

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. Peden, 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 Hartsrook. Rev. W. J. Fulton was elected Moderator, Rev. W. 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 Hartsrook Committee on Requests. Revs S. J. Weed, J. W. Martin and I Powell, committee on fraternal ~~feeling~~ feeling 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. Peden 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. 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

on Business, On Missions, Rev. D. Powell, Rev. J. B. Tash and Sister Thula Cooper, Sunday Schools Rev. A. E. Musser, Rev. A. R. Ailer and Bro. Ezra B. Hoskinson, Publications Revs B. H. Ellis, T. C. Peden and A. W. Bingham, Aug. 11th, 1893. Morning Session. Prayers was offered by Rev. A. W. Bingham. Appointed T. C. Peden, J. W. Martin, S. J. Weed, John Malaby and D. Powell, Committee on Necrology, Report of Committee on Publications, adopted, Report of Committee on Missions adopted. Appointed Rev. W. J. Fulton, Prof. C. O. Clark and Sister Ella B. Davis, Committee on Missions. Voted to hold the next session of the Y. M. in the bounds of the Athens I. M. Referred the report of the treasurer, Bro. S. B. Blake to Bro. J. C. Cross as auditing Committee. Adjourned until 1.30 P.M.

Afternoon Session.

Aug. 11th 1893. 1.30 P.M. Prayer by Rev. A. R. Ailer. Report of Committee to select delegates to State Association received and adopted. Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools adopted. Passed resolution in regard to W. A. College. Adopted the report of the treasurer, it having been reported correct by Bro. J. C. Cross, the Auditor. Report of Committee on fraternal relations with Baptists adopted. Appointed Revs. W. Stansbury, Rev. C. N. Long, and Rev. A. E. Musser committee to apportion our indebtedness to the I. M. Appointed Rev. A. E. Musser and Rev. W. Stansbury to collect money to purchase an electric of Sister Nellie Phillips for the Watchman. Resolution on proposed New Constitution of General Conference presented by Rev. S. J. Weed adopted. Resolution asking State Association to aid Nelsonville Church adopted.

On motion adjourned.

Publications

Whereas a sound literature is as much to do in forming the mind, character and habits of the rising generation therefore Resolved that we not only advise but earnestly entreat each family connected in any way with our congregation to take a well edited weekly religious paper and to the extent of its financial ability purchase a well selected library of interesting, instructive, theological, historical and scientific books. That we especially recommend, at the present time the Church Watchman, Morning Star, and Free Baptist to each one of our constituents as papers that he ought to take and read. That we continue to recommend our Sabbath Schools to use our own literature.

Missions.

The evangelizing of the world is made imperative upon the Church. The Apostles were to begin at Jerusalem, at home, and then go into all the world. It is our duty first to do a work at home. Our home work is the stay and support of our work in the foreign fields. Therefore Resolved that we devise more liberal and active measures for our home and foreign work. To effect this, we advise the appointment of a committee of three to devise a plan or system of work which shall be communicated to the I. Ms. and through the I. Ms. to the churches. Resolved that this Y. M. of- fices of the union formed by the Church of God with the Free Will Baptists in foreign mis- sion work, which we feel under God gives rea- son to hope that we may be able to immediately

better occupy the field which we regard as ours in the foreign work.

Request of W. A. I. M.

Whereas the W. A. I. M. requests this body to grant them a committee of investigation and whereas they have not pursued the legal course according to our Treatise, therefore Resolved that this body recognizes no such request until the proper steps have been taken by them, when we recommend that such council be granted them.

Sunday Schools

Whereas the Sunday School is one of the most important features connected with the church work, therefore Resolved that every pastor and official member of the church see that a good Sunday School is well organized with pious leaders and officials and successfully maintained, Resolved that we use our own denominational literature. We urge each church to observe annually, childrens day, sometime in the year.

Whereas the Sunday School Institute has proven very beneficial to our christian work, therefore we urge all our I. M. s to organize such institutes.

To Apportion ^{our} indebtedness.

Whereas the Ohio River Yearly Meeting is indebted to Bro. S. B. Blake \$20. 70, To delegates to General Conference about \$12. 00, To General Conference \$67. 80 making a total of \$100. Therefore Resolved that we take immediate steps to raise the above named amount, that a committee be appointed by the chair to apportion the same among the I. M. s of the Y. M. That we ask that the same be attended to by the different I. M. s at their next sessions and that the churches be asked

to contribute at once.

West Virginia College.

Resolved that we sincerely thank the unknown friend who has given three thousand dollars on the endowment of W. Va. College and earnestly hope and pray that he can and will make it ten thousand before our next annual gathering.

Necrology.

Whereas within the past year Rev. O. E. Baker, and Rev. John Sheritt have been taken from labor to reward, therefore Resolved that in the death of Bro. Baker we recognize the loss of a very able minister who was endeared to us by many noble and excellent qualities and by an exceedingly active, industrious and successful ministerial life. Resolved that in the death of Bro. Sheritt we lose from earth a consistent freewill Baptist minister who was ever ready to do what he could for the advancement of God's cause and kingdom in our midst. That we condole and sincerely sympathize with their families in this hour of deep sorrow and bereavement.

Fraternal Relations with Regular Baptists. With sincere and thankful appreciation, we recognize the fraternal regard expressed by the Portsmouth Baptist Association toward this body in their resolutions on the subject of union, adopted at their last meeting, and in the appointment of a delegation to this body. We recognize the coming of Revs. S. D. Davis and Charles Rhoads from that body to this meeting, their addresses, and the spirit manifested by them as being savored with the spirit of Christ.

Resolved that we as a yearly Meeting regard it as a hopeful move, the organic union of the Regular and Freewill Baptists provided a ^{satisfactory} basis of union can be reached that will thoroughly unite the two as one body. That we recommend our State Association to appoint representative men as a committee to meet with a like committee appointed by their State Convention to draft a basis of union for the two denominations, to be approved and ratified as each of the two denominations may direct.

Nelsonville.

Resolved that this Y.M. shall request the Ohio State Association to assist the Freewill Baptist Church in Nelsonville to maintain an acceptable pastor during next year.

Proposed New Constitution.

Whereas the contemplated new constitution of General Conference proposes radical changes in our church polity, changes regarding the propriety of which the membership of this Y.M. differ in opinion, considering that such changes should be intelligently and prayerfully considered and whereas there is not now time for a free and full discussion of this subject, such as would be desired by parties of either side before submitting to an opposite decision: Resolved that a vote on the ratifying of the new constitution shall be postponed for one more year of prayerful careful consideration.

Thomas C. Peden, Clerk