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The true Christian is not a grave formalist, or a man full of studied gravity, but one in whom there is "fullness of joy" of that sublime character which imparts vigor to the body and ennoblement to the soul.—Rev. Charles Close.

"Something Makes us Gaze in Wonder."

Something makes us gaze in wonder on the dappled Easter sky. There are notes of joy and laughter in the brook that hurries by. Winter's scars upon the hillside, and the looks of fields forlorn. Now are changed by lovers' and bird-songs on this grateful Easter morn. Lawn and fields and trees are brightened by a spirit wholly new. The broad sky from its horizon domes the earth with purest blue. And a fragrant touch of softness from the fir off-tropics seas Comes in warning, wooing wailets on the April-waited breeze. It is Life from Death returning, it is "seed time's" holy trust. It is faith that Life is primal, and shall triumph over Dust; That the seeming earthly losses are not fashioned to remain. But at last a Resurrection makes Life's knotty problems plain. In the wonder and the sweetness of that life in Nazareth, Nature joins and holds the forces that shall triumph over Death. And her symbols, dear and dearest to the dullest eyes appear. In the earth's new painted glories, never falling, year by year. —JOEL BRYSTON.

WOMAN.

DEAR EDITOR:—If you are not tired of my scribbling I would like to say something in favor of our sisters, to cheer them in the work they are doing in behalf of our cause. "Oa," you say, "by woman came sin into the world, and some of the writers have said that they must enquire of their husbands at home what they should want to know." All this is very true, but did you ever stop to reflect, that woman was the mother of the one that came to redeem us from that sin that was committed in the garden of Eden? And did you ever think what good information at home would do, if they were not allowed to reveal it abroad? Her gentle loving nature and confiding disposition is prone to attract herself to others besides her own household. It is true, woman owes much to religion, but religion owes much to her also. By a tender young virgin Jesus was sent into the world for our sins. By a woman's faith she was made whole by touching the hem of his garment. By a woman's faith, who was a stranger and desired only a few crumbs of his blessings to heal her daughter, was comforted and told to go in peace, and in those days when he walked this world women were his truest friends. Who ever betrayed, denied or deserted him? They never did. They were the nearest to his cross, and earliest to his sepulcher. They were faithful when others were not, and gave ready promise of that devotedness to his cause. It was by a woman that he sent the message to his disciples to meet him in Galilee. You may go through any of our Christian homes, and you will find that the mother, sister, wife, or daughters are more Christlike than father, husband, brother, or son. More children will be found who say their earliest, deepest religious impression, was caused by a mother's care and piety. So brethren, remember the good work the sisters are doing in the cause of the Master, and help them in every way possible. Sisters, do not feel timid when you see a chance to do good, do it by all means. Your sex has caused many a man to reform, and become a

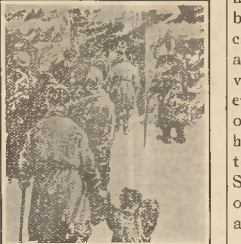
better man. Remember the woman who conversed with Christ at the well, how she fled into the city and told the people that she had found the Messiah, and many of them believed on him through that act. What kind and generous deeds old sister Dorcas did in and around the city of Joppa. Never did mother embrace a child as did Mary hug the foot of the cross while her dying Son was hanging on it. Never was Christ more eagerly sought than on the first day of the week, when the woman went to anoint him. Never was there more humbleness shown than when the woman washed his feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair, and never did he say so much of anyone as he did of her, for he said, "Wherever this gospel should be preached this deed of hers should be spoken of as a memorial of her." He has said, that the gospel must be preached to all nations, and that means that she must be spoken of to all nations. Where is there another character in the Bible that is spoken so well of by the Master? What he said of John the Baptist was not any better, though it was as good, and there are numerous places we could mention, but space will not allow us to do so. Sisters, remember your rights, and do your duty, is the prayer of one that loves the cause. Your unworthy Bro. JOSEPH B. RIGSBEE, Pinners, Va.

WORKING FOR THE CROWN.

DEAR EDITOR:—As it has been some time since I wrote any for the BAPTIST I will write a few lines. I am still working for the crown. I was in Chesterfield Co. the first Sunday, and had a good meeting at Cross Branch their church. It is a lively little church. While I was over there, I met the good pastor of the church, Eld. A. Goodale. He is a consecrated christian man and doing much good for our cause. I am getting ready to go to Mt. Zion Sunday. I don't get much rest, but I am willing to go any where at any time, to please the Master. Much is being said about holiness. I am glad that I live in a place where the people believe in holiness, for it is Bible doctrine, and we cannot afford to live without it. You know dear friends, the woman said, if she could but just touch his garments, she would be whole, and she was made whole right then, complete without the second work of grace. We hear the Saviour say so, and we know it is so. I will say, that my letter on the 14th of Feb. made me think of the Apostle Paul, when the angel said, "come over in Macedonia and help us," so when Bro. W. B. Boon saw my letter in the paper, he called for me, and I went, and I am to go again some time soon, the Lord being willing. I will close. I thought I would just write a few lines to let you know I loved the name of Free Will Baptist, and am working for the cause. Brethren and sisters, pray for me in my work. Your brother in the ministry. J. T. CRAWFORD, Bennettsville, S. C.

HOPE DAWNS IN STRICKEN JAPAN.

This is confirmed by the following cable which left Sendai on April 11: Half a million now receiving aid. Immediate prospects better, owing to public works and warmer weather. Abundant sympathy been shown by foreign lands. Missionary committee received 100,000 yen [about \$50,000], and made four distributions of relief, one being made exclusively with contributions received through Christian Herald. We plan to close work end of May, meanwhile doing everything possible to help. [signed] Davison.



It is cheering to know that the outlook is now so hopeful although the efforts of the relief workers will not be relaxed for another month, as Mr. Davison intimates. Meanwhile, details of the great battle that has been waged in the lonely, snowbound villages and hamlets of the north are now being received from the missionaries. The Chairman of the Foreign Committee of Relief, writes from Sendai, under date of March 21, as follows: "I have just returned from another trip of four days among the famine-stricken people, for whose relief I took several thousand yen. The officials had thought that the worst would be reached by the middle of this month, but there is still some increase in the number of those who need help. Hundreds of thousands will have to be helped during April, May and June. Then there will be a great decrease, and comparatively few will have to be helped until the new crop is harvested in October. "This year, when food-stuffs must be brought in from the outside, when they have no money to buy after the food is brought in, and when the farmers have no work for even themselves, the poorest people must receive help from somewhere. In Miyagi Ken more than one-third of all the people are already on the official list as paupers (kyuminin), and unless looked after by village, town and city offices many of them will soon die of hunger. "The policy of the officials is to give no help except where absolutely needed. Many will suffer inconvenience, and many will know by experience what are the pangs of hunger, but somehow or other more than 2,000,000 of the people will be able to get along. But what of the others? In order that there may be no epidemic among the poor, their food is being carefully examined by official

physicians. The Government national and local, is doing all in its power to provide relief work, but as yet there are no plans to care for the sick and the aged. Here in North Japan there is much room for generous giving to help the people in their time of great need. WILLIAM LAMPE. "There is amid all this misery much of noble suffering and richest sympathy. Of course, a mother with a true heart will go without food for days in order to save her little ones from the pangs of actual starvation. But what a rich vein of altruism, when you see score of school children who have had little or no breakfast and have brought no lunch to school called one side by the teacher and given the free lunch provided by charity—to see several of them slyly conceal half or more of the food 'to take home to my sick mother,' or to give to my baby brother." Surely the people are worthy of the world's best sympathy, are worthy of being saved. "If possible, no one is allowed to starve. That is the rule. That some do starve to death, is also a fact. A man was found dying from lack of food. 'Why do you not come to the office and get rations?' was asked him. His reply shows the metal of the men who made Bushido and who won the Manchurian victories: 'If my descendants should in after generations learn that one of their ancestors had received public aid, it would be a cause of bitter shame to them.' The sum of \$25,000 has this week been cabled from THE CHRISTIAN HERALD Relief Fund to Japan, through our State Department, to be expended, like the previous remittances, in the purchase and distribution of food for the sufferers. Up to the present time the remittances by THE CHRISTIAN HERALD Fund to the famine field have reached a grand total of \$180,500.

ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION.

The eighth annual session of the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptist was held with Union Grove church, Conway Co., Ark., Oct. 21, 1905. The annual sermon was preached by Eld. I. S. C. Satterwhite; text, Romans 8: 11; followed by Eld. W. J. Phelps. Adjourned to meet at 3 p. m. AFTERNOON SESSION. Met at 3 p. m. Prayer by Eld. J. A. Starks. House called to order by the moderator, Eld. I. S. C. Satterwhite. Call ed for letters from the subordinate association and received the following and delegates: Antioch Association.—By letter and delegates: Bros. G. W. Duvall, Geo. W. Burris, G. H. Thompson, T. K. McCay and M. A. Thompson. Ministers present: J. W. Phelps, R. A. Johnson, J. A. Starks, J. B. Vaughn and C. S. Thompson. Arkansas Association.—By letter and delegates: Eld. G. W. Ewing, Bro. C. Keck, s-ls-ter I. S. Keck.

Mt. Zion Association.—By letter and delegates: Elds. I. S. C. Satterwhite, Jesse Carter and Bro. W. T. Jones. New Mt. Zion Association.—By delegates: J. C. and M. T. Pollard. Polk Bayou Association.—By letter and delegate: Eld. A. J. Rowlet. On motion of Geo. W. Burris, the election of officers was deferred until Monday.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

On Supply of the Stand.—Bro. G. W. Duvall, M. A. Thompson and A. A. Stafford. On Resolution.—Eld. J. W. Phelps, Jesse Carter, A. J. Rowlet, G. W. Ewing Bros. C. Keck and J. C. Pollard. On Finance.—Eld. R. A. Johnson, Bros. W. T. Jones, G. W. Burris and G. H. Thompson. On Temperance.—Eld. C. S. Thompson, sister M. T. Pollard and S. L. Keck. On Sabbath Schools.—Eld. G. W. Ewing, J. A. Starks, and Bros. J. H. Bartlett and J. E. Flowers. Adjourned to meet 8.30, Monday, October 23. Prayer by Jesse Carter. Preaching Saturday night by Revs. J. M. Patrick and C. S. Thompson. Text Numbers 10 and the latter clause of the 29th and 33rd verses. Sunday Services. Prayer and Testimony service at 9 a. m. Preaching at 11 o'clock by Elds J. W. Phelps and Jesse Carter. Text, John 17: 20-21. Preaching at 3 p. m. by Elds. J. M. Patrick, and A. J. Rowlet. Text, "For the way of the transgressor is hard." Sacramental services and the washing of feet at lamp light, conducted by Eld. I. S. C. Satterwhite.

MONDAY SESSION.

Met at 8.30 a. m. Prayer by Eld. G. W. Ewing. The moderator proceeded by calling for petitionary letters and one was received. Saline Dist. church of Christ, and delegate Elder J. M. Patrick finding that they did not hold to the name of Free Will Baptist and was not acquainted with the faith and practice of the Free Will Baptist, Bro. Geo. W. Burris was appointed a committee to consult with Eld. J. M. Patrick on the terms of agreement and report at once. REPORT OF COMMITTEE. Whereas, I find that Eld. J. M. Patrick, of the Saline district church of Christ, agrees to accept the Constitution and Articles of Faith of the Free Will Baptist State Association, and to consume the name of Free Will Baptist church of Christ, reserving the right of ordaining elders in their churches. GRO. W. BURRIS, J. M. PATRICK, Committee.

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ing at 11 a. m., by Eld. R. A. Johnson and C. S. Thompson. Text, Matthew 28: 18-19 20. EVENING SESSION. Evening session met at 3 p. m. Antioch Church at Branch, Franklin County, Arkansas, was the place for holding the next annual State Association to convene on Saturday at 11 o'clock, embracing the fourth Sunday—in October, 1906. Rev. A. J. Rowlet, of Polk Bayou Association, will preach the annual sermon, and Rev. J. M. Patrick, of Saline Association, his alternate. The church is 16 miles south of Ozark on the Fort Smith & Little Rock railroad and 16 miles northwest of Booneville on the Choctaw railroad. Whereas, believing that we need some system to put our people and churches in better financial condition, we ask the subordinate associations to adopt the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, That the churches shall have a fund for their support, which fund shall be supplied by voluntary contribution, and the money placed in the treasury of the church, and each church to elect a treasurer to superintend the collection of the contributions and pay the money out as directed by the church. And be it further. RESOLVED, That each pastor preach to his churches on the financial necessity of the denomination. Motion carried to adopt the Freewill Baptist paper published at Ayden, N. C., as our literature, and we urge upon our people to patronize the paper.

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