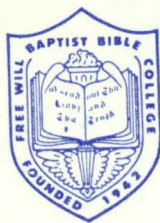


**The
South East Missouri
Yearly Meeting
of
Free Will Baptist**

1944

**Proceedings of the
Annual Session**

**Convened at
Fredricktown Church
Fredricktown Missouri**



FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Rev. O. T. Allred

MINUTES

OF THE

SOUTH EAST MISSOURI YEARLY MEETING

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

Fredricktown Church, Fredricktown, Missouri

OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. Mark Dewis.
Ass't. Moderator, Rev. Wm. Reeves.
Sec. and Treasurer, Bro. O. B. Womack.
Ass't. Clerk, Mrs. Eunice Edwards.

The next annual session will convene with the Third
Free Will Baptist Church in St. Louis, Mo.

TUESDAY EVENING

The Southeast Missouri Ministers' Conference met in its third regular session at the Fredricktown Church, Fredricktown, Missouri and was called to order by the President, Rev. Mark M. Lewis.

Welcome address, Rev. F. C. Zinn.

Song service led by Bro. Zinn.

Congregation sang numbers 8, 98 and 307.

Prayer led by Bro. Reeves.

Praise service.

Rev. Lewis presented Rev. C. Campbell the speaker of the hour. Bro. Campbell used as his text, Rev. 3:20 and as subject, "Communion with the Lord," and brought a very good message, which was greatly enjoyed.

Dismissed with prayer, Bro. Geo. Hibbitt.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Services called to order by singing hymns numbers 37 and 8, led by Bro. Reeves.

Prayer, Rev. Woodrow Matthews.

Rev. Lewis read 1 Tim. 3:1-7 and from the Free Will Baptist Treatise, section 2, "Ministers Conferences" and spoke of the need for fellowship between the ministry.

Hymn number 138 was sung and a fellowship handshake with prayer around the altar, led by Bro. Campbell. A gracious time was enjoyed with the Holy Spirit blessing our hearts.

Bro. Lewis explained the printing of the Constitution and By-Laws had been delayed and instructed the Clerk to send each minister a copy as soon as they were received.

Invitation extended for new members.

Reading of last year's minutes.

Financial report received on motion.

Roll call answered by six members and one visiting minister.

Rev. Cecil Campbell was received as honorary member.

President declared time for election of officers.

Bro. Albert Halbrook led in prayer after which the following officers were elected by acclamation:

Rev. Mark M. Lewis—President.

Rev. Wm. Reeves—Vice President.

Mrs. Eunice Edwards—Sec. and Treas.

Five minute recess declared.

Worship service opened by singing hymns number 158 and 180, led by Bro. W. Matthews.

Prayer, Bro. Wm. Reeves.

Hymn "Amazing Grace."

Bro. Matthews presented, Rev. J. L. Yancey who brought a very great message, using as a subject "Communion, The Lord's Supper and Feet Washing" and as a text Matt. 26:17-30.

Benediction, Bro. Albert Tucker.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Called to order with singing hymns, number 28 and 204, led by Bro. Reeves.

Rev. Lewis read 1 Cor. 11:17-34, after which he led in prayer.

Rev. Lewis presented Rev. C. Campbell who presided over the observance of the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing. Rev. Albert Halbrook and Rev. Woodrow Matthews assisted in the serving of Communion. Bro. Campbell presented Christ as our example to follow in partaking of these ordinances of the Gospel. Every Christian present partook, while Bro. Campbell read Isa. 53. Afterword washing of the Saint's feet was observed with a mighty outpouring of the Holy Ghost. Songs "Amazing Grace," "O Happy Day" and "Rock of Ages" was sung followed by a testimony service which proved a blessing to everyone.

Motion carried that Clerk be privileged to buy the necessary articles to carry on her office.

Motion carried we petition the Yearly Meeting to print our minutes with theirs and the Ministers' Conference pay their proportionate part.

Motion carried that the official board be appointed as Program Committee for next year's program.

Motion carried that Clerk be instructed to send a circular letter and a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws to each Minister not reporting to this body.

Minutes read and approved.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Benediction, Bro. F. C. Zinn.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

The South East Missouri Yearly Meeting met in regular session with the Fredricktown Church Fredricktown, Mo.

Meeting called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Mark Lewis.

Welcome address given by Sister Belva Zinn.

Temporary Pulpit Committee appointed as follows:

Sister Belva Zin, chairman; Sister Essie Greminger; Sister Katherine Pettus.

This Committee to report before close of the service.

Devotional service led by Bro. Zinn. Opened by singing hymns, "I am Thine O Lord," "Look for me at the Gate" and "When All of God's Singers Get Home."

Prayer led by Rev. J. F. Miller.

Hymn "We're Marching to Zion," prayer by Bro. Bill Hughes.

Hymn "I'll Fly Away." Bro. Zinn presented Rev. Mark Lewis to bring the introductory sermon.

Divine Service Committee reported at this time, Rev. J. F. Miller is to preach at 11 o'clock service tomorrow. Bro. Lewis used as his text, Psa. 147 and subject "The delight of the Lord in our lives," a powerful message was delivered.

Benediction by Bro. J. L. Yancey.

THURSDAY MORNING

Meeting called to order by congregational singing "To the Work," led by Bro. Cecil Campbell, hymn "The Kingdom is Coming." Prayer, led by Sister Erma Berry. Scripture lesson read from Gal. 6:1-10 by Bro. Reeves.

Moderator read the Constitution and By-Laws of the

S. E. Missouri Yearly Meeting. Hymn "Ready" was sung. Standing delegates were seated. Letters read from Madison County Quarterly Meeting and St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting and obituary reports.

Motion carried that the letters be received as read and the elected delegation be seated. Moderator then gave charge to all delegates.

At this time visitors were welcomed.

Statistical reports read from all churches with the exception of Wortham and Berkely City who did not report.

Motion carried that statistical reports be received and the Statistician be commended for his faithful service.

Moderator declared time for election of officers.

Led in prayer by Sister Alma Graf.

Rev. Mark Lewis elected Moderator by acclamation.

Rev. Wm. Reeves elected Ass't. Moderator by acclamation.

Bro. O. B. Womack elected Secretary and Treasurer by acclamation.

Mrs. Eunice Edwards elected Ass't. Clerk by acclamation.

Rev. Woodrow Matthews elected Yearly Meeting Board Member for three years by acclamation.

Rev. F. C. Zinn elected to fill Rev. C. B. Dees unexpired term as Board Member Yearly Meeting by acclamation.

The following, Committee on Committees was appointed:

Wm. Reeves, chairman; Tom Pirtle; Effie Matthews; Erma Berry and Blanch Frances.

Recessed for morning worship with Rev. Cecil Campbell leading the singing, prayer by Bro. Willard Lackey.

Bro. Lewis presented the speaker of the hour, Rev. J. F. Miller, using as his text, Mark 16:18 and subject "The Word" delivering an inspiring message, with manifestation of the Holy Spirit, he closed his message with prayer.

Report read from Committee on Committees as follows:

Business Committee—Wm. Reeves, chairman; Woodrow

Matthews; Wm. Hughes; Alma Graff and Effie Matthews.

Divine Committee—F. C. Zinn, chairman; Katherine Pettus; Albert Halbrook; Opal Hughes; Arthur Frances and Cecil Campbell, honorary member.

Obituary Committee—Eunice Miller, Erma Berry and Ethel Pirtle.

Credentials Committee—Willard Lackey, chairman; Alex Wampler; and Tom Pirtle.

Denominational Enterprise—Rev. Wm. Reeves, chairman Tom Pirtle; Effie Matthews, Blanche Frances and Erma Berry.

Bro. O. B. Womack elected Statistician by acclamation.

Committee appointed to nominate delegates to State Association: Sister Hamblin, Sister Pirtle and Sister Lackey.

Report of Women's Work given by Mrs. Eunice Edwards.

Report of National Auxiliary Convention given by Mrs. Edwards.

Report of State Women's Work given by Mrs. C. Campbell.

Motion carried that these reports be received as information.

Reports from Triumphant, St. Francois County and Madison County Sunday School Conventions read and received by vote.

Song 251 was sung, led by Sister Christina Halbrook.

Divine Service Committee reported Mrs. Edwards to preach the evening message.

Ministerial reports read and accepted to be turned into the hands of the Credentials Committee, received on motion and second.

Bro. F. C. Zinn spoke of the Superannuation Plan as sponsored by the National Association. Bro. C. Campbell also spoke on the Plan.

Bro. Albert Halbrook, who is a student of the F. W.

B. College, presented the aims and plans of the College.

Bro. J. F. Miller spoke of the suggested program for the Home Mission department for this year.

Motion carried that prayerful and careful consideration be given the older ministers and place them on the Superannuated list and them be given a certificate of standing, when found worthy.

Obituary Committee reported at this time as follows:

From St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting, deceased, Sarah Ferguson, Ruth Francher, St. Louis, Mo.; Thelma Matthews and Mary Glore, Flat River, Mo.; Rev. J. D. Flannery; L. N. Beard, Bismark; S. V. Simmons, Mill Creek and Perry Clubb, Mill Creek, Mo.

Madison County Quarterly Meeting, Mary Price; Fredricktown, Mo.; Raymond Martin, Twin Oak; Nelly Matthews, Mine La Motte, Mo.

Benediction by Rev. Albert Halbrook.

THURSDAY EVENING

Meeting called to order by Bro. Lewis, with singing led by Bro. Cecil Campbell, an altar prayer led by Bro. Zinn, praise service led by Bro. Lewis. Sermon, Judges 16:4-20, subject "Obedience". Benediction by Bro. J. F. Miller.

FRIDAY MORNING

Service called to order by Ass't. Moderator with singing, prayer by Opal Hughes, scripture reading Eph. 6: 1-13 led by Bro. Reeves.

Business then opened by Moderator with reading of minutes of Thursday session.

Motion carried that they be approved.

Report of Ministers' Conference received as follows:

Requests that their minutes be printed to-gether with the Yearly Meeting minutes, motion carried to accept their request.

Report from Nominating Committee: That Essie Greminger, Blanche Frances, Mildred Killian, Martha Clayton, Jane Shaffer, Katherine Pettus, Erma Berry, Gus-

sie Hamblin, Juanita Burcham, Berniece Ragsdale, Minnie Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Beoubout, Sister Dobbins, Margaret Simmons and Dorothy Pirtle.

Report of Treasurer received and motion carried to accept the report.

Partial report of Business Committee:

Item 1. Recommend that this Yearly Meeting stand in humble submission to God with respect to our deceased brethren.

Rev. L. N. Beard, J. D. Flannery and S. V. Simmons, in memory of their faithful service and that the clerk report this to our Gem Paper.

Motion carried to accept Item number 1.

Item 2. We recommend that Ministers companions who are in good standing and full fellowship be received in this Yearly Meeting.

Motion carried to accept Item 2.

Item 4. We recommend that a statistical report be compiled by Statistician and read to Yearly Meeting before going to State Association, motion carried.

Item 5. That a vote of thanks be given the officers of Yearly Meeting for their faithful service.

Motion carried to accept Item 5.

Item 6. That a vote of thanks be given the Fredricktown Church for their hospitality in entertaining the Yearly Meeting, motion carried to accept Item 6.

Credentials Committee reports as follows: Beg leave to recommend that the following ministers be given Ministerial cards of standing, Albert Halbrook, Alvin Halbrook, Effie Matthews, Wm. Baldwin, Sam Gill, Chas. Moyer, Jas. F. Miller, Wm. Reeves, Chas. Miller, S. A. Hand, F. C. Zinn, Joe Dewese, Harvey Hill, Mark M. Lewis, Eunice Edfards, Willard Halbrook, John Long, C. M. Lincoln, J. M. Henderson, Geo. D. Miller and Woodrow Matthews.

Item 2. In as much as Rev. James Barker, who is in the Armed Service of our country, we recommend he be given a certificate of standing, motion carried to grant Item 2.

Item 3. That Rev. J. L. Yancey be placed on the Super-

annuated list by his written request.

Motion carried to adopt Item 3.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Opened with singing led by Bro. Miller with prayer by Bro. Woodrow Matthews.

Bro. Miller presented Bro. Albert Halbrook who used as his subject "The Marvelous Program of Jesus Christ" a verr seiritual message was delivered. Benediction by Woodrow Matthews.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Called to order by Moderator with singing led by Bro. Zinn, led in prayer by Bro. John Rogers.

Scrifture lesson Psa. 23, read by Bro. Zinn.

At this time newly arrived delegates were seated.

Motion carried to meet with the 3rd. St. Louis Church for 1945 session of Yearly Meeting.

Bro. Woodrow Matthews to preach the Introductory Sermon and Bro. Harvey Hill as alternate.

The minutes of Friday's session were read and approved. Motion carried also to commend the Clerk on her work.

Motion carried to adjourn, closed with singing "When the Roll is Called up Yonder," with handshake at the altar, benediction by Bro. Wm. Hughes.

Rev. Mark Lewis, Clerk

Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Ass't. Clerk

Dea. O. B. Womack, Sec'y and Treas.

MONEY RECEIVED

Richwoods	\$2.00
Aulsbury Chapel	2.00
Mill Creek	2.00
Leadington	2.00
Mine La Motte	2.00

Flat River	2.00
Union Light	2.00
Old Bethel	2.00
Twin Oak	2.00
Golden Gate	2.00
Desloge	2.00
Third St. Louis	2.00
Fredricktown	2.00
Budget money Third St. Louis	1.70
Total received	\$27.70
1943 Balance brought forward	\$20.83
Total	\$48.53

DISBURSEMENTS

Clerk's salary	\$5.00
Postage and mailing	3.86
Printing of Yearly Meeting minutes (1943)	17.00
Printing of Yearly Meeting programs	1.50
State Association, budget85
Total disbursements	\$28.21
Balance in treasure, Aug. 25, 1944	\$20.32

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.

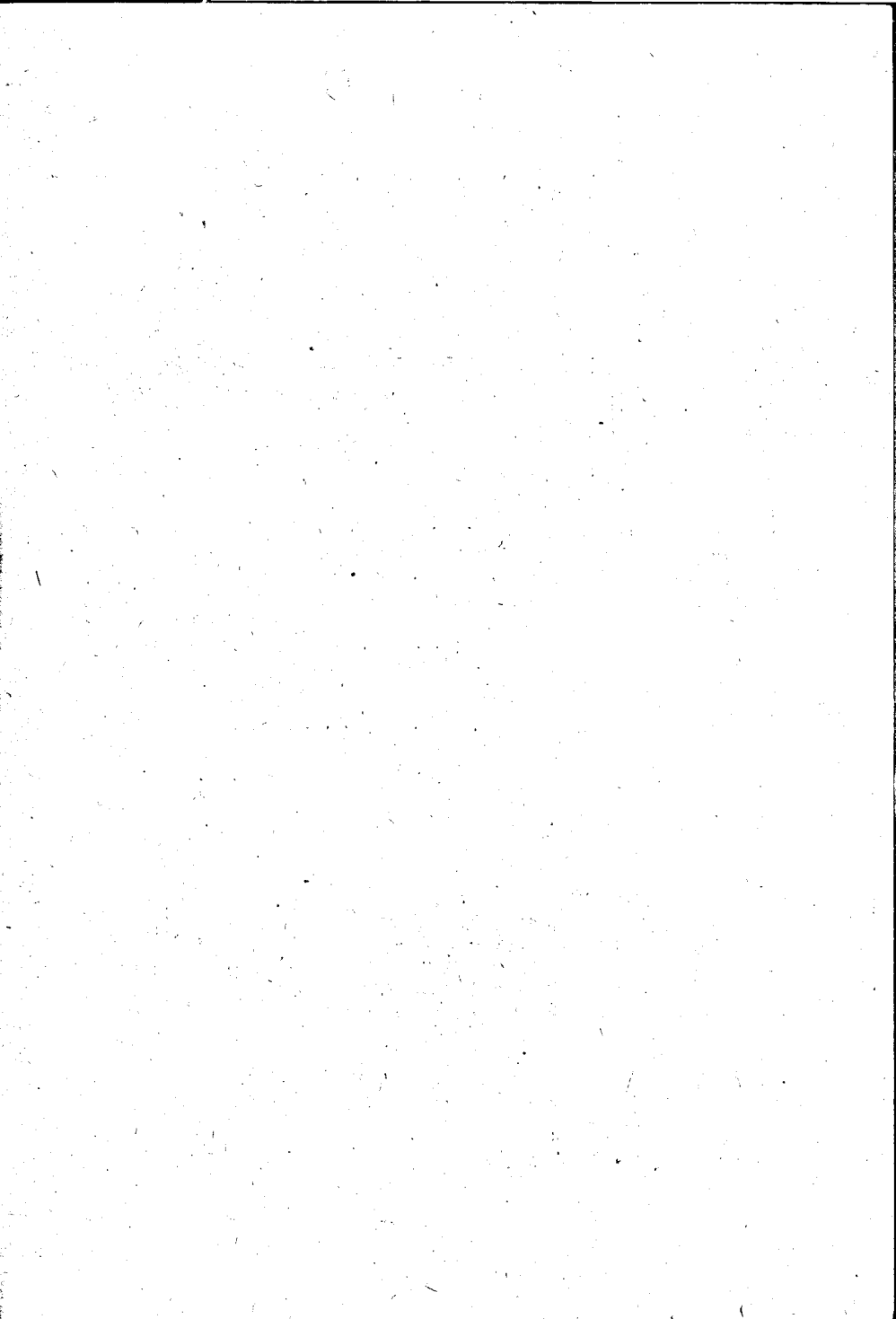
We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme: counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

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.

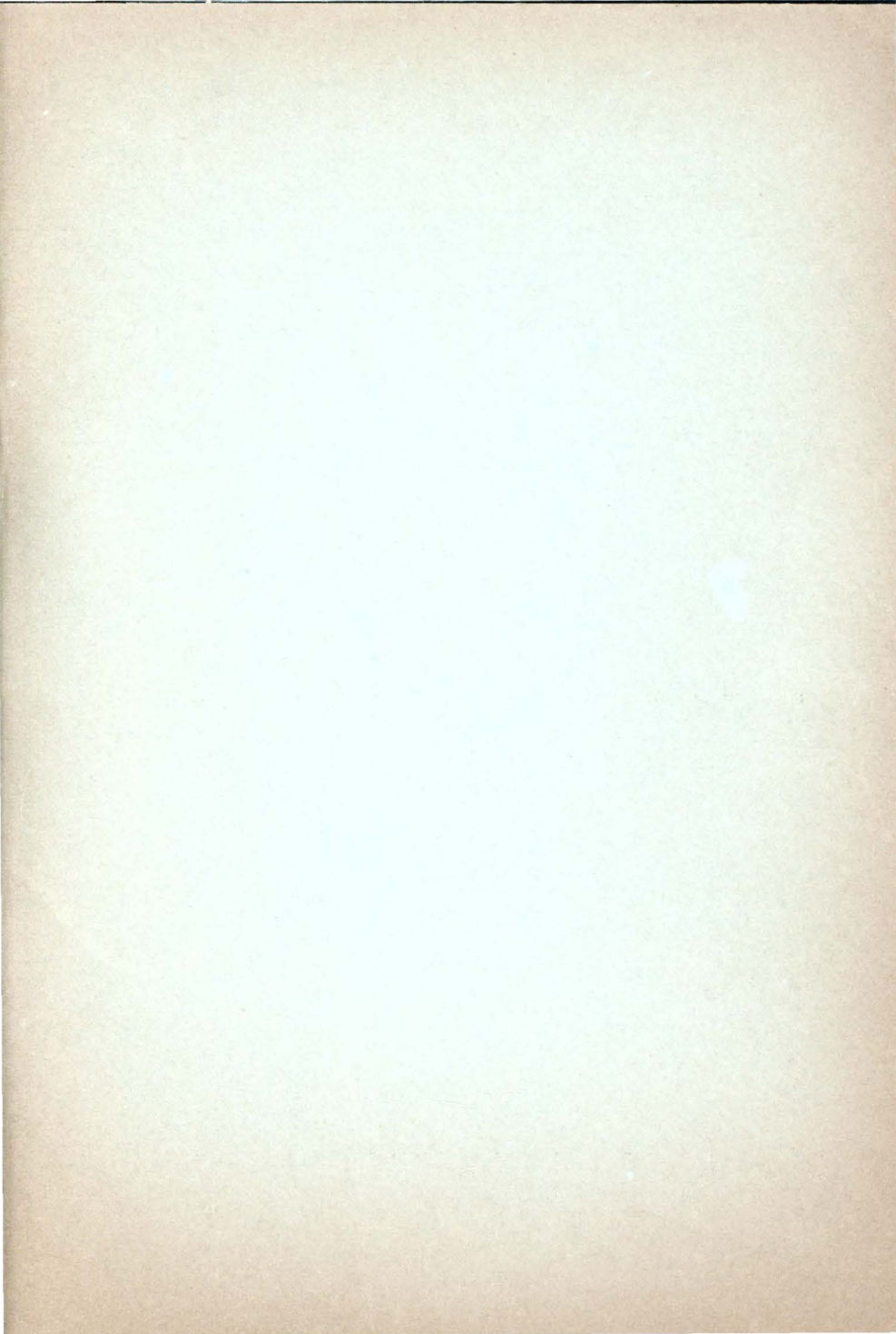
To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls, and the conversion of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless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











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