

MINUTES
OF THE
FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION
OF
FREEWILL BAPTISTS

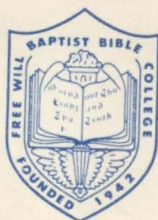
Convened with Drumright Church
August 25th, 1932

The next Annual Session of the First Mission Association
will be held with the Davis Church,
beginning on Wednesday night before
the Fourth Sunday in August, 1933.

OFFICERS

Melvin Bingham
H. E. Stairs
W. H. Dickinson
Bert Rogers

Moderator
Assistant Moderator
Clerk
Assistant Clerk



FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. Melvin Bingham

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ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MISSIONS

1. President in charge.
2. Song or Songs.
3. Prayer.
4. Leader read Scripture, have Prayer and turn the meeting back to president.
5. Minutes of previous meeting read.
6. Treasurers' Report.
7. Unfinished business.
8. Report of committees.
9. New business.
10. Report of sick and needy.
11. Suggestions for good of the Mission.
12. Song and offering

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory sermon.
2. House called to order by the moderator.
3. Letters called for, read and received.
4. Right hand of fellowship.
5. Election of officers.
6. Petitionary Letters
7. Reading rules of order (By-Laws).
8. Inviting visiting brethren to seats in council.
9. Appointment of committees.
10. Unfinished business.
11. New Business.
12. Report of committees.
13. Miscellaneous business.

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The Fifth Annual Session of the First Mission Assn. met on Wed. at 2:30 p.m. with the Drumright Church. Spent the evening in devotional service.

Adjourned at 4:30 until 8 a.m. Thursday.

Sermon Bro. Horner, Wed. 8 p.m. concluded by Bro. Staires.

THURSDAY MORNING

Session opened by Bro. Horner, acting Moderator, reading Ezek 3.

Letters called for. The following churches presented letters: Tulsa, Mt. Zion, Daisy, Cushing, New Home, Drumright, Allen, and Vance Chapel.

Letters accepted, delegates seated and given hand of fellowship.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Rev. Melvin Bingham moderator, Rev. H.E. Stairs, Asst. Mod.
Rev. W.H. Dickinson, clerk.

Motion carried that Rev. W.M. Bingham be seated as corresponding delegate from the Grand River Association.

The Pulpit Committee elected as follows: Bro. Green, Sister Smith, Sister Walker, and Sister Light. Bro. Burt Rodgers as chairman.

Motion carried to turn the services over to Mission Workers. Supt. Sister Dickinson took charge.

Reports from the following missions; Vance Chappel, Cushing, Drumright, New Home, and Allen read and approved. Motion carried to adjourn until 1:30 p.m. also to seat Bro. W.E. Dearmore as corresponding delegate from First Oklahoma Ass'n.

Sermon at 11 o'clock by Sister Newman, (Subject others) followed by Bro. H.E. Stairs.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The session at 1:30 p.m. came together by singing, opened by the moderator reading Ez-k. 34, prayer by Bro. Talbert.

Petitionary letters called for. Letter received from Blue Bell Church and read. Delegates seated. Report of the Junior Mis-

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sions, some good talks, and a wonderful time in the Lord.

Motion carried to adjourn till 8:30 a.m. Friday.

The night service conducted by Mission with program.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened by reading Job; 38. Prayer by Rev. W. M. Bingham.

Petitionary letters called for. Letter from Oolagah read, delegates seated, and given the right hand of fellowship. Reading of the by-laws. All talks allowed 5 minutes each..

Committee Appointments Made

RESOLUTION—A. B. Talbert, W. A. Taylor, O. H. Staires, B. H. Perkins.

HOME MISSIONS—Sister Hattie Newman, Sister Liva Waltman, Sister Light, and Sister Vickers

TEMPERANCE—Sister Sadie Fincher, Sister Flossie Perkins, Sister Annie Bacon, and Sister Mary Rodgers.

CREDENTIALS—Bro. W. L. Bean, Bro. C. Light, Bro. J. L. Waltman, and Bro. F. L. Thompson.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Bro. E. E. Stuart, Bro. Cecil Horner, Bro. Boyd Williams, and Bro. A. C. Turner.

FINANCE—Sister Floe Markley, Bro. S. A. Taylor, Bro. R. V. Whitten and Bro. Stanford Yokum

Nominations for Supt. of Missions, Supt. Mae Dickinson re-elected with Sister Light assistant.

Report of board considered and accepted, regarding camp meeting finally voting that we hold no camp meeting this year.

Received report of S. S. Superintendent Bro. Underwood. Motion carried to accept the report and retain Bro. Underwood for the coming year.

Report of Bro. Melvin Bingham of the General conference. Report received, accepted.

Resolution—That we change article 4 of the constitution to read, that we elect all officers for one year. Carried.

Motion carried to elect members of the Executive Board. Nom. A. B. Talbert, H. E. Stairs, W. L. Bean, W. A. Taylor and B. H. Perkins. Elected by acclamation.

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Motion carried to allow Bro. Dearmore the time from 10:30 to 11:30.

Motion carried that we endorse the Western Free Will Baptist paper published by Bro. Dearmore.

Motion carried that we adjourn until 1:30 p.m.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Message brought by Rev. W. E. Dearmore and Rev. Boyd Williams
Subject, He came to heal the broken hearted.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

Called to order. Moderator reading 23rd Psalm. Roll call of com.
Resolution No. 1 adopted.

Mt. Zion church requested and was granted a letter from this Ass'n. Delegates seated from Davis church, Bro. Eric Mann, Cletus Nolan, and Addie Thompson.

Motion carried to adopt Resolutions no. 2, no. 3, and no. 4, which is a Ministers Conference.

Motion carried to meet a half day early at quarterly meeting for the conference.

Resolution no. 5 adopted.

Motion carried that Bro. W.E. Dearmore give a report of the Eastern Conference held at Bryan Texas.

Pulpit committee reports that Bros. Bean and Bingham to bring the message at 8 p.m. (subject Tithing)

Motion to adjourn till 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

SATURDAY MORNING

Opened by Moderator reading 2nd Peter 2, and prayer.

Roll call of committee. Committee reports.

Resolutions on temperance, Sunday School, and finance reported.

It was voted to indorse the literature published by the Ayden Press. The clerk to notify the Company.

Vote carried that the committee on credentials have more time to report. All other reports accepted. Delegates elected to the State Ass'n. as follows: Sister Bean, Sister Rogers, Sister

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Dickinson and Bro. Whitten; alternates, May Graham, Sister Bacon, Sister, and Geo. Miller.

Motion carried to send \$5.00 for minutes to the State Association.
Motion carried to send corresponding messengers to the Arkansas State Ass'n.

Bro. melvin Bingham, W. L. Bean, O. H. Stairs and Bro. Bert Rogers were elected.

Nominations to preach the introductory sermon at the next ass'n. Bro. Melvin Bingham, assisted by Bro Harry Stairs were elected.

Motion carried that the next annual session of this association meet with the Davis church, near Oolagah, Okla.

Motion carried the first quarterly meeting be held at the Tulsa church. Bro. Bert Rogers to preach the introductory sermon, Sister Newman will assist.

Nomination to preach the Mission sermon. Bro. J. L. Waltman was elected and Sister Newman will assist. Motion carried that the Mission have the afternoon of Thursday.

Motion carried that we have a Camp meeting at Davis church next year, meeting 10 days before the Ass'n. Motion carried that the arrangements be left to the first quarterly meeting.

Pulpit Committee reports Bro. Hood will bring the message at eleven o'clock assisted by Bro. Melvin Bingham, subject while I was musing the five burned.

Motion carried to adjourn until 1:30

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

Called to order by modarator reading Gen. 3. Report on credentials known.

Resolution no. 6 accepted, and committee discharged.

Motion carried to send messengers to First Oklahoma Ass'n., the following were elected, Bro. W.L. Bean, Sister Bean and J. L. Waltman

Ministrel reports read. Motion carried to receive the reports.

Motion carried to have 300 minutes printed, the clerk to care for them Motion carried to have Bro. Dearmore do our printing.

Motion carried to adjourn until the next regular association.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Report

We your committee on finance. Report as follows: The Ass'n. paid Bro. Melvin Bingham \$10.00 (ten dollars) for the use of his car \$22.60 for gas and oil, and other expences, on the trip to the General Conference at Bryan, Texas.

Minute fund. \$21.00.

.75.

Committee.

\$21.75.

Obituary Report

We your committee, on Obituary, beg to report as follows: Whereas, the Supreme Ruler in His Wisdom saw fit to remove from our midst infant son of Bro. and Sister Carl Hood, of Allen Church. Also Bro. Renegar, Bro. Geo. Thompson, Bro. Bohman, Bro. L.C. Florence and daughter, Carrie Hilburn, and Sister Adelise Thompson's husband, Virgil, of the Tulsa Church.

Sister Sorrels of the Cushing church.

Rev. W J. Pierce pastor of New Home church.

Sister Vera Hill, infant son of Bro. and Sister Weir of New Home church.

Bro. David Hays, son of D.F. Hays, Mt. Zion church.

We feel that we must bow in submission to Gods will. For He doeth all things well. And our loss is Heavens gain.

Committee.

CREDENTIALS

We your committee on credentials find that all our preachers are in good standing in this ass'n. except J.H. Sims from the Drumright church, whose license has been revoked by the church. Also Eld. Cotnam who come to the Tulsa church pending a letter. Failing to present the letter, the church rescinded the act. So we find that Bro. Cotnam is no longer a member of this association, and we your committee recomend that this shall be published in both Missouri and Oklahoma papers.

Bros. Wm. Bingham, J.J. Johnson, and Floyd White goes to the Grand River Association.

W.L. Bean

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

We your committee on Sunday School wished to report.

The Sunday School work within our association is on the upward move doing a great work in our Churches for the advancement of Gods cause and our denomination.

Average attendance one Thousand with about, 90 teachers and officers

Committee

MISSIONS

We your committee on Missions request that every Free Will Baptist church have a Mission work and that they will always call in our associational Supt., to help organize them. We also request that no Ladies aid or any thing but the Home Mission work be organized, as our aims is different from any other. The first aim of the Mission is to reach lost souls Second, to look after the poor and needy

We also ask that no one worker hold but one office at one time.

Now as we have one day set apart for Mission work Which is Thursday, before the 4th Sunday. We ask you for a Mission Sermon at the 11 o'clock service, and we also ask the ass'n. to select the preacher for our next ass'n. meeting.

Committee

TEMPERANCE

We your committee on Temperance beg to report as follows.

We believe in being temperate in all things as the Bible teaches. We believe intoxicating drinks to be one of the worst curses of our nation. It not only robs people of the temporal things of this life, but also robs them of their souls. It causes many to spend eternity in Hell

May we as Gods people do all we can at all times to be temperate in this life and that we stand four square for the Eighteenth Amendment.

Committee

RESOLUTIONS

No.1. Whereas our church covenant says, also the Bible teaches that we should abstain from unholy conformity to the world. And

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as our ministers should be examples for others. Be it resolved that we object any ministers and Deacon of this ass'n. taking any active part in ball games or any worldly amusement.

A. B. Talbert.

No. 2. Whereas our publishing house at Ayden North Carolina has agreed to comply with our wishes begining the New Year to use the King James Version of the Bible in our Sunday School literature publication.

Be it resolved that we indorse their literatnre for our Sunday Schools.

S. S. Committee also Res. Com.

No. 3 Resolved that when our preachers hold meetings in our Associational jurisdiction and organize churches That they bring them into the First Mission Association.

No. 4. Be it resolved that we organize a ministers and deacons conference of all our preachers and deacons in good standing in this association and that the association set the meeting place and time to meet.

No. 5. Be it resolved that we will not ordain any minister that does not believe in an old time alter.

No. 6. Resolved that Doctrinal Sermons be preached at 11 a.m. instead of night services at associations.

REPORTS OF MISSIONS

Vance Chapple Mission—Average No. of members 12, cottage prayer meeting for Oct. and Nov. 14, sick calls 208, grocery showers 17, stork showers 3,. Finance recieved for the year, \$75.29, paid out \$73.14. Balance in treasury \$2.12. Mrs Rosenbaugh Secretary

Cushing Mission - Mission meetings 30, grocery showers 25, cottage prayer meetings 22, money taken in \$72.76, paid out \$93.21, homes visited 346. Mrs. B. H. Walker President.

Allen Mission—Meetings 31, grocery showers 2, cottage prayer meetings 9, sick calls 116, floral offering \$4.30, layet shower \$10.30, to Sister Pierce \$200,. Other money paid out \$20.13 Money taken in \$24.24. Sister Smith secretary.

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Drumright Mission; Cash on hand 84c. clothing given out \$34.49
sick calls 209, groceries given out \$46.78, cash paid out \$41.92.

Rev. Sadie Fincher, Pres.

Sister McElvain, Sec.

Tulsa Mission— Sick calls, 1,605. Money paid out \$108.60.

New Home Mission—Sick calls. 272. Cottage prayer meetings
24; paid out for flowers, \$10.25, paid Pastor \$33.00, paid \$64.86
for gas deposits janitor work, and other expences.

REPORT OF CLERK AND TREASURE

Received for minutes; Tulsa church \$5.50; Drumright church
\$3.00; Cushing church \$3.00; Allen church \$3.00; Allen Mission
\$0.75; New Home church \$2 00; Vance Chappel church \$3.00;
Blue Bell church \$1.50. Total \$21.75.

The Ass'n. ordered 300 minutes printed.

W.H. Dickinson, clerk.

LIST OF DELEGATES

Sister Flo. Markley, Sister Alice Fuller, Bro. Stewart, Sister
Clark, Sister Hood, Bro. Maddox, Sister Smith, Sister Eric
Mann, Sister Ethel Mae Thompson, Bro. Paul Green, Bro. Siler,
Nettie Bowen, R.V. Whitten, John Stairs, Geo. Miller, Sister
Walker, Liva Waltman, Effie Hollond, Strawther Yocham, Jim
Yocham, Sister Sales, Sister Bacon, Sister Copenhaser, Bro.
Faust, Bro. Shaffen, and Bro. Cloyd Rosebough.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Drumright; Pastor, Bert Rogers, dis. 64, recd. 67, died none, mem.
142, paid Pastor \$172.03, paid Evangelist \$32.69, for Missions \$123.36
bldg. repair \$177.15, church value \$3.000, for minutes \$3.00.

Cushing; Pastor J. L. Waltman, recd. 30, dis. 2, died 1, mem. 73,
paid pastor \$52 85, paid Evangelist \$38.22, for Missions \$75 00, bldg.
repair \$169.40, church value \$2.500; paid for minutes \$3.00

Allen; Pastor Carl Hood, recd. 36, dis. 5, died none, mem. 77, paid
pastor \$115.00, for minutes \$3 00.

Daisy; Pastor W. H. Dickinson, recd. 12, dis. none, died none, mem.
28, paid Evangelist \$5.00.

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Tulsa; Pastor Melvin Bingham, recd. 101, dis. 93, died 3, mem. 295, paid pastor \$941.44, for Missions \$108.60, church value \$3.500, for minutes \$5.50.

Vance Chapel; Pastor Will Bean, recd. 59, dis. 16, died 1, mem. 146, paid pastor \$300.00, paid Evangelist \$50.00, bldg. repair \$20.55, church value \$1.000, for minutes \$3.00.

New Home; Pastor Harry Stairs, recd. 38, dis. none, died 2, mem. 109, for missions \$34.86, for minutes \$2.00

Davis; Pastor O. H. Stairs, recd. none, dis. none, died none, mem. 88, paid Evangelist \$15.00 a new church.

Blue Bell; Pastor Boyd Williams, recd. none, dis. none, died none, mem. 23, for minutes \$1.50.

BY-LAWS

1. The moderator or assistant moderator, or in their absence the oldest minister present shall call the association into conference.

2. Each session shall be opened and closed with prayer.

3. Five members from two or more churches shall constitute a quorum. A less number may adjourn until such quorum is present.

4. Visiting brethren are invited to seat as advisory members.

5. Those who speak shall arise and address the Moderator. Personal reflection shall be avoided in all debates.

6. If any proposition or motion under debate contain two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and a vote taken.

7. Motion made and lost shall not be recorded.

8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Moderator.

9. The Moderator shall not allow discussion when not carried on in a Christian spirit.

10. The ruling of the Moderator may be overruled by a two-thirds majority of the members voting.

11. Any minister opposed to any of the enterprises endorsed by this association will not be entitled to a seat in conference, and we will not seat any minister in this Association that teaches the Baptism of the Holy Ghost separate from regeneration or the birth of the Spirit.

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12. No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has first been discussed in its own church.

13. At each Association arrangements shall be made to insure two or more sermons or their equivalent devotional exercises each day.

MINISTERS REPORT, RECEIVED OF THE FOLLOWING

J. L. Waltman	Stillwater, R. 5. Oklahoma
Melvin Bingham	Tulsa, 1024 N. St. Louis, Oklahoma.
W. L. Bean	Yale, R. 2 Oklahoma.
O. H. Staires	Tulsa, R. 8, Box 37 Oklahoma.
Harry Staires	Tulsa, R. 9 Box 235, Oklahoma.
B. H. Perkins	Drumright Box 1516, Oklahoma.
Flossie Perkins	" " " Oklahoma.
Bert Rogers	Drumright 314 N. Ohio, Oklahoma.
W. H. Dickson	Drumright, Box 1303 Oklahoma.
C. J. Fincher	Drumright, Box 244, Oklahoma.
Sadie Fincher	" " " Oklahoma.
Hattie Newman	" " 721, Oklahoma.
Cecil Horner	Tryon, R. 1, Oklahoma.
C. C. Hood	Tulsa, R. 9, Oklahoma.
G. W. Conley	Cushing, Oklahoma.
Lee Oliver	" Oklahoma.
Linnie Oliver	" Oklahoma.
Boyd Williams	Tulsa, R. 10, Box 414 Oklahoma.
A. C. Turner	Sapulpa, R. 1, Oklahoma.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Eld. B. F. McDuffie	West Fork, Arkansas.
Eld. Frank Martin	Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Eld. Flossie Perkins	Drumright, Oklahoma.
Eld. B. T. Kirby	Oilton, Oklahoma.
Eld. Jack Williams	Cushing, Oklahoma.
Eld. L. R. Beshers	Yale, Oklahoma.
Eld. Dave Faust	Oilton, Oklahoma.

CONSTITUTION

From long experience we are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetuate our union and to maintain a correspondence among our churches.

Therefore we have adopted the following Constitution and By-Laws for our government.

1. This shall be called the First Mission Association.
2. This Association shall be composed of such well regulated Free Will Baptist Churches, maintaining Gospel order, agreeing with the denomination in doctrine and practices, favoring the enterprises that have been endorsed by this Association.
3. The acting members of this Association shall be the ministers, deacons, and the church clerks belonging to any church composing this body, also three delegates from each church chosen by the members of their respective churches.
4. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, an Asst. Moderator, a Clerk, an assistant Clerk, and an Executive Board composed of five members. The board members to be elected so as to require one to be elected each year. All officers shall hold office until their successors are elected.
5. The property of any church in this Association that should go down until they could not transact business because they are disorganized, shall become the property of this association and the Executive Board has power to execute legal papers for the property.
6. This Association shall meet annually at such time and place as shall be decided upon by the association, also meet in regular quarterly meetings shall have power to transact all business of the ass'n. except to change the Constitution.
7. This association may be called together by the Moderator, by giving the churches ten days' notice of such meetings.
8. This Constitution may be changed at any yearly meeting by a two-thirds majority of members voting.

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LIST OF MINISTERS

Rev. Melvin Bingham	Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Rev. P. L. Dunn	Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Rev. Cecil Horner	Tryon, Oklahoma.
Rev. Albert Boen	Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Rev. Carl C. Hood	Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Rev. O. B. Lane	Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Rev. J. E. Bell	Barnsdall, Oklahoma.
Rev. J. E. Wheeler	Barnsdall, Oklahoma.
Rev. Rufas Miller	Mutual, Oklahoma.
Rev. A. B. Talbert	Drumright, Oklahoma.
Rev. W. H. Dickinson	Drumright, Oklahoma.
Rev. Sadie Fincher	Drumright, Oklahoma.
Rev. J. T. Polston	Drumright, Oklahoma.
Rev. B. H. Perkins	Drumright, Oklahoma.
Rev. Hattie Newman	Drumright, Oklahoma.
Rev. G. W. Conley	Cushing, Oklahoma.
Rev. Lee Oliver	Cushing, Oklahoma.
Rev. Linda Oliver	Cushing, Oklahoma.
Rev. J. L. Waltman	Cushing, Oklahoma.
Rev. Will Bean	Yale, Oklahoma.
Rev. J. M. Mears	Cushing, Oklahoma.
Rev. R. G. Morgan	Cushing, Oklahoma.
Rev. Bert Rogers	Drumright, Oklahoma.
Rev. O. H. Stairs	Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Rev. Harry Stairs	Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Rev. Boyd Williams	Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Rev. A. B. Talbert	Box 947, Drumright, Oklahoma.
Rev. H. E. Stairs	Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Rev. W. L. Bean	Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Bro. W. A. Taylor	Drumright, Oklahoma.
Rev. B. H. Perkins	Drumright, Oklahoma.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant. We promise by his grace to love and obey him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by selfdenial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work. We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and to seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able promote the success of the church and of the Gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and his will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sabbath schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the souls and the conversion of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

