

Albany Ohio August 11, 1905

The Ohio River Yearly Meeting of Freewill Baptists was called to order by the Clerk at 2:00 P.M., Friday, Aug. 11, 1905.

Rev. Geo. E. Moore of Cheshire was chosen moderator. Held a brief devotional service led by Rev. W. H. O'Neal.

Letters from the Quarterly meetings were called for. Gallia, Meigs and Shiloh Q. M.'s reported by letter.

Minutes of the last Y.M. session were read and approved.

A motion was made and carried for the Moderator to appoint a pulpit committee. Appointment made of Bros. Robert Wells & J. J. Coughenour and sister Eliza Smith.

Rev. W. J. Fulton moved that the moderator appoint a committee on incorporation of the Y.M., and that Rev. J. M. Davis be chairman of said committee. Rev. Fulton and Rev. G. W. Stansbury were named as the other two members.

By motion Rev. W. J. Fulton was reelected as trustee of the O.P. Y.M. for five years.

The following were appointed as a committee to examine Bro. Moulton Wickline for license to

preach the Gospel: J. W. Davis, G. W. Stansbury and J. W. Chase.

Rev. Moore, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Albany, Rev. J. W. Wynn, state agent and Rev. H. Dockum being present with us were formally received as visiting brethren and invited to a seat with us in counsel.

The following ^{Committees} were then appointed by the moderator, viz: On Education, ~~Rev.~~ J. W. Davis, G. W. Stansbury and F. W. Chase; On Temperance, J. J. Coughenour, H. Hoskinson and Mrs. Geo. Briggs; On missions, W. J. Fulton, Moulton, Nickline and Mrs. W. H. O'Neal; On Delegates to State Association, J. J. Coughenour and Robt. Wells.

Committee on pulpit supply requested that Rev. H. Dockum be given the Saturday evening service instead of the usual mission program, as no program had been prepared. Motion made and carried granting request.

Dr. H. M. Ford, Gen. Conf. Field Sec'y, was introduced and formally received as advisory member of conference. Motion was made and sustained that the meetings of this session be governed by standard time.

A motion made and carried that a committee consisting of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator and Clerk be appointed on the state of religion in

the yearly Meeting.

Rev. John W. Wynn presented a request to the Y. M. asking same to pledge \$25.00 per year for a period of five years, pledge payable on or before July 1st of each year. This request to be brought before the conference for action tomorrow (Saturday morning).

At 4:00 P.M. by motion adjourned to call of the Moderator. At 7:30 P.M. an able sermon was delivered by Rev. ~~W. D. Fullon~~ ^{Text John T. 378.38 -}

Saturday Aug. 12, '05.

Conference was called to order at 8:00 A.M. Devotional, led by H. Haskinson. A motion was made for appointment of committee on location of next session of Y. M. Motion carried. Committee appointed were ^{Rev.} Henry Fullon, Moulton Hickline and H. Haskinson.

Y. M. Treasurer, J. J. Coughenour gave report. Report referred back to Treas. to add item of \$4.00 or Dr. Davis's expense to Gen. Conf. Report then showed total receipts of \$82.87 and expenditures as follows: Clerk service, \$6.80, for Gen. Conf dues \$56.42. for exp. of Delegates to Gen. Conf. 1886. Money orders, 30¢. Bal. on hand 49¢. Report was received and accepted.

State agent Wynn's request for pledge of \$25. per year for five years was

taken up. Rev. W. J. Fulton moved to grant the request and to pledge as a yearly meeting the \$25.00 per year for five years. Discussion by Revs. F. N. Bates, Stansbury, O'Neal and Moore. Explanation of a system was made by Rev. Wynn.

Upon vote the motion carried whereby the Y. M. pledges as above, \$25.00 per year for 5 years.

Report of Committee on Education was given which mentioned the good work done by Rio Grande College and contained the following resolutions; Be it resolved,

1. That we recognize fully the great value of this school to our yearly meeting.
2. That we are aware that its continued usefulness and growth demand from us a liberal, constant, and loyal support.
3. That we will endeavor to give the college such support by speaking well of it on all suitable occasions, by trying to induce parents and young men and women to patronize the college. To this end we earnestly advise all our brethren and sisters in contemplating the final disposal of their property, to take into prayerful consideration the claims of our missionary and educational work.

4. That we approve the work of President Davis during the last college year in providing some especial instruction for candidates for the Christian ministry, and hope that such work may be continued as there may be demand for it.

(Signed by Com. see p. 55)

J. M. Davis
S. W. Glauert
Freeman W. Chase

Report was adopted after some fitting remarks encouraging and emphasizing many points in the report by Dr. Davis, Dr. Ford and Revs. Wynn and Fulton.

Committee on Missions reported expressing sympathy and regret in behalf of sister Helen M. Phillips in her long continued illness and appreciation of her many years of self-sacrificing and successful labor in India. Also an expression of gratitude was made for the safe arrival of our missionaries sent to our foreign field last year, and rejoicing for the universal response from our people which made possible the liquidation of our foreign-mission debt. Therefore these resolutions:

1. Resolved, that we ask our pastors and people to not slacken their effort and that we make our contributions so regular that no deficit may occur in the future.
2. That each of our ministers and churches

be asked and urged to inaugurate some plan by which regular offerings may be made for our mission work, and so we recommend the appointment of mission collectors or the use of the card plan as the most efficient means of securing this end.

3. We would further recommend that the four days designated by our General Conference be observed and that Sunday Schools be asked to give one offering each month for missions, thus teaching the children to love and support this the supreme work of saving the world.

W. J. Fulton, Woulton Wickline, Allie O'Neal
(Com.)

Remarks urging renewed effort for regular Mission collections were made by Dr. H. M. Ford, Rev. Fulton and Rev. J. N. Bates.

The report of Committee was adopted.

The committee on Temperance reported reaffirming the report of Temperance committee of 1904. After remarks by ^{Rev.} G. W. Staunburg, W. J. Fulton and G. E. Moore the report was adopted. J. J. Coughenour }
H. H. Harkinson } Com.
Mrs. Geo. Briggs }

The committee on examination of Moulton Wickline reported recommending Senior license. The report was adopted granting Bro. Wickline a Senior license.

{ John W. Davis }
 { H. W. Staubert }
 { J. W. Chase } } M.

The committee on location of next session of Y. M. reported recommending location within the bounds of the Meigs Co. M.

Report was adopted.
 Rev. Henry Fulton }
 Moulton Wickline }
 H. Haskinson } } Comm

At 10:25 A. M. a motion was made to adjourn to call of the moderator. Motion carried and conference adjourned.

The session Saturday morning. by Rev. W. H. O'Neal

Saturday, 2:00 P. M. meeting called to order by moderator. After brief devotional service the committee on state of religion in the Y. M. reported as follows: Gallia and Meigs quarterly meetings are in good working order and are making advances in the Cause of Christ. Jackson and Athens Co. M. S are in need of reviving.

Moved ^{and carried} that a committee of three on evangelistic work in the Y. M. be appointed. W. J. Fulton and Moulton Wickline were appointed

By the moderator. Rev. Geo. E. Moore, the moderator was added to the Committee by vote of Conference.

The Committee on delegates to State association reported nominating the following as delegates: viz. W. J. Fulton, G. E. Moore, J. M. Davis, W. H. O'Neal, Howard Stansbury, Moulton Wickline, H. Haskinson, F. W. Chase, G. W. Stansbury, W. L. Reisinger, F. H. Bates, Mollie Fulton, G. W. Bing, Mrs. Birdie Lasher.

(2) Same were elected by vote of ^{Report having been adopted.} J. M. Davis
 Of J. J. Coughenour } Committee.
 Robt. Wells }

The Committee on Incorporation, consisting of J. M. Davis, W. J. Fulton and G. W. Stansbury, reported that there were no means by which as they see, that the Yearly Meeting can be incorporated at present. The report was accepted.

Rev. G. W. Stansbury offered an amendment to the report of the Temperance Committee as follows: Whereas, owing to the record of Myron J. Herrick, the present nominee of the Republican party for governor of Ohio, on the temperance cause and especially on the Brammoch bill and his words in defiance of the Churches and of temperance in his speech of acceptance—

Therefore be it the sense of this body that it is ~~the~~ our Christian duty to oppose by vote and voice in a Christian spirit all whose record shows them to be in sympathy with or under the influence of the Saloon element believing that whenever politics touches more it is the duty of every Christian to touch politics by voice and vote. (Signed) G. W. Stansbury

A motion was made to adopt this amendment.
Motion carried.

Bros. J. J. Coughenour and W. J. Fulton were appointed a committee on Closing resolutions.

A motion was made to draw an order on the treasurer for \$5⁰⁰/_{xx} in favor of the Clerk. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn - Carried.

After adjournment of business session a social meeting was held in which much spiritual power was manifest. At the close of the social meeting the committee on pulpit supply reported J. M. Davis, D.D., Sunday 10:30 A.M.; Rev. J. W. Wynn, Sunday 2:30 P.M. and H. M. Ford, D.D. Sun. 7:30 P.M.

Following this report Dr. H. M. Ford gave an instructive and stirring ^{supper} talk on our denominational work.

Sermon Saturday night

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A collection was taken for missions at the close of the Saturday night services.

The Sunday appointments were all fulfilled with most excellent sermons.

At the close of the Sunday night services the following closing resolutions were offered:

Resolved, that we, the delegates and visitors in attendance at this session of the Ohio River Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists held with the Albany Church, Aug. 10-13, 1905, would express our gratitude to God for the large number present, for the spirit of unity and oneness of faith among us, and that we recognize with joy and gladness the universal prayer of our people for a revival of pure religion in all our churches. May God grant us our most sanguine hope in the progress of His Kingdom.

2^d ^{that} we are glad for the fraternal feeling and good will and hearty welcome given us by the ministers and churches of Albany and we shall pray that God may still draw us all closer together.

3^d ^{that} we extend our most hearty thanks to the people of Albany who have opened to us their homes for the hearty welcome and hospitable entertainment we have received at their

hands, and we shall ever hope they may share in and realize the precious promise of our Master who hath said "it is more blessed to give than to receive".

W. J. Fulton } Committee
J. J. Coughenour }

The report was unanimously adopted.

The following report was then offered from the Albany Church:

"We, the members of the Albany Church, feel a deep sense of gratitude to and appreciation of the visiting ministers and delegates who have met in the present session of the Ohio River Yearly Meeting. We feel that we have been greatly benefited and spiritually strengthened by their presence, talks and councils. And we desire to renew our covenant to work more earnestly for the Master and for the upbuilding of His cause in Albany and elsewhere. We pray God's blessing on them in their fields of labor."

Freeman W. Chase, Jr. M. Clerk.