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OF THE
GOLDEN GATE ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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Proceedings of the
FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION
CONVENED AT TURLOCK, CALIFORNIA
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
APRIL 5 - 6, 1951

The next Annual Session will meet with Modesto Church, Modesto, California beginning on Thursday night before the Fourth Sunday in May, 1952.

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OFFICERS

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1208 Eugene, Modesto, Calif.
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Box 266, Hughson, Calif.
Clerk-Treasurer Mae Graham
143 8th St., Turlock, Calif.
Assistant Clerk Gladys Sutton
Route 1, Box 202, Martinez, Calif.
Statistician Eld. Wiley Gregory
Route 1, Box 1118, Ceres, Calif.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Eld. Dean Moore 5 years
412 South 7th, Richmond 3, Calif.
Eld. J. L. Waltman 4 years
145 8th St., Turlock, Calif.
Eld. J. P. Pierce 3 years
Route 2, Firebaugh, Calif.
Eld. R. B. Sutton 2 years
Route 1, Box 202, Martinez, Calif.
Eld. Neal Moore 1 year
Box 236, Castorville, Calif.

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 and seating delegates
5. Election of officers
6. Petitionary letters called for
7. Reading Rules of Order
8. Invite visiting brethren to seats in council
9. Appointment of Committees
10. Unfinished business
11. New business
12. Reports of committees
13. Miscellaneous business

RULES OF ORDER

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 by 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 seats 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 contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and a vote taken.

7. Motions 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 discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit.

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

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

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

*** PROCEEDINGS ***

Thursday Night Service

Song service led by Jerry Dudley. Alter prayer led by Eld. Joy Freeman of Chowchilli. As ministers elected by body were not present, Temporary Pulpit Committee chose Eld's. W. M. Johnston and R. B. Sutton for the evening esrvice. Bro. Earl Woolery led devotional. Specials in song rendered by the Humble Hearts Quartette. Eld. W. M. Johnston took stand using John 11:44, "Loose him and let him go," followed by Eld. R. B. Sutton. Inspiring messages. Alter service in behalf of Sis. Curtis Eppler of Firebaugh who was very ill. Closing prayer by Eld. Ralph Hampton.

Friday, April 6—9:30 A. M.

Service opened with singing led by Eld. Louis Lawson. Eld. A. E. Woolery read as lesson 133 Psalm. Prayer by Bro. Quincy Moore. Assistant Moderator, Eld. John Montgomery, called conference into session. Letters called for and following churches responded by letters and delegates: Richmond, Modesto, Concord, Winters, Turlock, Modesto, Salinas, Firebaugh and Chowchilli. Letters read, received and delegates seated.

Officers elected as follows:

Moderator—Eld. Ralph Hampton, 1208 Eugene, Modesto

Assistant—Eld. John Montgomery, Box 266, Hughson

Clerk-Treas.—Mae Graham, 143 8th, Turlock

Assistant Clerk—Gladys Sutton, R 1, Box 202, Martinez

Statistician—Eld. Wiley Gregory, R 1, Box 1118, Ceres

Rules of Order read by Moderator, Eld. Ralph Hampton. Visitors welcomed. Motion carried that chair appoint all committees.

Pulpit: Louis Lawson, E. W. Davidson, Addie Reeves, Chas. VanHorn, Tude Roberts, Vallerie Hiren, John Clifton.

Resolutions: Pete Connor, H. G. Harris, John Adams, J. Q. Moore, J. V. Meek.

Finance: Clarence Dodson, Margrete Ballard, E. O. Rosebrough, Jack Percefield, Floyd Smith.

Business: Dean Moore, Chester Kidwell, Ed McDonald, Andrew Rainey, O. L. Cremeerr.

Obituary: Wilma Chandler, Laura Parker, Ociline Cremeerr, Reba Minor, Geta Montgomery.

Sunday School: J. A. Pierce, W. M. Johnston, Betty Brickman.

Publication: Earnest Wood, Florence Carter, Ted Potter.

Home Missions: J. L. Waltman, Wiley Gregory, Garret Pulsey.

Temperance: Jim Moore, Sis. J. Q. Moore, Bro. Davidson.

Pulpit Committee reports for the 11:00 o'clock hour Eld's. E. A. Woolery and Louis Lawson. Adjournment motion to one o'clock carried.

Eleven O'Clock Service

Song service led by Mary Moore. Prayer by Eld. J. P. Pierce. Eld's. E. A. Woolery and Louis Lawson gave the eleven o'clock message using Matt. 11:28. Good messages. Host pastor announced the arrangements of the noon lunch hour. Closing prayer by Eld. Neal Moore.

Friday Afternoon Session

Moderator called body into session. Song service led by Mary Moore. Billy Jo Adkins read as lesson I Cor. 4:1-12. Prayer by Eld. Wiley Gregory. Pulpit Committee reports for the evening service Eld's. Neal Moore and Garret Pulsey. Bro. Pete Conner to lead devotional service.

Clerk read letter of appreciation from Eld. and Mrs. F. A. McCage of Oklahoma.

Resignation of Pete Connor as 2-year man on Executive Board read and accepted by motion. Eld. Dean Moore elected as 5-year man on Executive Board; Eld. R. B. Sutton elected as 2-year man, and Eld. Neal Moore as 1-year. Obituary report read and received (see reports). Standing moment of silent prayer concluded by Bro. Pete Connor. Motion carried sittings of Quarterly Meetings be placed:

First Quarterly Meeting at Salinas on Thursday night before 4th Sunday in August. Speakers—Eld's. Wiley Gregory and John Montgomery.

Second Quarterly Meeting at Hughson on Thursday night

before 4th Sunday in November. Speakers—Eld's. Leroy Richardson and Jim Minor.

Third Quarterly Meeting at Concord on Thursday night before the 4th Sunday in February, 1952. Speakers—Eld's. Louis Lawson and Billy Joe Adkins.

Fifth Annual Session at Modesto on Thursday night before 4th Sunday in May, 1952. Speakers—Eld's. J. R. Pierce and J. E. Sweeten.

Resolutions No. 1 and 2 read and received (see resolutions). Pulpit Committee reports for the evening service Eld's. Garret Pulsey and Neal Moore. Treasurer's report read and accepted. Motion carried we have 500 minutes printed; Clerk have power to send them where best suited. Motion carried to get card of sympathy and spray of flowers in memory of Bobby Murphy, son of Bro. and Sis. Gene Murphy of Modesto. Special offering taken for same and \$57.50 received.

Delegates to State Association June 13 at Modesto. One delegate chosen from each church. E. O. Rosebrough, Valorie Herrian, John Adams, Addie Reeves, Garrett Pulsey, Lois Kidwell, Clarence Dodson, Ed McDonald, Oceline Cremeen.

Special in song rendered by Bro. and Sis. Jones of Salinas. Executive Board report read and accepted. Ordination service for Earnest Snowden as minister. Eld's. Neal Moore, Dean Moore, Louis Lawson as Presbytery; Eld. Dean Moore giving charge. Eld. J. L. Waltman gave a report of Hime Mission work throughout Association. Motion to recess until after evening service carried. Prayer by Eld. H. E. Dixon.

Friday—7:30 P. M.

Song service led by Eld. Louis Lawson. Prayer by Eld. Leroy Richardson. Special in song by Sis. Mary Moore of Richmond, Calif. Ordination service of Burmise Nichols as minister. Eld's. J. L. Waltman, Dean Moore, Ralph Hampton, R. B. Sutton as Presbytery; Eld. J. L. Waltman giving charge. Eld's. Garret Pulsey and Neal Moore filled stand for evening service using Matt. 28:16, "Lo, I am with you always." Inspiring messages. Adjourned to meet at 9:30 Saturday morning. Closing prayer by Bro. Cox.

Saturday—9:30 A. M.

Came to order in song service led by Eld. Louis Lawson. Eld. James Minor read as lesson 37 Psalm. Prayer by Bro. Bud Jenkins. Eld. Louis Lawson appointed to act pro tem on Executive Board. Sunday School report read and accepted. Home Mission report read and accepted. Business Committee report read and accepted. Pulpit Committee reports for the eleven o'clock hour Eld's. Burmis Nichols and Dean Moore. Clerk empowered to pay incidental expenses of the Association. On resolution for associational evangelist, motion carried same be tabled until next year.. Business Committee report read and approved. Motion to adjourn.

Moderator, Eld. Ralph Hampton
Clerk, Mae Graham

CHURCH REPORTS

Richmond:

State of religion, good; value of church property, \$40,000.00; members received this year, 38; number dismissed, 6; number baptized, 12; total membership, 184; condition of prayer meeting and Sunday School, good; average number pupils, 115; paid pastor, \$3,525.00; evangelist, \$152.23; home missions, \$10.00; foreign missions, \$56.94; building and repair, \$8,190.27; education, \$155.00; we send as minute fund, \$15.00, expense, \$10.00.

Eld. Dean Moore, Pastor
Goldie Priest, Clerk

Firebaugh:

State of religion, good; members received this year, 11; dismissed, 23; died, one; total membership, 64; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 30; paid pastor, \$1,288.69; evangelist, \$173.00; foreign missions, \$3.20; education, \$75.00; minutes, \$5.00; expense, \$15.00.

Eld. A. E. Woolery, Pastor
Eupia Muse, Clerk

Winters:

State of religion, good; condition of prayer meeting and Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 54;

paid pastor, \$57.00; building and repair, \$600.00; sending for minutes, \$2.00; expenses, \$5.50.

Eld. W. H. Collison, Pastor
Della Constant, Clerk

Hughson:

State of religion, good; members received this year, 32; dismissed by letter, —; total membership, 60; condition of prayer meeting and Sunday School, good; paid pastor, —; evangelist, \$140.00; building, \$774.96; publication, \$20.00; minutes, \$10.00; expenses, \$10.00.

Eld. John Montgomery, Pastor
Hallie Adams, Clerk

Concord:

State of religion, good; members received this year, 7; total membership, 23; condition of prayer meeting and Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 45; amount inclosed for minutes, \$5.00.

Eld. Raymond Sutton, Pastor
Bonnie Barrett, Clerk

Modesto:

State of religion, good; members received this year, 47; dismissed by letter, 22; deceased, 1; resident members, 128; non-resident members, 53; total membership, 207; condition of prayer meeting and Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 115; condition League, good; membership, 20; condition of Auxiliary, good; membership, 17; value of church property, \$20,000.00; paid pastor, \$3,407.50; evangelist, \$125.00; building and repair, \$2,197.46; incidentals, \$512.74; foreign missions, \$40.00; home missions, \$71.35; education, \$25.15; publication, \$202.68; enclosed for minutes, \$12.50.

Eld. R. C. Hampton, Pastor
Evelyn Adkins, Clerk

Turlock:

State of religion, good; members received this year, 10; dismissed by letter, 7; resident members, 107; non-resident members, 44; total membership, 151; condition of prayer meeting and Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 95; League condition, good; membership, 43; Auxiliary, good; membership, 21; value church property, \$37,000.00; paid pastor, \$2,830.00; evangelist, \$101.80; building and repair, \$816.85; incidentals, \$429.-

15; foreign missions, \$17.55; home missions, \$20.22; publication, \$219.80; enclosed for minutes, \$25.00.

Eld. Lewis Lawson, Pastor
Neva Parker, Clerk

Salinas:

State of religion, good; members received this year, 34; dismissed by letter, 11; excluded, 4; resident members, 40; total membership, 40; condition of prayer meeting and Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 45; paid pastor, \$1,620.00; evangelist, \$306.74; building and repairs, \$12.71, incidentals, 762.56; home missions, \$80.75; publications, \$86.61; minute fund, \$20.00; expenses, \$5.00.

Eld. Neal Moore, Pastor
Earnest Wood, Clerk

Chowchilli:

State of religion, good; members received this year, 7; total membership, 27; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 35; Intermediate and Junior League, good; average attendance, 12; paid on church lot, \$185.00; rent of buildings, \$300.00; paid pastor, \$74.42; evangelist, \$62.95; foreign missions, \$8.00; paid for use of building for revival, \$10.00; song books, \$6.00; literature and Bibles, \$21.00; incidentals, \$15.00; we send as minute fund, \$3.00, and expense fund, \$5.00.

Eld. John Freeman, Pastor
Bertie Rial, Clerk

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Obituary:

We, the Obituary Committee, find that God has seen fit to call only two from our midst in the past year: Bro. W. S. Murray of Modesto, and Sis. John Hastings of Firebaugh.

Home Missions:

We, your Committee on Home Missions, beg to report that we see a greater effort should be made in evangelizing our Association, in getting new work, and in en-

couraging missions in each church; that this Association recommend to the State Association to make a law that our mission funds be divided into three parts, one-third to the State Association, one-third to Home Mission board and one-third to Foreign Missions.

Sunday School:

We, the Sunday School Committee, beg to report we accept the past report and recommend it to this body.

Mrs. Harold Bickham, Chairman

Business Committee:

We, the Business Committee, report the following: in as much as our Yearly Association meets on Thursday night before the Fourth Sunday in May, we recommend the following—that the 1st Quarterly Meeting meet on Thursday night before the 4th Sunday in August; the 2nd on Thursday night before the 4th Sunday in November; the 3rd on Thursday night before the 4th Sunday in February, 1952.

Treasurer's Report:

Carried forward	\$216.40
Paid Moderator	\$ 10.00
Paid Clerk	10.00
State Minutes	55.00
Association Minutes	49.06
Wire to Mayo Clinic	1.00
Blanks, postage, stationary	5.94
Host church	35.00
Total paid out	166.00
Balance in Treasury	\$ 50.40

Finance:

We, the Finance Committee, suggest churches send as expense and minute money the following amounts:

Richmond, \$35.00; Modesto, \$35.00; Turlock, \$35.00; Salinas, \$25.00; Firebaugh, \$25.00; Hughson, \$20.00; Concord, \$15.00; Winters, \$15.00; Chowchilli, \$15.00.

Signed: Finance Committee

Executive Board Report:

We, the Executive Board, have examined Eld. Louis A. Lawson and Eld. W. M. Johnston, and find them orthodox in doctrine as Free Will Baptists and recommend them as such to our people.

We, the Executive Board, have examined Bro's. Burmis Nichols and Earnest Snowder, and find them sound in doctrine and recommend their ordination as ministers of the gospel.

We, the Executive Board, have examined Bro's. Clarence Dodson and Garrett Pulsey, and find them sound in doctrine and recommend they be given license to preach the gospel.

We, the Executive Board, decided to have Bro. Chester Hedwell study for another three months and then reappear before the board for the conformation.

We, the Executive Board, recommend that the Articles of Faith as recorded in our Associational Minutes of 1950 be stricken from the records and that the Articles of Faith from the State Minutes be inserted.

We, the Executive Board, recommend that Scriptures be inserted under each Article of Faith in our State Minute, and that this recommendation accompany the letter to the State Association from the Golden Gate Association.

Resolutions:

No. 1—Article 7 of the Constitution in State Minutes reads, "The Executive Board shall be composed of five members, each member shall be an ordained minister in good standing in the State Association, and their terms of tenure as follows: 1 for 1 year, 1 for 2 years, 1 for 3 years, 1 for 4 years, and 1 for 5 years." Be it resolved that the Golden Gate Association adopt the above law.

No. 2—Be it resolved that the annual session of the Golden Gate Association meet hereafter on Thursday night before the 4th Sunday in May.

No. 3—Be it resolved that we send an evangelist to evangelize this our Golden Gate Association.

No. 4—Be it resolved that this body give a standing vote of thanks to this church for their hospitality, and to our Moderator and Clerk and our out-going officers.

MINISTERS' REGISTER

Eld. Neal Moore Box 236 Castroville
 Eld. Lewis A. Lawson Lander & C St. Turlock
 Eld. R. L. Fullilove 125 Syracuse St. Turlock
 Eld. J. L. Waltman 145-8th Turlock
 Eld. J. E. Sweeten Gen. Del Turlock
 Eld. R. C. Hampton 1208 Eugene Modesto
 Eld. H. E. Dixon Selma
 Eld. R. L. Groves Selma
 Eld. John H. Montgomery Box 266 Hughson
 Eld. R. B. Sutton R 1, Box 202 Martinez
 Eld. T. N. Huddleston R. 2, Box 44 Chowchilli
 Eld. Wiley Gregory R.1, Box 1118 Ceres
 Eld. James Minor R. 2, Box 113 Ceres
 Eld. G. H. Constant Box 533 Winters
 Eld. J. P. Pierce R. 2, Box 271 Firebaugh
 Eld. Dean Moore 412 South 7th Richmond 3
 Eld. Earnest Snowder 1819 Potrero Richmond 3
 Eld. W. M. Johnston 669 Freemont St. Salinas
 Eld. A. E. Woolery Box 326 Selma
 Eld. Billy Jo Adkins R. 2, Box 114 Ceres.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. The Bible. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice. Matt. 22:29; Mark 15:28; John 2:22; John 5:39; John 7:38; Acts 1:16; Acts 8:35; Acts 18:28; Rom. 15:4; Gal. 1:8; II Tim. 3:16-17; II Peter 1:12, 20-21.

2. God. We believe there are three persons in the God head, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and that all things were created by them. I John 5:7; Gen. ch. 1 and 2; Ex. 20:9-11; Psalm 33:6; Jer. 51:15; John 1:1-3; Acts 14:14-17; I Cor. 8:5, 6; Eph. 3:8-10; Col. 1:9-17; Rev. 4:9-11.

3. Man. We believe that God created man innocent, but by disobedience he fell into a state of sin and death. His posterity therefore inherited a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to the years of accountability sin and become guilty before God. Gen. 2:15-17; Gen. 3:14-19; Isa. 53:6; Rom. 3:9-26; Rom. 5:12-15; I Cor. 15:21, 22; Gal. 3:22; I John 1:10.

4. Children Saved. We believe that children are born in a saved state and we must become like unto them if we enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. Matt 18:2, 3; Luke 18:16, 17.

5. General Atonement. We believe that Christ died for all and whosoever will may be saved. Matt. 28:19, 20; Luke 24:45-47; John 3:16; I Tim. 2:1-6; Titus 2:11; Heb. 2:9; II Peter 3:9; I John 2:1, 2; Rev. 22:17.

6. Terms of Salvation. We believe the terms of Salvation are: 1st. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and a hearty renunciation of it. 2nd. Faith, or the unreserved committal of one's self to God through faith in Christ with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. Luke 13:3-5; Luke 14:25-27; Luke 24:45-47; John 3:16; Acts 10:43; Acts 15:8, 9; Acts 16:31; Rom. 5:1, 2; Rom. 10:8-13; Gal. 3:26; Eph. 2:8, 9; Heb. 11:6.

7. Divine Call to the Ministry. We believe that God in His wisdom and goodness displays His power of Grace in a great degree in calling and qualifying His servants by the teaching of the Holy Spirit to go forth and proclaim life and salvation. Yet those who are called are commanded to study to show themselves approved unto God, etc. John 5:39; John 1:16, 17; Acts 3:22; Acts 13:1-4; Acts 18:27, 28; Acts 20:28; Acts 22:14, 15; Rom. 10:14, 15; Gal. 1:11-23; II Tim. 2:15; Titus 1:7-9.

8. The Church. We believe that the church of God, or Christ is the whole body of Christians throughout the world. Matt. 16:18; Acts 2:46, 47; I Cor. 12:13-20; Eph. 1:22, 23; Eph. 4:4-6; Col. 1:18-24; I Tim. 3:14, 15; Heb. 3:6.

9. A Church of God. We believe that a Church of God is an organized body of believers in Christ who statedly assemble to worship God and keep the Ordinances of the Gospel according to the scriptures. Matt. 18:15-17; Matt. 28:18, 20; Acts 8:1; Acts 13:1-3; Acts 14:23; Rom. 16:1-5; I Cor. 11:12; I Cor. 11:23-28; I Cor. 16:19; Col. 4:15, 16; Titus 1:5; I Peter 5:13; Rev. 1:11.

10. Ordinances. We believe that Baptism, Communion and feet washing are Gospel Ordinances and should be observed by the people of God. Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:18, 20; John 13:4-13; Matt. 28:19, 20; Acts 2:41; Acts 8:12; Acts 8:35-38; Acts 9:18; Acts 10:47, 48; Acts 16:33; I Cor. 11:23-26; I Tim. 5:9, 19.

11. Baptism. We believe that immersion is the scriptural mode of baptism. Matt. 3:5, 6; Matt. 3:13-17; Mark 1:5-11; John 3:22, 23; Acts 8:36-39; Rom. 6:3, 4.

12. Open Communion. We believe that the Lord's people are one in Him, therefore should be one at His table. John 15:5; John 17:11-21; I Cor. 11:23-29; I Cor. 12:13-21; Gal. 3:26-29.

13. The Christian Sabbath. We believe that the Divine Law requires that one day in seven be set apart for the worship of God and that no work of worldly nature should be done on that day. Work of piety, mercy and necessity excepted. Mark 16:1, 2; John 20:1, 19, 26; Acts 13:27; Acts 16:13; Acts 20:7; I Cor. 16:1, 2; Rev. 1:10, 11.

14. Apostasy. We believe that only those Christians who through grace and patience endure unto the end have promise of Eternal Salvation. Ezek. 18:24-26; Matt. 10:22; Matt. 24:12, 13; Matt. 24:48-51; Matt. 25:14-30; Mark 13:13; Luke 12:45, 46; John 15:1-6; Rom. 11:21; I Cor. 10:11, 12; I Cor. 15:12; I Thes. 3:4, 5; Heb. 3:1-6; Heb. 6:4-6; Heb. 10:24-30; II Peter 1:9-11; II Peter 2:12-16; II Peter 2:20-22; Rev. 2:10; Rev. 3:5.

15. Resurrection. We believe in the resurrection of all men. They that have done good unto the resurrection of life and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation. John 5:28, 29; Acts 4:1, 2; Acts 17:18; Acts 23:6; Acts 24:14, 15; Acts 26:6-8; I Cor. 15:12, 22; I Thes. 4:15-17; Rev. 20:12-15.

16. General Judgment. We believe that there will be a general or universal judgment when all nations will be gathered before the Judgment Seat of Christ, to be judged according to their works. The wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal. Eccl. 11:9; Eccl. 12:14; Matt. 12:36, 37; Matt. 13:37-43; Matt. 25:31-46; Mark 9:43-48; John 5:28, 29; Acts 10:42; Acts 17:30, 31; Rom. 14:10-12; II Cor. 5:10; Heb. 9:27, 28; Rev. 20:2-15; Rev. 21:7, 8.

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 self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences; public worship, and the observance of 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 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 Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the World. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.