

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 7th 1868

Ohio River G. M. convened with Wheelerburg
Church. Opened with prayer by Rev. M. Seal
Chose Rev I. Z. Haming 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
L. C. Chase a committee on Education. Appointed
Rev. T. H. Drake, H. F. Wogan and B. C. Lewhaling
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

denominational name, Appointed Rev I Z
 Manning, I. E. Peden and H. F. Wozan committee
 on Periodicals, Appointed I. E. Peden, I. H. Drake
 and R. J. Poston committee on Sabbath schools,
 Appointed I. E. Peden, B. V. Newkirk and
 Wm Hooper to nominate delegates to General
 Conference, Appointed Rev. S. C. Chase, H. F
 Wozan and D Powell committee on Temperance,
 Appointed Rev. M. Seals, W. A. Titus and
 J Littlejohn committee on Devotion, Elected
 M. Seals assistant Moderator, Appointed
 Bro A. Titus, Rev I. H. Drake and Wm Hooper
 committee on missions, Discussed a preamble
 and Resolutions in regard to Atwood Institute,
 Committee on Devotion made their report,
 Adjourned until tomorrow morning eight
 O'clock.

Aug 8th 1868

Morning Session, Prayer by Rev D. Powell.
 Received Rev M. W. Spencer of Illinois J. M. as
 an advisory member of this body. Adopted
 after slight amendments the resolutions
 reported by committee on Education, Adopted
 the report of the Committee on Sabbath
 schools, Adopted the resolutions of the com-
 mittee on missions. Adjourned until 2 o'clock
 P.M.

Afternoon session

Prayer by Rev. I. H. Drake. Amended and adopted
 the report of Committee on denominational name.
 Received Rev J. Seas of the M.E. Church as an ad-
 visory member of this conference. Bro Seas kindly
 offered the conference the use of the M.E. Church in
 Wheelersburg for the meetings on the sabbath, offer
 accepted and vote of thanks returned,

Adopted the resolutions reported by the committee on the State of the country. Adopted the resolutions reported by the committee on Temperance. Amended and not adopted the resolutions reported by the committee on the State of the G. M. Adopted a resolution in regard to the Sabbath. Adopted the resolutions proposed by committee on Periodicals. Adjourned until after evening service.

Evening session.

Voted that the next session of the G. M. be held in the bounds of Athens G. M. Reconsidered the resolution on Periodicals struck out the fifth and readopted the other four resolutions. Passed resolutions in regard to Atwood Institute Voted to give Rev J Powell a letter of commendation. On motion adjourned.

Resolutions

Education.

Whereas education has much to do with the success of our general, religious and denominational interests and whereas there is an important and growing demand for a first class F. M. B. Seminary in Southern Ohio and in consideration of the fact that heretofore we have not manifested the interest that we ought therein to it Resolved that we request Misses Athens and Little Hope G. M. to raise seventy five dollars (\$75.00) by the first of November for the equipping and general improvement of Atwood Institute and that the collection tomorrow morning be appropriated to the same, and that the collection in the afternoon be given to the interests of West Virginia College. Resolved that Cheshire Academy demands a liberal patronage. Resolved that we cheerfully welcome West Virginia College to the list of our educational institutions and we

our brethren give it a liberal patronage & the students and money. Resolved that this Y. M. Assoc. in United Institute be common interest that the Board receive our hearty cooperation in their attempt to raise an endowment fund of \$10,000.00 and that we contribute liberally for the success of their noble cause. Resolved that we recommend that a course of study be introduced in said Institute at the earliest possible convenience.

Sabbath Schools.

Resolved that the increased interest taken in Sabbath Schools throughout our state calls for due out thanksgiving and praise to the Giver of all mercies for the good already accomplished and the prospect of greater usefulness in the future. Resolved that we request every S. S. under the control of our brethren in the Y. M. to take a penny for Missions at least once per month. Resolved that we endorse the state S. S. Union and advise our schools to cooperate with the auxiliaries of the State Society. Resolved that there should be organized in each Y. M. or Y. M. S. S. association and that such associations should organize a Y. M. S. S. association.

Missions.

Whereas the world is to be saved only by the preaching of the Gospel to every creature and believing the Commission of our Master still in force, to that intent therefore Resolved that we commend the Home, Foreign and Freedmen's Missions to each member of this Y. M. as not only ^{monthly} his prayers and sympathies but also his means. That the present want of our more missionary in this Y. M. is one of the most pressing character, and that we urge the several Y. M. to raise money to pay for such laborers.

as will at least supply all the rest of us with preaching.

State of the Country

Notwithstanding the trouble and distraction of our nation in these years, that by many souls, our faith and hope are unshaken that solid and permanent peace will be our future inheritance if we are true to our duties as Christian freemen.

That despite the unworthiness of many politicians and often of parties, we feel that as citizens and especially as Free Will Baptist, we can not do less than support the nominees of the Republican party in the coming national election without violating our record of the party.

That when politicians seek simply selfish ends and have had the control of public officers to long we deem it wrong for Christians to keep aloof from politics, while our interests nationally are vitally imperilled, pray, &c, trust included. - here is our deliverance!

Denominational Name.

Whereas some have thought it best to change our denominational name from Free Will Baptist to some thing more expressive in less objectionable, and whereas a name is only a distinctive title.

Therefore Resolved that we urge our brethren to agree upon that name which will give the most general satisfaction. It is not the name that gives respect or fame. Be loquacious and the name distinguishes such and ceases to be objections. But our individual preferences are for Free Will.

Resolved that this W. M. and the General Conference to retain the name Free Will.

Temperance.

Drunkennes is an evil - the only sure way

resistance is total abstinence. Domestic wines and
 kitchen crucies, pave the way to drunkenness. All
 that nature demands is a satisfied healthy thirst.
 Brethren labor for temperance by being temperate.
 Labor for God by being God like.
 Christian Freeman.

Resolved that we regard the Christian Freeman
 as essential to the progress of our denomination
 in the West. That published at Chicago
 the commercial metropolis of the West, it is
 not only the most available paper for W. M. B.
 but will do a more potent influence over the
 Western mind than any paper published in a less
 central locality. That having become so
 intimately connected with our denominational
 life it must not be weakened or impaired by
 the want of a hearty and general support.
 Resolved, that we earnestly request the ministers
 and brethren of the W. M. to make a vigorous
 exertion within the coming month to introduce
 the Christian Freeman into all our churches
 State of W. M.

Resolved that as a W. M. we are profoundly grate-
 ful to Almighty God for the degree of prosperity
 which he has vouchsafed to us the last year.
 That we should labor with increased zeal to main-
 tain a healthy tone of religion in our stronger church-
 es and to build up the weaker, and strengthen those
 that are ready to perish. That we believe it to be
 the duty of our ministers to bestow all possible labor
 upon feeble churches. That it is especially the
 duty of licentiates and prominent laymen to labor
 with such churches in the absence of the minister.
 Resolved that the Quarterly Meetings are authorized
 to appoint Laymen to exhort and hold meetings in

distitute places.

Report of Committee to nominate delegates to Annual Conference.
 The Com. to nominate Del. to G. C. lay over to report as follows. Delegates Rev I. T. Haning, Al Hunsat, Rev H. J. Carr and Rev D. Powell. Alternate Rev R. J. Poston, Resolved that we request our churches to pay immediately ten cents per residing member to defray the expenses of delegates to General Conference. Resolved that we instruct our delegates to oppose dropping the word "Will" in our denominational name.

Report Adopted.

Thomas, E. Peden. Clk.

3rd Alexander

August 13th 1869.

Ohio River I. M. assembled by delegates with 3rd Alexander Church. Prayer by Rev R. J. Poston. Elected Rev J. W. Martin Moderator and Rev R. J. Poston Assistant. Minutes of last I. M. read and approved. Invited visiting brethren to take part in the deliberations of Conference. Letters were then read from Meigs, Taylor and Little Hill I. M. Athens I. M. was reported verbally by Rev J. W. Martin. Invited Rev. E. Robinson of the United Brethren Church to sit as an advisory member of Conference. Voted that the next session be held in that county of the Meigs I. M. Appointed Rev R. J. Poston, A. L. Williams and I. T. Haning Committee on the State of the I. M. Appointed Rev A. L. Williams, I. T. Haning and R. J. Poston Committee on Education. Appointed Rev H. J. Carr, J. B. Sash, T. E. Peden, J. Coughincour and J. W. Hershinson Committee on Temperance. Appointed Rev W. W. Spencer, A. L. Williams and