

\* 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, C. Peden, Clerk.

Allany, C. Aug 10<sup>th</sup> 1866.

Ohio River Y. M. met with the Allany church. Prayer by Rev B. V. Tewksbury. Chosen 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 Scioto Y. Ms. the privilege of filling vacancies in their delegation from members of their respective Y. Ms. who may be present. T. C. 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 <sup>(for delinquent)</sup> 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.



Rev V. Z. Hanine, J. Kayser and R. J. Poston on  
 Temperance, Rev J. Kayser, T. E. Peden and R. J. Poston  
 on Education, Rev C. E. Baker, H. J. Carr and V. Z.  
 Hanine on Correspondence and State of the Y. M. And  
 Rev B. W. Tenkistay, V. Z. Hanine and J. M. Kayser  
 committee on Devotion, Invited visiting brethren  
 to participate in the deliberations of Conference,  
 Appointed Rev R. J. Poston, C. E. Baker and T. E. Peden  
 committee on the State of the Country, Appointed  
 T. E. Peden, H. J. Carr and P. W. Perry a committee to  
 consider the propriety of the proposed Amend-  
 ment to the Constitution of the General Confer-  
 ence, Voted that the next Y. M. be held in the  
 bounds of Meigs L. M. Adjourned until Tomor-  
 row morning eight o'clock.

Aug 11<sup>th</sup> 1866.

Morning session.

Prayer by Rev E. H. Higbee, Minutes read and ap-  
 proved, Invited Rev E. H. Higbee of Ohio & Penn  
 Y. M. Rev P. W. Perry of Ohio Y. M. and Rev J. Chambers  
 of the Salem Baptist Association to participate  
 in the deliberations of Conference. Report of com-  
 mittee on missions amended and adopted, Report of  
 committee on Education adopted, Report of com-  
 mittee on changing the Constitution of General Confer-  
 ence adopted, Report of the committee on the state  
 of the Country adopted, Adjourned until 2 o'clock  
 P. M.

Afternoon session

Prayer by Rev. P. W. Perry, Invited Rev G. P. Blanchard  
 of Wisconsin Y. M. and Prof. Bowles of the Union  
 Baptist Association to participate in the deliberations  
 of Conference. Report of Committee on Temperance  
 adopted, Report of committee on the State of the Y. M.



adopted. Adopted several resolutions offered by Rev C. E. Baker On family Religion and Welcoming the Agent of Chicago meeting and Freedmen's Mission. Adopted a Resolution offered by Rev J. M. Skayser against omitting the word "will" in the name of the denomination. Adopted a resolution in favor of corresponding with the Baptists. Passed a vote of thanks to the citizens of Albany's vicinity for their hospitality. On motion adjourned.

The following are the resolutions reported by the various committees and adopted by the Conference  
 State of the Country.

Resolved that in our opinion President Johnson's policy which proposes to restore the rebel states to membership in the Federal Government with no other guarantees of fidelity to the union than has yet been given, is not only impolitic and unjust, but if adopted by the people of the United States would compromise their honor, and expose the Government to the evil of future insurrection and not therefore resolved that we endorse the Reconstruction policy of the 39<sup>th</sup> Congress, which would hold the revolted states as conquered states until they by legislation and otherwise exhibit a spirit of submission to the authority of the General Government and of justice to the freedmen and until then they should not be allowed to exercise ~~to exercise~~ the functions of states in the Government they most maliciously and persistently attempted to destroy.

Education.

Whereas success in religious as well as in secular pursuits depends in a degree upon mental acquirements and whereas Atwood Institute gives prom



ise of affording facilities for moral, religious and intellectual training, therefore resolved that the success of Atwood Institute is of paramount importance to this yearly meeting

Resolved that we advise the Board of Trustees to make it an institution of as high grade as possible and promise them our influence and support.

Resolved that Cheshire Academy should receive a liberal share of our patronage and we commend it to the favorable consideration of our churches.

### State of the Y. M.

Whereas our Y. M. in point of numbers and probably of wealth stands third on the list of Y. Ms. west of New York and whereas as reported and in fact our contributions to the various benevolent enterprises of our day fall far short of our proportion, therefore Resolved that it is our duty to renew for the said benevolent objects.

Resolved that the main cause of our delinquency is attributable to want of system and want of effort on the part of our ministry.

Resolved that we recommend our ministers to pledge themselves to some harmonious systematic measure to commence at once in all our churches.

Resolved that the very limited patronage given to our schools at Cheshire and Albany, indicate a great want of interest in education, lack of enterprise and denominational spirit and that we hereby request our several ministers to engage each to educate our churches touching their duty to these institutions and to themselves.

Resolved that there is throughout our Y. M. a fearful omission of home religion, family prayer, returning thanks at the table & and that we request the



several ministers of our Y. M. to instruct our people relative to these ~~these~~ things and urge them to observe faithfully these important duties.

Resolved that we welcome among us brethren E. H. Higbee and G. P. Blanchard agents respectively of the Freedmen's mission and Chicago Free Will Baptist meeting house. Resolved that we recommend our brethren ministers and people to liberally contribute to the enterprises represented by these brethren.

Resolved that we rejoice over the success of the colored people in building up an educational interest in this place and that we hope and pray for its prosperity.

Whereas some correspondence has taken place between this Y. M. and the Ohio Baptist State Convention and whereas our ministers have been cordially invited to meet in Baptist associations therefore resolved that we encourage such fraternal correspondence and hope for the final union into one of all the several evangelical Baptist denominations.

### Missions.

Resolved that each of the several mission enterprises of our denomination, Foreign, Home and Freedmen call loudly for increased support, that the importance of each is such as to forbid its neglect for either or both of the others.

Resolved that the contributions of the several churches of this Y. M. though no more than indicated in the Register, or want of being correctly reported have been at most far less than they should have been.

Resolved that the limits of our contributions is attributable mainly to want of system and the want of the proper education of our people by the ministry and that we urge the several pastors and others having



charge of churches to preach upon the subject and take collections in each church as follows, one immediately on returning home for Freedmen's mission, on the first meeting in October for Beneficiaries in our Theological school, One January for Foreign missions, One 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in April for Home missions and one July 1<sup>st</sup> for Freedmen's mission.

Temperance.

Whereas the interest in the temperance cause more recently seems to be on the decline and whereas the wild fury of intemperance is rapidly bringing ruin and disgrace upon our country therefore Resolved that we of the Ohio River Y. M. make use of every means possible to stay the evil and bring about a more glorious state of affairs in our country and that we specially request the brethren of the Y. M. to make more vigorous exertions both by faith and works for its speedy extermination

Miscellaneous

Resolved that we consider the proposed change of Art 3<sup>d</sup> of the constitution of General Conference doubling the number of delegates as unnecessary of no real benefit therefore disapprove it.

Resolved that we recommend retaining the word "well" in our denominational name.

Thomas. C. Peden, Clk.