

Alamy Aug 11th 1866.

1. The River of M. convened with
 the Alamy church. Praver by Eld
 O. E. Baker. Chur Eld. P. W. Perry
 moderator present. 2. Appointed
 Eld Seal, P. S. and Peden a
 committee on credentials. 3. Committee
 on nominations. Bro. Peden, Tenkbury
 and Man. 3. Committee on creden-
 tials reported the names of the del-
 egates present. 4. Committee on nomi-
 nations reported. for Moderator Eld
 Carpenter. Assistant Eld P. W. Perry
 Doctinal committee, Eld O. E. Baker
 and Bro. P. Baker. Received and
 adopted. 5. Visiting brethren
 invited to participate in the
 deliberations of conference.
 6. Letters from M. called for. Little
 Sciota reported general revival
 interest, increase thirteens.
 Mias religion rather low; cleave
 system. Athens delegates but no.
 7. Letter 1. Eld Hoff has reported
 that money sufficient was not
 raised to defray his expenses to
 General Conference, for which rea-
 son he was excused. 8. A committee
 consisting of Eld Cain, Seals and
 Peden was appointed on resolutions.
 9. A question from Little Sciota in
 regard to the ordination of sister
 White was taken up, answered as
 follows. Whereas the Little Sciota

asks the advice of this body relative to the ordination of sister Dias the Whit; and whereas such ordination is unnecessary, and without precedent in our denomination or any other; and whereas we have no evidence that the Scriptures so authorize; and whereas she herself with becoming modesty requests that this matter shall not be urged; therefore Resolved that while we appreciate the Christian worth and ability of sister W, and hope she may continue to labor as she has done, we do not nevertheless advise her ordination. 11. Resolutions on Education presented by Eld Baker received for discussion, & pending which adjourned until tomorrow eight o'clock. Sat, morning Aug 11.

Prayer by the Moderator, Minutes called for, read, and approved. 1. Resolutions on Slavery amended and adopted.

- 1. Resolutions on Education adopted.
- 2. A petition from a minority of Steigs & M. received. Dismissed on account of the absence of parties and want of evidence.
- 3. Committee on resolutions reported in part.
- 11 Resolutions on Amplexions received amended and adopted.
- 5 Received and adopted the resolutions on Sabbath Schools.
- 6 Adjourned to the call of the moderator.

Afternoon session

- 1. Resolutions on Slavery amended & adopted.
- 1 Resolutions on the ministry adopted.

- 3 Adopted a resolution on the death of Eld. S. I. [unclear]
- 11 Adopted a resolution on the death of Eld. S. Barret.
- 4 Passed a vote of thanks to the citizens of Albany for their hospitality.
- 6 Met W. M. in the bounds of the Miss. M.
- 7 Received Eld. Bates as a messenger from Marion M.
- 8 Appointed Eld. Baker correspondent to Marion M.
- 9 Adjourned.

The following are the resolutions passed.

Slavery

Inasmuch as the system of American slavery is a great national evil, and the source of all villainies, supported by local laws unjust by practice most barbarous, inhuman and foreign to the true principles of christianity, alike hostile to the rights of the slave, and well being of their master, therefore resolved, that we as a yearly conference of Free Will Baptist as ever hold an uncompromising position against the extension and also the existence of the debasing institution, and that we will use our influence morally and politically to prevent its extension and to suppress its many evils ^{by its} speedy overthrow. ^{2nd} Resolved that we express our decided opinion that the moral power and general influence of the whole christian church is sufficient if rightly directed to bring Slavery to a peaceful end; let our prayers be to, and our trust

in God that for the oppression of the poor, and the sighing of the needy he will arise.

Education.

1. Resolved that we are gratified with the educational enterprise of our denomination as a whole, and with the increasing degree of it throughout this State & especially in New York, and that it is the duty of this Synod to put forth all possible effort for the maintenance of the cause of Education within its bounds.

2. Resolved that we believe it the duty of the F. V. Baptists of this Synod to do all themselves of the Albany Manual University as proposed and contemplated.

3. Resolved that we if it be found necessary most respectfully solicit the influence of our esteemed Bro. Atwell in the acquisition of the funds requisite to the Albany enterprise.

4. Resolved that we as a Synod pledge our aid and sympathy to any Brethren assuming the responsibility of obtaining funds for the Albany school, so that in any event, they shall not suffer sustain injury.

Missions

Whereas the mission cause has been one of the most efficient means of spreading the Gospel, and as its labors has been hitherto abundantly blessed, and whereas our efforts as a denomination have not been commensurate with

our means do with the fields for operations which spread out before us. Therefore Resolved that we affectionately and earnestly recommend to our churches that they take men in our home and foreign Mission causes, and endeavor to adopt the cent a week plan for raising funds for the same.

2 Resolved that we request the ministers of the A. M. to preach occasionally upon the subject of missions, setting it fairly before the minds of the membership.

Sabbath Schools.

Resolved that the Sabbath school being one of the most effectual means of instilling into the mind of the youth the principles of christianity it is the imperative duty of all christians to give it their support. That we believe F. W. B. churches in the purchase of Sabbath school libraries should patronize the American Reformed Tract and Book Society.

2 Resolved that we urge the officers of our Sabbath schools to make greater efforts to introduce the Myrtle

Ministry

1. Resolved that there is a most palpable of pastoral labor in our respective churches, and that is the duty of each church to secure such labor at the earliest opportunity.

2. Resolved that mental discipline is essential to the successful prosecution of the work of the christian ministry. That it is the duty of every minister to avail

in view of the facilities, & the
 minister's convenience, that he should
 procure a suitable extensive library
 as possible his ordinary means. ^{well advised}

Death of Eld. D. S. [unclear]
 Resolved that in the death of Eld.
 Thomas D. [unclear] we have lost a most
 faithful Brother in Christ, that we tender
 our sympathies to his relations, and
 especially to his declining and bereaved
 widow.

Death of Bro. S. Burnett
 Resolved that it deeply impresses the
 depth of our regret Bro. S. Burnett,
 who was one of the most ardent & genuine
 of our beloved Zion in Southern Ohio,
 that in his unwearied efforts to promote
 the cause of Christ and humanity, we
 have an example worthy of imitation
 that his family bear the warmest
 sympathies.

Report of J. W. [unclear]
 It was the Little School I. W. asks the
 advice of this body relative to the ex-
 clusion of sister Geo. White, and
 whereas such a situation is unbecoming
 and without precedent in our denom-
 ination, or in any other, and whereas we
 have no evidence that the scriptures
 are on the side, and whereas she brings
 with her a modest request that
 this matter should not be urged, therefore
 Resolved that when we appreciate the
 christian worth and ability of sister
 W. and she may continue to labor

as she has done, we do not now think advise
her continuation.

Thos C. Peckham, Clerk,

Cheshire Aug 9th 1861.

The Ohio Y. M. convened with the Cheshire
branch of the 1st Hyge church. Prayer
by Rev. S. C. Root

1. Voted that Bro J. Mauk be moderator pro tem
2. Voted that a committee of three be appointed
on credentials
3. P. W. Perry B. V. Lewkling and Wm. Coughenour
were appointed said committee.
4. Report of the committee on credentials
received and adopted.
5. Voted that Rev. H. V. Carr be moderator
of this session of the Y. M.
6. Letters from Ills. called for, Niags and
Athens reported by Little Sciota verbally
by Bro S. C. Root.
7. Voted that Rev. P. W. Perry be a sistant
moderator.
8. Voted that Bros W. M. G. Stone & Mauk
and J. Coughenour be a committee on devotion.
9. Visiting Bre then invited to participate
in the deliberations of conference.
10. Adjourned until tomorrow morning eight
o'clock.

Sat Aug 10.

1. Prayer by Rev. O. E. Baker. Minutes read
and approved.
2. Voted that a committee of three be ap-
pointed on resolutions. Rev. P. W. Perry
S. C. Root and O. E. Baker were appointed
said committee.