

make the next anniversary the most glorious
in our history up to that time. Our territory is
vast and the opportunities for effective work
are many. It is no time for apathy, but an excellent
time to enter the vineyard with strong faith in
the promises of the Savior.

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Cheshire, Ohio, August 12, 1892.

The delegates composing the Ohio River Y.M.
met Cheshire Church, Pa. In the absence of the clerk
Rev. D. Powell called the conference to order. Rev.
S. J. Need was elected Moderator, Rev. A. W. Bingham
Assistant Moderator and Bro. S. W. Bing clk pro
tem. Letters read from Meigs and Athens Ms. Rev.
W. J. Sutton, Bro. S. V. Bowman and Bro. J. C. Cross
were appointed a committee on requests, and
Bros. Washington Thomas, J. J. Coughenour and
J. Chas. on Devotion. On Missions Rev. A. E. Musser
Bro. Wm. Shuler and Rev. F. N. Bates. On Education
Pres. J. M. Davis, Rev. D. Powell and Bro. J. J. Coughenour.
On Temperance Bro. Geo. W. Bing, Rev. S. W. Standung
and Rev. Peter Williams. Publications, Revs. J. B. Lash,
W. A. Hooper and S. H. Drake, Sabbath Schools, Revs.
A. W. Bingham, Bro. A. H. Lash, and Rev. J. Hartwick.
Delegates to State Association, Rev. J. W. Martin, Bro.
P. Hugg and Bro. S. M. Vance. Location of next
yearly meeting, Prof. C. C. Clark, Bro. A. Ward and Rev.
D. Powell. A vote in case thirty dollars of the money
in the Y.M. treasury in defraying expenses of dele-
gates to Gen. Conference. Adjourned until tomorrow
morning 9 o'clock.

Aug 13th 1892, Morning Session.

Prayer by Rev. A. E. Musser, Minutes of yesterday's
session read and approved. Letters read from

West Virginia, M. Gallia, M. reported verbally by Prof. J. M. Davis, Jackson, M. reported verbally by Rev. W. Reisinger. Rev. Thomas H. Drake reported the work in the Ohio & Pennsylvania Y. M. and referred to the Ohio and Ohio Central. Voted to appropriate two dollars to purchase a new Yearly Meeting Record Book. Rev. A. Graltree, State Agent, made a brief report of State work. Adopted the report of the Committee on Education. Elected the following delegates to State Association Rev. W. J. Fulton of M. Davis, S. E. Peden, D. Powell, H. Weed, Joseph Hartsock, A. W. Bingham, N. E. Musser, C. W. Stansbury, R. J. Poston, and Bros. R. S. Carpenter, J. C. Gross, and Sisters Emma Musser, Thula C. Hooper and Ella B. Davis. Located the next session in the bounds of the Gallia, M. and appointed Rev. H. Lash to preach the opening sermon. Voted that Rev. D. Powell present the claims of West Va. College. Adjourned to 1 1/2 P. M.

Afternoon Session. 1 1/2 P. M.

Prayer by Bro. J. L. Lambert. Passed a resolution instructing delegates to General Conference. Elected Rev. J. W. Martin, David Powell and Thomas E. Peden delegates to General Conference, and Prof. J. M. Davis, Rev. H. Weed and Rev. W. J. Fulton alternates. Passed resolutions on Literature. Adopted the report of the Committee on Missions. Adopted the report of the Committee on Temperance. Adopted the report of the Committee on Requests. Adopted the report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools. Appointed Rev. N. E. Musser, Sister Emma Musser, Bro. A. H. Lash, Sister Clara Benedict and Rev. C. W. Stansbury to organize a Y. M. A. C. S. Society. On motion adjourned.

Prayer by Bro. Blackburn. Report of com-
mittee as adopted. Education.

In this progressive age, when the demands
upon both head and heart yearly become great
er, it is of prime importance that our young
people secure the best attainable preparation
for their work in life. This preparation can be
gained nowhere else so well as in schools under
controlling spirit and purpose are Christian.
All Christian parents should go to the full extent
of their ability in providing this genuine Chris-
tian education for their children. All young
Christians should gladly and promptly appre-
ciate all the opportunities granted them to
cultivate their higher powers. If their financial
resources are small, they should still lay hold
of the work of self culture with hopefulness and
energy and enroll themselves in the heroic band
of those who either find a way or make it. Young
men contemplating the ministry should real-
ize that when God calls them to this work, he
also calls upon them to do all they can to fit
themselves for it, and in view of the general
intellectual progress of society and of the high
and advancing intellectual requirements for the
ministry in other denominations, our churches
and ministers should combine to acquire the
best of every candidate that is within his power
in this direction. We recognize the fact that our
primary obligation in the way of supporting
educational institutions, is to give our patron-
age to those under the control of our own denom-
ination and of those within the borders of our
own yearly meeting. On this ground Riobland

College claims a fair share of our interest. It is located within easy access of a large part of our churches. It was founded by the benevolence of some of our best brethren, and sisters. It has approved itself by sixteen years of useful work. It is steadily growing in patronage, in the experience and usefulness of its trustees and teachers, in the interest and confidence of the general public, and in its general power to do good. Although it does not as yet possess resources to establish a Theological Department, it gives some special assistance to young men preparing for the ministry both by special instruction and financial help. During the last year in addition to securing the largest number of students it has ever had, it has added largely to its apparatus and other facilities. We cordially commend to all our people and to the general public, Rev. W. J. Sutton, financial agent of the college, who is at present in the field laboring to secure new students, to gather funds for the increase of the library and for the advancement of their interests of the college in all other possible ways. We ^{also} commend to the patronage of our people West Virginia College, located at Flemington, W. Va. It is situated fully two hundred miles from Richmond. The location is healthful and romantic immediately on the line of the Baltimore and Ohio R. R. The college has no endowment fund, yet a school has been kept in successful operation there for nearly forty years. Funds are greatly needed for repairs and for endowing the college. Rev. S. C. Peden and Rev. D. Powell are authorized agents of the college and as such, we

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commend them to our brethren and the friends
of a liberal Christian Education.

Denominational Literature

Recognizing the vital importance of a sound
religious literature being placed in the homes
of our people, and that no other religious litera-
ture is so important for our own people as Free-
will Baptist literature, therefore Resolved
That we hereby urge all our ministers and
lay brethren to take and heartily support at
least one of our own denominational newspa-
pers, the Morning Star, the Free Baptist or the
Church Watchman, and if possible more than
one. That we urge all of our Sunday School to
use our own Sunday School helps in preference
to every other. That we hereby urge that an effi-
cient agent be chosen in every church and con-
gregation in this State, until at least one of our
denominational newspapers shall be placed
in every Free will Baptist home. That since
the Church Watchman is the official organ
of the Ohio Association, and specially devo-
ted to our local interests, that we specially urge
its more general support and we hereby pledge
our hearty cooperation to increase its circula-
tion and to add to its efficiency, thoroughly be-
lieving that its wider circulation will mate-
rially promote all the interests of our Zion within
the limits of our Association. That we advise
all our ministers especially and also as many
of our lay brethren as can do so, to secure the Butler
Dunn Theology, and our other religious books,
and more fully familiarize themselves with
doctrine and usages of our denomination.

Missions.

Whereas there is a great demand just now for more workers and funds in India Therefore Resolved that it becomes an imperative duty for the Denomination to meet this demand, and to this end we recommend special effort among our churches to help supply the deficiency in Foreign Mission funds. Also we recommend systematic weekly contributions for both Home and Foreign Missions. That the public collection on Tomorrow be for State work.

Sabbath Schools.

We urge our Sabbath Schools to use our literature and continue the sessions Winter and Summer. That teachers meetings be held in each school, teachers institutes in every I.M. and that pastors frequently call attention to their importance.

General Conference.

Resolved that we hereby instruct our delegates to General Conference to oppose all attempts to change or subvert the present Constitution of General Conference.

Request of Galilee Church.

In regard to the request of Galilee Church asking the ordination of Bro. A. R. Ailer, we recommend that this church ask membership in some I.M. recommending Bro. Ailer to such I.M. for ordination according to the requirements of our I.M. and the usages of the denomination.

Assessment for Gen. Con.

Resolved that the clerks of the several I.Ms. comprising this I.M. be requested through the pastors or otherwise, to notify the churches

of which their respective Ms are composed that they are expected to raise an amount equal to eleven cents per resident member for General Conference purposes, and to forward the same to the G. M. Treasurer, Bro. S. B. Blake, Sec, Athens Co. Ohio, before Oct. 1st, 1892 and to urge prompt attention to this duty.

Thomas E. Pedin, Clerk.

Aug. 10th, 1893.

Rio Grande Ohio Aug. 10, 1893.

Ohio River Yearly Meeting met with the Raccoon Church at Rio Grande, O. Aug 10th 1893. Prayer was offered by Rev. Joseph Hartsock. Rev. W. J. Fulton was elected Moderator, Rev. S. J. Weed Assistant Moderator and Rev. B. H. Ellis, Assistant Clerk. Letters read by the Assistant Clerk, from Shiloh, W. Va. Gallia, Meigs, Athens & Ms. Buchtel reported verbally by Rev. A. W. Bingham. Appointed Rev. W. C. Stansbury, E. N. Long and Joseph Hartsock Committee on Requests. Revs S. J. Weed, J. W. Martin and I Powell, committee on fraternal ~~feeling~~ feelings as expressed by the Portsmouth Association of Baptists. On Devotion Prof. C. O. Clark, J. D. Holcomb and John Malaby. Reports were heard from S. E. Pedin and J. W. Martin, delegates to the last general conference, and Prof. J. M. Davis sent a written report of his attendance. Committee to select delegates to State Association, Bros. C. W. Bing, C. M. Vance and S. I. Bowman. Location of next G. M. referred to committee on Requests. Appointed Prof. C. O. Clark, Rev. C. W. Stansbury and Sister Susan Shuler committee