

Cheshire Ohio Aug. 9th 1867.

The Ohio River Y. M. assembled by delegate with the Cheshire church. Prayer by Rev B. V. Lewkbury. Elected Rev. J. S. Hanning Moderator, and Rev. B. V. Lewkbury Assistant Moderator. Minutes of last session read and approved. Miss and Athens I.M.s reported by letter and delegates. No letter or delegate from Little Seio's I.M. Received Rev S. D. Bates of Marion Y. M. as an advisor member of this Conference. also Rev. D. Powell a C. Baptist Minister of W. Va Rev G. Evans of Ohio Northern Y. M. Appointed J. E. Peden, A. D. Williams and W. G. Humphrey a committee to present resolutions on Temperance. Voted that Bro. J. A. Mank, L. Curtis and J. Lash be a committee to select ministers to preach during the meeting. Voted that Rev. S. H. Barrett, S. D. Bates and J. E. Peden be a committee on Education. Voted that Rev A. D. Williams, Z. W. Hoskinson and J. W. Martin be a committee on Freed Men's Mission Voted that Rev J. S. Hanning R. J. Poston and Z. W. Hoskinson be a committee on the State of the country. Appointed J. Sherritt, B. V. Lewkbury and D. Powell Committee on Sabbath Schools. Added J. C. Chase to the committee on the State of the Country. Voted that the next Y. M. be held in the bounds of the Little Seio's I.M. Appointed Rev A. D. Williams, H. F. Wogan and Jacob Mank a committee on Periodicals. Added bro. G. W. Giles and J. Lash to the committee on Education. Adjourned to meet at six o'clock this evening.

Evening session

Prayer by Rev. R. J. Poston, Adopted the resolutions reported by the committee on Temperance

Adopted the resolutions reported by the committee on Periodicals. Adjourned. Adjourned until tomorrow morning eight o'clock.

Aug 10<sup>th</sup> 1867.

Morning session.

Prayer by Rev. D. Powell. Adopted the resolutions reported by the committee on Sabbath schools. Report of committee on Freedmen's Mission discussed and laid over until some other time. Invited Rev. A. H. Chase Agent of Freedmen's Mission to take part with us as an advisory member of Conference. Adopted the resolutions on the Theological School presented by the committee on Education. Adjourned until 2 o'clock P.M.

Afternoon session

Prayer by Rev. H. F. Wozan. Referred the resolutions on Freedmen's Mission back to the committee and added Rev. A. H. Chase to the committee. Adopted a resolution against dancing and kindred amusements. Adopted the resolutions reported by the committee on Education. Adopted a resolution recommending Rev. S. H. Barrett as a suitable person for a local Book agent. Passed the resolutions reported by the committee on the State of the Country. Voted to request Rev. A. H. Chase to take a collection tomorrow morning for Western Freedmen's Mission. Passed resolutions on Freedmen's Mission in lieu of those reported by the committee. On motion adjourned.

Thos. C. Peden Clk.

Resolutions  
Theological School.

Whereas the funds of the Theological school are the property of the whole denomination and whereas in each of its two previous removals the

of the General Conference was first obtained, therefore Resolved that we respectfully but most earnestly urge that the Theological School be not moved without the consent and direction of the General Conference.

Periodicals

Resolved that we love the dear old Star and rejoice in its Day-light.

Resolved that we give a hearty greeting to the Freeman, as worthily meeting a manifest western want

Resolved that having the Freeman, we do not desire the removal of the removal of the Star from New England.

Resolved that the Quarterly is so eminently worthy that the minister who does not take it wrongs both himself and his hearers, and our intelligent laymen will be much profited by it. Resolved that the good little Myrtle ought to be taken in all our Sabbath Schools.

Freedmen's Mission

Resolved that as ever the Freedmen have our prayers and sympathy

Resolved that we heartily approve the course taken by the Western Committee in planting churches and schools at the same place and time and will give the proposed Normal School at Cairo all the support in our power

Resolved that the proposed Institution at Harpers Ferry has our best wishes and approval.

Temperance.

Whereas indulgence in the use of intoxicating drinks is increasing in many communities and no adequate efforts are being made to stop its ravages. Therefore resolved that it is the duty of our churches to put forth increased

efforts for the promotion of temperance.  
 Resolved that those who sell intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage, whether under pretense of keeping a Drug store or otherwise, should be ostracised from society and receive no patronage whatever until they abandon the nefarious business.  
 Resolved that we should insist on total abstinence from all that intoxicates by all the members of our churches.

Education.

Resolved that in order to fully develop the whole man, education must be of a three fold nature - moral, physical and mental.

Resolved that the endowment of a Professorship in Alwood Institute, is essential to the permanent prosperity of that Institution, and we urge its immediate completion.

Resolved that Cheshire Academy, under its present able board of instruction, and with its improved facilities for teaching, merits a liberal share of patronage from the Yearly Meeting, and the success of the committee in raising funds for a complete apparatus gives further evidence of success.

Resolved that we sympathize with other prominent brethren, engaged in the business of education within the limits of the Yearly Meeting.

Resolved that we approve of the establishment of a F. W. B. Book Depository in the city of Chicago by the F. W. B. printing establishment.

Sabbath Schools.

The true object of Sunday schools is the religious education of the young and neglected. Therefore

Resolved that this work properly belongs to the church.

Resolved the churches be urged by their

pastors to take special action in the organization and support of Sunday schools in their midst. Resolved that this body recommend the propriety of organizing a Sunday school convention to send delegates annually from the several I. Ms. to this body to take into consideration the best means of extending and supporting Sunday schools.

State of the Country.

Whereas the public mind seems embarrassed and undecided as to what is the best policy to be pursued in the reconstruction of the rebel states, and whereas it is the duty of all loyal bodies whether political or ecclesiastical to define their position on all questions affecting the prosperity and moral interest of the state therefore Resolved that it is the sense of this Conference that our government is secure only when controlled by loyal men.

Resolved that we most heartily endorse the reconstruction policy of the present Congress. Resolved that but for the treacherous course of the incumbent administration the work of reconstruction might have been nearly if not completely accomplished.

Resolved that it is the duty of every voting Free Will Baptist to cast his ballot for the proposed Suffrage Amendment at our approaching State election.

Resolved that that sympathy which would pass by the persecuted loyalists of the South, ignore the sacrifices and hardships of our soldiers, and even the graves of the patriotic dead, and fix itself upon unrepentant traitors, is a disgrace to the American name.

Book Agent.

Resolved that we recommend bro S. H. Barrett  
as a suitable person for a local agent for the  
keeping of our denominational books on sale  
in this G. M.

Sinful Amusements.

Whereas dancing, card playing, Novel reading  
and kindred popular amusements are pe-  
nicious in their tendencies and prolific sources  
of immorality. Therefore Resolved that they should  
be entirely discarded by every friend of virtue  
and religion.

Thomas E. Peden, Clk.

Wheelerburg Ohio Aug 7<sup>th</sup> 1868  
Ohio River G. M. convened with Wheelerburg  
Church. Opened with prayer by Rev. M. Seal  
Chose Rev. I. Z. Hanning Moderator. Letters from  
Meigs, Athens and Taylor G. Ms. were then read.  
Taylor G. M. West Va. requested admission into  
the G. M. Request granted and G. M. received.  
Letter from Little Sciota G. M. was then read.  
Visiting brethren were invited to take part in  
the discussions of conference. Minutes of last  
session read and approved. Voted that the del-  
egates from the several G. Ms. to fill any vacancy  
in their number from visiting brethren who  
are present. Appointed a committee consisting  
of T. H. Drake, Wm Hooper and R. J. Poston on  
the State of the G. M. and also to prepare an address  
to the G. M. Appointed T. E. Peden, D. Powell and  
S. C. Chase a committee on Education. Appointed  
Rev. T. H. Drake, H. F. Wozan and B. C. Lewisburg  
a committee on the State of the County. Appointed  
Rev. D. Powell, H. J. Carr and R. J. Poston  
a committee on the proposed change of name