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Whereas the traffic in the drinking of intoxicating liquors prevails to alarming extent. Resolved

- 1. That it is morally wrong a curse to humanity and detrimental to the cause of religion and true piety
- 2. Resolved that we will give our influence against it morally & politically and in every other lawful way that our influence can be brought to bear against it.
- 3. Resolved that this annual conference does and will strongly censure the making buying selling or use of a beverage by any of its members.

Sabbath School

Whereas the Sabbath School is one of the efficient means of diffusing Biblical & intellectual knowledge and true piety. Resolved therefore

That we deem it to be our duty whether ministers or members to make every laudable effort to establish & support the Sabbath School in all of our churches  
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The Ohio river of W. conversed with the Albany church prayer by Eld D. G. Topping. Eld H. J. Carr. being called to the Chair. The letters from the D. M. presented and the names of the delegates read. and a committee of three was appointed to examine credentials viz D. G. Topping Perry & B Jewkesberry. Athens & Meigs reported by letters and delegates Meigs reported by delegate but no letter. Delegates present of Athens 2. H. J. Carr. G. Carpenter B Jewkesberry, J. Cole & C. H. G. of Logan Homing Meigs D. G. Topping D. J. Barrett & G. H. Haskinson V. H. Perry & Barrett.

- 1 Voted that Eld H. J. Carr act as moderator <sup>assistant</sup> Eld D. C. Applegate
- 2 Voted that Bro P. Perry be assistant Clerk
- 3 Voted that bro. J. Beckley & D. Manning, James G. Wallin be a committee of arrangements
- 4 Voted to receive Eld O. E. Baker as a Correspondent from the Union I. M.
- 5 Voted that all visiting brethren have a seat with us in Conference
- 6 Heard the reading of the letters from the I. M.
- 7 Voted the minutes of the last Conference be read
- 8 Voted that the resolutions of the last I. M. be recorded in the I. M. Book.
- 9 Voted a committee of one be appointed to organize committees on the moral reforms 3 on Sabbath Schools 3 on Temperance 3 on Slavery 3 on Education also 3 on Home & foreign mission
10. Moved and seconded that the committees to organize have the privilege to appoint on committees others who are not delegates Question called Carried with an amendment ~~that~~ that the Chairman of each committee be a member of Conference
11. Question asked by G. Coler. How the minority of a committee (appointed by conference) the right in a case where the majority fail to attend, the right to appoint another time & place for the meeting of the same committee  
 Moved by J. Fullerton that they (committee) have the right Discussed & Carried
12. Voted that any one failing to discharge such duty shall being notified be accountable to the <sup>Committee</sup> Conference  
 Moved to adjourn until to morrow morning at 8 o'cl.
- Sat after that pursuant to adjournment,  
 Prayer by Eld O. E. Baker
13. The committee on education called upon

for their report which was read, harmoniously discussed, and adopted, as follows.

1<sup>st</sup> Resolved - That we sympathize with the denomination in all their educational efforts, and that the educational enterprise is, & is to be a means second to no other of our future success. That we look upon our institutions of learning as so many essential pillars in our denominational edifice.

2<sup>nd</sup> Resolved - That it should be the policy of the W. B. every where to identify themselves as far as possible with all respectable institutions of learning in their vicinities there by availing themselves of a most important facility to influence & useful ways.

3<sup>rd</sup> Resolved - That the W. B. who possess the means of aiding in the support & endowment of their denominational institutions of learning, but are not willing to do so, appreciate the worth of that denomination nor its mission to the world.

4<sup>th</sup> Resolved that we congratulate the citizens of this village in the enjoyment of their institution of learning that it deserves their esteem and patronage as a great safeguard to all their interests. That though it may bestow less wealth than a S. S. it saves the immorality accompanying such a thoroughfare and bestows intelligence, morality and refinement without which wealth is rather an evil than a good.

Report of Committee on Temperance adopted as follows.

Whereas we believe intemperance to be detrimental to the best interest of Christianity & humanity in view of the alarming extent and propagating influence of this great evil. Therefore Resolved - That we will by our influence oppose this evil as far as we can throughout the various spheres in which we are called to labor. 2 Resolved That Speculations, making, selling, intoxicating liquors & the sale of corn, bar...

and voting for, or patronizing liquor supporters is anti-republic and anti-Christ.

Adopted the report on sabbath schools.

Whereas the sabbath school is the nursery of the Christian Church & Resolved therefore that it is the duty of our ministers to lecture on and assist in the organization of sabbath schools wherever practicable and that our brethren cooperate energetically with them

2<sup>d</sup> That we recommend our sabbath schools that they patronize the reformed Book and tract society.

Adopted the following report on H & F missions.

Resolved that the mis- enterprise of H & F is in keeping with, & enjoined by the whole spirit of the gospels great. Commission Go ye into all the world &c and the example of him who went about doing good and that the interest felt in this enterprise & the contributions made by our denominations bears no comparison with what should be felt and done for this important object. That we rejoice to learn that several brethren have recently dedicated themselves to our H. M. and wait only for the means of entering upon their duties and that it is the duty of H. P. B. to supply the necessary means at the earliest possible period.

Resolved, There is not sufficient effort made to enlist the children of our respective families in missions and that we recommend our members throughout the Y. M. to supply their children with something however small, to cast into the treasury at every opportunity.

Moved to adjourn till immediately after the meeting of the home miss. soc. at 2 o'cl.

That pursuant to adjournment heard the committee's report on slavery - received & discussed and adopted the following

Resolved we believe the gospel was designed

into the hearts of men an <sup>40</sup>enlightening and exalting principle which tends to the development and ultimate perfection of mankind, and knowing that Jesus Christ while on earth distinctly and clearly announced that it was his great mission to proclaim the gospel to the poor to bind up the broken hearted & preach deliverance to the captives. Therefore Resolved

- 1. That Slavery is diametrically opposed to the genius of the blessed gospel and ought every where to be discontinued and abolished
- 2. Slavery is a horrible outrage upon humanity, wresting from all its subjects the most sacred rights which have been conferred by the creator & that this system can find no shelter either in the patriarchal, Moslem or Christian dispensations, and no Christian can be justifiable in upholding it either morally or politically
- 3. That the moral influence of the church is such as if properly directed would bring Slavery to a speedy and peaceful end, therefore it is the duty of every church & Christian to use his influence both morally & politically for its extermination from our beloved country.

14. That ministers who neglect to pray for, the abolition of slavery & preach against this soul - blighting evil are recreant to the duties of their great commission.

Noted - The next 1/4 to be held with the Miss 2 Mo. A resolution was then presented by Eld C. C. Baker on the habitual use of Tobacco was received by the conference & adopted.

Resolved that in the sense of this conference the habitual use of Tobacco is a mere habit & however useful is an evil as on injuring the health paralyzing the mind & involves a needless expen<sup>d</sup>iture of money cultivating the habit of indulging the appetite the excitement of the vain passions

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no legitimate result.

Received a motion presented by bro. J. Hauck some remarks were made & indefinitely postponed  
Resolved that we heartily approve of the State mission efforts & encourage its patronage  
Voted to receive the minutes  
Voted to adjourn Sunday.

S. L. Manning Clerk

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Ind Rutland @ Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> 1858

The Ohio River Y.M. met with the Ind Rutland Church  
The I.M. all reported by letter and delegates. The meeting was interesting and a general union seemed to prevail throughout. The next session of this Y.M. will be held with the Little Scioto I.M. The following resolutions were adopted by the Conference.

1. Resolved that we as a Y.M. believe that Slavery is a sin against God and a crime against man, that we as a body will use our influence for its speedy extinction from the world.
2. Resolved that we repudiate the doctrine held by the present administration that Slavery exists in the Territories by virtue of the Constitution and that we will support no man for office unless we believe him to be opposed to the doctrine both by word and deed.
3. Resolved that we will vote for no man, we will not cheer the admission of any more slave states into the Union, and will use our influence for the extension of freedom in the Territories, the District of Columbia, and the interstate slave trade.
4. Resolved that it is the duty of our society, and its power in co-operation with England for the total abolition of the African Slave Trade.