

Albany, O. August 12, 1897.

The Ohio Pioneer Yearly Meeting met in regular session with the F. B. Church, and was called to order by the clerk at 2:00 p. m. Rev. Thos. Lasby led the devotional service reading as a scripture lesson the 12th chapter of Romans.

Rev. R. J. Poston was elected Moderator and Prof. C. G. Clark assistant moderator, J. M. Shaver was elected <sup>assistant</sup> clerk. Meigs, Artine, Ballix and Shiloh Quarterly Meetings reported by letters and delegates. All report some degree of prosperity during the past year. One new church (Mt. Union) had been dedicated during the year. All visiting brethren were invited to greet in conference. Pres. J. M. Davis, H. B. Reed and John Chase were appointed as committee on devotion.

Com. on Denominational Literature: J. H. Martin, H. H. Hartsork and Wash. Thomas.

Com. on Sabbath Schools: Samuel Fulton, J. M. Shaver and William Shuler.

Com. on Ministerial Examination: J. M. Davis, J. H. Martin, R. J. Poston, H. F. Bolton and C. G. Clark.

A motion prevailed that the next session of the Yearly Meeting be held within the bounds of the Meigs L. M.

Com. on Missions: Thomas Lasby, Mrs. Alberta Arnel and Mrs. Hairy Bolton.

Aug. 13th 8:30 a.m.

Conference called to order by Moderator and Mrs. Shuler led in the opening prayer.

Reports of the various Committees were submitted in writing and on motion were adopted.

### Reports of Committees.

Denominational Literature:— That we urge the necessity of Freewill Baptists to patronize their own denominational literature, and earnestly insist upon their introduction in all our Sabbath schools and homes.

Sabbath Schools:— Whereas the Sabbath school is a great means of teaching the doctrine of Christianity to our children, and the only means of teaching to about three fourths of the children of our land. Therefore we would recommend that this Yearly Meeting use every possible means to see that Sunday schools are organized and conducted in connection with every church organization within its jurisdiction. And still greater care be taken to secure officers and teachers that are good, loyal, consistent, working Christians. That good literature be used, and every effort be made to induce a still greater attendance of the children of the different neighborhoods at the Sunday schools.

Ministerial Examination:— We have conducted such examination with satisfactory results, and we recommend that Junior license be granted to J. M. Shamer, Senior license be granted to W. C. Hroy, and that C. H. Lash and Samuel Fulton be publicly ordained to the ministry tomorrow, Aug. 15, 1897, at 2:30 P. M. at a special meeting held in this house.

1.30 P. M.

Conference called to order by moderator, after prayer by Bolton. The report of the A. M. treasurer was submitted in writing and on motion was adopted.

S. B. Blake tendered his resignation as treasurer of the Y. M., and Jacob Coughenour was elected to fill the vacancy.

Pres. J. M. Davis was selected to draft closing resolutions.

A motion prevailed that an order of 72 cents be drawn on the treasury in favor of E. H. Long for giving notices of Y. M. Work, postage &c.

A motion prevailed authorizing the clerk to purchase a new blank book in which to continue the records of the Yearly Meeting.

The following resolutions were passed viz:

1. Whereas the Church Watchman has been and is a great help to the ministers and churches of our Y. M. Therefore, Resolved, that we thankfully recognize its value and pledge ourselves to try to increase its circulation, and call attention to the liberal terms now offered to subscribers.

2. Resolved, That we regard it as most serious detrimental to the interest to the Sabbath School and Church to hold sensational meetings on the Sabbath day, and gatherings near or on lines of public travel, as such meetings furnish an occasion for amusement and revelry entirely incompatible with the spirit and design of Christian worship. And that we most respectfully request the officials of R. R. lines in our section of the country to discontinue Sunday excursions, believing that they are very damaging to the morals of the people, especially of the young people. And that excursions on the Sabbath might be dispensed with without loss to the R. R. Company. As excursions during the week would secure

a much larger patronage from the civil and order-loving element of society.

3. Resolved that we appreciate the faithful service of S. B. Blake as our treasurer for so many years, and hope for him many years of usefulness yet to come.

4. The W. M. S. passed the following: Whereas, our observation of mission results leads us to the conviction that much more can be done through the W. M. S. with the help of the members of the O. R. Y. M. to extend the influence of missions than has yet been done.

Resolved, That we urge the pastors of all churches to observe the special mission days, as set apart by our General Conference, with an appropriate sermon and collection.

Resolved, That we insist upon the officers of the W. M. S. making a more determined effort to awaken a deeper interest in this important phase of church work, that is worthy of the careful consideration of all Christians.

Resolved, That every pastor be obliged to appoint some one in each church, having no auxiliary, to secure pledges and collect dues and report same to G. M. secretary; also to act as agent for "The Missionary Helper."

Resolved that we request each church to hold at least two public meetings within a year in which the young people, upon whom the future of our work depends, be encouraged to take a prominent part.

5. Closing Resolutions.

Resolved, That we gratefully recognize the fact that the pastor of this Church, and the members of this Church and Community have exhibited a hospitality and a interest that have made our stay a perpetual pleasure, and we humbly pray that genuine religion may flourish in Albany and vicinity as never before, even in the most gracious years that are past.

Resolved, That the evidence of growing earnestness and liberality among our churches derived from the fact of an increase of \$45. in the benevolent gifts of our people gives us joy and thankfulness and encourages the hope that we may see still greater growth of this self-sacrificing spirit and activity.

Resolved, That we hail with joy the recruits to our ministry and pray God that a double measure of the spirit may rest upon them and make them mighty in their glorious work.

Resolved, That the fraternal spirit animating our body is cause for deepest joy and a cheering earnest of success in future work.

Adjourned Sine die.

E. N. Long, Clerk.