it very much; in fact, you are quite upset about it. Why? Is it because you came to minister and were deprived of the privilege? No, not that at all. It is because your feelings, your rights, your gifts, your position, your dignity, your importance were not recognized. You were not ministered unto. And you came to be ministered unto. Hence the storm!

Or, consider that most hateful thing, Jealousy. What is it? Another is praised or put before you. Another does better than you. Another is more fortunate than you. The honor, the success, the money, the popularity, the reward has gone to him. You wanted it for yourself. You came to be ministered unto. Because he has been ministered unto, and not you, you are jealous!

You have been kind to someone. You have rendered him a service. It has cost you something to do it. Naturally you thought your goodness would be appreciated. It was not, at least not so much as you think it ought to have been. You expected profuse thanks, and quite a little fuss to be made over it. And your friend took it coolly! You are disgusted. You wish you had not helped him. You feel half inclined to say in your haste you will never do any body a kindness again. Why? You have ministered unto another: you have helped someone who was in need. Yes, but you have not been ministered unto. You wanted to be thought exceeding good and kind and generous. That is to say, you expected to be ministered unto by exuberant thanks and praise, and a little flattery, too, perhaps! Yes, when we come to be ministered unto we do meet sometimes with severe shocks.

You are a person of excellent taste, sound judgment, good common sense. You find your advice has been ignored, perhaps it was not even asked, in a matter, too, in which you pose

as an authority. You cannot understand it. You feel rubbed the wrong way. Your spirit within you is ruffled. Your equilibrium is quite disturbed. What is the trouble? Is it that you came wanting to minister unto your friend, and by neglecting to take your advice he has got himself into a sad mess? Not at all. As it happens, he has managed very nicely indeed without your help. The trouble is this: you have not been acknowledged. Your reputation as "an authority" in a matter of taste or judgment has not been ministered unto. You came not to minister but to be ministered unto. You have been disappointed!

You are engaged in Christian work. You are a Sunday-school teacher or a district visitor, or a church officer. Or perhaps you help at the missions. Now you are thinking of giving the work up. Why? Has your health failed? Have you now not the time for it? Are home duties too pressing? No, none of these is the reason. Then are you not wanted? Is there no longer need of your services? Is the opportunity to minister withdrawn from you? No, the need is as great as ever. The door of opportunity remains wide open. Then why are you giving up?

Well, you are tired of the work, so you think you will drop it. You expected it would be an interest to you, would bring you into touch with others, would give you a position in the church. In fact, you thought you would like it. And you did like it for a time, but now you are tired of it. Ah, we are beginning to understand. You thought the work would minister unto you. As long as it ministered unto you, you were willing to go on with it. Now that it no longer ministers unto you, you will give it up. But "the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life . . ." You are His disciple.

Sometimes everything seems wrong. There is nothing big, nothing we can lay our finger upon; but we are always coming to the world with our likes and dislikes, our whims and fancies, our wishes and hobbies,

our fads and foibles, and if we are not ministered unto in these little things, we are apt to be distressed and to get put out with ourselves and with everybody else.

I am persuaded that the happiness of our lives depends enormously on the spirit in which we come fresh into the world each day. If we come to be ministered unto, we shall soon be fretting and inwardly fuming. But if we come not to be ministered unto but to minister, it will be delightfully different.

Our text does not say that we are always to be slighted, never courted; that we are never to meet with success; that no rewards and prizes are ever to come our way; that we are to go about the world looking for injustice, insults, and ill-treatment. Nothing of the kind. There is no harm in being ministered unto. The Son of man was often ministered unto, and He appreciated it very much. We shall often be ministered unto; perhaps all the more if we do not expect it. The harm is in coming to be ministered unto instead of to minister; in wanting to be ministered unto, in seeking it, setting our heart upon it, and in being disappointed, chagrined, ruffled, and cross if we are not ministered unto.

Be well assured that at the bottom of the trouble, and in all its ramifications, is Self. And this old enemy Self must be mortified, put to death. What right has Self to live? None at all. As a believer, my Old Man, Self, was crucified with Christ. As a believer, I am risen with Christ, having left behind, buried in Christ's grave, my old Self-life. Judiciously, this is the true position. I must take my stand upon it. I must see to it that it becomes actually true in my daily experience. I must reckon myself to be dead indeed unto sin (including the Self-life) but alive unto God in Christ Jesus. (See Romans 6:6-11.)

When Self raises its ugly head and claims its old place in my life, I must remember that, when I died with Christ, I put off the Old Man with his doings, and put on the New Man (Col. 3:9-10). Self has no right of

entry here. I must give it no quarter. Whenever Self appears I must consign it to its proper place—death.

Yet it is not enough that Self dies. Something else must happen. Christ must live. Self dying—Christ living. And it is in proportion as Self dies in us that Christ can live in us. Let us not then be afraid of death, death to the Self-life. It is only as Self dies and Christ lives in us that we shall be able to come fresh into the world each day "not to be ministered unto but to minister," and in our tiny measure to give our lives, to sacrifice ourselves, for the glory of our God and the good of our fellows.

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PROGRAM

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Central Second Sunday School Convention of North Carolina

CONVENING WITH

Sis. Delight, Ormondville, N. C.

December 31, 1950

Theme: *Workers Together with God*

- 10:00—Sunday School by local school
11:00—Address of Welcome by Mr. Jesse Tripp
—Response by Mrs. Myra Stanley
11:10—Address, subject: "*The Best Methods of Holding Our Teen-Age Boys and Girls,*" by Mr. E. D. Griffin
11:30—Special music
—Address, subject: "*Music an Asset for the Sunday School,*" by Rev. R. N. Hinnant.
12:00—Brief Business Period
—Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00—Devotions led by King's X Roads Sunday School
1:15—"*Duties of Parents to the Sunday School,*" by Mr. E. C. Davenport
1:25—"*Duties of the Pastor to the Sunday School,*" by Rev. D. W. Alexander
1:35—"*Responsibilities of the Church to the Sunday School,*" by Rev. D. A. Windham
1:45—Special music
—Business Period
—Election of officers
—Adjournment

By Committee

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

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POCKSVILLE AUXILIARY MEETING

Pocksville Ladies Auxiliary met on November 22, at the home of Mrs. Garnet O'Meara, Pocksville, W. Va. We were few in number, due probably to its being on Thanksgiving Eve.

Our program for discussion was given by program chairman and some of those present. The topic being, "Advancing with Christ through Tithing."

After the business session all those present enjoyed two Bible quizzes and some Thanksgiving games. Prizes were won by Mrs. Jarvis Combs, Roseland Omeara, Mrs. John Scarboro, and Mrs. George Lucas.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Gene Cantley on December 6, at which time Christmas present will be exchanged.

Remember us when you pray.

Mrs. Irene H. Stover,
Marford, W. Va.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY POCAHONTAS, ARKANSAS

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Pocahontas Free Will Baptist Church met on Monday night, November 24, at the home of Mrs. Sherman Fowler. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Huey Gower. The meeting opened by the members singing "When Free Wills All Learn How to Tithe," after which the scripture was read by Miss Marjorie Atkins.

Mrs. Veral Jones gave the introduction to the program, which was "Advancing with Christ through Tithing." Mrs. Huey Gower, Miss Thelma Brown, Mrs. Opal Phillips and Mrs. Marjorie Mellon discussed topics on the program. A duet, entitled "Bring Ye All the Tithes into the Storehouse," was rendered by Mrs. Pauline Star and Mrs. Huey Gower.

After the program the secretary called the roll and read the minutes of the last meeting. There were 35 members present and 3 new members were received, making a total enrollment of 44. Reports were given by the five vice-presidents.

The auxiliary has just quilted two quilts for the Orphanage in Oklahoma, and the auxiliary voted unanimously to investigate the prospect of adopting a child to support.

Baskets of food were presented to three sick families for Thanksgiving. The monthly missionary offering was \$11.00 and the dues \$10.50.

The next meeting will be held at the church on December 18th.

The hostess, assisted by Mrs. George Broadway and Mrs. Mary Rapert, served delicious refreshments. The table was lighted with candles and beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums.

Mrs. Huey Gower,
Pocahontas, Ark.

AUXILIARY NEWS OF LITTLE BETHEL

The Woman's Auxiliary of Little Bethel met on Thursday afternoon, November 23, 1950, at the home of Mrs. Rauligh Haselden. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Vernie Stone.

The program leader, Mrs. Lindon Powell, rendered a very interesting program with some special songs and every one on program rendered a very interesting talk on "Advancing with Christ Through Tithing."

After the program the secretary called the roll and read the minutes of the last meeting. At this meeting we took canned food and clothing for the Orphanage as a Thanksgiving gift. We had twenty-five members present for the meeting.

After the meeting delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Raueigh Haselden and Mrs. Reginald Eaddy, which were enjoyed by all.

Our Christmas meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Clifton Lyerly, December 21, 1950.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Mrs. Clifton Lyerly,
Corresponding Secretary,
Johnsonville, S. C.

LEE'S CHAPEL AUXILIARY MEETING

The Ladies auxiliary of Lee's Chapel met with Mrs. Allene Elmore for the November meeting. Seventeen members and nine visitors were present. A very inspiring program was given by Mrs. James West; the topic being, "Advancing with Christ through Tithing." She stressed the thought of tithing, not only with our money, but also with our time and talents. She emphasized the fact that the service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy in this world, and we are saved to serve in the cause of Christ. Then she asked, "How well are we doing it?" Rev. and Mrs. Coats, along with several members from Prospect Church, were present with us, and we did enjoy having them in this meeting. The testimonies given were splendid.

Our December meeting will be held with

Mrs. Harvvy Hinson, and all the husbands are invited to attend this meeting.

By the Reporter

LET US CONSIDER THESE THINGS

L. E. BALLARD

From time to time the opinion is expressed that the Sunday school and Free Will Baptist League publications printed for use throughout our denomination should be denominationally controlled. Now, of course, we do not know how diversified may be the interpretations put upon the term "denominationally controlled," but we want to advance for earnest consideration the declaration that, as organized and chartered under the laws of the state of North Carolina, the Free Will Baptist Press, publishers of our literature, is at present "denominationally controlled," and, prospectively at least, subject to an ever increasing denominational control.

May we advance a few facts to sustain this declaration:

First: Stock in the Press is sold only to Free Will Baptist organizations, such as conferences, associations, union meetings, conventions, etc. These organizations choose representatives to sit on the stockholders' committee, or board, which meets annually to pass upon important matters of policy, and to elect a Board of Directors, and other officials, who have direct control over the Press during the year, all of their actions and decisions being subject to acceptance or rejection by the stockholders. Each stock-holder representative votes in the meeting the stock owned by the organization he represents, but has a full right to enter into discussion of any issue which may arise, expressing his opinion, and endeavoring to win support for his views. Now if these organizations holding the stock are Free Will Baptist, then the Press is "denominationally controlled."

Second: Stock may be sold just as freely to Free Will Baptist organizations in other states as it is in North Carolina—the chartering state—and organizations out of North Carolina (and there are some now) holding stock have the same rights and privileges as North Carolina stock-holders, to represent and vote their stock in the annual stock-holders' meeting. This opens up all kinds of possibilities for more and more "denominational control." For example let us suppose that Oklahoma (and we choose this state for no special reason, other than that we wanted to use a state somewhat removed from North Carolina) should desire to share in the control of the Press. Through their various organizations they can purchase stock in the Press, knowing that their purchase money can be used only to expand the Press for more service, for the corporation is strictly "non profit-sharing." Then representatives of

these organizations can attend the stockholders' meeting, where they can exert all the influence they have, and put forth persuasive argument in favor of any particular changes or advances they may want to see made. They will find that they sit with others who are willing to be convinced by reason, and won to the support of new projects. Therefore, though the Oklahomians might not represent a large block of stock, they might yet exercise a large degree of control over the policies of the Press. Since stock would be sold only to Free Will Baptist organizations in Oklahoma, as in North Carolina, the Oklahoma voice in the Press meeting would be a denominational voice, and her part of the control would be denominational. So would be the control exercised by all Free Will Baptists in all the states, who are willing to make possible the expanding of what we now have into that which we need for the future.

Do you not see, my dear brethren, that "denominational control" of our publications is limited only by denominational willingness to put into what is now a going concern that which will make it go farther and farther in providing needed literature for the denomination we all love, north, south, east, and west?

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for her. So we know that many hearts were lifted to the Lord for her.

The second instant happened several weeks ago. A little herd boy was brought to the hospital. He had been gored by a cow as he was tending to his father's cattle in the fields. He was accompanied by his grandmother and the fourth wife of his father. To those that spoke to the boy about the Saviour he said that his father had forbidden him to become a Christian. He died two days later. As we entered the room to comfort the family, I recognized the grandmother as the same old woman who a year ago said, "I have no love for Jesus in my heart." Again she was spoken to about the Lord Jesus by Mrs. Jameson. She told us that she was too grieved to listen but agreed that we could come to her home for a meeting on Friday.

As we arrived in the home we were greeted by the father and the four wives and the old grandmother. She silently took us to the grave of the little herd boy. It was at the edge of the field and covered with thorn bushes to protect it from the animals. Then we returned in silence for the meeting. Mrs. Jameson spoke and then she and the women sought once more to bring the lost sheep into the fold. She argued and said that her time to accept had not come yet. But after a time of silence she raised her matted head and said, "I choose Jesus very much." I quickly glanced at the Christian women to see

if this was a real choosing of the Lord, and by their satisfied expressions and nodding heads I knew that she had truly and sincerely come into the fold. We prayed. I choked with tears of joy as it dawned upon me that this was an answer to prayer that I was seeing.

"I have no love for Jesus in my heart" . . . one year passes . . . "I choose Jesus, very much." PRAYER CHANGES PEOPLE.

As a result of the little herd boy's death we now have a herd boys meeting for his brothers and other herd boys under a huge spreading tree about two miles from the station.

Let us ask Him for more souls like this one for the future.

Josephine and Harold Stevens

WANTED NATIONALLY

WANTED: To give thanks. As chairman of the Foreign Mission Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists of the U. S. A., I want to thank all the people who have prayed for the missionaries and for the Mission Board. I want to thank every person who has made any contribution to the cause and especially those who have acted so promptly in helping to meet the recent emergency.

WANTED: Every Free Will Baptist of the U. S. A. To pray three times a day For your Foreign Mission Board And for your missionaries abroad A good time for all to pray Is at meal time when you your blessing say.

WANTED: \$11,000. In order for our treasurer, Rev. Raymond Riggs, to pay all bills becoming due by January 1, \$11,000 will be needed.

WANTED: All the churches of the National Association to help raise this \$11,000 by January 1.

Each church will be literally doing the will of God in making a special Christmas offering to Foreign Missions.

Your servant in Christ,
RASHIE KENNEDY, *Chairman*,
Foreign Mission Board

WANTED IN NORTH CAROLINA

WANTED: \$11,000. The churches of North Carolina have been allotted \$11,000 for the National Associational year, July 1950 - July 1951. We have raised almost half so far during the year. How many of you will do something about it personally?

WANTED: 250 churches, Auxiliaries, Sunday Schools, Leagues, or individuals, to make a Christmas offering of at least \$10, or more if possible, and send it between Christmas and January 1, to Rev. J. W. Alford, Columbia, North Carolina.

WANTED: 100 churches in North Carolina, to support a native student \$20 a

month, Native Missionary \$30 a month, or an American missionary \$5 a month, beginning January 1, 1951.

When you as a church have prayed about it and feel that the Lord would have you support a Native or an American missionary, write to Rev. Raymond Riggs, 242 Victor Avenue, Highland Park, Michigan, and he will give you the name and address of one for your church.

Your servant in Christ,
RASHIE KENNEDY, *Director*
Foreign Missions in N. C.

MISSION ITINERALE

By J. C. GRIFFIN

- January 2—Shiloh
- January 3—Free Union, Beaufort Co.
- January 4—Methuen
- January 5—Sidney
- January 8—Trinity
- January 9—Union Chapel, Washington Co.
- January 10—Piney Grove, Washington Co.
- January 11—Mt. Olive, Washington Co.
- January 12—Corinth, Martin Co.
- January 15—Mt. Tabor, Washington Co.
- January 16—Gum Neck
- January 17—Free Union (Tyrrell)
- January 18—Malachi's Chapel
- January 19—Sound Side
- January 22—Mt. Zion, Washington Co.
- January 23—Elizabeth City
- January 24—Hickory Chapel, Hertford Co.
- January 25—Union Chapel, Beaufort Co.
- January 26—Palmetto Chapel, Craven Co.
- January 27—Ruth's Chapel, Craven Co.
- January 29—New Haven, Craven Co.
- January 30—Sts. Delight, Craven Co.
- January 31—Bridgeton, Craven Co.
- February 1—Macedonia, Craven Co.
- February 2—Juniper Chapel, Craven Co.
- February 5—Gethsemane, Craven Co.
- February 6—Core Creek, Craven Co.
- February 7—Wintergreen, Craven Co.
- February 8—Mosley's Creek, Craven Co.
- February 9—Pilgrim's Home, Jones Co.
- February 12—Friendship, Jones Co.
- February 13—Whaley's Chapel, Jones Co.
- February 14—Kinston (Eastern Conference) 1st Church, F. W. B.
- February 15—Deep Run, Lenoir Co.
- February 16—Gray Branch, Lenoir Co.

On motion the Board authorize the publication of the itinerary for the showing of the film, "A Letter to Melittino," under the direction of Rev. J. C. Griffin, and that we inform our people that at this time this Board has not authorized anyone else to solicit, or to work in any of the churches in North Carolina in the behalf of Missions. This action does not interfere with the authority and operation of the Foreign Mission Director, Rev. Rashie Kennedy.

By the N. C. State Mission Board

Communitistic Radicalism is a deadly foe of liberalism. It is the ally of paganism and the relentless enemy of Christianity.



THE SAVIOUR IS BORN

(Lesson for December 24)

LESSON: Luke 2:1-20; Philippians 4:4-7.

GOLDEN TEXT: Luke 2:10, 11.

1. The Heart of the Lesson

Last week our lesson was about victorious living, whereas today we shall study the vital truths about the birth of our Lord through whom such living is made possible to men. This beautiful and wonderful story of the coming of the Saviour of men is always studied with joy and thanksgiving by true Christians during each Christmas season as the years come and go. All other events in human history are superseded by it, because man's eternal rest in the world to come has its foundation through the birth of the Son of God, and the atonement made on the cross for the sins of the world. A sincere and careful study of this lesson should draw us closer to the Lord, and bring great joy to our hearts during this Christmas season.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

1. God can move a heathen monarch to issue edicts that will fulfill the Word of God.

2. God is pleased to reveal Himself to men who are faithful to their daily tasks.

3. God's glory is too much for the human eye, and a vision of it brings fear to the human heart.

4. God's message to men through the Saviour Jesus Christ is able to remove fear from their hearts.

5. God sent the greatest newsflash ever received by the world—"Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour."

6. The Son of the Almighty God humbled Himself to appear on earth

in the body of a helpless human infant.

7. The work of God which sent a Saviour to the world moved all Heaven to praise.

8. God's message of salvation is not to be kept a secret, but to be published to all men.—Selected.

10. In the East it is the custom now, as it was in those days, to wrap the infant round and round with a long strip of cloth three or four inches wide all the way from the neck to the toes. Very likely Joseph and Mary were staying in a home which was partly a cave where domestic animals were kept. The manger made a good crib.—(vs. 7)

11. The shepherds accept the angels words as a message from God.

The news was of such great importance that they were eager to act upon it and see the child. They were able to find Mary and identify the child because of the sign given by the angel that it would be found in a manger. Note that they were not led to the place by any star. That was a method of guiding the wise men to the spot some time later.—(Vss. 16, 17).—Arnold's Commentary.

12.

"O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight!"

13.

"It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
'Peace on the earth, god will to men,
From Heaven's all-gracious King:'
The world in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing!"

14.

"Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And Heav'n and nature sing,
And Heav'n and nature sing,

And Heav'n, and Heav'n and nature sing."

II. The Lesson Illustrated

Christ the Saviour of the World

In September, 1878, a dreadful accident happened on the Thames, when an excursion steamer, named the Princess Alice, was cut down by the Bywell Castle, an outward bound merchant steamship. More than seven hundred persons that day found a watery grave. Among the brave efforts that were made on that occasion to save the drowning people, one of the noblest was made by a man who was in charge of a small boat at some distance from the scene of the collision. Rowing with all his might into the midst of the struggling passengers, he pulled several of them one after another into his little boat, which was now full and in danger of sinking, and prepared to row away. But when he saw the white, upturned faces of many others, and heard their piteous cries: "Oh, save me, sir!" "Don't leave me, sir!" it is said that in agony he threw up his arms and cried: "Oh, God, that I had a bigger boat! Oh, God! that I had a bigger boat!" His heart was large enough to save all who were perishing, but his boat was too small; his power was limited. It is not so with Christ. He is the Life-Boat of Perishing humanity, and in Him there is room for the whole race, for "He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world."—R. Brewin.

"GOD'S BEST SECRETS"

By Andrew Murray
Publisher: Zondervan Publishing House,
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This book has excellent reading for the New Year. The author has a page of devotion and special study for spiritual growth for each day of the year. Each Christian home, and each church and Sunday School library should have a copy of this book. It will make a fine Christmas gift.

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"THE DEVIL'S MOST POPULAR BAIT"

By MISS O. B. GREEN

With Modern Pleasures Come Aching Hearts

The outstanding sin in the day before the flood was—lust, fornication, and adultery. I have just been studying in Genesis about the flood and the account of the wickedness of the people. "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."

I'm assured they were not far ahead of the people of today if any. In fact I firmly believe there is more ungodliness now than then. There are more people. More evil devices to seduce. It was the same devil then as now only he has had years of experience and I believe a little more efficient in his business.

Not many of you would or could believe it if you were told the lascivious acts of immorality that are going on today. It is unbelievable. Wickedness is not only found in this town or some of the larger cities but right in your own small town—community and schools. It seems to me the young race has gone wild. If something isn't done we will be asking is there any virtue left. One preacher said if it wasn't for the salt of the earth (God's people) the generation would rot on its feet. I have no trouble believing that, I'm overwhelmed by the boldness and immorality of the girls today. "WILD" is the only name for them. Just two weeks ago I observed three girls around sixteen years old in our tent meeting. They were sitting in front of three boys. Instead of sitting up and acting as ladies should act listening to the preacher, they lounged all over the seat and kept their heads turned toward the back, smiling and making eyes at the boys. I'm telling the truth when I say the boys tried their best to ignore the girls and to give their attention to the sermon. I finally moved over and sat with the girls and asked them to turn around and face the front. I am glad I did. One of the boys went to the altar as soon as the invitation was given. The devil tried his best to keep those boys from hearing the Word. He used three girls. How unladylike, how bold and how unchurch. Are you guilty of such an act? May God have mercy on you if you are. If you belonged to me I think my heart would be crushed to see my girl act in such a manner. The only remedy I know that would help is a good old time punishment with the belt. Don't you know that kind of specimen of womanhood is most disguising. The boys or no one else can have any respect for you. Why not just be your own sweet self and let the boys do the advancing? You don't have to be a Christian to do that . . . JUST A LADY.

I have been amazed lately as I have

heard of incident after incident of terrible things which have happened just recently. The Greenville, S. C., News carried an article of the arrest of a group of teen age boys and girls. A neighbor noticed a nude girl in the car with a young man. She called the police and upon investigation they found around eighteen girls—all nude and partly drunk. A house to seduce young boys and girls.

A teacher of a leading high school close by told that eighteen girls were sent home in one month—mothers to be. When she went to the principal to do something about it she was told that he didn't intend to do anything about it. He said times have changed. Boys and girls aren't like they used to be. No—a thousand times no, they aren't. Would to God they were. But what are we going to do? The professors are teaching and encouraging free love. The high schools have become a house of prostitution. Many of the teachers are nothing short of crooks. They prey upon girls who come to them for advice and tell them to "cut loose and sow some wild oats." Their stock advice is, "Go out and express yourself," and girls who take their advice and seek to "express themselves" in order to find happiness in life, sooner or later come to a terrible awakening, and then they recklessly plunge to their death from a hotel window or a high bridge, or by some other method. God have mercy, our young people don't have a chance unless they are under the Blood.

There used to be a time when a girl did stoop to immorality she had enough modesty left to commit her act out of the public eye. She tried to hide her shame. Not any more. I had a girl to tell me out of her own mouth of the shameful act she committed in the presence of two other girls and boys. Why that is getting down in the animal way of living. Modesty? That is a thing of the past in the lives of two-thirds of our young people. In Salisbury, N. C., a woman told me of a very sad and disgraceful thing. Her husband was putting up some lights in the gym of one of the high schools there. Upon returning from his lunch he walked in on six boys and girls in one corner of the gym. Did they care? Surely one would think caught in such an act they would have hid their faces and ran away. No the man had to hide his and leave. They paid no attention to his presence although he let them know he was there.

I know many of you feel like your mouth is dirty after reading of such ungodly acts and want to spit it out. Think of how Christ must feel looking down and seeing it all. It is a wonder He doesn't spue the whole generation out of His mouth, and send them to Hell alive.

I am more disgusted with the girls than the boys. After all a girl is supposed to be a lady and she has to let the bars down. A girl can keep herself clean and be respected by the vilest sort of a boy. But

I guess I shouldn't be too hard on the girls. Many of these girls have no mother to teach them. When she sees her mother go out into public half naked with a cigarette between her fingers she naturally follows in her mother's footsteps.

A girl who feels perfectly at ease in shorts, bathing suit, low neck, sun back, or any other garment which shows half her body has already lost her modesty.

When God clothed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, because they had eaten of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, He meant for the human body to be covered from that time on. Because people are disregarding the laws of God, crime is rampant all over the world today. The beast nature is stirred in man after he looks upon dozens of half naked women until they revel in crime and lust. Indecent clothes is just a bait of the devil to catch more and more victims. Keep up with the times—you say. Dress as all modern girls dress. If you want to please the devil you will.

Up to now I have had in mind the "Wild," "Bold," "Don't Care," "Boy Crazy" group of girls—

I believe most of you girls reading this article can say you know you aren't like that—but watch out. The devil is no respecter of persons and in his subtle, slimy way he will bait many a hook and will seduce you into evil if you aren't very careful, and prayerful.

One of the devil's baits for nice decent unsuspecting girls is the cigarette. Sure he wants you to learn to smoke them, then have to have them. The constant smoking of cigarettes somewhat deadens the sensitiveness of a girl. She isn't the pure clear thinking girl she was before. Sure, just about every girl smokes now. Is that the reason you do? Many girls have told me they began because they lacked the courage to face the ridicule of their friends who indulged in the vile habit. DON'T BE A COWARD. You've got just as much right to leave them alone as they have to smoke them.

One great result of the cigarette habit is the large number of girls who have become dope addicts. There are cigarettes made with the frightful degenerating marihuana weed rolled in them. If I did smoke I would be scared to death to accept a cigarette from a stranger and especially a man. Many a girl has been robbed of her virtue as a result of one marihuana cigarette. It is sad but so that a great many men use them on their dates. One marihuana cigarette and all barriers of self restraint are down that the girl ordinarily displays. Then the girl is at the mercy of her lust-inflamed companion.

Don't turn your nose up and say that is in the class of the underworld. Just this week a dear mother and daddy came to our house heart broken over their daughter. This particular family is a well-to-do, well thought of family. Their daughter was a

fine, decent girl with a good reputation. She met a man, gave him a date. He gave her a marihuana cigarette and when her mother and daddy found her she was in a strange city in a hotel with him. Her mind wasn't clear and she really didn't know what had taken place. That could be your daughter—young lady that COULD BE YOU. The devil is very cunning and he likes to deceive and catch decent girls. His bait is such innocent looking things. Then when he gets them to just nibble his hook he catches them in his old slimy fingers and pulls them on down the broad road to hell.

Another bait the devil uses to catch girls unawares, and to rob them of all that is near and dear is the dance. Many of you girls wouldn't dare be caught on a public dance floor, yet you say I don't see a bit of harm for two or three girls to dance in their own living room. The devil put those thoughts in your heart. He has you just where he wants you. HE WANTS YOU TO LEARN HOW TO DANCE. He wants you to learn to love it. Then he will have no trouble at all when the time comes to tempt you right into the arms of a vile thinking man onto the public dance floor.

The only way I can in the least show you the harm in dancing is to be perfectly plain. The dance has always been the favorite amusement of the vile everywhere—in every town. The worst places in our cities are the dance halls. They are usually full on Saturday nights and running over.

There is an intoxication about the dance that you cannot deny. That same intoxication leads to moral ruin. Many girls and young women have become so wild at the dance as to yield easily to the seduction of social sin.

A noted champion dancer and ex-dancing master said publicly, "No woman can dance well and dance virtuously. Because to dance well she must yield her person completely to her partner." He said further, "The most perfect dancers in the land are, as a rule, prostitutes."

Some old worldly minded hypocrite in the church says, "Would you stop our young people from good exercise?" No indeed, but I think good clean exercise out in the open with God's fresh air would be more beneficial. How can young people benefit from exercise in a room filled with foul, smoke laden, beer scented air—filling their lungs with such foul oxygen?

You can get plenty of good exercise without being immoral and filthy to do it.

So many times have I heard men say they don't dance with any wrong in their hearts. They say, "Dancing is no harm to me. I just like the music, the rhythm, the exercise." Why don't they put their arm around another fellow, put their two old hairy cheeks together and his knees between his limbs and dance up a cool breeze? With the best music and rhythm

in town it wouldn't be long before those birds would stop and say, "There's no kick in this." Then it isn't the music and exercise they are seeking. The truth is those men and all others dance because they like and deliberately seek the sex excitement of the dance. Whether you know it or not girls, you are placing yourself into the hands of the devil when you dance, and he is using you for bait to tempt the boy or man you dance with.

You or no other girl can go to a dance and place yourself in the embrace of the average young man who will dance with you and come away with as much modesty as you had when you arrived there. No, not even in your own front room.

Every married woman knows what is wrong with the dance. No good woman wants to be used of the devil to cause another man to lust after her in his heart. God knows you ought not to. I do not say by any means that every woman who dances is an adulteress. I don't believe that is so. But I do believe she is headed that way.

Jesus said in Matthew 5:27-28 "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time. 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." It will do you good to think this verse over.

I do not say that dancing young people always intend to do wrong. They are looking for and intend to have a good time. Just because though they don't intend to do wrong doesn't change the wrong to right—the evil to good. I'm warning you girls the dance is wicked and a bait of the devil to lure you on to worse things.

Another of the devil's baits is "Petting." My, how careless girls have become nowadays. You pet right out in the open and let any boy you date paw and fume over you. High school boys and girls walk to and from school with their arms around each other. Where have the principles of young girls gone? You think because you want to be popular you are duty bound. Let me tell you, the rest of the world is going to hell fast and if you follow the crowd that is where you will go. "Enter ye in at the straight gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in theret;"

Because straight is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Matt. 7:13 14. It couldn't possibly be love for every boy you let kiss, fondle and paw over you. If it isn't love, what is it? It is nothing short of lack of sense and good reasoning on your part and lust on his.

Do you think any decent man will want you for a wife? You go to a store and start looking at a certain piece of merchandise. Many times you have told the clerk that particular article is "shop

worn" and dirty. You want one out of stock that hasn't been handled. Are you "shop worn"? If you are you can never be back the same sweet virtuous girl you once were but praise the Lord your heart can be washed as white as the driven snow in the precious Blood of Jesus if you will only let Him save you.

Are you still in the "stock room" unhandled? Well praise the Lord for it and stay there. Petting is dangerous. Many girls have lost their virtue. Many have ended up committing suicide. Many others are in trouble which started merely by yielding to the "petting" of the boys.

Thank God there are a few girls left with enough backbone and principle left to keep the boys' dirty hands off them. I am praying for you to stand true no matter what bait the devil uses to try to lure you away.

Of course there are hundreds of other baits the devil uses, like the movies, cards, drinking, and oh, so many others to catch our young people. I do not have the time or space to discuss this subject in its entirety but I have tried to name a few and maybe the most popular ones to try to help you girls to recognize the devil's bait and not be caught on his hook. May God help you not to pass this up lightly but to really stop and think.

If you are not saved won't you give your heart to Jesus and let Him wash you as white as snow right now?

"Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isaiah 1:18.

—Presented by Charles W. Brown.

SPECIAL NOTICE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The North Carolina Board of Superannuation is asking for the names and addresses of all the widows of Free Will Baptist ministers in North Carolina. We need this information in beginning the payment of pensions to the widows. We need this information as soon as possible.

Also if there are ministers who are not on our list, and should be added, we are asking for their applications as early as possible.

Please send this information to M. L. Johnson, Route 1, Sims, N. C.

Signed:

M. L. Johnson, Chair.-Treas.,
N. C. Board of Superannuation

"If you fool the people to get their money, that's fraud, and you can be jailed; but if you do it to get their votes, that's shrewd politics."—Anonymous.

NEWS FROM NEW BERN

St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, of New Bern, N. C., has recently closed a ten days' revival, conducted by the new Pastor, Rev. J. R. Davidson. There were a goodly number of confessions and re-dedications. There were several additions to the church, quite a number for baptism.

Soul stirring messages were heard each evening, as Rev. Davidson spoke with such zeal and earnestness to the unsaved, warning them of the danger of delay, and appealing to those who professed to know Christ, to live close to the Master at all times, that their light might be kept burning before the world as a living testimony for Christ.

The music and special selections, together with congregational singing, played a large and exceptional part to the success of the meeting.

During the Week of Prayer, Nov. 13-17, sponsored by the auxiliary women, the pastor spoke each morning at 10 o'clock on, "Ye Are My Witnesses."

He brought out many facts concerning personal witnessing, the witnessing church and the influence on the world of a real live testimony for Christ by those who love the Lord. These services were strengthening and inspiring throughout. Altogether, the church as a whole is pleased and gratified with the results of the efforts that have been put forth during these two months, and of the service that has been rendered by our new pastor and his good family. The Young People's work seems to have taken on new life, under the direction of James Emory, son of the pastor, and each phase of the work is moving forward. Perfection has not been attained, nor will be, for Satan is not dead, and as long as he lives, he will do his best at all times to jeopardize the Lord's work and destroy it if possible. The church, to offset him, must "Be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord." Christians should pray for one another. May we ask the prayers of the Lord's people that we may go on to a higher spiritual standard in the Lord than ever before.

Alice E. Lupton

THIRD UNION REPORT

The Third Union of the Eastern Conference met with Beulaville Church, October 28, 1950. Devotions were conducted by Rev. J. B. Narrow. The union was opened for business by the moderator.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Temporary committees were appointed. Visiting ministers present were Rev. J. B. Narrow, Rev. R. H. Mason. The list of ministers was called with 9 present. The list of churches was called with every church in this district representing with donations in the amount of \$286.25.

The motion made last union to grant the church that had the oldest rite to have the Union without a vote of the union, was rescinded. Petitions were taken for the next union and by majority vote the Union will meet with Cabin Church, December 30, 1950.

Rev. Lloyd Vernon was selected to preach the union sermon, Rev. S. A. Smith alternate. After song and prayer the union sermon was preached by Rev. J. B. Narrow, taking his text from Eph. 1:34. His subject: "The Walk of Life." There was an offering taken for Rev. R. C. Kennedy, Rev. H. Pipkin, and Rev. L. J. Potter, \$52.20 was received. We were then dismissed for dinner.

After enjoying a fine dinner we re-assembled for the afternoon session. Devotions were conducted by Rev. W. R. Millard, Reports of various committees were adopted. By motion we rescind the motion made years ago to rotate officers every 3 years. By motion that the general treasurer send all funds direct, where they are to go and that we do away with all boards and treasurers, and that all moneys held by such treasurers be turned over to the general treasurer, and that he keep a record of such until it is apportioned out by different boards. By motion that we extend a rising vote of thanks to this church for their kindness shown this session of the union. The union was closed with song and prayer.

Rev. J. R. Davenport, Mod.
Lemmie Taylor, Clerk

JUNIOR CHOIR TO GIVE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT HULL ROAD CHURCH

There will be a candlelight Christmas pageant portraying the real Christmas story given by the Jr. Choir at Hull Road Church on Sunday night, December 17th, at 7 o'clock. There are about 50 children in the program. The public is cordially invited.

This is the time our parsonage fund will be started. We are asking for a free will offering. The Jr. Choir of a few years ago gave a Christmas program and the Sunday School rooms fund was begun.

Mrs. Gilbert Jones

A SUCCESSFUL REPORT

I am sending some news for the Baptist Paper.

Mable Ave. Free Will Baptist Church had a very successful revival during the month of November. During the two weeks' meeting there were twenty-one professions and five additions to the church. Rev. Carl Shook of Spartanburg, S. C., was the evangelist, and Rev. L. D. Gray is the pastor of the church.

Yours truly,

Dannie Gray

Baptist churches win to Christ each year one out of three of the lost people enrolled in Sunday school, whereas, they win only one out of 240 lost people not in Sunday school. Churches that do not have a Sunday school average one baptism each year. All good Sunday school work results in evangelism.—J. N. Barnette, *The Sunday School Builder*.

The disease of an evil conscience is beyond the practice of all the physicians of all the countries in the world.—Gladstone

Friendship is a word, the very sight of which in print makes the heart warm.—Augustine Birrell

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CHILDREN'S STORYLAND

THE TESTING FIRE

"Oh, I'm so glad you had a nice fire, Uncle Dick! You knew how cold we'd be after skating so long, didn't you?" exclaimed Helen.

"You don't have anything to eat, do you, Uncle Dick?" There was an anxious tone in James' voice as he asked this.

"James! Mother told you never to ask for food away from home," scolded his little sister Judith.

"Never mind, Judy," said Uncle Dick. "I knew you'd be hungry, so I decided to use the new corn popper you gave me for Christmas. While I get the corn and dishes, you get ready to enjoy yourselves and everyone find a seat near the fireplace."

In a moment Uncle Dick was ready to pop corn over the fire.

"Uncle Dick, would you mind telling us another story?" teased Celia.

"Why, no! Have you any suggestions?" asked Uncle Dick.

"Oh! something about—about, oh I know—a fire," said Judy, her puzzled expression giving way to anticipation.

"All right, another story from the Bible," said Uncle Dick. "You've all heard about Daniel in the lions' den, haven't you? Well, this story happened just before that.

"When Nebuchadnezzar was king in Babylon, there were four men in the palace who loved God. One was Daniel; the other three were Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. The king sent out an order that

whenever the people heard the sound of a cornet or any music they were to fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar had made. These three men loved God and they refused to do it. When Nebuchadnezzar heard about this, he had them come before him, and he told them they must worship as he decreed. He even said, 'Who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?'

"You see, he didn't believe God was real and alive, but the three did, and they answered, 'Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us out of thine hand, O King.'

"This answer made the king angry, and he commanded that they should be cast into the fiery furnace, which was to be made seven times as hot as usual. The three men were bound and thrown into flames so hot that the men who went near to throw them in, were burned to death. Much to the king's surprise, the three boys walked around in the fire, unharmed. Furthermore, there was a fourth One. The king went closer and said, 'Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, ye servants of the Most High God, come forth'. The boys walked out.

"Nebuchadnezzar told all the people to worship the True God who had sent His angel to take care of the boys in the fiery furnace. God was real to these three men and He wants to be real to us, too. Don't you want to know Him as a real Saviour and Friend?"—*The Pilot.*

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

The following is the report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists, for November, 1950.

Receipts

Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1950	\$1,469.15
Regular receipts for Nov.	975.50
Receipts for "N. C. Only"	4.00
Total to account for	\$2,448.65

Disbursements

Paid to superannuated ministers	\$220.00
Operating expense	34.10
Paid to Nat'l. Board	94.14
Total disbursements	348.24
Balance Dec. 1, 1950	\$2,100.41

Receipts Itemized

5th Eastern S. S. Conv.	\$ 10.00
Mrs. W. O. Fields	15.00
Gum Swamp	13.30
Tiugo	12.00
A Friend	1.00
St. Delight	2.00
Little Creek	15.00
Marlboro S. S.	6.53
Sandy Plains	50.00
Sound View	10.00
Albemarle S. S. Conv.	4.00
Lee's Chapel S. S.	10.95
Cartaret Co. Union Meeting	20.00
Free Union Leagues	2.75
Bridgeton	6.51
N. C. State Aux. Conv.	240.23
N. C. State Aux. Conv. (For N. C. Only)	4.00
Free Union (Greene Co.)	16.75
5th Eastern Union	20.00
Harrell's Chapel	12.50
Wilson	60.00
2nd Central Union Meeting	8.95
Washington Mission	10.25

Yelverton Grove Aux.	1.00
Albemarle Union Meeting	28.25
Smyrna	22.25
People's Chapel Aux.	5.00
T. F. Davenport	5.00
C. J. Harris	10.00
Moury Sr. League	1.00
2nd Central S. S. Conv.	15.44
Black Jack	5.00
Albemarle Conference	6.00
Sarecta	25.00
Friendship (Johnston Co.)	1.00
Owens Chapel	16.84
2nd Central League Conv.	1.41
Sweet Gum Grove League	.25
Juniper Chapel	7.39
4th Central Aux. Conv.	5.00
Sound Side Adult League	1.00
Davis	5.00
Watery Branch	8.00
Holly Springs	5.00
3rd Eastern Union	50.00
Mt. Zion Aux. (Nash Co.)	3.00
Miss Hettie Jones	5.00
LeGrange Aux.	10.00
Elwood Lane	25.00
West Clinton Aux.	2.50
Black Jack	50.00
Central Conference	75.00
Core Creek S. S.	5.45
Holly Springs Aux.	5.00
N. C. State Aux. Conv.	21.00
Friendship (Johnston Co.)	1.00

Total \$979.50

M. L. Johnson,
Chairman-Treasurer

"GOD MOVES IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS"

By OLIN LEE TURNER

- God moves in mysterious ways
His miracles to perform.
He walks upon the waters
And stills the tempest storm.
- God moves in mysterious ways
His power to reveal.
He sends the lightning racing
Across the trembling hill.
- God moves in mysterious ways,
His love to be seen,
He opens the eyes of the blind
And makes the leper's clean.
- God moves in mysterious ways,
To justify the weak and slain,
He breaks the bonds of grave and iron
And sets man free again.
- God moves in mysterious ways
That He might be heard,
He made a perfect Saviour
Out of His spoken word.
- God moves in mysterious ways
To bring His lost sheep to the fold,
He receives them into glory
And redeems their lost soul.

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MIDNIGHT SONG

It is the hour of midnight,
The village lights are low.
The rosy chapel windows
Send forth a welcoming glow.

Within the organ is playing
An old familiar strain.
It's music fills the frosty air,
Re-echoes over the plain.

"Silent Night, Holy Night,"
I hear the choir sing.
Oh! what a joyful message
The happy carolers bring.

It makes me think of Bethlehem,
The never forgotten night,
When shepherds abiding in the field
Beheld the wondrous sight.

When the Heavenly Portals opened,
And out of the night so still
Came the angel voices singing
Of Peace on Earth, Goodwill.

As I listen in the distance
I think of those who sleep,
Wrapped in robes of darkness
Of war-torn worlds that weep.

When all the while the Savior
Awaits to right the wrong,
To bring to the trouble-hearted
The solace of the midnight song.

Julia Shackelford Hyers,

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NO ROOM for CHRIST

Rev. Ralph Staten
Red Bay, Ala.



The coming of Christ Jesus gives overwhelming indications that the world is in a sad plight. We would never know how wicked the human heart can be if we should have never known what men did to Jesus Christ. The poor reception of the unspeakable gift of God revealed men then and shall when he comes again. For an authentic narration let us observe closely the following quotations of Scripture:

"But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel: whose goings forth have been from of old from everlasting" (Micah 5:2).

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this" (Isaiah 9:6-7).

"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn" (Luke 2:7).

"He came unto his own, and his own received him not" (John 1:11).

After the primeval fall of man from his pristine glory and expulsion from the Garden of Eden, a divine promise of salvation by grace through faith, through a coming Redeemer, was given and guaranteed. It was promised that the seed of the women would bruise the head of the serpent (Gen. 3:15). The person designated to destroy the work of the devil was to be the progeny of the woman without the concurrence of man. The Genesis text speaks of the

virgin state of the one of whom Christ, according to the flesh, should come.

For hundreds of years Jewish mothers had been looking for the time when they would have the honor of being the mother of the Prince of Peace. Many Jews were looking for him to come and restore the kingdom to Israel with an earthly reign. Now He had come and the first thing we read about Him is that "there was no room for them in the inn." Many lives of today are very much like that little inn in Bethlehem; we have no room for Jesus. In the midst of a worldwide struggle when there is in the hearts of many a longing for international peace, we see among that number many who haven't made any preparations for the Wonderful Saviour and the Prince of Peace. Christ came into the world that we may have good tidings of great joy and on earth peace, good will toward men. Did you ever think of the great condescension that He underwent that the world may enjoy such blessings, if it would only receive God's unspeakable gift? "For we know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich" (2 Cor. 8:9).

The Wicked Never Wanted Him

"He came unto his own, and his own received him not." The Jews really did not want him. Herod sought his life. He was without honor in his own country. The Romans crucified him and one who was supposed to have been one of his most

intimate friends betrayed him and sold him for thirty pieces of silver. "For the love of money is the root of all evil . . ." (1 Tim. 6:10). "Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches" (Ps. 73:12).

Do we want him today? Are we too busy looking after material things to let him have room in our lives? If the nations at war today had the opportunity to have him reign personally over them, would they welcome Him? Do you think that there is any nation that would welcome his coming now to reign over it as a dictator as it had already enthroned? Do you believe that if it should be put to a popular vote in the United States for Him to be our president that he would become our chief executive? Where could Jesus go today and get a warm reception? In fact, is there any such thing now as a Christian nation? Did not the people of the United States, when they repealed the eighteenth amendment to the constitution to license the damnable liquor traffic throw off the cloak of Christianity as a Christian nation? Do not statistics show that immorality, drunkenness, and juvenile delinquency have greatly increased? Why was this done? It was the transaction of a Judas Iscariot and Esau. We have just sold out for a mess of pottage and a few pieces of silver.

Christ came to seek and save that which was lost. He came that the wicked might forsake their ways, return unto God, and let Him abundantly pardon them. Remember, salvation is far from the wicked.

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NOTES AND QUOTES



BY J. C. GRIFFIN

Christmas

We are now approaching another Christmas. It is the holiday that we claim to observe as the "Birthday" of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. But do our readers believe that Jesus is pleased with the way that the majority of the people keep that day? I am sure that God is not well pleased with the attitude of millions, even those who claim to be Christians.

Christ was born to die. "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

But do we appreciate that love? That was a great event in the world's history. It is indeed great to the born again child of God. But had the Christ, who was born of the Virgin Mary had only been born there could have been no salvation. Because the sin of man required an atonement and Christ was born to make that atonement, so we see in His birth the working of God's plan of redemption for lost humanity. When we appreciate His birth, we really appreciate His death.

If you have gone down the street shopping—Christmas shopping—you have noticed around the stores that people are busy picking presents for their relatives and friends. A great number are purchasing toys that are soon torn and broken and thrown into garbage cans. Thousands and thousands of worthless gifts are purchased that make the world no better, the busy "hum-drum" of people see but little of the blessing of the Christ child or the Slain Lamb of God. There is absolutely nothing seen among the great number of shoppers that acknowledge the birth of Christ. When Christ was born, that first Christmas He was worshipped, by those who found the

manger, mother and child. He should be worshipped, but as said before, Santa Claus has robbed the Christ of much worship.

I have reached the place that I feel indignant when I see that stuffy fixed up person who goes to cities and towns all dressed up in red and making promises and fooling little children, having letters written which are broadcast over the air. This tom-foolery does not honor Jesus Christ but instead it is a mockery of the Christ child.

Infidels can observe the day with as much respect as many who claim to be believers in Christ.

"In olden days when a child was born among the Jews, two or three local musicians waited outside to know if the new arrival was a boy or a girl. If it were a boy, they immediately beat the drum, and played upon whatever instruments they had, accompanying the din with improvised rhymes, complimentary to the dignity of the family. This peculiarity is in agreement with a statement in the Talmud: "the birth of a male child causes universal joy." But the moment they learned from the silence and sad looks of the visitors that a daughter had been born, the drum was lowered and the musicians walked away" Dr. U. A. Michelson, in the Jewish Hope.

Dr. Michelson says, again, "While attending the Rabbi school, we discussed one day the duties of a Jewish woman and I asked my Rabbi why a Jewish woman was making a blessing over lights on the evening of the Sabbath, and why there was rejoicing over the birth of a male child and not over a female child. He answered that the Jewish woman was not making a blessing over the lights of the Sabbath, but prayer, since the Messiah, when he comes, is to be the light of the world, that God would grant her that one of her children should be that light; likewise there is rejoicing over the birth of a son, because in such a son the Messiah might appear, hence the singing and the psalms of welcome." Certainly with this expectancy the Jewish woman could rejoice in the birth of a son. But one mother beyond all oth-

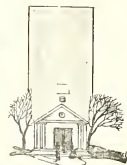
ers had the real joy, even before her. Son was born that she was to be the Mother of the Messiah. Because the angel had informed her of that which should be. She had the evidence, for "She pondered all these things in her heart." Not only did Mary, but Joseph who was a man of God and who was to take Mary as his wife, was informed that when Mary should bring forth, that the man child should be the Messiah. But to the masses it was a secret, and the place of birth was so much away from the pomp and glory of the world, that there is nothing said as to the singing of men and women at the birth of Christ by men and women, but the Lord furnished the music by sending a heavenly host of angels to celebrate the occasion. Heaven rang with the grand music of those heavenly beings. It was a sacred time in heaven and on earth. "Peace and good will was heralded across the horizon of the universe, but it soon died away and the wicked forgot the occasion and the wicked took over and sought to destroy the Lord Jesus, even old Herod had all the boy babies killed that the name of Jesus might be blotted out, but he failed to destroy the child. Since the devil could not destroy the Lord Jesus, it has been the idea of old Satan to destroy the work of the Christ born in Bethlehem near 2,000 years ago. But, in spite of the devil in substituting his religion and his method of observing the event, there are still to be found those who will not compromise with the devil, but believe that the birth of the Lord Jesus should be observed with reverence and deep devotion. The "wise men" worshipped Him at birth.

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, where is he that is born King of the Jews. . . . And when they had come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped him: and when they opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh" (Matt. 2:1-11). Now this is the way

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CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

Alice E. Lupton
New Bern, N. C.



As one meditates on the great truth that "God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life," we are brought face to face with the real meaning of Christmas.

As we meditate prayerfully on the greatness of God's love, the blessedness stirs our hearts to praise, thanksgiving and worship. It is wonderful and past all our comprehension why the Father of all light should come down to sinful man as a little Babe, born in lowly circumstances, his lodging place a manger, His mother a virgin, who bore all the gossip, mean sayings, faithlessness of supposed friends, with fortitude and faith, for she counted it a great privilege to be so favored of the Lord. She said, "My soul doth magnify the Lord. And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For He hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden; for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed" (Luke 1:46, 47, 48).

As we meditate on these thoughts, other truths force themselves upon us. No other babe has ever had songs of "halelujahs" by an angelic choir fill the air with such blessed news. No other group ever had such an experience as did the shepherds on that memorable morning so long ago, when "The angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone around about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

If we listen carefully, with our minds centered on this event and our hearts in tune with its reality, meaning, and purpose, surely we can almost hear the "multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

We might do well to take a journey into old Palestine at this Christmas season, in our imagination, of course, and try to catch the reality of the nativity of our Saviour. Then the purpose for which He was sent, the life he lived among men, the death He died on the shameful cross for other men's sins. He had none of his own, but the love of God was so great for His most glorious creation, man, that He sacrificed His only begotten Son, sent Him to earth that he might "Save the people from their sins," through giving his own life in exchange for ours. He died that we might live, for "without shedding of blood is no remission" (Heb. 9:22). We should remember that Bethlehem was only the first step down from the heavenly City to the "place of a skull," at Golgotha. It makes us almost cringe sometimes, to think how little and insignificant we are, and how headstrong and disobedient we often are, when such a sacrifice was made for us. We know that when our Saviour paid with his own life on the cross for our redemption, that men trembled with fear, not for their sins, but because the earth went into mourning and a veil of darkness hung, as a black crepe before the sun, which refused to see the blessed Son die, the earth shook and great havoc was wrought. It seemed that all nature honored Him, although sinners did then as they are doing now, rejecting Him and saying "No," to all the pleadings of God through His ambassadors, to profit by this great sacrifice of Jesus, in taking Him as their personal Saviour.

Where Do We Stand?

Shall we, as the wise men of old, come this Christmas bearing gifts saying, "Where is He that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to

worship Him" (Matt. 2:2)? Have we seen His star? "When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts: gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

Will we forego the promiscuous spending this Christmas, and bring our offering to Christ, our Saviour, in honor of His birthday. We all appreciate little remembrances on our natal day, how much more does our Lord appreciate our remembrances of him, when we stretch out our hands to the needy, open up our hearts in love for little orphan children, look out across the seas to where our missionaries are laboring so hard to win souls to Christ, looking around us where Home Mission work is needed so badly, and where we find many who are willing and prepared to go with the gospel of Christ to hungry souls, both in the home land and on foreign soil, but we have withheld the means. Please, dear friends of the Master, let us bear gifts to relieve want, gifts that are like the alabaster box of Mary, full of love and fragrance when broken for mankind, gifts inspired by the Star that shone over Bethlehem so long ago, pointing to the Babe, who is the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world. As we travel this old, old journey to Bethlehem, may we go prayerfully, with gifts inspired by the Star that shone over the City of David nearly two thousand years ago, and breathe out a prayer that God will open our hearts and our pocket books, and that we will give Him first place in our lives, Even a "cup of cold water," if it is our best, will have its reward.

A happy Christmas to all in Christ's Name.

RECOGNIZING THE DIVINE

By Mrs. W. Stillely
Route 1, New Bern, N. C.



The innkeepers didn't recognize in Mary and Joseph, the divinely chosen parents of the Son of God. If they had they would have found room for him, and it would have been their delight in giving up their own places for Him. It was really by not knowing that they lost their opportunity to entertain the King of kings. The story always fills our hearts with pity and disappointment that our Lord had to be born in such an unfit birthplace. We wish we could have welcomed Mary and Joseph into the best part of our home and surrounded Him with our love, generosity and hospitality.

John 1:9 reads: "That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world." By this we know that there is a divine spark in everyone that God has created in his image. To be sure, many are like Mary, that have within the folds of their being the potential Son of God as yet unborn, but He is there none the less. Our re-birth is made possible when we receive Christ and believe on His Name. Therefore every Christian has the marvelous opportunity to recognize the Divine possibility in every person that passeth our way in life's journey, and treat them as God's choice whom he has honored as the recipient and protector of Jesus. Let us honor them by realizing that the divine is there. Even if we cannot see it, let us not judge by outward appearance but realize the truth that the true Light lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

By realizing this divine light is hidden in the hearts of those without God we can help them to re-birth. This comes about in the same way sun and rain help a seed to spring open and produce new life. This recognition sees with faith the true nature God has planted in that soul and honors it. This faith is positive

and therefore more powerful than the cold indifference the innkeepers gave to the Holy Family. It does not relegate them to the stables with the animals where it is so easy to put the sinner. So often they are associated (so completely) with the stubbornness of the mule, self-satisfaction of the cattle, bull-headedness of the ox, swill loving of the swine and dumbness of the sheep. Jesus always recognized the divine soul in every sinner he contacted and honored it. He was a master-obstetrician of the soul because he could be so positive in a negative situation. When a group of angry people were about to stone a woman taken in adultery, his words were: "Neither do I condemn thee, go and sin no more." Jesus didn't criticize or condemn. He made it so easy for her at that time by having great love and forgiveness, and surely she could not help but respond to his love.

The shepherds who were watching (looking and praying) for the Saviour's birth, and the wise men who recognized the light (star) which was a sign of his appearance, are the good characters that had a share in the joy at seeing the infant Jesus. It was a wonderful occasion and filled them with great joy.

To be sure the wise men came thru the territory of the enemy, Herod, as we who hope to be wise men must admit we have done. The enemy has told us what to do and where to go, and when we left him he was still insisting upon our return. Though Herod asked to know where Jesus was so that he might worship Him, he had no such intention. God knew this and appeared to Joseph in a dream, telling him Herod would seek the young child to destroy him. The wise men were given a dream telling them to depart another way. Yes, God's way and the enemy's way are in opposite directions. When we come

to God we must continue in the direction of his leadership and his guidance. This is the only way we have his loving protection.

The wise men not only recognized the light and journeyed to worship Jesus, but they came to offer their precious gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. It is still possible to come to Jesus with our gold, frankincense and myrrh. Our gold represented by our possessions, the frankincense by our prayers, which are like the incense of the altar in the tabernacle, continually going upward, and the myrrh by love which is the most healing of all balms. Let us honor Jesus by presenting these worthy gifts to him and remember that praying for, loving and helping others is one way we can do it.

It is significant that the wise men came from the East from where the source of light comes, and also, that they saw the star in the east and continued in the eastward direction. This is one reason the wise men were wise because they knew that they would find the light in this direction and it would be increased with every minute the light would come. They didn't look to the north because it would be the wrong direction to look for the new born infant. Indifference, disgust, intolerance, impatience, and a "holier than thou attitude" are too cold to warm the divine spark in the heart of the sinner into new birth.

They did not look to the south because they knew the heat of criticism, hate, envy, jealousy, and fault finding would dry up the life giving elements within the divine seed of God's love and it would be useless to find Jesus in that direction.

They did not look to the west because they knew that was where the light went down and produced shadows. God's Son would be sent to

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:-: Department of Foreign Missions :-:

MISSION ITINERALE

By J. C. GRIFFIN

REV. RAYMOND RIGGS, *Promotional Secretary-Treasurer*
242 VICTOR AVENUE HIGHLAND PARK, MICHIGAN

Financial Report, Foreign Mission Board of Free Will Baptists for November, 1950

Cash Received November 1, 1950
From Rev. Winford Davis ---\$3,377.31

NOVEMBER RECEIPTS

Sale of Barnard's Books	\$ 170.00
Film "Letter to Melitino"	439.64
Alabama	138.36
Arkansas	55.65
California	71.18
Florida	197.13
Georgia	490.59
Illinois	380.63
Kentucky	6.10
Louisiana	3.00
Michigan	717.60
Mississippi	7.85
Missouri	835.76
New Mexico	20.00
North Carolina	2,143.67
Ohio	13.36
Oklahoma	162.70

South Carolina	826.77
Tennessee	1,324.72
Texas	241.35
Virginia	1.32
West Virginia	145.08
Total Receipts	\$8,392.46
Grand Total	\$11,769.77

DISBURSEMENTS

Toccoa Falls School (Cuba) ---\$	75.00
Laura Belle Barnard (India) ---	1,065.00
Bro. and Sis. T. H. Willey (Cuba)	3,189.99
Missions Visualized	233.33
Permit fee and postage	95.83
Rev. Riggs—Expense trip to Ben-	
ton Harbor for service	8.00
Insurance for Willey's	10.01
Printers, Literature	377.95
India	1,110.15
Mrs. Josephine Stevens (Africa)	150.00
Total	\$6,315.26

Bank Balance December 1, 1950 ---\$5,454.51

Balance in Various Accounts

General Fund	\$1,740.46
Barnard's Books	170.00
Film, "Letter to Melitino"	439.64
India Car Fund	3,104.41
Total accounts Balance	\$5,454.51

STATES QUOTAS

STATE	QUOTA	PAID	BALANCE
Alabama	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 239.58	\$ 1,310.42
Arkansas	500.00	112.99	387.01
California	200.00	132.99	67.01
Florida	800.00	348.33	451.67
Georgia	2,000.00	934.30	1,065.70
Illinois	2,500.00	971.15	1,528.85
Kentucky	1,200.00	59.10	1,140.90
Michigan	4,000.00	3,688.55	311.45
Mississippi	850.00	140.55	709.45
Missouri	8,000.00	2,274.59	5,725.41
North Carolina	11,000.00	3,314.58	7,685.42
Ohio	2,000.00	24.16	1,975.84
Oklahoma	4,000.00	855.61	3,144.39
South Carolina	3,000.00	1,472.97	1,527.03
Tennessee	5,000.00	2,455.15	2,544.85
Texas	1,600.00	811.54	788.46
Virginia	1,500.00	69.34	1,430.66
West Virginia	2,000.00	334.62	1,665.38
Total	\$51,700.00	\$18,240.10	\$33,459.90
Quota due India for Oct. and Nov.			\$2,400.00
Quota due Cuba for November			1,700.00
Total			\$4,100.00

Raymond Riggs

- January 2—Shiloh
- January 3—Free Union, Beaufort Co.
- January 4—Belhaven
- January 5—Sidney
- January 8—Trinity
- January 9—Union Chapel, Washington Co.
- January 10—Piney Grove, Washington Co.
- January 11—Mt. Olive, Washington Co.
- January 12—Corinth, Martin Co.
- January 15—Mt. Tabor, Washington Co.
- January 16—Gum Neck
- January 17—Free Union (Tyrrell)
- January 18—Malachi's Chapel
- January 19—Sound Side
- January 22—Mt. Zion, Washington Co.
- January 23—Elizabeth City
- January 24—Hickory Chapel, Hertford Co.
- January 25—Union Chapel, Beaufort Co.
- January 26—Palmetto Chapel, Craven Co.
- January 27—Ruth's Chapel, Craven Co.
- January 29—New Haven, Craven Co.
- January 30—Sts. Delight, Craven Co.
- January 31—Bridgeton, Craven Co.
- February 1—Macedonia, Craven Co.
- February 2—Juniper Chapel, Craven Co.
- February 5—Gethsemane, Craven Co.
- February 6—Core Creek, Craven Co.
- February 7—Wintergreen, Craven Co.
- February 8—Mosley's Creek, Craven Co.
- February 9—Pilgrim's Home, Jones Co.
- February 12—Friendship, Jones Co.
- February 13—Whaley's Chapel, Jones Co.
- February 14—Kinston (Eastern Conference) 1st Church, F. W. B.
- February 15—Deep Run, Lenoir Co.
- February 16—Gray Branch, Lenoir Co.

On motion the Board authorize the publication of the itinerary for the showing of the film, "A Letter to Melitino," under the direction of Rev. J. C. Griffin, and that we inform our people that at this time this Board has not authorized anyone else to solicit, or to work in any of the churches in North Carolina in the behalf of Missions. This action does not interfere with the authority and operation of the Foreign Mission Director, Rev. Rashie Kennedy.

By the N. C. State Mission Board

Announcement

This is to advise our radio listeners that our program is now broadcast from our church auditorium each Sunday at 4 P. M. over station WAYN, Rockingham, N. C., 900 on your dial.

Yours sincerely,
Walter B. Carter
Box 261
Rockingham, N. C.

The fact that you have never experienced the love of God does not prove it doesn't exist.—Everett Morgan

CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Will Christ Be in Your Christmas?

During these days of commercialism and great concern for making money, we often wonder if the people really do put Christ in their Christmas. From what we hear over the radio, and see advertised in the daily newspapers in the way of Christmas ads, we are made to wonder if most people are more interested in selling and buying Christmas goods, toys and gifts than they are in making Christmas a Christ centered date.

Christmas is the time for rejoicing in the right way—for giving thanks to God for His Son who came to redeem the lost from sin and condemnation. It is the time for meditation, religious services, and worship unto the Lord. Indeed, it is a time of sacredness, when people should celebrate the occasion in deep thought for the love which God has in sending His Son into the world to bless all mankind. People should not forget this fact. They should not lose sight of its meaning and value to everyone. But a great many are too busy with material things to take the time to put Christ in their Christmas. They are worshipping the god of mammon rather than the God of love, mercy and peace.

Are people justified in making the Christmas season a time of trade and traffic, pleasure seeking, sporting, drinking and carousing, as a great many do? Are they really thoughtful of the source of the blessings which they are permitted to enjoy? From their actions and attitudes, they certainly show that they are not, nor are they thoughtful enough of God's time to give Him credit and honor for what He is doing for them day by day. This class of people take in consideration themselves and their own, and what they can get out of life more than they do for the good of others and what God means to them.

We wonder if such people are really satisfied and happy when the Christmas holidays are over each year, and when they have time to think of the things that they did before and during the week of Christmas. We often wonder if any of them become ashamed of some of the things which they did during those days, and whether or not they turned to God and asked Him for forgiveness. On the other hand, we guess that the lusts of the flesh and the pride of life are of more concern to them than anything else in life. But what shall it profit them for all of their earthly doings, when they pass God by on the other side? Like the hog under the acorn tree that keeps his head to the ground, busy eating the fruit of the forest oak, they center their minds on material gains and pleasures, paying God little or no thought as the source of their heavenly blessings. Who is man anyway, and what is he like?—J. C. Outland.

The Rev. W. E. Anderson
Fills Three Appointments
at Wendell

The Rev. W. E. Anderson of Morehead City, retired Free Will Baptist minister, filled all three recent appointments at churches in and about his home town of Wendell. Preaching at the Christian Baptist, the Methodist, and the Missionary Baptist churches marked his 54th year in the ministry.



Rev. W. E. Anderson

At the Wendell Baptist church flowers were placed by the Anderson family in honor and in memory of his wife who is no longer living.

A welcome on the church bulletin read: "We welcome Brother W. E. Anderson to our church today and we feel honored to have him fill the pulpit. His has been a long and fruitful ministry and we are grateful that he has chosen our church in which to bring the closing message of his active ministry. His many friends pray the continued blessings of God upon him, and wish for him many additional years in the Master's service."

Following the service the congregation had a fellowship luncheon. Fried chicken, ham, turkey, all kinds of cake were served, including "one special cocoanut," Mr. Anderson said.

"This is the time of my life," he declared, "and I thank everybody for their kindness."

William E. Anderson was born December 9, 1872, near what is now Wendell. He is the son of the late James Lawrence Anderson and Mollie Holder Anderson, both members of pioneer families of this community. Born seven years after the close of the War between the States, life was not too easy and securing an education was both difficult and expensive.

Converted at 17

At the age of 17 Mr. Anderson was converted at Clydes Chapel Baptist Church and soon after joined Hephzibah Baptist Church, of which the late O. L. Stringfield was then pastor. Just below the wooden bridge over the old Raleigh Road there is a flat rock at the edge of Buffalo Creek. From this rock literally hundreds of people have been baptized into the membership of Hephzibah. From it Rev. O. L. Stringfield baptized Mr. Anderson.

Soon after joining the church he was elected teacher of the Baraca class, one of the first in the state, and at 18 he was superintendent of the Hephzibah Sunday School.

Shortly after that time he joined the Free Will Baptist church and was licensed to preach on July 27, 1895. He was ordained to the ministry November 15, of that year.

On the Ordaining Council were the Rev. E. T. Phillips of Ayden, the Rev. P. T. Lucas of Lucama, and the Rev. B. W. Tippet of Wendell, all of whom are deceased, said Mr. Anderson.

Served 36 Pastorates

"Tomorrow will make my 54th year in the service of the Lord. I have had the pastoral care of 36 churches. I have been happy and I feel as Paul did, 'I am the least of His servants,'" said Mr. Anderson.

Mr. Anderson is well-known and loved in Carteret county. He served for several years as the pastor of the Free Will Baptist church in Morehead City, and from all indications, it will be impossible for him to retire. He is in demand constantly to fill pulpits near and far.

By Reporter

The First Christmas

The first Christmas eve was glorious,
Glad tidings were brought to the earth;
Such wonderful tones of soft music
Heralded the sweet, holy birth.

The Inn was over-crowded with people,
The stars beamed brightly all night;
The stall that cradled the Babe
Was aglow with heavenly light.

Shepherds envisioned the Infant,
They heard the holy angels sing;
Then moving in great exultation,
They sought out the heaven-sent King.

Wise men of the East came to worship,
They followed a lovely Star;
And bearing rich gifts for the Christ Child,
They reached His side from afar.

They loved much this Child from heaven,
Their gifts unto Him were pure gold;
Then we must bear gifts unto Jesus
Like the three wise men did of old.

By Beatrice Walker Wallace
Albertson, N. C.

The Sound of Children's Voices

Reach My Ear



Mattie M. Beacham, Arapahoe, N. C.

Christ, God's Gift of Love

I love the sound of Children's voices, and love to watch them play. As I watch them, I often wonder what the future holds for them, and in my heart I breath a prayer to God for them. May he save and use them for his glory.

I often think of the words of Jesus when he said, "Suffer the children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God." During the tender years of childhood is the best time to lead them to the Lord Jesus. Children who have Christians parents are certainly blessed, for they are given the proper Christian training, or should be by those parents. Parents should live the lives before their children that will set right examples for them to follow.

As children behold the life of Christ in their parents, they will be more easily led to love the Lord. If our lives are filled with the spirit of joy and gladness, then our children will soon be filled with a longing for Christ and his goodness. Let us pray for them and love them into the kingdom of God.

During this Christmas season, let us search our hearts and surrender to God everything we find in them that would hinder the children from loving him, and also others from coming to him. Let us turn our hearts to the music of the angelic choir for joy. Let us close the door of our hearts to the things that would draw them away from the beautiful scenes of heaven and the music of the angels. When our hearts are turned toward heaven, and our eyes are looking unto Jesus, then we will feel the presence of the Holy One, and with praise, adoration, and love we can worship at His Throne of Grace.

When the curtain is drawn aside of the portals of heaven, then we can

behold the wonderful Saviour in all of His glory, eternal in the heavens, and think how he came to earth to save the lost from sin. With love he spoke the words of life, and he is the Bread of Life to everyone who believes. He fed the hungry multitudes with a few loaves and some small fishes. He healed the sick and suffering, and made the lame to walk, and the blind to see. He made the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak. He blessed the children and invited them to him. He lived for the good of others, and died for all men everywhere that they may receive life eternal.

We think of the parable of the lost sheep, how the Good Shepherd left the ninety and nine, and went out to find the one that was lost until he had found it. Christ said himself, "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." Yes, he gave himself on the cross for lost souls; the lost sheep in the world of sin. He suffered the cruel death that men might live for ever more in heaven above. He arose from the grave the third day, triumphant over death and the grave, as a proof of his resurrection power. He was raised for our justification. He ascended to glory to be at the right hand of God, and there to make intercessions for us everyone. Oh, how our hearts should thrill with joy because of what Jesus did for us! We have the blessed privilege of worship unto him because he did so much for us. We pray that many in the world may come to know Jesus and his marvelous love for them.

There are some who are giving themselves that some in darkness might see this great light of the gospel, and be redeemed by the shed blood of Christ on the Cross. The missionaries have left home and friends to witness for Jesus unto the lost in foreign lands. Our part in

this good work is to pray and give that those who are called to go unto foreign fields may be supported and fully equipped to be able to obey the Lord's command.

Let us consecrate ourselves, and draw ourselves nearer to the cross of Christ, and be willing to make greater sacrifices than ever before that others may learn to love our precious Saviour and Master.

The Wise men from the East brought gifts

Unto the heavenly King;
Let us with joy this Christmas tide
Richest gifts unto Him bring.

A NOTE OF THANKS

I desire to thank the Woman's auxiliaries and the churches, and the good people for their kindness and thoughtfulness of my dear departed husband while he was disabled to work, and while he was sick. I want you to know that I do appreciate all that you did for him. The Lord certainly did lead you in the help that you gave to us.

I am asking each one to keep me on your prayer list, as I am lonely in this world by myself. I would like to work, but I am not able. I am trusting in the Lord, my dear Saviour to come and take care of me. May the Lord bless each one of you is my prayer.

Mrs. Carrie Ringgold
New Bern, N. C.
Route 1, Box 2

P. S.—I am staying in the home of my husband's son, the Reverend B. F. Ringgold.

Men find it more easy to flatter than to praise.—Jean Paul

Sorrows remembered sweeten present joy.—R. Pollok

My Christmas Experience

(Continued from page two)

plishment—only to make it harder for us to believe the next time.

This experience has given me the greatest vision of God's love, as a Father for his children, of any experience of my life. There is nothing that we as parents can do for our children, that we see they really need, which we will not do. Our ability to do and love is nothing to his. Why should we doubt any of his promises? For us to comply with the conditions upon which these wonderful blessings are offered, and then Christ fail to give them, God would not be glorified in the Son, for it would make the impression that Christ had promised something that God did not tell him to. Or God had failed on his part, but that is impossible. We often fail, but Christ and God never fail. If you want a blessing from the Lord, take the Bible and study it prayerfully until you understand the conditions on which it is offered. Then comply with the conditions and feel sure that the blessing is yours, and the blessing will come. Ask and ye shall receive.

There is no day like Christmas to me, and when I begin to think of the blessings it has been mine to enjoy, because of that great event, I can't tell the joy that it brings to me. How thankful I am to the Lord for that day. Just think what the world and life would be to us without a Christmas day! Our missionaries tell us of just such places today, and it is awful to hear them tell of the kinds of religion and the kind of lives that are being lived there.

For the world to have a Christmas day Christ had to be given to it. As Christ had to be given to the world for the world to have a Christmas day, so for you to have a Christmas day, Christ must be given to you. For him to be of real benefit to you, you must receive him, and that is what makes it a real Christmas day. If we can make the twenty-fifth day of December a real Christmas day, why not have him with us three hundred and sixty five days, and have a Christmas year. If you have not

tried it, begin now and for the next year be careful to have him with you in what ever you do or say, and have the most glorious year of your life. A Christmas year!

To live each day as though Christ was with you, and to make it a reality, so that you will keep his word, and by keeping his word, he and the Father will come and make their abode with you, will bring joy that you can't express. A life with them is the only life that is worth living. No wonder that folks commit suicide, get drunk, and do the other bad things they do, trying to get out of their trouble. It is because they have this great Christmas Gift. Since I felt the assurance that Christ was with me, I would not exchange the joy I had with this great Christmas Gift during the time I was afflicted with the carbuncle, I have spoken of, for all the pleasures of a life without him. The Church members who have to go to the places of worldly amusement for recreation have my sympathy. It is evident that they have not accepted this great Christmas gift, therefore they are still hunting that joy and peace which the world does not give. May God bless each of us that we may be the recipients of this great Gift that the twenty-fifth day of December, 1950, be a real Christmas day to us, and not just another holy day, is my prayer.

A NOTE OF THANKS

I wish to take this method to answer the many cards and letters from our friends. We thank those who sent to us gifts last Christmas, as well as those who are thinking of us this Christmas. Last year I received gifts on my birthday, January 6, from individuals, churches, and Woman's auxiliary societies.

I am too feeble to get out to preach, and my wife had a stroke sometime ago. We are at home alone, and I cannot leave my wife, she is so feeble. She is almost 75 years old, and I have been a minister of the gospel 49 years.

We are hoping to hear from many of our friends during the Christmas holidays and on my birthday. May God richly bless everyone is my prayer.

J. A. Martin
Marshall, N. C., Route 1

RECOGNIZING THE DIVINE

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bring light and therefore it would be useless to look westward reflecting upon disappointments, sadnesses, misunderstandings and fears.

The East represented hope and faith in the new day. They looked for the Light of the World to come from where they knew the Father of Lights would send Him, in the direction where it is always known to appear. Yes, the wise men were wise because they knew the child Jesus would be born in the east and went in that direction and continued until they found him. Let us help to bring God's harvest fields into fruition by having a positive warm-hearted love and faith in those God wants to come into his kingdom. We would not be innkeepers delegating the sinners completely in the area of the hopelessly separated and forever lost without hope because it would be too cold and insulting a reception to the God spirit within them. Let us recognize the divine unborn Son of God our heavenly Father has entrusted them with and honor them by keeping watch by our prayers as the shepherds did, present our gifts of gold, prayer and love as the wise men did, and in so doing may God, this Christmas season, make us the kind of inn-keepers we would like to have received the Holy Family that Christmas so long ago.

A Note of Thanks and Appreciations

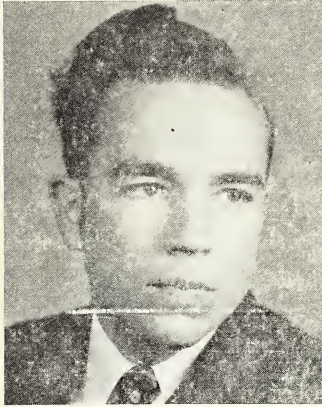
Since expressing thanks through the columns of the Baptist paper some days ago to those who had expressed to us sympathy over the loss of our dear companion and mother, a great many other persons and churches have since sent cards and letters of sympathy to us, expressing their sincere regrets of our loss and bereavement, we consider it fitting, therefore, to say in this way that we are grateful to each one for their words and sympathy and consolation. Many of these came from a distance, and from people whom we have never seen.

Again we express thanks, and say that we do hope each one will have a joyous Christmas and a happy New Year.

R. B. Spencer and children

Rev. Wingate Hansley Elected as Orphanage Ass't.

Brother Wingate Hansley, pastor of Kenly Church for the past two years, has been recently elected as the assistant superintendent of the Middlesex Orphanage. He is quite a young minister and very active with the young people of his church. He will continue to hold services for the Kenly church for sometime, or until they can secure a preacher to take Brother Han-



REV. W. A. HANSLEY

sley's place. He has been doing a good work at Kenly and the church people liked him very much as pastor. They will miss him very much, but he will be able to do a splendid work at the orphanage, assisting the superintendent with the many duties and responsibilities of the institution.

Brother Hansley will be able to do a fine work with the children at the orphanage in leading them in their religious activities, League and Sunday School work, and helping them with their different programs of activities from time to time for the good of the Home. Everyone is expecting that Brother Hansley will make a most splendid assistant superintendent, and prove to be a noble leader of the children in the Home.

By the Reporter

A Card of Thanks

I take this means of expressing my sincere thanks to the Eastern Conference, for their nice offering and also to the Third Union Meeting district for their nice offering. I can't express my appreciation in words, but may the good Lord bless you all is my prayer. I haven't been home very long from the hospital.

Pray for your humble brother in Christ.

L. J. Potter

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LIVING FOR JESUS

By REBECCA CANNON
Ayden, N. C.

When ebbs of life are presented,
When life seems too heavy to bear;
When earthly joys you have resented,
Just think of the eternal One there.

Do you become discouraged over minor affairs,
When the blues of gloominess you face?
Be prayerful, don't forsake One who cares,
Think of your Heavenly Father's Grace.

Tomorrow may be much too late to think,
Of Christ who died on the cross with a groan;
Another day you may certainly sink so deep
That your precious breath passes on.

It's time to think serious: what will it bring?
A land of torment and trouble and pain;
Or the land where the harmonious chorus sing.
Live in the sunlight, throw out the shadow and sing.

PROGRAM

Program of the League Union of the 3rd District, Eastern Conference, to convene with Cabin Church, Saturday, December 30, 1950, 7:30 P. M.

- 7:30—"Onward Christian Leaguers"
—Devotions, led by Raeford Whaley
—Welcome, Mrs. Pattie Rhodes
—Response, Rev. J. B. Narron
—President's Message, Mr. Lemmie Taylor
—Program, to be presented by leagues of Sandy Plain Church
—Sword Drill, led by Mrs. Ethel Whaley
—Call list of Leagues
—Business period
—Benediction

The Committee

The little black boy didn't mind being called "Midnight" by his little white playmates, but when another little black boy called him "Midnight," he indignantly exclaimed, "You's jes' about a quarter to twelve you'sef."—*Pathfinder*.

Happiness rarely is absent. It is we that know not of its presence. The greatest felicity avails us nothing if we know not that we are happy.—Maurice Materlink

We find in life exactly what we put into it.—Emerson

PROGRAM

Program of the Second Union of Western Conference of North Carolina, to convene with Milbourne Church, Wilson County, December 30, 1950.

Morning Session

- 10:00—Opening song by congregation
—Devotions by Rev. L. H. Boykin
10:15—Welcome address by pastor
—Response by Mr. Z. C. Bissette.
10:30—Appointment of Committees
—Reading of minutes of last union
—Roll call of ministers
11:00—Union sermon by Rev. J. B. Ferrell
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Song by congregation
—Devotion by Rev. J. C. Varnell
—Business period and roll call of churches
2:00—Report of all officers and committees
—Petitions for next union
3:00—Closing song and benediction
Program Committee,
Mrs. Luther Bissette

PROGRAM

Program for Fourth Union of the Central Conference convening at Otter's Creek Free Will Baptist Church on December 30, 1950.

Morning Session

- 10:00—Devotion, Rev. T. P. Ellis
10:20—Welcome address, Rev. C. D. Hamilton
10:30—Response, Rev. R. C. Proctor
10:45—Moderator's Address
11:00—Appointment of Committees
—Business
11:30—Union Sermon—Rev. Willie Hart
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Devotions, R. L. Wooten
1:20—Business period
2:00—Report Committees
3:00—Adjourn

Committee:

Mrs. C. B. Aycock
John Owens
J. E. Norman

KENLY CHURCH SEEKING A PASTOR

Since our pastor, Rev. Wingate Hansley, has accepted a position with the Middlesex Orphanage, and will have to give up pastoring for us, we are seeking a pastor for our church. Any minister interested in pastoring the Kenly Free Will Baptist Church, please write to R. Barnard Ferrell, Kenly, N. C., Box 238.

R. Barnard Ferrell



GROWING THROUGH FELLOWSHIP WITH CHRIST

(Lesson for December 31)

LESSON: John 15:1-5; Philippians 3:8-16

GOLDEN TEXT: Philippians 3:13-14

I. The Heart of the Lesson

1. Various means which help us to maintain our fellowship with Christ after we have attained it, and which contribute to our growth, have already been considered this quarter. In this last lesson it would be fitting for us to recall some of them, for these are not matters to which we should give assent and then dismiss from our thought as though the last word had been said. To maintain fellowship with Christ should be a chief concern of our lives, and upon this our spiritual usefulness depends. Unless we give continual attention to prayer and to the Word of God and day by day live as in his presence, in full obedience to him, our sense of his fellowship will become dim. Indeed, persistent neglect will eventually cause it entirely to disappear—Arnold's Commentary.

2. Jesus spoke of Himself as the true Vine, and His disciples as the branches. It is only reasonable to expect that the branches will bear fruit. For that purpose they exist. No one would be so foolish as to suppose that he could remove the branches from the vine and yet have them produce fruit.

3. If any branch fails to fulfill its purpose it is sure to be cut back to give it a new chance.

4. God not only desires that each one of us should bear fruit, but the we should bring forth "more fruit" and "much fruit."

5. Good works done without Christ

are like the ornamental fruit hung on a Christmas tree.

6. Spiritual arithmetic sometimes produces great gains through what appears to be severe losses.

7. The only righteousness which is acceptable before God is that which we obtain through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.—Selected

8. It was through personal fellowship with Christ that Paul came to know him as the Saviour of lost souls. Paul came to know Christ by his spiritual experience with him, not by intellectual knowledge. Dr. James A. Robertson gives this explanation of these difficult words, "the power of his resurrection" in this sentence: "This is not the power which brought about his resurrection, but the power which his risen life gives to those that are in him, victory over the flesh, the assurance of immortality, a quickening and stimulating of the whole moral and spiritual being." Paul shared the sufferings of Christ through his daily life of cross-bearing and self-denial as he preached the gospel to the lost.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

9. Two things are declared here. First, there is a prize to be won. In the next place, that prize is definitely worth effort and perseverance. That prize is not salvation, for individuals do not win that; it is the gift of God. The prize of the heavenly calling of God through Christ Jesus is the crown of righteousness and added glory which are laid up for all those who love his appearing.

NOTES AND QUOTES

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to worship Christ and to observe His birthday.

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day

Children of S. C. Visit the Darlington Church

The children of the F. W. B. Orphanage, Turbeville, South Carolina, were visitors at the Darlington Church on Sunday, December 3, at the eleven o'clock hour for the services. They were in charge of the morning service, and rendered a very splendid program. Each child stood and told who he was, and gave a testimony. The children told how grateful they were to be able to have such a good home in which to live, and to be cared for by good people. They said that they enjoyed the privilege of being able to go to Church and Sunday School, and to serve the Lord.

Following the closing of the morning program, the children were taken to various homes for dinner. Mr. Julius Vause, the superintendent of the orphanage, gave a timely and inspiring talk to the fathers and mothers at the morning service for the good of everybody present. The orphanage was started in September, 1949, with seven children received in the home. The home now has twenty children. Plans are now being made to build an addition to the home, which will cost around \$10,000. When this is done, the home will be able to care for 50 children.

Mrs. C. E. Hightower
Darlington, S. C.

in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord . . . And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:8-14).

Again this teaches us that the only way to properly observe the birth of the Lord Jesus is by worshipping Him and making gifts in His name spreading of the gospel of the Lord and the helpful giving to those who are in need; not foolish giving to those who do not need, or the giving with expectation of getting gifts. Let us worship in the beauty of holiness and give God praise for sending Jesus into the world that through Him all can be saved who will believe in and accept God's Wonderful Gift to the world. "God so loved that He gave." Yes, He gave us a Saviour. May we worship that Saviour on Christmas.

"Son, go work to day in my vineyard" (Matt. 21:28).

"Let Us Go... Unto Bethlehem"

By Col. Richard T. Stretton

STUNNED and amazed, the shepherds heard, on that first Christmas Eve, the heralding of the King by the angelic host on the Judean hills. Then the angels were gone, and the shock and surprise gave way to glad anticipation. They must find the new King. And so they went, "ever unto Bethlehem."

There they found the streets empty; no crowd was milling about the town, seeking to catch a glimpse of the King, as they might have expected. There was only a simple Jewish maiden, bending over a little Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.



Today let us go with the shepherds to gaze on this evidence of God's mercy, thankfully acknowledging His kingship and deity, and with humble and contrite hearts confessing our sins and accepting the gift of His love as our Saviour and Redeemer.

The writer of the book from which comes this article's title tells us there was one who "kept all these things and pondered them in her heart." Here we have a glowing example of the sacred art of holy

meditation. Christmas is especially a time to ponder "these things," to meditate upon them, and to harmonize God's plan with the plan of our lives.

As we meditate upon God's goodness we discover the beauty and perfection of His design. The temptation is to neglect meditation and thrust from our slothful minds the things we do not understand; our modern world is in itself a discouragement to quiet thinking. But what a wealth of blessing there is for us when we "think on these things."

"Let us now go even unto Bethlehem." The shepherds must have examined their hearts as they gazed on the purity of Jesus. The test of true religion is self-examination. Without this the heart cannot be right with God, nor can the mind be set on things above. To be brought into intimate touch with the Almighty we must examine our hearts, thoughts and actions, and seek to know and do His will.

"Let us now go even unto Bethlehem." We may go with our fears—the fears that beset us, that darken our way, that dim the light of God—and they will flee away in the light of His presence.

We may go with our burdens and cares and failures, and come away with lighter hearts, for the great Bearer of all life's burdens will share them with us.

We may go "unto Bethlehem" when we are tempted to assepect an easier way, and learn from Him how to overcome—for we remember that He faced manhood with the same fierce temptation to be content with dazzling carnal glory, instead of winning His way to eternal renown through suffering and self-denial, as that which faces us.

Those who go with Him to Bethlehem must also bear His cross, for there is no other way to enjoy His presence. It is not he who shirks life's battles who will be accorded an abundant entrance into the everlasting Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, but he who overcomes the Tempter and endures to the end!

herds sent them on their joyous way with faith in their hearts, and by an unerring instinct it led them to Jesus.

There at the cradle they beheld the outcome of the eternal counsels of the Godhead, the immeasurable love of God, the miracle of grace.

There, in the early light of Christmas morning, they saw the Holy Child whose birth had been heralded by celestial visitants in harmonies unheard at any other time.

Those well-known plains and night skies of Bethlehem had become a cathedral for celestial choirs. And, lo! The common manger is the cradle of Deity, and their common day had become a red letter day because they had met with God.

A Christmas legend tells that when the

shepherds who were watching their flocks heard the song of the angels, they all started at once for Bethlehem—all but one. A lamb had been taken sick, and one of the shepherds felt it his duty to care for it.

So, although he was bitterly disappointed, he stayed to nurse his charge while the others followed the Star.

Later on, the shepherd fell asleep, and in a wonderful vision he beheld the Holy Infant crowned as a real King.

And the Child King turned and smiled on the shepherd, assuring him that in tending an ailing creature he had done a good deed for the Savior of men.

What better deed is there than to lend a helping hand to an ailing human being!

Christmas is the time when hearts overflow with sympathy, affection and generosity.

Christmas is also a time for remembering—the sweet and tender memories of childhood—the more mature memories of adulthood. For many, in this sixth Christmas of the peace, there may be pain in remembering—but for all of us—whether we lost those dear to us during the World War II or during the present conflict—there should be a remembering that will never let us forget the cost at which a peace-time Christmas is purchased.

Our remembering should take the form of making ourselves worthy of the price that was and is being paid.

Christ is still the world's greatest Hope, as He was thousands of years ago. That we can remember with comfort, as the glory and immortality of another Christmas season now dawns upon the whole world.

There is not another time like Christmas. It is the light that will never go out; it pays in love, in honor and in tribute to the One who is the Light of the world. It is truly the gift of God.

Each year the Eternal Light shines brighter and brighter—pointing to the sure return of the One who will come back to earth again in God's own chosen time.

Now, looking back with the perspective of nineteen hundred years, we can say with assurance that no life has ever so tremendously affected the course of human history. Millions of persons have served Him joyfully to the point of danger and sacrifice, and, when necessary, have sealed their testimony to Him with their blood.

"Let us now go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass." And let us go in the Christmas spirit, making this lovely little prayer our very own:

O Holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in—
Be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
Oh, come to us, Abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel.

—Selected

The Great, Glad Tidings ---

By E. C. Hoffman

THE earth was engrossed in sleep when Christ was born. However, on the plains of Bethlehem a few shepherds were keeping watch over their sheep by night, when the angel of the Lord came upon them bringing glad tidings of great joy as they announced most convincingly the birth of Christ, the Savior.

This revelation of the angels to the shep-

NO ROOM FOR CHRIST

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Churches Have Crowded Him Out

Ours now is a battle between modernism and fundamentalism. The fact of the supernatural, extraordinary and genuine virgin birth of the Son of God has been made by many in their criticism a laughing stock. In the face of the Old and New Testaments records as a well-known and established fact of his virgin birth modernists continue to deny this glorious truth. He is the only begotten Son of God (Jno. 3:16), from heaven (John 8:23), from God (John 8:42), sent from God (Gal. 4:4). God is the father of his physical nature (Heb. 1:5). "For which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?" There is no incarnation of deity apart from the virgin birth. It is blasphemy and sacrilege when a man born of human parents proclaim himself to be God. If the pre-existence and virgin birth are denied, our Lord is reduced to the level of a religious genius removed but little above Socrates and other sages. Jesus is the product of something infinitely higher than mere nature, for He was "conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary." His sinlessness, Saviourhood, resurrection, and return are bound up in the fact of his Holy Spirit conception and virgin birth. If one should deny one, he just as well deny all. If God cannot intercede and perform in one, he cannot in the others.

Formalism and a socialized gospel have taken place of the living Christ among many churches. Compromise with sin and modernism have environed us with lukewarmness and coldness. Christ is standing at the door of many churches knocking for admittance. There is no room for his bowels of mercy, his missionary spirit, his teaching, and the enlargement of his church.

Institutions of Learning Have Closed Their Doors Against The Christ

When our nation was in its infancy, our higher institutions of learn-

ing were founded in a religious and spiritual atmosphere. Had it not been for the love of religious freedom and the churches' concern for the spiritual enlightenment of our people, many of our old historical institutions would not have been in existence today. Now that modernism is the form of infidelity, atheism, evolution, and higher criticism has largely taken over we cannot but expect deterioration in the moral fabric of our social and economic structure, as well as it has in our spiritual phases of life.

The Bible has been thought of as a part of the curriculum. In many states the Bible has become almost a forgotten book. Much of this is due to the negligence of professed Christianity. If Baptists and all other Protestants are not mindful of the trend of our national affairs, what Bible reading is now permissible may be substituted for some sort of catechism or subversive ideology. The suppression of the reading of the Bible to a great degree has paved the way for canceling of religious broadcasts on certain radio stations. This may lead soon to something much more plightful.

Nations Have Crowded out the Christ

Just before his ascension Christ gave the commission to go and teach all nations (Matt. 28:19). His people were to be witnesses for him to the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:8). In the known world of the apostolic period the gospel had been preached to every creature under heaven, went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world (Col. 1:23; Rom. 10:18).

What can now be said about the picture? Has the gospel been preached to every creature under heaven today, and gone into all the world? Some nation has crowded him out or someone has failed to go. No doubt, in many areas Christ is not even mentioned in word or song.

Totalitarian forms of government and New Testament Christianity can not thrive together. Suppress the reading of the Bible and close the church doors, then one will readily see the tenacles of dictators reaching for their hold upon that nation. Dictators and Christ do not go hand

in hand. There are very few nations that can be classed as a Christian nation.

Christ Left Out of the Season's Celebration

Will you be among the great number that will crowd out the Christ in the observance of what is known as his date of birth of the virgin Mary? So many people have quit spelling out the word 'Christmas'. The letter 'X' has become a substitute for the word 'Christ.' The algebraic expression carries the idea of an unknown number or quantity. Will Christ be the forgotten or unknown person in our observance of Christmas? How we need to go back to the Person of the Birth rather than the birth of a person! We need the lesson of the wise men! They came to see Him that was born king of the Jews! They brought gifts to Him and worshipped Him! They sought Him and found Him and finding Him the wanted nothing more. . . "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these (unfortunate, sick, prisoners, etc.) my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:40). We cannot give of our means directly to him now; but we can do that which will be equivalent of doing something for Him. Let us not forget our church publications, orphanages, Bible College, missionaries, and church indebtedness. Let us be wise in our observance of the birth of the Prince of Peace and Wonderful Saviour. May we make room for Christ in our celebration. Too, may our celebration not follow such customs and traditions that will make us lose sight of the Christ.

Let Us Make Room for Him

There is just one way to make room for Him and that is just give Him complete right of way in your life. Let Him become our Master." That Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith, (Eph. 3:17). "But as many as received Him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12).

The Lord wants to come into a clean heart for his abode. "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any

an hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in unto him, and will sup with him, and he with me" Rev. 3:20). Lost friend, do not shut the door in the face of the Son of God. Open the door and let the Prince of Peace, the unspeakable gift, the wonderful Saviour, the Resurrection and Life, and the Hope of the world come in just now.

PROGRAM

Program of the Second Union, Central Conference, convening with St.'s. Delight Church, Ormondsville, on December 30, 1950.

Uniform Theme: Evangelism

Morning Session

- 9:00—Devotions by Rev. Clarence Little
 9:15—What is Evangelism, by Rev. David Wooten
 9:30—Business Period
 9:55—Special Music by Mrs. R. P. Gaskins and Mrs. Cotton Briley
 10:00—Evangelism, Biblically and Historically Justified, by Rev. D. A. Windham
 10:15—Offering for Middlesex Orphanage
 10:25—Congregational Singing
 10:30—Union sermon, Evangelism Will Make Every Phase of Our Church Program Spiritual and Effective, by D. W. Alexander

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Devotions by Mrs. M. A. Woodard
 1:15—Evangelism Is Heavenly Fellowship, by Rev. D. W. Hansley
 1:30—Business Period
 2:00—Our Accomplishments During the Past Year, by Rev. C. J. Harris
 2:15—Election of officers
 2:30—Adjournment

Mrs. N. A. Clark,
 Mrs. Guy Corbett,
 Rev. R. B. Spencer

Christmas Tree

As ever there a more beautiful sight
 Then a lovely Christmas tree at night?
 Strung with colored lights that glow
 On a bank of imitation snow.

Shining artificial rain
 Neglected on the windowpane,
 Ornaments of red and blue,
 Gold and silver, green ones, too.

Shine from the highest bower there shines
 A gleaming star that reminds
 us why the Christmas tree so bright
 Cheers our homes and hearts tonight.

—Julia Shackleford Hyers

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

Obituaries and in memoriams of persons who have been dead a year or longer are not wanted for publication in the Baptist.

Mrs. R. B. Spencer Asleep in Jesus

Mrs. Cora Ellen Sasser Spencer, wife of Rev. R. B. Spencer, and Mother of Franklin and Ruby Lee, went to her eternal Home of peace and happiness on November 8, 1950, at 9:30 p. m. She was taken seriously ill on the night of November the seventh, and died in Greenville Memorial Hospital the night of November the eighth with a cerebral hemorrhage. The nurses and doctors, and the loved ones did all they could to relieve her, but death came after a few hours of suffering.

Mrs. Spencer joined Pleasant Hill F. W. Baptist Church, near her home in Wayne County, N. C., while she was a young girl, and was interested in her church and took an active part in her Sunday School. Prior to her marriage, she had been a public school teacher for several years.

On August 20, 1916, she married R. B. Spencer, of Hobucken, North Carolina, and to this union were born three children: R. B. Jr., deceased, Benjamin Franklin, and Ruby Lee. She was a devoted wife, a loving Mother, and a friend to everyone. She was always interested in her home life, and was active and helpful in the Woman's auxiliary of the Little Creek Free Will Baptist Church. She served as president of her auxiliary for several years, and loved the members dearly, co-operating faithfully at all times with them in the work of the Lord. Her Christian life and faithful labors for the cause of truth and righteousness among her friends and church members were always humble and true. Her departing has caused deep sadness among her loved ones, close friends, and her Woman's auxiliary, and members of her church.

Mrs. Spencer was born on December 7, 1885, near the town of Princeton, North Carolina, and was reared in Wayne County. Her life on earth was 64 years, 11 months, and 1 day. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sasser, deceased. Her living brothers and sisters are: Daniel and O. W. Sasser of Wilson, N. C.; Kirby Sasser of Snow Hill, N. C.; Mrs. Willie Pearce, Kenly, N. C.; Mrs. Essie Cramer, Goldsboro, N. C.; Mrs. Berta Hill, Clinton, N. C.; and Mrs. Rosa Rowe, Ayden, N. C. There are several nieces and nephews of the family.

Her funeral was conducted in the Ayden Free Will Baptist Church by her pastor,

Rev. Bruce Barrow, of Snow Hill, N. C., assisted by Rev. R. B. Crawford, Greenville, N. C., and Rev. J. E. Wooten, Ayden, N. C. The interment was in Ayden Cemetery. The many flowers which were spread upon the mound of her resting place were lovely tokens of the love, and esteem which her friends and loved ones had for her. She is asleep in Jesus.

I cannot say, and I will not say

That she is dead, she is just away!

With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand

She has wandered into an unknown land
 And left us dreaming how very fair

It needs must be, since she lingers there,
 And you—O you, who the wildest yearn
 For the old-time step and the glad return
 Think of her faring on, as dear

In the love of There, as the love of Here,

Think of her still as the same, I say,

She is not dead, she is just away.

The Family

Pearl Elizabeth Hodges Gone to Rest in Jesus

On May 21, 1950, the death angel visited the Hospital in Wilmington, North Carolina, and took to be with Jesus the soul of Pearl Elizabeth Hodges. Her stay here on earth was 8 years, 1 month, and 17 days. It was so very hard to give her up, but God saw best and took her to be with Him.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. C. Griffin at Ruth's Chapel. Her body was laid to rest in the Dixon Cemetery at Chocowinity, North Carolina, beneath a beautiful mound of lovely flowers.

Darling, you were patient in your suffering,
 No hand could cool your fevered brow;
 But God the Helper of the helpless
 Saw your pain and gave you relief.

A place is vacant in our home,
 And no one else can fill;
 But you had to go to glory
 Because it was God's will.

She leaves behind to mourn their loss her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hodges, one sister, Sandra, two brothers, Clyde and Graham, and one half-brother, Billy.

Written by her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hodges, 302 Oaks Road, New Bern, N. C.

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

There will be no Baptist paper for next week. It has been our custom for years not to get out an issue during the Christmas week. The subscribers will not expect, therefore, to receive their copies next week.—Editor.

CHILDREN'S



STORYLAND

HER CHRISTMAS GIFT

Maude H. Kahl

Once upon a time on a certain Christmas night a little girl went with her parents and brother and sisters to see the exercises at the big brick church.

The house was all decorated with pine boughs, holly and bunting and most of all there was a beautiful tree—a large pine that reached almost to the ceiling of the church. Oh, how it thrilled her childish heart as she sat watching the lights, tinsel and numerous gifts that adorned its branches!

She enjoyed the recitations and songs of the children but her eyes were ever wandering to the curly-headed dolls dressed, some in blue, some in pink and others in white. One dolly in particular, with a coat and hood, caught her fancy. "Oh, if it might only belong to me!" she thought.

At length the presents were taken from the tree, the name on each read aloud, and were given to several small children to take to their owners. The pretty dolly was taken down, she listened eagerly for the name but it belonged to another little girl, sitting near by with her arms already full of gifts.

"Well one of them at least would be hers," she thought as she had never failed to receive a dolly at Christmas time. But she did not know that her father had just lost a lot of money in a business venture and there was nothing with which to buy presents as formerly, so to her great surprise and dismay the last thing was taken from the tree and her name had not been called once.

Almost too surprised and disappointed to speak at first as the truth dawned upon her she burst into tears. Her mother, burdened with other cares and worries, chided her and bade her stop crying. She dried her tears but it was a sad hearted little girl that walked homeward that Christmas night.

However before going to bed she set a pan on the table, as had always been the custom in the home, to receive her Christmas presents. She had never known a Christmas morning to dawn without finding a full pan.

Morning came and what do you think she found? A little candy, an orange and a ten cent story book. Her delight knew no bounds. Never had she enjoyed a Christmas present so much. The book was paper bound with colored pictures inside and out.

She followed her sister about the house for days and weeks always asking her to

read the story to her until her sister would grow impatient and say, "You know every word now. Why should I read it to you again?"

Possibly if this little book had been received at another time together with other and better gifts she might not have cared so much for it, but it was so much better than receiving nothing at all that she was satisfied and delighted.

Likewise, little children, our Heavenly Father sometimes keeps from us things we very much desire that we may be glad and thankful for His every gifts and blessings.

There are many little boys and girls in our country who are given so much that they care very little for that which they have, and are always wanting more and greater things.

After we are deprived of much that we long for and some things we count necessary, we learn to thank God for the many common blessings that surround our lives.

When we think of the poor heathen and the starving children of the "Near East" we should thank God for health and home, food and warm clothing.

Paul says, "And having food and raiment, let us be therewith content." And "Godliness with contentment is great gain."

Come to the Lord Jesus, children, and you will be happy whether you have much or little.

Above all let us thank our Heavenly Father for the dear little Babe who was born in a manger—God's priceless Gift, His only Son.—Herald of Light.

PROGRAM

Program for the Fourth Union Auxiliary meeting to be held with Otter's Creek on Sunday, December 31, 1950.

- 10:00—Sunday School
- 11:00—Devotions by A. J. Tyson
- 11:15—Welcome address by Mr. Ebra Gardner
- Response, Rev. T. P. Ellis
- 11:25—Special music, Tyson Quartet
- 11:30—Sermon, Rev. L. B. Manning
- 12:15—Lunch
- 1:15—Devotions, By A. J. Tyson
- 1:30—Special Music, Daniel's Chapel Quartet
- 1:45—Business
- 2:30—Program by local church and benediction

Mr. R. E. Hart,
Mrs. N. H. Williams,
Mrs. Robert Oakley,
Committee

PROGRAM

Following is the program of the Albemarle District Sunday School Convention, convening with Hickory Chapel near Ahoskie, N. C., Sunday, December 31, 1950.

- 10:00—Opening devotions conducted by Mr. Charlie Overton
- 10:15—Welcome address, Mr. C. W. Casper
- Response, Mrs. Otto Capps
- President's message
- 10:30—Sunday School lesson taught by Rev. W. T. Reynolds
- 11:00—Roll call of ministers
- Recognizing any visiting ministers
- Reading the minutes of the previous convention
- Sunday School reports given
- Offering for Orphanage
- 11:30—Special music by the host church
- Convention sermon by Rev. W. A. Hales
- 12:00—Lunch
- 1:00—Devotional, Mr. John Copeland
- 1:15—Special music
- Business
- Election of officers
- 2:30—Treasurer's report and adjournment

Mrs. Alton Reynolds
Program Committee

PROGRAM

Following is the program for the union meeting of the Albemarle District, which will be held with Hickory Chapel, near Ahoskie, Saturday, December 30, 1950.

- 10:00—Devotions conducted by Rev. A. B. Chandler, pastor of the local church
- 10:15—Moderator's address
- 10:20—Reading minutes of last meeting
- Calling the roll of ministers
- Calling the roll of churches
- 11:10—Special music by local church
- 11:15—Offering for Orphanage
- 11:20—Sermon by Rev. P. C. Wiggs
- 12:00—Lunch

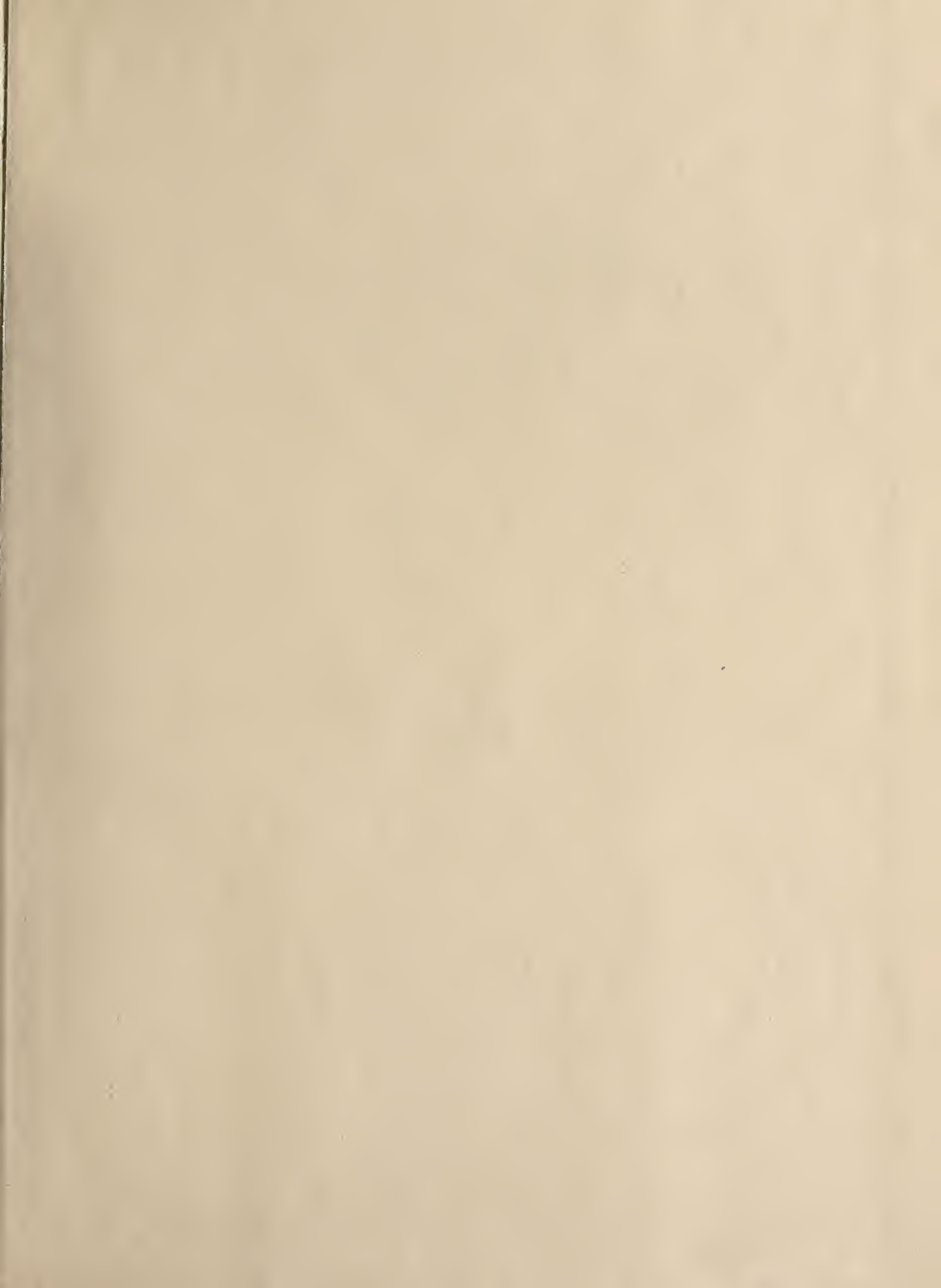
Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Devotions by Mr. Lloyd Dilday
- 1:15—Special music.
- 1:20—Business period
- Treasurer's report
- Finance Committee's report
- Miscellaneous Committee's report
- Petitions for next union meeting
- Election of officers
- 2:45—Adjournment

Alice Webster,
Program Committee

There is a limit to the help that can be rendered to any man, but there is no limit to the help he can render to himself if he is in harmony with God.





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