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D. Alexander Church

Aug 11 1854.

The Ohio River Y. M. convened with the  
Alexander Church Athens O. M. opening prayer  
by J. Hoskinson & proceeded to business by electing  
Bro. Arthur Hooper moderator and Bro. Fasher assistant

- 1 Reading of the minutes of the last Y. M.
- 2 Voted to receive & read the letters from the O. M.
- 1. Weigs O. M. reported by letter with delegates  
General Membership in doctrine 2 members were  
added by baptism 23, Dismissed 5, Excluded 4,  
present number 492, Elders 6, Deacons 1
- The Little Creek reported by letter by Bro. Gibbons  
1 Added by Bap - 110, by letter 25 Dismissed 2  
excluded 10, Died 3, Present number 503,  
Elders 5, Deacons 3, Increase of 116

No formal letter from the Athens O. M.

- 3 Voted that the visiting brethren have a  
seat with us in conference
- 4 Voted that the next Y. M. be held with  
the Weigs O. M.
- 5 Voted Eld. Robbins & A. Hooper be a com  
to draft resolutions on Slavery
- 6 J. Hoskinson & B. Dewberry on temperance
- 7. A. V., Fasher & L. Z. Hanning on Sabbath Schools  
and also that G. Hedden & C. Stys present  
resolutions on education.

8 Voted to adjourn till next morning at 8 o'cl  
at 12, Met pursuant to adjournment prayer by Eld. Burnett

- 1 The reports of the committees called for  
On Slavery
- 1 Resolved - That whereas efforts have been & are  
being made by southern politicians & northern  
proslavery men to extend and perpetuate  
American slavery in the free world



Of this union the time has fully come that Special efforts should be made by every freeman to prepare its further extension.

2. Resolved, that we consider passing of the Nebraska bill is an outrageous imposition on the north and that in its passing the North is swindled out of her just rights.

3. Resolved that we will not support any man for congress that will not pledge his honor to go against the further extension of Slavery & for the repeal of the fugitive Slave Law & Nebraska bill.

(4) Resolved. — That whereas we consider Slavery the greatest evil that now exists and whereas and whereas it is sanctioned by individuals professing to have been called of God to the work of the ministry we consider influence disgraceful to the calling and an imputation on the Gospel.

(5) Believing that Slavery is a curse and the sum of all villainies, detrimental to Christianity and the happiness of man in general We resolve to discountenance Slavery in all its forms Both publicly and privately and at the ballot Box,

4. Report on Temperance read & adopted.

1. Resolved. That intemperance is a great moral evil and fatal to the best interest of the Christian Church & one of the greatest impediments to the advancement of the cause of Christ with which we have to contend. — Therefore Resolved that we believe it to be the duty of all Christians to use their influence against this manly evil morally and politically and to vote for such men as are in favor of a prohibitory law.

5. The Report on Sabbath Schools read and received.



1. Resolved that we as a Y. M. believe it to be the duty of every church where it is practicable to establish a Sabbath School where it is not already done.
2. We believe it to be of the utmost importance for the rising generation to be taught the principles of the Gospel which can be effectually done in a well organized & properly conducted Sabbath School.
3. We believe the Sabbath School to be a means in the hand of God of leading the youth of our land to Christ and preparing them for usefulness in the world and in the church of Christ, to carry on the work of reformation. And whereas the Myrtle at the price now published is within the reach of all needing a Sab- School paper and whereas it is a faithful teacher of morals and Christian sentiments, inculcating fearlessly the principles of universal liberty and benevolence. Therefore, — Resolved — that our Sab- Schools should be supplied with this in preference to those juvenile publications from which antislavery is carefully excluded.
6. Report on education, adopt —  
 Whereas the State of Society at large is constantly advancing in science and literature
1. Resolved that the condition of our own denominations the nature of the work and responsibilities devolving upon the ministry demands that they should make use of every laudable means to obtain a thorough & collegiate education 2. That each minister use efforts to procure a good library.

B. L. Hammon