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Report of Committee to nominate delegates to General Conference.
The Com. to nominate Del. to G. C. beg leave to report as follows. Delegates Rev I. T. Haning, Al Hrnat, 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 resident 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, C. 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 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 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 the bounds 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. C. Peden, J. Coughincour and J. W. Hershinson Committee on Temperance. Appointed Rev W. W. Spencer, A. L. Williams and

I. C. Chase Committee on doctrine. Shiloh I. M. reported by letter and delegate asking admittance to the Y. M. C. On the I. M. was received and their delegate Rev. C. Anderson took his place among the delegates. Appointed Rev. J. B. Fark, M. W. Spencer and S. C. Chase Committee on Sabbath Schools. Rev. I. I. Hanning, Delegate to last General Conference reported that he and Rev. D. Powell attended General Conference, and had received all told thirty eight dollars and eighty five cents (\$38.85). Appointed Bro. C. Chase, S. W. Horkinson and Geo. Giles a committee to Audit the account of the delegates to G. C. and see how much each I. M. is deficient, and report during this session. Voted against changing the Constitution of The General Conference in either of the ways proposed. Added Bro. C. Anderson to the committee on Education. Appointed Bro. C. Chase a committee to assist the Moderator in supplying the pulpit. Adjourned until tomorrow morning nine o'clock.

Aug. 14th Morning Session

Conference met pursuant to adjournment. Minutes read and approved. Report of the committee on the State of the Y. M. was laid on the table. Report of the Committee on Education adopted. Report of Committee on Missions adopted. Adjourned until after 2 o'clock preaching.

Afternoon Session

Minutes read and approved. Requested Rev. I. I. Hanning to attend next session of Taylor I. M. and voted that a collection be taken this evening to defray his expenses. Passed resolutions offered by Rev. S. C. Chase in regard to Cheshire Academy. Appointed Bro. C. Chase, Wm. Robinson and John C. Woodyard a committee to select a place for holding meeting in the Grove on tomorrow. The motion

To adopt the report of the Committee on Temperance was lost. Requested Rev. A. D. Williams to preach tomorrow morning on the subject of Christian Baptism. Passed resolutions on Temperance offered by Rev. A. D. Williams. Received and adopted the report of the Auditing Committee. Voted that each I.M. be informed of its deficit in the General Conference fund and requested to collect the same and forward immediately to Rev. A. Lash, I.M. Treasurer. Adjourned to meet at the call of the Mediator. If there was a called meeting the minutes are mislaid (W). The following are the resolutions passed.

Temperance.

Resolved that all Christians should practically discontinue Intemperance and the Liquor traffic in all their forms. Resolved that this should especially be done by withholding business and countenance from those engaged in the Liquor traffic. Resolved that Christians should make their Temperance practical by attending the primary meetings of their respective parties and earnestly laboring to secure Temperance candidates. Resolved that the habit of using Tobacco is contrary to Christian Principle and injurious to Christian Character.

Missions

Resolved that Mission Societies are eminently adapted to the policy of the Free Will Baptist denomination. That we recommend the adoption of the plan suggested by General Conference. That we recommend the equal division of funds between the Home and Foreign field. That we approve and suggest the organization of Mission Societies in each I.M.

Education.

Whereas education is development therefore a true education is the development of the whole man, physical, intellectual and spiritual or religious. Therefore Resolved that a true education includes that spiritual culture which can be secured only through regeneration and the experience of the Divine life in the soul. Resolved that those Educational Institutions therefore which aim especially at such spiritual culture are especially worthy of the confidence and support of this Y. M.

West Virginia College.

Resolved that we accept with gratitude and joy the Providence that has placed West Virginia College in our hands. Resolved that we especially rejoice in its great prosperity and pledge it our sympathy and aid. Resolved that we also strongly solicit the aid of the Home Mission Board and of the denomination at large for its establishment and endowment.

Randall Academy.

Resolved that we greatly rejoice in the apparently providential opening for our colored brethren to establish a Randall Academy at Berlin. Resolved that we commend this enterprise to the sympathies and generosity of our brethren. Resolved that we trust Randall Academy will be an efficient helper to Stone College at Harper's Ferry and to the Institution at Cairo.

Atwood Institute.

We rejoice in the former success of this Institution under the able and untiring efforts of its teachers. Therefore as a Y. M. Resolved that we pledge our cooperation in securing the success of this Institution.

That we Recommend to our brethren the endowment of this Institution with a fund of twenty thousand dollars (B 20,000) as soon as practicable.

Cheshire Academy.

Resolved that we sympathize with our brethren in the promotion of their educational interests at Cheshire and that we encourage them to take steps immediately, such as will contribute to make their Institution a first class school. Resolved that in view of the location and many other advantages of the Cheshire school, that we recognize in it a force which may contribute much to our success as a denomination and that we regard the enterprise as highly worthy of our patronage and esteem.

Report of Auditing Committee

Received, to pay expenses of delegates to General Conference, of Athens I.M. sixteen dollars and sixt. five cents (B 16.65) Meigs I.M. twenty two dollars and fifteen cents (B 22.15). Taylor I.M. two dollars and thirty five cents (B 2.35). Little Scioto nothing (0). Total forty one dollars and fifteen cents (B 41.15) which was paid over to delegates. Balance due delegates, six dollars and twenty five cents (B 6.25)

Next session in the bounds of the Meigs I.M.
Thomas E. Peden, Clerk

Rutland Ohio Aug. 12th 1870

Ohio River I.M. met with the 1st Rutland Church. Prayer by Rev. B. V. Venkstruy. Elected Rev. I. Z. Hoaning Moderator and W. J. March a pistant. Letters were read from Meigs, Little Scioto and Shiloh I.M. On motion V. I. Stewart was received as delegate from Shiloh I.M. Invited visiting brethren to a seat with us as advis-