

from Shiloh I. M. Five nominated by Jackson I. M. and five out of the Connection they shall be intelligent, competent influential gentlemen, friendly to the Academy, residing near the Academy, and that, if conducted in such a way as not to injure the school, Providence Church be allowed to hold their regular meetings in the Academy. Voted to give the collection on Sabbath to Petrea F. W. B. Church. On motion adjourned. Preaching Sat at 10 A.M. by Rev W. J. Fulton, Candle light Rev A Crabtree Sabbath 10 A.M. Rev I. Z. Haning. 3 P.M. Rev D. Powell. Candle light Rev J. W. Martin Monday night Rev C. J. Chase.  
Thomas, E. Peders

Rio Grande, Aug 10<sup>th</sup> 1877  
Ohio River Y. M. met with Proccoon Church. Prayr by bro Stewart. Elected Rev B. V. Tewksbury Moderator and Rev. J. W. Martin a scribe and. Voted that the 14<sup>th</sup> Art. of the treatise be adopted to govern us in regard to speeches. Voted to hear the letters from the I. Ms. Meigs, Athens and Shiloh reported by letter. All reported revivals, Voted to receive bro Gibbens as delegate from Little Scioto I. M. Voted that Bro R. Dunn have a seat with us in conference. Voted to invite all all visiting brethren to take part in the deliberations of conference. An encouraging letter from Rev D. Powell Johnstown Wisconsin was read. Voted that bro Crabtree act as

Clerk pro tem. Appointed bro G. W. Gyles and J. M. DeCamp committee to assist the Moderator in filling the stand. Appointed Rev J. W. Martin, A. Crabtree C. J. Chase, S. J. Ferguson and R. R. Channel one from each I.M. represented a committee on Missions. Appointed Rev I. Z. Hanning Prof R Dunn, and S. J. Ferguson a committee on Doctrine. Rev J. W. Martin, J. Stewart and W. Palmer committee on Temperance. Rev J. W. Stewart I Z Hanning and A. Crabtree committee on F. M. Baptist publications. Appointed Rev W. G. Fulton, M. D. G. Hickerson and J. M. DeCamp on Sabbath schools. Appointed Bro<sup>rd</sup> J. Hickerson G. W. Gyles & Father Gibbons to select delegates to General Conference. Appointed Rev A Crabtree, S. J. Ferguson and S. Weed to select delegates to State Association. Appointed Rev S. J. Ferguson, C. J. Chase A. Crabtree and Prof R Dunn committee on Education. Voted to request Prof R Dunn to answer the question "Are the free Will Baptist retrograding - if so why?" Voted to adjourn until tomorrow 8 o'clock.

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Morning session. Prayer by Prof Dunn. Minutes read and approved. Rev I Z Hanning read a letter to G. M. from Rev H. J. Carr. Letter from Jackson I.M. received and read. Voted to hold next session in the bounds of Neigs I.M. Adopted resolutions on Doctrine, Missions,

Appointed Rev S. H. Barrett, President. A Crabtree  
 Vice President. J. W. Martin Secretary and I. Z. Hanning  
 Treasurer of Home Mission Board. Elected  
 Rev I. Z. Hanning, I. E. Peder, R. J. Poston and  
 A. Crabtree Delegates to General Conference.  
 Alternates Rev J. W. Martin, W. J. Fulton, W. Palmer  
 and B. V. Sewksbury. Adjourned until 2 P.M.

Afternoon Session

Prayer by I. E. Peder. Adopted resolutions on S. S.  
 Elected Rev I. Z. Hanning, J. W. Martin, B. V. Sewksbury  
 W. J. Fulton, I. J. Ferguson, J. W. Stewart, C. J.  
 Chase, S. Weed, J. Littlejohn, W. H. McKel  
 J. Masters, I. Fullerton, W. Palmer, Geo. Giles  
 James Gibbons, I. E. Peder, M. D. J. Hicker  
 son, A. Crabtree delegates to State Associa  
 tion. Passed a resolution presented by Rev  
 M. H. Abbey on State Association. Adopt  
 ed resolution on Education. Adopted reso  
 lutions on Temperance. Pending the motion  
 Prof. Dunn addressed the conference on the  
 Question. Are F. W. B. declining if so why? Passed  
 a resolution offered by W. J. Fulton. Approved  
 the 2 Ms ten cents per resident members to  
 defray the expenses of delegates to General Con  
 ference. Appointed Rev W. Palmer to secure, if  
 possible, reduced rates on the Rail Roads for  
 delegates to General Conference. On motion  
 adjourned. The following are the reso  
 lutions as passed.

Mission Work.

We recommend that the Yearly Meeting create  
 a Board of Home Mission work with President,  
 Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, who  
 shall constitute an Executive Committee, in

whose hands shall be left all mission work for the year. Said committee or Board shall obtain cards bearing the following names Home Mission, Foreign Mission, and Education. Said cards to be placed in the hands of the pastors, who shall make their collections and report to the Treasurer. That Sabbath afternoon of each session of the Y. M. shall be devoted to the mission work, conducted by the board of Missions.

Doctrine.

Resolved that as truthfulness in Doctrine is essential to consistency in practice, and general unity in practice is essential to Church harmony and fellowship, we consider the doctrines of our denomination worthy of our hearty support, and the general usage of our churches worthy of uniform practice.

Resolved that as Baptists we protest against the reception of unbaptized or sprinkled members as being unnecessary in evangelical work, inconsistent with our faith and profession, and calculated to weaken our testimony for the truth and influence for good.

Temperance.

Resolved that we recommend a hearty endorsement of the Temperance Movement known as the Murphy movement.

Resolved that we recommend a hearty cooperation of all free will Baptists in the great Temperance movements and enterprises of the day. Resolved that we recommend our Ministers to preach at least one sermon on Temperance to each of his churches within

each year of his pastorate. Resolved that all our members and Christian workers use their influence in this work as far as possible. Resolved that the continual efforts of Signers sellers to increase the sale and use of Alcoholic beverages demand more earnest efforts on the part of the Temperance public to prevent their success. Resolved that the entire prohibition of the importation, manufacture and traffic of intoxicating drinks is called for by the highest interest of Society.

#### Education.

Resolved that this Y. M. use its influence in the general patronage of Rio Grande and in giving it to our sons and daughters.

Resolved that this Y. M. request the different I. M. to require young men before entering the ministry to obtain as far as possible a common English Education.

#### Sabbath Schools.

Whereas we believe the S. S. to be a divine Institution and that the prosperity of the Church and Kingdom is largely dependent upon its success. Therefore

Resolved that we encourage our Quarterly meetings the great need of seeing that each Church has and sustains an efficient Sabbath School.

Resolved each Church report its S. S. work to the I. M. the I. M. to the A. M. and the A. M. to the Sunday School Union once a year.

Resolved that we recommend the Ligonier and that each school take our denominational Sabbath School papers, the Inquirer and Little Star.

Miscellaneous

Resolved that each minister in the yearly meeting be requested to preach at least one sermon per year to each of his congregations on each of the following subjects: Doctrine, Temperance, Missions and Sabbath Schools.

Resolved that we heartily approve the objects and work of the Free Communion Baptist Association of Ohio, especially do we approve of the effort to raise a permanent fund of \$20,000. in the interest of which to be used to promote evangelistic work and will aid in making it up to the extent of Christian obligation.

Resolved that we consider the Morning Star and our Sabbath School papers worthy of our patronage and earnestly entreat our brethren to subscribe for these periodicals and exert themselves to increase the circulation of our books and papers.

Thomas C. Peden, Clk.

Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> 1878, Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> 1878.

Met with the Syn. Church. Opened with prayer. Rev. A. Crabb, Elected. Rev. S. V. Newkum, Moderator and Bro. J. Hanning Assistant. Letters were read from Misses Philah and Little Sci to P. M. Appointed Bro. S. O. Smith, I. Holmes and J. Walker Committee on Devotion, Elected. Rev. C. J. Chan Assistant Clerk. Appointed Rev. I. S. Hanning A. Crabb, W. J. Pelton, J. P. Ferguson and T. C. Peden, one from each I. M. represented. Committee on Foreign Missions, Rev. A. Crabb and T. C. Peden reported that they had