

persists in his course, the church is in duty bound to withdraw the hand of fellowship until he ceases to sympathize with rebellion.

Education.

Whereas education is power, and power to be useful must be properly applied.

Therefore resolved that we exhort our people to give their children a sanctified education.

Resolved that we commend Cheshire Academy to the favor and patronage of our churches and entreat them to do what they can for its prosperity.

Thomas C. Peden. Clk.

Wheelerburg Aug 11th 1865.

The Ohio River J. M. met with the Wheelerburg Church. Opened with prayer by Father Libbens. Chose Rev O. E. Baker Moderator pro tem. Minutes last session read and approved. On account of but few being present, adjourned until tomorrow morning eight o'clock.

Aug 12th 1865

Morning session. Prayer by Rev J. Kettle. Elected Rev O. E. Baker Moderator and J. Kettle assistant. Chair appointed Bro. Kettle, Little John and Libbens a committee on devotion. Invited visiting brethren to participate in the deliberations of conference. Letters called, Meigs and Little. Scioto J. Ms were reported by letter, T. C. Peden reported that he could not attend, on account of being in the army, the Ohio Baptist State convention.

A letter from the Ohio Baptist State Convention was read by Rev O E Baker, reciprocating the one we sent last year. A Committee consisting of Bros Skettle, Seail and Titus were appointed to consider the expediency of corresponding with the O. B. C. The Committee on Missions reported nothing done, report received and Committee discharged. Appointed Bro Seail Peden and Pool committee on Resolutions. Voted that the next session be held in the bounds of the Athens I.M. Adjourned until 9. o'clock P.M.

Afternoon session

Prayer by Thomas C. Peden. Received Rev. J. D. King as corresponding messenger from the Ohio Baptist State Convention. Minutes read and approved. Committee on correspondence with the O. B. C. reported, adopted in place of the report the following. Resolved that when practicable we correspond with the O. B. C. by letter or delegate. Voted that the moderator appoint a delegate to the O. B. C. if he can find one who can attend its next session. Report of the Committee on resolutions received amended and adopted. Requested the I.Ms. to raise a sum equal to ten cents per member to defray the expenses of delegates to General Conference. Appointed Biers O. E. Baker and T. C. Peden delegates to Genl conference, with the power of substitution. Voted Rev Seails, Baker & Peden be a committee to lay the subject of raising funds for delegates to Gen conference before their respective I.Ms. On motion adjourned.

Thomas C. Peden Clerk

The following resolutions were passed.

State of Our Country.

Whereas since our last annual meeting the wicked rebellion that then existed against our govern-
ment has been crushed, and whereas the hand of

- Providence is clearly seen in its overthrow Therefore
- 1 Resolved that every American heart should be filled with thanksgiving to God for this gracious manifestation of His favor and mercy to us.
 - 2 Resolved that this manifestation of Gods love calls upon us to be more humble, faithful and zealous in His service than ever before.

Negro Suffrage.

Whereas the Negroes are men endowed with all the faculties and sensibilities of other men, and whereas they are native born American citizens and whereas they have fought bravely during the war against rebellion for the preservation of the union therefore Resolved that it is the Religious and Political duty of our Government to extend to them the right of suffrage.

Temperance

Resolved that increased efforts should be put forth for the promotion of temperance and that total abstinence from all that intoxicates is the only safe and scriptural ground to occupy.

Education

- 1 Resolved that we reaffirm our former resolutions on the subject of Education and still urge its importance upon our people.
- 2 Resolved that we earnestly commend *Cheshire Academy* to the patronage and liberal support of our churches.

Prayer

Resolved that it is the duty of every religious family to maintain daily family prayer and never allow their ordinary business to interfere with its stated observance.

Missions

- 1 Resolved that the cause of missions

* supported much more liberally than it is and that we pledge ourselves to renewed exertions in this department of Christian effort

2 Resolved that the freedmen have special claims upon us as an anti-slavery denomination and that they will receive a large share of our attention.

Delegates.

Resolved that the delegates appointed to Y. M. should promptly attend its session or give ~~renders~~ a valid excuse for nonattendance.

Thomas, E. Peden, Clerk.

Albany, C. Aug 10th 1866.

Ohio River Y. M met with the Albany church. Prayer by Rev B. V. Tewksbury. Chon Rev B. V. Tewksbury Moderator pro tem. Minutes read and approved. Appointed by Coughenour, Carr & Poston committee on credentials. Elected Rev B. V. Tewksbury Moderator and Rev V. Z. Haning assistant. All three of the Y. Ms were reported by letter. Granted Miss and Little Seio's Y. Ms. the privilege of filling vacancies in their delegation from members of their respective Y. Ms who may be present. T. E. Peden reported that he attended the last session of the General Conference, Rev O. E. Baker reported that he did not attend for want of funds Report received and by Baker excused for not attending. Voted to pay the balance ^(for dollars 85.00) due the delegate out of any money collected at this session of the Y. M. Bro Baker Moderator of last Y. M reported that he found it impracticable to send a corresponding messenger to the Ohio Baptist State Convention Report received and committee discharged Rev O. E. Baker, H. J. Carr and J. Robinson were appointed a committee on missions.