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his continuation.

Thos C. Peckham, Clerk,

Cheshire Aug 9<sup>th</sup> 1861.

The Ohio Y. M. convened with the Cheshire  
branch of the 1<sup>st</sup> 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. T. Lewksbury 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; Miigs and  
Athens reported by Little Sciota verbally  
by Bro S. C. Root.
7. Voted that Rev. P. W. Perry be a pistant  
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. C. Baker. Abinates read  
and approved.
2. Voted that a committee of three be ap-  
pointed on resolutions. Rev. P. W. Perry  
S. C. Root and O. C. Baker were appointed  
said committee.

3. Received a petition from 1<sup>st</sup> Hygeu church asking for the ordination of Bro. W<sup>m</sup> Stone. Rev H<sup>c</sup> Whipple, O C Baker and H<sup>c</sup> Carr were appointed a committee of examination.
4. Resolved that we thankfully receive the visit of Rev H<sup>c</sup> Whipple of Hillsdale college.
5. Voted that examining committee proceed immediately with the examination of Bro Stone.
6. Voted that the next A. M. be held in the bounds of Little Sciota I. M.
7. Examination Bro W<sup>m</sup> Stone
8. Voted that Bro Whipple and Stone be added to the committee on resolutions.
9. Adjourned until half past two o'clock.

Afternoon Session:

1. Prayer by Rev. B. T. Lowksbury.
  2. Examination of Bro Stone continued
  3. Papered resolutions in regard to Sabbath schools.
  4. Adopted resolutions on Slavery.
  5. Adopted resolutions in regard to preparation for the ministry.
  6. Papered resolutions in favor of Cheshire Academy.
  7. Resolutions on the war received a amended and adopted.
  8. Adopted a resolution recommending the Morning Star.
  9. Papered resolutions on Music.
  10. Adopted resolutions on Education.
  11. Committee for the examination of Bro Stone reported favorably.
  12. Papered a resolution of thanks to the people of Cheshire for their hospitality.
  13. Adjourned
- Resolutions.

Music

Resolved, that we recommend to all our churches, as far as possible, the practice of congregational singing.

Resolved that, as congregations cannot become familiar with appropriate tunes without the assistance of those to some extent, at least, familiar with the science of music, as far as practicable in our churches, we recommend the formation of choirs to cooperate with the congregation in the introduction of congregational singing.

Resolved, that, as in the Psalms and in other books of the Bible, we are exhorted to praise God with the harp; the Psalter, the instruments of ten strings, the organ and high sounding cymbals, the use of instrumental music is not incompatible with the spirit of true devotion.

Education

Whereas the cause of God in our country and the world never more imperatively demanded thoroughly educated minds in every department of effort for the elevation of mankind, and believing that any christian denomination neglecting this demand, will lose, as it will desire to lose, the confidence and support of an enlightened public - therefore

Resolved, that we rejoice in the spirit with which our denomination has attempted to supply itself with institutions of learning adequate to give a good education to those who may desire to qualify themselves

for stations of usefulness.

Resolved, that we recommend to our young people of both sexes, to attend our institution of learning, as far as they can consistently do so, especially would we advise our young brethren, who feel it their duty to prepare for the ministry, not to neglect the opportunity afforded them in these institutions,

Resolved, that we rejoice in the determination of the trustees and faculty of Hillsdale college to make the institution equal to the other colleges in our county, and we will cooperate with them so far as our means will allow, in enlarging the endowment of the college and in sending our children there for education,

Resolved, that we congratulate the church and citizens of Cheshire, upon the erection of so becoming and convenient a building for the accommodation of the school established here, and we will do what we can to encourage the institution in every way,

Resolved, that Cheshire Academy is a work of commendable energy and self-sacrifice on the part of our brethren in its vicinity; and that such zeal and self-sacrifice deserves, and the success of the school, and interest of our N. Y. Ab. demand, that S. W. Baptists of south-western Ohio, at once favor the school with liberal patronage of money and students,

Resolved, that we recommend the Morning Star, as a valuable religious family newspaper sound in theology and the great moral questions affecting the best interest of mankind. As it communicates constantly valuable information respecting our denominational progress,

it will be welcomed to all our families.  
Slavery.

Resolved, that American Slavery is evil, and that continually, without the slightest mixture of good in the whole of it; that its evil to us measures with all the embarrasment it has inflicted upon our government from the first; its present base of all treason, and with antagonism to our every interest, contemplated and bequeathed by our fathers, and dear to their sucepors forever.

Resolved, that war, as a last resort for the suppression of slavery, is justifiable, and that we recognize the hand of God in the impending struggle of our country.

Resolved, that there exists a needless and unwarrantable apprehension of evil to the free people of our country in the event of the abolition of slavery - needless, for it must and will be abolished, and wrong, for it ought to be done at any cost.

Resolved, that we deeply regret the fact that some of the brethren of this Y. M. are not sufficiently decided against slavery; lack the sympathy due the oppressed, and even the free coloreds, and that we earnestly entreat them to cherish, in a high degree, the antislavery spirit and policy of our denomination.

Ministry

Resolved, that it is the duty of Free Will Baptists in many portions of our denomination to elevate the standard of our ministry, and especially by demanding literary and theological qualifications on the part of candidates for our ministry.

Sabbath Schools.

Resolved, that reaffirm all that we have heretofore expressed on the subject of Sabbath schools, and especially on the duty of our churches to patronize the *Myrtle*.

Resolved, that at this exciting time, while the minds of Christians are liable to be absorbed in our national affairs, there should be an assiduous effort to keep up an interest in this important enterprise.

War.

Whereas, the slaveocracy has done and is still doing all in its power to destroy our government conspiring for its overthrow, and actually making war upon it; and whereas, insult is continually added to injury by slanderous and false assertions to mislead as many as possible in the South to sympathize with rebellion and treason—free speech being annihilated in one section of our country, and murder being the inevitable result of a manly expression of union sentiment; and whereas slavery, the cause of <sup>all</sup> this evil is daily proving itself to be the sum of all villainies, subversive of every principle of right and justice, and contrary to every one of the ten commandments, therefore

Resolved, that while this war is not for the purpose of subjugation, but for the preservation of the government, it is the sense of this body that a more vigorous policy on the part of our government is required, and that it is the duty of the ministry and membership in this Yearly Meeting to stand firmly by the cause of the union, under all circumstances whatever and that

and treason shall yield, it is the duty of the government to avay the whole military power of the government nation against them.

Resolved, that as our God is a God of battles, we pray earnestly for the success of the right and suppression of treason.

Resolved, that he that is not for us is against us; that party lines are obliterated, and that he that does not stand by the union cause, irrespective of party opinions, is worthy the name of traitor.

Resolved, that if any members of the Free Will Baptist churches of this M. do not give their influence to the suppression of rebellion and treason, they are unworthy the name either of Free Will Baptist or Christian.

Thomas C Peden, Clerk.

Harrison Aug 8th 1862.

The Ohio River F. M. convened with the Harrison church. Prayer by Rev. J. S. Hanning. Chose Rev. G. Coler Moderator pro tem. Minutes of last session read and approved. Read the letters from the F. M. Chose Rev. J. L. Hanning G. Pool and M. Searls a committee on credentials. Report of the committee on credentials received amended and adopted. Elected Rev. H. G. Carr Moderator. Bro Searls Milton and Nye were appointed a committee to correct the letter of Little Scioto F. M. Chose Rev M Searls assistant Moderator. Voted that Rev. C. E. Baker act as delegate from Ohio F. M. Appointed Bro G. Pool, Coligrove