

Ministry

Resolved that this G. M. make it the duty of the several Ministers of this G. M. to report at each session of said G. M. in regard to their ministerial labors either in person or by letter.

Thomas C. Peden.

1st Alexander Aug 7th 1863

Conference convened with the 100 Alexander church. 1 Prayer by Rev A. J. Hoskinson. 2 Chose Rev O. C. Baker Moderator pro tem. 3 Letters called for; Athens and Meigs Ms. reported by letter.

- 4. Elected Rev B. V. Leukibury Moderator.
- 5. Chose Rev A. J. Hoskinson assistant Moderator
- 6. Voted that the next G. M. be held in the bounds of the Meigs G. M. 7. Voted that T. C. Peden, P. S. Hanning and C. W. Giles be a committee on Anti Slavery.
- 7. Chose Rev S. H. Barrett, B. V. Leukibury and bro. C. W. Chase a committee on the state of the country.
- 8. Chose Rev G. M. Haysler, A. J. Hoskinson and Bro J. Hoskinson a Committee on Sabbath schools.
- 9. Chose Rev O. C. Baker, S. H. Barrett and A. J. Hoskinson a committee on Education.
- 10. Chose Rev O. C. Baker H. J. Carr and bro. J. Hoskinson a committee on Missions.
- 11. Rev. G. M. Haysler, H. J. Carr and bro. C. W. Chase a committee on Temperance.
- 12. Rev O. C. Baker gave notice that tomorrow morning he would propose an amendment to the constitution.

in regard to the time of holding the Y. M. sessions. 13. Adjourned until tomonow morning eight o'clock.

Aug 8 1863

Morning session.

1. Prayer by Rev S. H. Barrett
2. Committee on missions reported. Report received and adopted
3. Report of the committee on Education received and adopted.
4. Report of the committee on the state of the county received and adopted.
5. Report of the committee on Sabbath schools received and adopted.
6. Committee on Temperance reported received and adopted.
7. Received a letter but no delegates from Little Scioto I. M.
8. Voted to amend the 3rd Article of the constitution. Changing the time of meeting to the Friday before the 2nd Sat. in June at 9 o'clock P. M.
9. Appointed Rev S. H. Barrett to preach a historical sermon at the next session. On the history of the Y. M.
- 10th Adjourned.

Resolutions

Whereas it is evident that the youthful mind should be prepared early for the reception of the greatest amount of good possible, and that we believe the the Gospel confers greater blessings than any other enterprise, Resolved therefore that we believe the Sabbath school enterprise is better calculated

than any other for enlightening the youthful mind on the principles of Christianity, and that it is the duty of all christians, and especially F W B churches where it is possible should sustain sabbath schools in their churches. if they do not, they neglect a duty they owe to their families and humanity in general.

^{2nd} Resolved that we believe it to be the duty of our sabbath schools to patronize the Anti slavery book concern at Cincinnati State of the County.

Resolved, that our country though wicked and greatly deserving the punishments and indignation of Heaven, may yet in great mercy, be redeemed, purified and saved. Resolved, that every citizen is morally, religiously and politically bound to respect the laws of his country if good and just, and, in the present impending crisis, is called upon, willingly and efficiently cooperate with the general government by his influence, votes, personal service or otherwise, in the overthrow of a despotism threatening the destruction and ruin of the best and most humane government on earth.

Resolved, that there never was a time in the annals of history, when the combined influences of the church and world are more needed than the present in effecting a glorious work - a work in which every philanthropist and christian, ye a way man, woman, and child, may labor with

the divine approval, and with the certain assurance of victory, which will be felt for all future time.

Resolved that this rebellion is a war against the government, personal and religious liberty

Resolved that this government must be preserved and it should make slavery, which is the cause of this war, the mighty engine of its own destruction. Resolved as God recognizes Human governments it is the duty of every christian to sustain the war to put down the rebellion in order to maintain their religious liberty.

Intemperance.

We behold with regret and alarm the rapid and gigantic strides that the destroying Angel - the Demon Intemperance is making among the people in general and especially the corrupting influence that it has on the mind of the youth of our beloved land - the future hope of our country; and whereas the Maine Law and the different grades of temperance societies have failed to accomplish the great end for which they were instituted, and whereas we believe that we will have to depend mainly at least on the influence of the church to redeem our sin-cursed earth from the blighting influence of Intemperance. Therefore resolved that it is our duty as Christians to do all that we can to drive this demon from our land and country - and be it further resolved that inasmuch as we look for this happy result to be brought

about through the ^{medium} agency of the church we believe it to be our duty as Christians and especially as ministers to cry aloud and speak not against this one of the most broad spread evils with which we have to contend,

Resolved that this conference requests its ministers to occasionally or as often as they think proper to speak on this question from the stand. Resolved that we look on the growing and popular use of home-made wines as a stepping stone to the highway of intemperance hence should condemn it.

Slavery

Whereas Slavery is rebellion against God and a crime against man, subversive of civil, political and religious rights and the cause of the present civil war in our nation. Therefore

1. Resolved that its entire overthrow is the object of every christian patriot.
2. Resolved that the emancipation proclamation is a move in the right direction and should receive the united support of our people.

The other resolutions passed at this conference have not been handed to me.

Wm. C. Peden, Clk.