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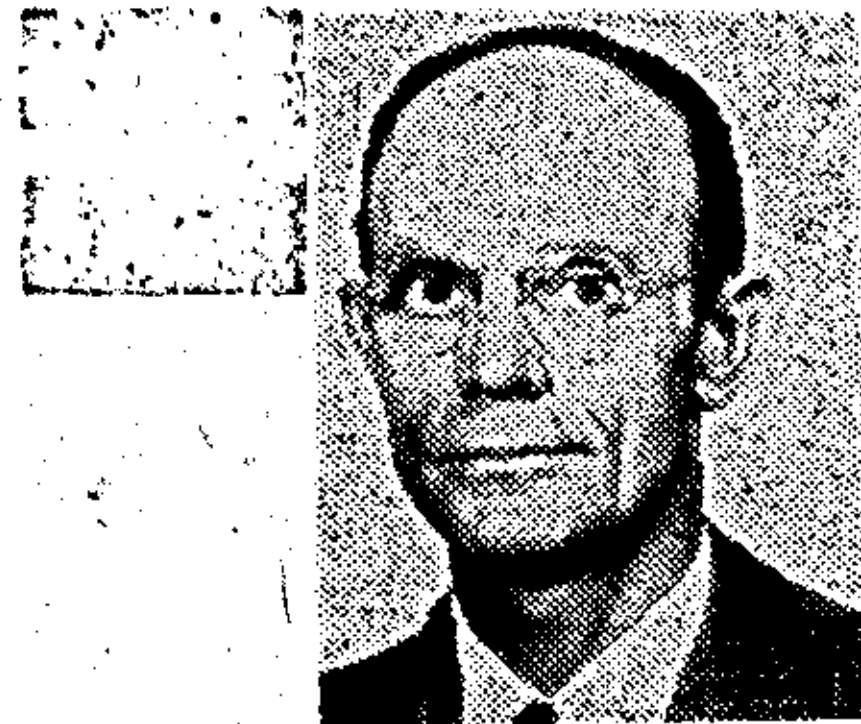
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Ministers, and Officers 1950 Session

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Rev. Henry A. Howard
Licentiate

Ministers, Deacons and Messengers composing The Liberty Association of Free Will Baptist, met in their first session on Friday morning at 9:00 o'clock, when convened with the Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church, Hazel Park, Mich.

Opening devotions by the Moderator directing in the singing "I Need Jesus," and "Worthy Art Thou." Opening prayer by Rev. E. J. Marine. Moderator continued by reading 133rd Psalm, prayer by Bro. Hurshal Stanley.

Clerk being absent, the Moderator appointed Sis. Dorothy Hawkins to serve as clerk pro-tem.

A call was given for letters from the churches representing; at which time, letters were received, and delegates, together with all the ordained authority were seated in conference. Comprising the Free Will Baptist Temple, representing by letter, two ministers, three deacons (two for ordination), four delegates and clerk; the Free Will Baptist Mission, represented by letter, one minister, two deacons, two delegates and clerk; Ten Mile Church, represented by two ministers, two deacons and two delegates seated (pending receipt of tardy letter). See respective listing elsewhere. At this instance, all engaged in prayer of consecration led by Moderator.

Rev. R. A. Crawford, visiting minister, received as guest of honor.

Moderator read "Rules of Decorum." After which, motion was received to adjourn business session until 1:30, giving way for the 11:00 o'clock message.

11:00 O'CLOCK SERVICES

Came together by singing, led by Rev. E. J. Marine, prayer by Bro. Y. V. Hayley, message by Rev. R. A. Crawford, using for Scripture lesson Acts 17:22-28. Services dismissed by Bro. Cook.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Came together by singing. Devotional services led by Rev. John Q. Gallagher. Scripture lesson by Moderator reading 19th Psalm. Prayer by Rev. Henry A. Howard. After which the Moderator read "Rules of Decorum."

First item of business was the appointing of the several committees. Viz.:

COMMITTEE ON DIVINE SERVICES: Bro. W. L. Cook, Bro. Henry Finney and Bro. Y. V. Hayley.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE: Bro. Hurshal Stanley, Rev. Henry A. Howard and Sis. Georgia Felts.

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY: Sis. Alma Mills, Sis. Ida Marine and Bro. George Cook.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE: Rev. Henry A. Howard, Rev. E. J. Marine and Bro. Leslie Gallagher.

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Next item of business: A move was made by Rev. Geo. Ritter, that, inasmuch that the formerly elected clerk could not serve, that we proceed to elect a clerk to fill the vacancy, which resulted in the election of Rev. John Q. Gallagher to serve for the ensuing year.

Next item of business was the matter of electing a Presbytry Board, resulted in the appointment, by the moderator of a board to serve temporarily, or until such time as a regular board, according to the constitution could be empaneled, resulted in: Rev. N. P. Gates, Moderator, Rev. George Ritter and Rev. John Q. Gallagher.

Next item, was the report of the committee on Divine Services, by the selection of Rev. Henry A. Howard to deliver the 3:00 o'clock message; Rev. John Q. Gallagher to deliver the closing message at the 11:00 o'clock hour Saturday morning. Since the host church was engaged in a revival campaign it was left to the discretion of the pastor and the evangelist for the evening services.

At this interval, by reason of certain members of the host church, not desiring to interfere with the revival (in progress) it was agreed to suspend with the Ordinance Services, deferring it until the next annual session. Likewise, the ordaining service was delayed, and later carried over until a future date.

Next item, was a motion sustained to adjourn the business session for the 3:00 o'clock message, and reconvene at the appointed hour of 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning. Dismissed by Bro. Hurshal Stanley.

AFTERNOON MESSAGE

Devotional services by Rev. John Q. Gallagher. After which a short, but a very timely message was delivered by Rev. Henry A. Howard, using for Scripture text II Chr. 7: 14. Services dismissed by Rev. R. A. Crawford.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

At 7:30 p.m., a goodly number of saints, among others of the host church, gathered together by singing, led by

Bro. W. E. Gates, at which time, a number of specials in song was rendered, climaxing with the Rev. B. P. Childress, evangelist of the occasion rendering, among others, a special favorite, according to request "The Wayfaring Pilgrim" and delivering the message of the hour, using for Scripture lesson This bringing to a close the revival campaign. Dismissed by Rev. N. P. Gates.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Came together by singing, led by Rev. John Q. Gallagher, prayer by Bro. N. H. Hawkins. Followed by the moderator reading for Scripture lesson III Epistle of John.

First item of business was a call given for Tardy letters: At which time it was agreed, that by reason of the clerk of host church not having duly prepared their letter, that Rev. Henry A. Howard, Bros. W. E. Gates and Rabe Pearce, minister and deacons respectively would vouch for the same.

Next item was the reading of the "Rules of Decorum."

Next item, was the selection of a place for the First Quarterly meeting. Resulted in the selection of The Free Will Baptist Temple, 6041 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, Mich. On Thursday night before the 5th Sunday, July 27-29, 1950. The Rev. Henry A. Howard was selected to preach the introductory message.

Next item, was the selection of a place for the next annual setting of the Association. Resulted in the selection of the Free Will Baptist Mission to entertain the next session. With the pastor Rev. E. J. Marine to deliver the introductory message.

At this interval, it was agreed, that any church desiring the setting of a session of this association, shall so state it in their letters.

Next item of business, was, in that the moderator, having interest in the printing business, and editor of the Free Wil Baptist Evangel, that he be authorized to arrange manuscript and print 300 Minutes. Funds so appropriated by the churches to pay for the same.

It was also agreed that the minutes should carry all documents pertaining to the functioning of the body, such as: the Articles of Faith, Constitution, Church Covenant, Rules of Decorum, Order of Business, etc., etc., as also the general proceeding of the body.

At this interval, and by special request by Bro. Cook, member of the hosts church that the messenger for the 11:00 o'clock hour relinquish his time for a special season of prayer for the host church.

Next item of business, that we receive the reports of the several committees, and the committees be discharged. See reports:

COMMITTEE ON DIVINE SERVICE

Committee on Divine Service, having faithfully discharged their duty was duly discharged.

W. L. Cook

Com.—Henry Finney

Y. V. Hayley

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We your Committee on Finance, submit the following report: having received the sum of \$30.00 from the churches represented as follows: Free Will Baptist Temple \$15.00; Free Will Baptist Mission \$15.00. A like amount being promised by those representing the host church.

Rev. Henry A. Howard

Com.—Hurshal Stanley

Georgia Felts

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY

We, your Committee on Obituary, are pleased to make the following report: That our kindly heavenly Father in His divine grace has seen fit to spare the flock, and has richly blessed us, in that His mercy extended to us, through sickness and health there has been none taken from our midst.

Alma Mills

Com.—Ida Marine

George Cook

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS

We, your Committee on Arrangement of Business, pray you receive the following as our report: While in your Godly deliberations, that harmony and good will has prevailed through the entire session. And in the discharge of our duty, we have only to submit the following resolution:

Resolution of Respect

Resolved, that we, the guest members to the host church, composing the Liberty Association of Free Will Baptist, extend our thanks to the host church, for the kind hospitality shown us, in that we were privileged to assemble with you in our Godly deliberations for the advancement of the kingdom of God, and the mutual good of all.

Rev. Henry A. Howard
Com.—Rev. E. J. Marine
Leslie Gallagher

Moved to adjourn until the time and place of the next annual session of the association, when to convene with The Free Will Baptist Mission on May 3-5, 1951. Dismissed by Bro. Rabe Pearce.

Rev. N. P. Gates, Moderator
Rev. John Q. Gallagher, Clerk.

LIST OF MINISTERS PRESENT

Rev. N. P. Gates, 19405 Danbury, Detroit, Mich.; Rev. Geo. Ritter, 347 W. Granet, Hazel Park, Mich.; Rev. John Q. Gallagher, Detroit, Mich.; Rev. E. J. Marine, 922 E. Coy, Hazel Park, Mich.; Rev. R. A. Crawford, Detroit, Mich.; Rev. Henry A. Howard, Hazel Park, Mich.



LIST OF DEACONS PRESENT

W. E. Gates, Hazel Park, Mich.; Rabe Pearce, Hazel Park, Mich.; Y. V. Hayley, Detroit, Mich.; Hurshal Stanley, Detroit, Mich.; Leslie Gallagher, Detroit, Mich.; Henry Finney, Hazel Park, Mich.; G. W. Hamilton, Hazel Park, Mich.



LIST OF DELEGATES

Ten Mile Free Will Baptist—W. L. Cook, George Cook.
Free Will Baptist Mission—Elton Felts, Georgia Felts.
Free Will Baptist Temple—Alma Mills, Grace Gallagher, Rosie Roberson, Edna Smith.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **GOD.** We believe in one true and living, Triune God; composed of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, equal in divine Essence, Purpose, Power and Glory.—St. John 1:1, 1 Cor. 8:6; St. John 10:30.

2. **Christ.** We believe that Jesus Christ is the divine Son of God. Was with the Father and the Holy Spirit at the time of the Creation, left the Courts of Heaven and came to this earth. Took upon Himself the form of humanity, sin excepted, by being born of the Virgin Mary, manifested His power, was crucified, placed in Joseph's tomb, rose from the dead the third day, completed the great plan of salvation, walked and talked with His disciples, publicly ascended up to Heaven, and that He will descend again to gather His jewels home.—Isaiah 9:6; St. John 1:14; Luke 1:26-28; Matt. 14:13-21; Mark 16:9-19; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:9-12; Mark 15:22-47.

3. **HOLY SPIRIT.** We believe that the Holy Spirit has visited true believers in all ages, and especially since the ascension of the SON back to the Father, and His coming on the day of Pentecost. Has taken up His office work among all nations of people, as a Divine Reprover, Comforter and Guide.—Judges 6:34; 11:29; St. John 16:8-14; Isaiah 63:10-12; Ephesians 4:30; Acts 8:17-20; Ezek. 36:27; Joel 2:28.

4. **THE BIBLE.** We believe the Bible, which is composed of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, was given by Inspiration of God, is our way-bill from earth to heaven, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice.—2 Peter 1:19-21; 2 Tim. 3:14-17; Daniel 10:21; Acts 1:16-17; Matt. 21:42.

5. **THE FALL OF MAN.** We believe that GOD created man good, gave him a just law by which he should be governed; with promise of reward for faithfulness and with penalties of punishment for disobedience. Gave man power of free moral agency to choose the right and reject the wrong. But our first parents heeded the voice of the great enemy of souls, voluntarily transgressed the law of GOD, fell, with their posterity, under the just penalty of the same, and were unable of their own power to extricate or save themselves from the great dilemma into which they had fallen. God gave them the hope of salvation through the coming of CHRIST.—Gen. 1:27; 2:16-17; Psalms 51:5; Gen. 6:5; Rom. 5:12-19; John 3:6; Eph. 2:3.

6. **REDEMPTION, SALVATION, ADOPTION.** We believe that Jesus Christ by His birth, death, burial, resurrection and ascension paid the purchase price for the redemption of the whole human race, arranged a pardon for all who come upon Gospel terms; and a law of adoption into the Kingdom of Heaven, and an eternal inheritance into the glorified Kingdom above.—Heb. 9:12; Gal. 3:13; 4:4-5; Titus 2:14; St. John 3:16; Isaiah 15:22.

7. **CONDITIONS OF SALVATION.** We believe that all persons, dying in infancy and all idiots are saved by the atoning merits of the Son of God without any act on their part that persons coming to the years of accountability, transgressing the law of God, must upon their part, exercise faith in Jesus Christ through repentance toward God, at

the completion of which pardon takes place in the mind of the Father and by the Holy Spirit they pass through the ordeal of regeneration, are washed in the blood of the Lamb and are planted in the Kingdom of Christ—John 3rd chapter; Matt. 19:13-22; 1 Cor. 7:10; Luke 18:16-17; St. John 4:11-16; Psalms 98:3.

8. **SALVATION FREE.** We believe that God desires the salvation of all Christ died for all; and whosoever will may come and be saved upon the terms of the Gospel.—1 Peter 1:9-25; 2:9-25; Revelation 22:17.

9. **BAPTISM.** We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of believers in water, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, in which are represented the burial and resurrection of Christ; also represents our death to sin, and only those who have come under the presbytery of the elders are qualified to administer the same.—Matt. 3:14-16; 3:5-6; 1 Peter 3:21; St. John 3:23; Acts 10:47; Matt. 28:19.

10. **COMMUNION AND FEET WASHING.** We believe that the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saints' feet are ordinances of the Gospel of Christ; the Lord's Supper was instituted by our Saviour to commemorate His broken body and shed blood for the sins of the world, and to show our remembrance of Him till He comes. All Christians have a right to the Lord's Supper and should be invited; "Let a man examine himself and so let him eat."

The washing of the feet was instituted by our Lord at the same time that the Supper was instituted as an act of humility to show our love for each other, and both ordinances should be perpetuated by all Christians until His second coming.—Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:20-29; St. John 13:1-17; Matt. 26:26-29.

11. **THE SABBATH.** We believe that the Christian Sabbath should be observed as a day of rest and for the worship of God; that we should abstain from all sinful amusements and secular employments, works of mercy and piety excepted.—Exodus 20:11; 31:12-18; Deut. 5:12-15; Ezek. 20:12; Matt. 28:1; Luke 23:56; Acts 13:42-48; Mark 2:27.

12. **CALL TO THE MINISTRY.** We believe in a divine call of the ministry; that God in His goodness and power of grace, impress His ministers with the burden of lost souls, to the extent that the call becomes irresistible with personal contentment; that when they yield to the call and exercise the native gifts according to the Scriptures, with a full reliance upon Him, He accompanies them in person of the Holy Spirit to guide them in the way of truth and to bless their labors according to His purpose.—Jonah 1:1; Jer. 1:5; Mark 3:14; Acts 1:22-26; Matt. 28:19.

13. **THE INVISIBLE CHURCH.** We believe that the Invisible or Spiritual Church is the redeemed in the aggregate, is the family of God, is composed of all true Christians of every congregation from righteous Abel to the restitution of all things, from every kindred, nation, tongue and people.—Eph. 3:16-21; Heb. 12:22-23; 1 Pet. 2:5; Eph. 2:20-22; Acts 2:47; Matt. 16:18.

14. **THE VISIBLE CHURCH.** We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men and women, having obtained

fellowship with the Lord and with each other, agreeing to keep up a good discipline and doctrine according to the rules of the Gospel.—2 Thess. 1:1; Acts 16:5; 3 John 1:10; Matt. 18:17; Acts 20:28; Revelation 1:4-20.

15. PERSEVERANCE. We believe that all true believers in Christ should persevere in divine grace and in the knowledge of the truth, and that God's grace is sufficient to help them to overcome all the obstacles of life, and that all the combined forces of the great enemy of souls on earth and in hell (or in his eternal abode) are not able to pluck them from His hand so long as they walk in the path of duty; but those who sidestep and wilfully refuse or neglect to perform their duty, they would backside if persistently continued, would be eternally lost.—2 Pet. 1:12; 2 Cor. 9:10; 2 Peter 1:4-8; 2 Peter 2:2; Rom. 8:35-39; Apostasy; 2 Peter 1:8-9; 1 Cor. 10:1-13; Heb. 12:15-17; 1 John 5:16; Heb. 6:1-6; 1 Tim. 4:1-2; Heb. 3:12; St. John 15:1-7; Matt. 12:31-32.

16. CHRIST THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH. We believe that Christ is the Head of the Church, and that the government of the local church is with the body.—Col. 1:18-19; Matt. 16:18; Heb. 12:23; Matt. 21:42; Eph. 1:22; Acts 16:4-5.

17. SANCTIFICATION. Sanctification is a work of God's grace, by which the soul is cleansed from all sin and wholly consecrated to Christ. It takes place in regeneration, and the Christian can and should abide in this state to the end of life, constantly growing in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.—1 Cor. 6:11; 2 Thess. 2:13; Heb. 12:14; Phil. 3:21; 2 Thess. 5:19-23; St. John 17:17-19; 2 Tim. 2:20-21.

18. THE RESURRECTION. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the righteous and the wicked. When the resurrection shall take place, the soul and body shall be united, the righteous shall be received into everlasting happiness to reign with God for ever; but the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment.—Matt. 28:6; John 5:28-29; 1 Cor. 15:51-58.

19. THE SOUL. The soul is endless, hence does not die with the body, but immediately after death enters into a conscious state of happiness or misery, according to the spiritual character here possessed.—Phil. 1:23; Luke 23:43; Rev. 6:9; Luke 16: 19-25; Matt. 10:28.

20. JUDGMENT. We believe that there will be a general universal judgment, when all men shall be judged according to their works, whether they be good or bad, and that immediately thereafter the wicked shall enter into everlasting punishment, and the righteous into eternal happiness.—2 Thess. 1:4-9; Rev. 14:9-13; Luke 16:23; Rev. 21:8; 2 Cor. 5:10; Matt. 12:36-37; Rev. 20:12-13; Acts 17:31.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association, when convened, shall be opened and closed by singing and prayer.
2. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise to his feet and address the moderator.
3. Each person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in speech, except by the moderator, until he gets through; nor shall the moderator interrupt him unless he breaks order.
4. The person speaking shall adhere to the question and shall in no wise cast reflections on any person who may have spoken before him.
5. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the Association.
6. No person shall laugh or whisper in time of public speech.
7. Members shall address each other by the appellation of brother or brethren, or sisters.
8. No members of this Association shall absent himself when the association is sitting in conference without leave of the moderator.
9. The names of the members of this association shall be enrolled and called over as often as the association thinks is necessary.
10. No member shall speak longer than fifteen minutes at any one time without leave of the moderator.



ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to order by moderator.
2. Call for letters from churches.
3. Election of moderator and clerk.
4. Read Rules of Decorum.
5. Appointment of Committees: Divine Service, Finance, Obituary, Arrangement of Business.
6. Call for corresponding letters.
7. Call for petitionary letters.
8. Unfinished business.
9. New business.

CONSTITUTION of THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION of FREE WILL BAPTIST

1. This Association, when properly convened, shall consist of a Moderator, and Ass't Moderator; Clerk, and Ass't Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present. The duty of the Moderator shall be to keep the Association in order, state questions fairly and take the vote thereon; to have no vote unless the Association be equally divided, in which case he shall have the deciding vote.

The duty of the Clerk shall be to keep a fair record of the proceedings of the Association. The Assistants to the Moderator and Clerk shall be to assist, or occupy their respective seats when vacant, or otherwise necessary.

2. This Association shall be composed of ordained Ministers, Deacons and Licentiates, together with messengers duly chosen by the church of their membership in our union, whom the members judge best qualified to represent them. Said messengers bearing letters certifying to their appointment.

Said Ministers and Licentiates shall be men of good report, within, and without, of honest integrity and full of the Holy Ghost, meeting the qualifications to that of I Tim. 3. Coming under the hands, or approval of the Ordaining Council. Pastors shall be chosen by the suffrage of the church, or churches they serve; whose tenure of service shall be faithfully maintained until terminated, and that effected only by a 60 days notice of said intention, and the selection of an active Minister within the bounds of this Association to succeed him. It is agreed, however, one may be selected from other sources, being approved by the Ordaining Council of this Ass'n.

3. In the letters from the churches shall be expressed their respective number in fellowship, and the number received, dismissed, excluded or died since the last setting of the Association, day of church meeting, Pastor and Clerk.

4. No query shall be received by this Association from any church until it has been acted upon by said church and referred to the Association. In which case the Association shall take up the matter, acting as an advisory counsel to promote peace and harmony according to true discipline of Divine grace.

5. Every church in this Association shall be entitled to a representation of Messengers not exceeding five; together with said clerk and ordained authority.

6. This Association shall maintain a Presbytery Board selected from the ordained authority, preferably Ministers: five in number; also an Executive Board consisting of five, selected from the body, whose tenure of office shall be ranging from one to five years. The Association shall select, annually, to supply the vacancies as they occur.

7. Every motion, when in order and properly sustained, shall be acted upon unless withdrawn by the mover: that is to say, to present matters for discussion, trying the merits of the same, and, if found worth and orthodox, to adopt it.

8. This Association shall not exercise power so as to lord it over God's heritage so as to infringe on the internal rights of any. Maintaining the rights and privileges, and relationship to each church to that of individual members: that is to say, if a church trespasses against a sister church, the church injured shall try to reclaim them by Gospel steps; whereupon, if a reconciliation cannot be effected, the said church in default shall be dropped from our counsel.

9. We agree to do all regular business by a majority of members present.

10. Any church may be admitted into this Association by a petitionary letter and messengers, if however, said church is found to be orthodox and orderly. Such admission shall be manifested by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to said messengers.

11. This Association shall sit as an advisory council, to advise, if prudent, in all matters of difficulty; to ascertain the cause of non-representation, to select from this body such committees deemed necessary to the functioning of the body; to invite and entertain counsel with all brother ministers commensurate with safety; to exclude, or disannul any member not conforming to the Rules of Decorum, and shall report his, or their conduct to the church of which they hold membership.

12. This Association shall not, at any time, engage in what may seem to be of a commercial nature. However, it shall be the duty of each church to provide means to defray current expenses of the Association.

13. This Association possesses appellate jurisdiction in all matters concerning the Ministers of the council, as touching their qualification, of his manly character and general conduct; strict adherence to the principles and doctrine of faith and practice, not deviating from that set forth in the Articles of Faith of Free Will Baptist. Particularly that of the plan of redemption, of the Christian fellowship in the unity of Spirit and the bonds of peace; or failing to keep the Ordinances, and the perseverance in faith, ready to be revealed in glory at the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ; when both saints, and the wicked dead shall be resurrected, the saints to everlasting life, and the wicked to eternal damnation.

14. The Lord's Supper and footwashing shall be administered at each annual setting of this Association.

15. This Association shall advise, or recommend the support of denominational enterprises according to the ability, or means otherwise provided, and under the jurisdiction of the local church.

16. This Association shall possess the rights to repel, or exclude anyone coming unto us preaching, or advocating any other doctrine than that set forth in the original Articles of Faith of Free Will Baptist.

17. This constitution shall not be changed, or amended, only by a three-fourths majority of Ministers, as also the Deacons, and likewise the duly elected representatives at the regular annual setting of the Association.

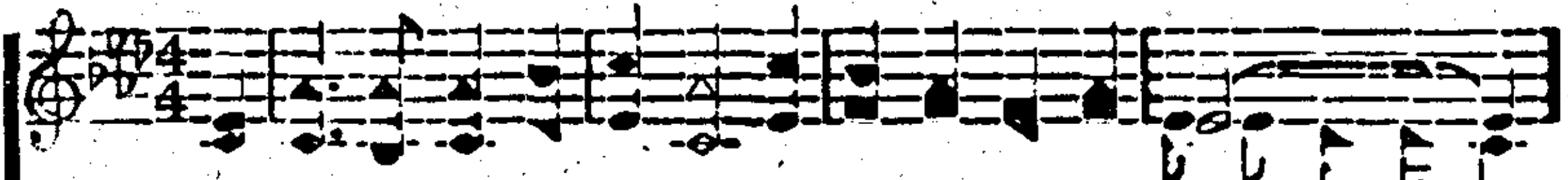
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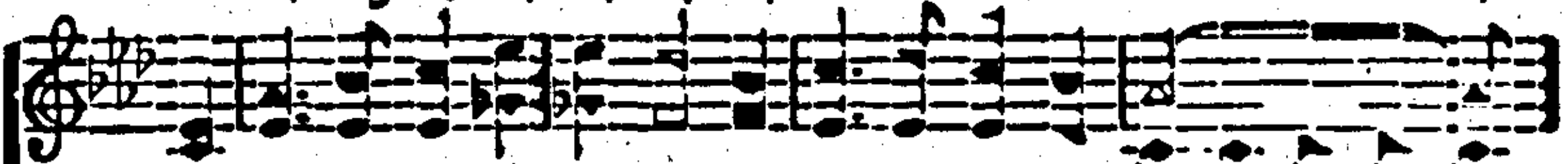
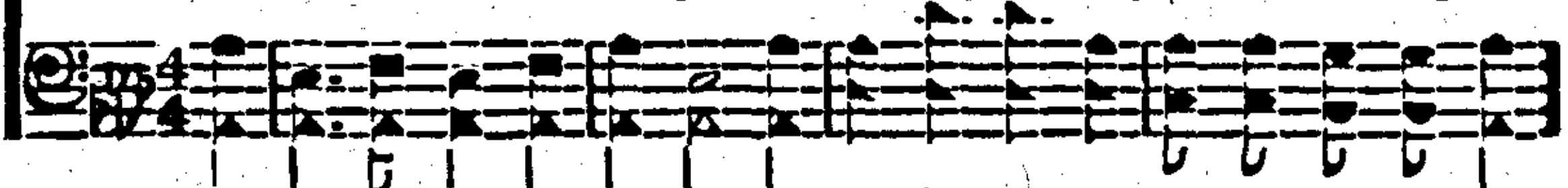
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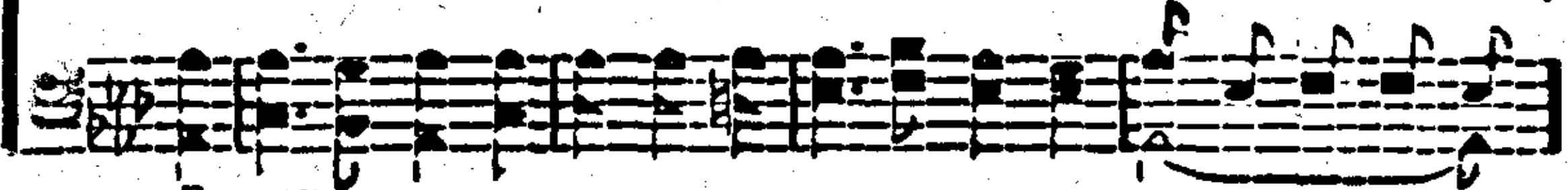
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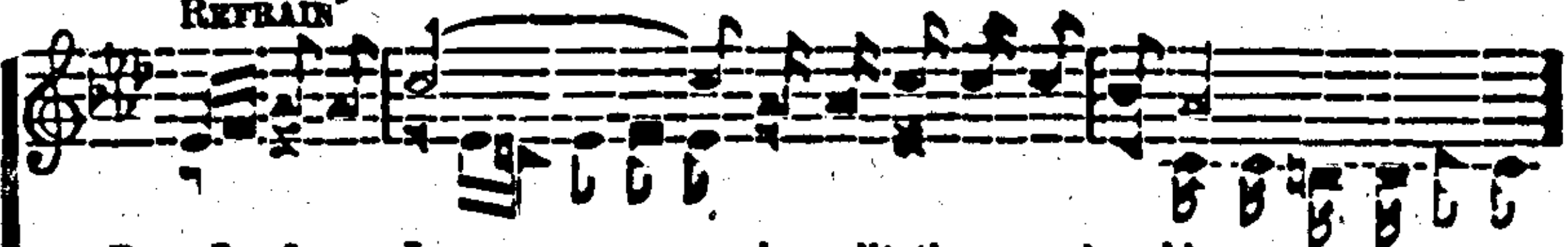
1. I want to be like Je - sus, His word my soul to keep (His word to keep)
2. Ye call me Lord and Mas - ter, "Well done!" for so I am; (for so I am;)
3. If I your Lord and Mas - ter, and now have washed your feet;
4. I gave you this ex - am - ple, that you, my will re - plete; (my will replete)



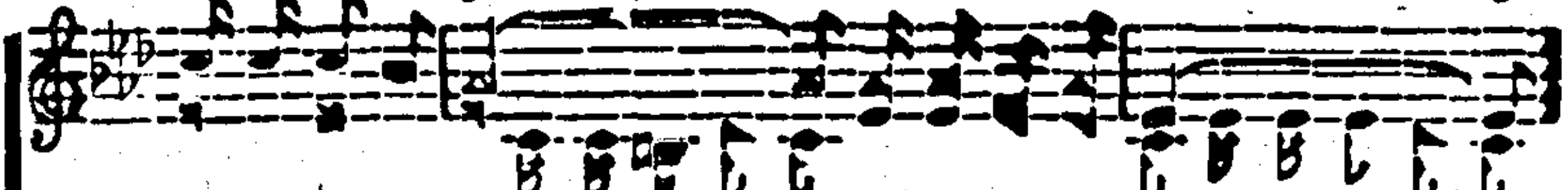
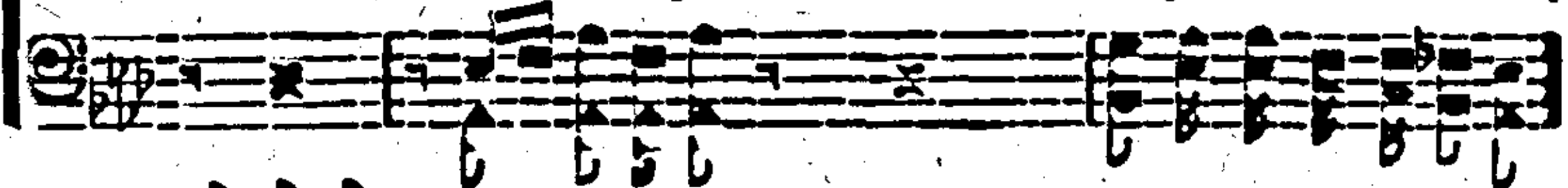
And hum - bly, like Him kneel - ing, and wash my brother's feet (my brother's feet)
 And giv'n you this ex - am - ple, to do as I com - mand; (as I com - mand)
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 To fol - low this commandment, and wash each other's feet (each other's feet.)



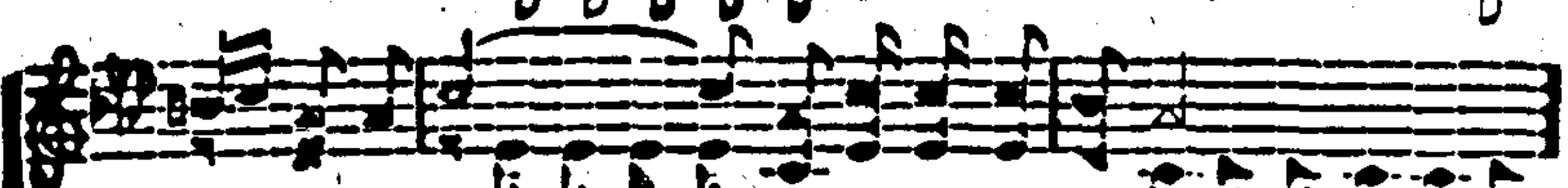
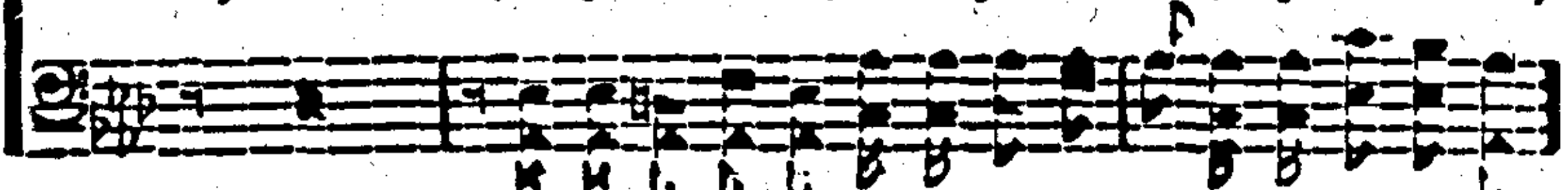
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Dear Lord may I be a lit - tle more humble,
 Dear Lord may I show just a little more love,



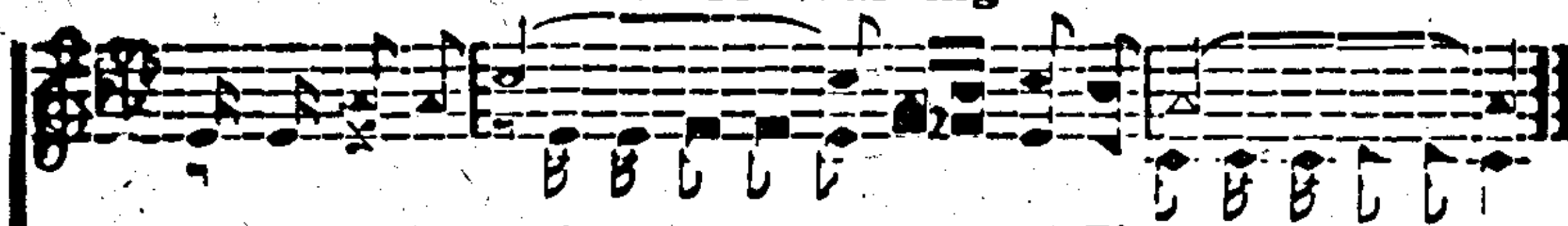
Dai - ly fol - low Thee (Daily follow Thee) and may not retreat (may I not retreat)



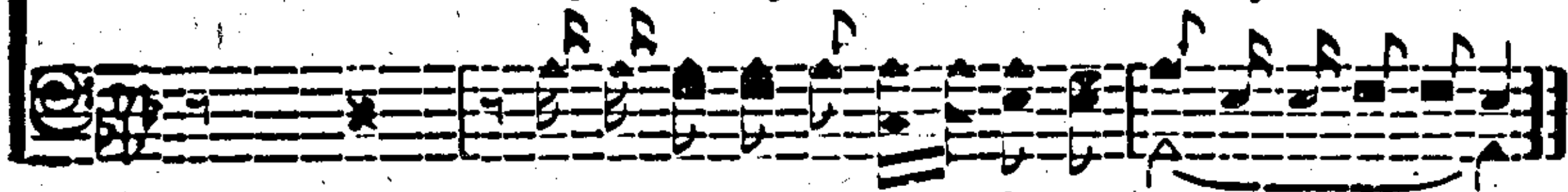
Ere I should cause my broth - er to stumble (far from heav'n's Dove,



Feet Washing



May I hum-bly kneel and wash His feet.....
 May I hum-bly kneel wash my brother's feet.

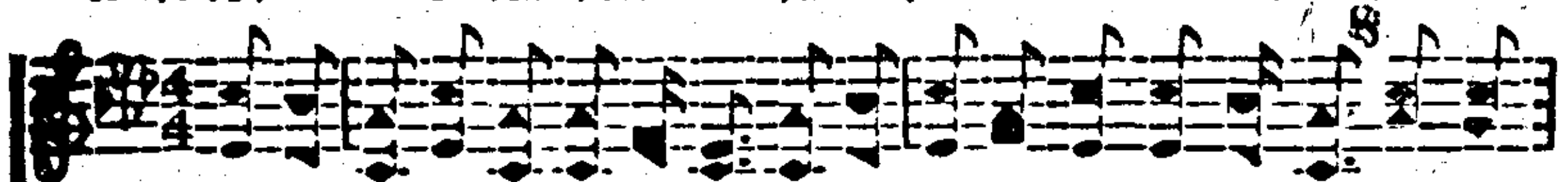


When Our Lord Returns

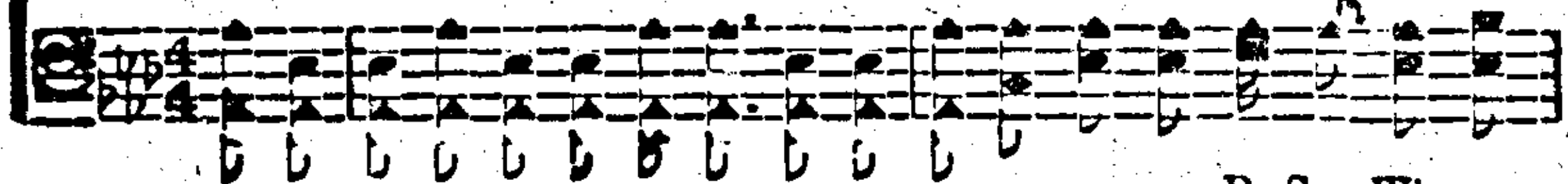
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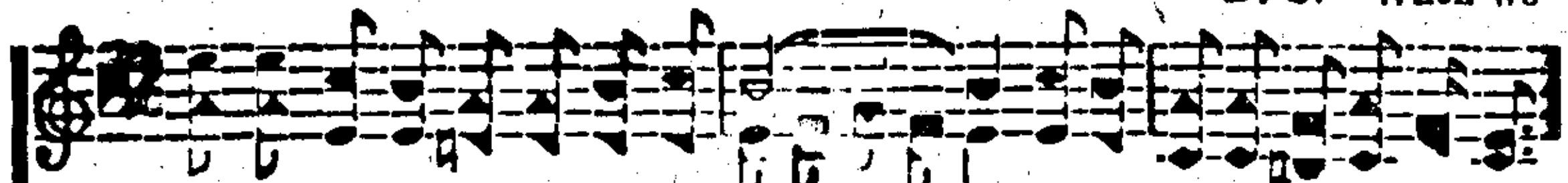
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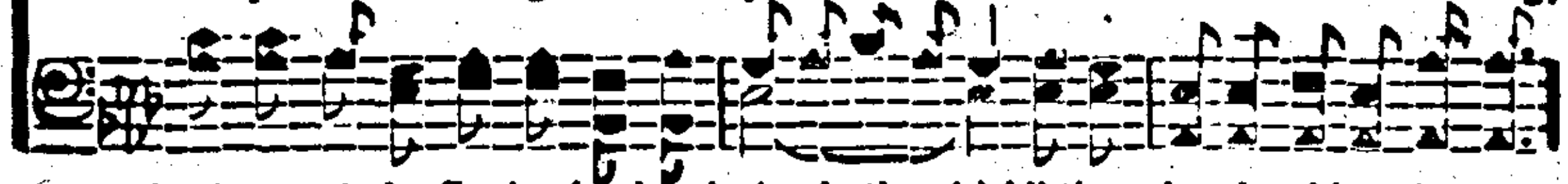
1. When our Sav-ior, now in glo-ry, comes a-gain; how sweet the sto-ry! For those
2. Those now wait-ing for His coming, faith-ful-ly the race are run-ning, Look-ing



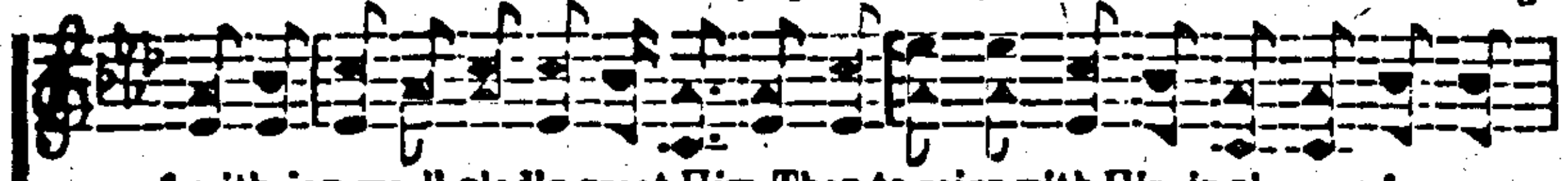
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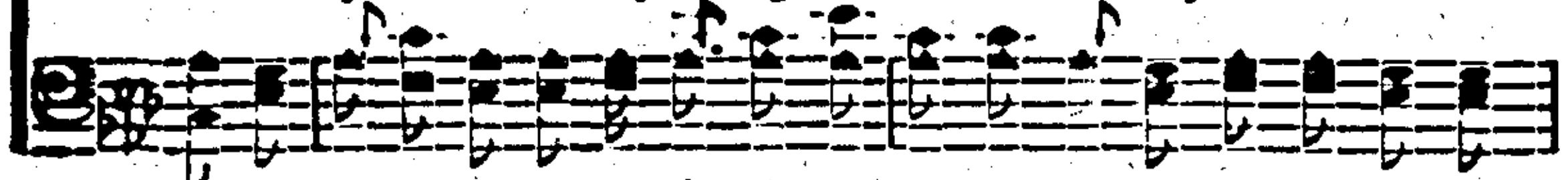
wait-ing for His coming on that day (what happy day) All the saints will rise to meet Him
 for His promised coming on that day While we look for His returning,



rise to meet the Savior in the air; (up in the air) All the saints in white adorning



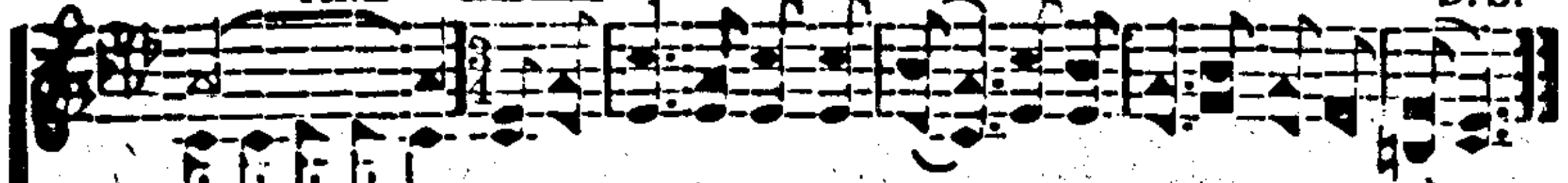
and with joy we'll gladly greet Him, Then to reign with Him in glo-ry far a-
 con-stant-ly in faith we're yearning! For that home in glory-land so far a-



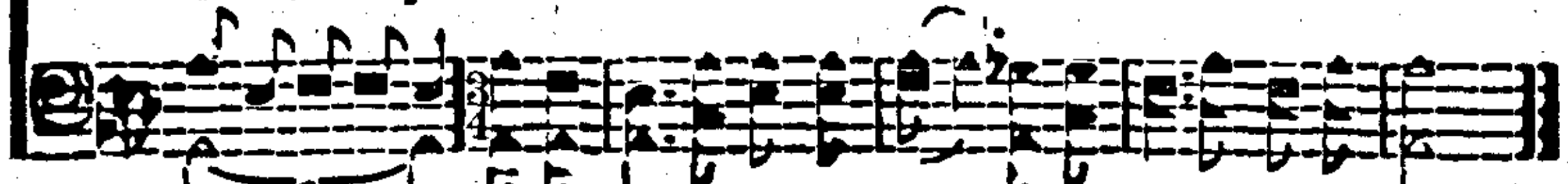
will a-rise on that glad morn-ing, And for-ev-er live in glo-ry bright and

FINE REFRAIN

D. S.



way..... Won't that be a hap-py day? When from earth we'll fly away,
 so far a-way.



fair so bright and fair.

FREE WILL BAPTIST 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 the 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 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.

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 Savior Jesus Christ." We will not forget 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.

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 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.