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Glenn Bay, Jackson Co, Ohio,
The Ohio River Yearly Meeting of Free Will
Baptists in its annual session
at the Allona Church, Aug. 7, 1908,
was called to order by Clerk
at 9 o'clock P.M., Rev. M. J. Fulton
was elected Moderator, Prayer
was offered by Rev. R. L. Farnner,
Rev. W. L. Reisinger was chosen Act.
Moderator, On motion of Mr. J. W.
Davis, Revs. Wynn and Vance
were invited to seats in confer-
ence and granted the privilege of
of taking part in the deliberations
of the conference, Minutes of
the last session were read
and approved, Letters were
called for, Shiloh and Jack-
son responded by letters,
which were read by Clerk,
Revs. Crabtree and Wynn gave
a verbal report of Meigs,
Rev. Freeman of Athens, and
Rev. Davis of Gallia, Rev.
Vance from the Ohio and
Kentucky Yearly Meeting, was

asked to speak of the work in that Y. M. which he did in a favorable message. W. J. M. Davis gave a brief report of the work of Ridgman College. W. J. M. Davis also made a report of the last session of our General Conference at Cleveland Ohio as delegate of this Y. M. to that body. Upon the invitation of Conference Rev. Wynn spoke of his work in the field as State Agent.

On motion of Rev. Crabtree, Moderator appointed a Com. of 3 to devise a plan of meeting our pledge to State Work. Com. appointed, Revis. Crabtree, Davis, Freeman. Report of Com. on pulpit supply was given and by motion adopted.

- Friday Evening, Rev. G. W. Vance,
- Sat. 10 A. M. Rev. H. K. Freeman
- 2 P. M. Social Meeting
- 7 P. M. Rev. J. H. Wynn

Sunday 10 A.M. Rev. W. J. Fulton
 " 2 P.M. Rev. C. O. Clark
 " 7 P.M. Rev. J. M. Davis

A praise service was conducted on Friday evening by Rev. Joel Reynolds of Sciotoville, and was followed by sermon by Rev. Vance, text II Peter 3: 18

Saturday 8:00 A.M. Meeting called to order by Moderator. Prayer was offered by Rev. F. N. Bates. Com. on Delegates to State Association reported as follows: Fulton, Davis, Lasley, Clark, Reisinger, Crabtree, Ring, Freeman, J. Boyd Davis, Rose, Shuler, W. H. Cthey, Hoyt, Hoskins, son, Goldie Thomas, Blair and Jessie Carpenter, J. J. Coughman

The report was adopted by vote Com. Crabtree, Freeman, Clark. Report of the Com. on union with Baptists.

We recognize with gratitude

and joy the increase of fellowship among Christians and especially between Baptists and Free Baptists. We believe that there no longer exists any difference in belief or practice that justifies or ^{will} permit the indefinite continuance of separate denominational organizations for these two bodies. We believe that as soon as possible the union should be consummated and that the day of its consummation will be the opening of an era of richer personal life for all the members individually, and of greater usefulness and power in our united Christian enterprises. We regard it as the duty of our people to foster this spirit of union and to cultivate the acquaintance of the Baptists, looking forward confidently to the end of the separation that has existed for One Hundred and Twenty Eight years.

But we feel equally sure

that the day of union has not yet fully come, and believe that hasty and premature movements in that direction will produce more harm than good. Large parts of both denominations do not favor immediate union. All legal questions regarding the preservation of denominational property and funds are not yet fully answered.

We therefore advise that the Ohio River Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists churches being a part of the Free Baptist denomination vote no to the basis of union with the Baptists recently laid before the constituent bodies of our General Conference by the Committee on Union appointed by the General Conference held at Cleveland, Ohio, in October, 1907, and we believe that this action will be not only just to the great interests that God has put in trust

with us but also more favorable than the contrary action would be to that complete and happy union in the future which we sincerely desire:

Com. J. M. Davis, F. N. Bates, W. L. Reisinger,

The report was discussed by Davis, Clark, Bates, Fulton Crabtree, Furness, and Wynn, and was adopted by ^{unanimous} vote of Conference.

Report on Missions.

We, the Com. on Missions, beg leave to submit the following report:

Whereas our General Conference in obedience to the command of the Master to preach the gospel to all the world, has established foreign mission fields in India and Africa, and is doing good work for the Master at these points, and

Whereas our General Conference is also interested in the extension of our borders in our own

land, and,

Whereas, our State Association is assisting in this work through a state missionary and,

Whereas, realizing that this great work can not be accomplished without funds, therefore,

Resolved that we as a Yearly Meeting earnestly urge our people to comply with the "one cent a day" plan as laid down by our Annual Conference and that our ministers place this plan before the people through the cards furnished by our Corresponding Secretary, H. M. Ford, and further,

Resolved that we observe in all our churches the four days, viz. Home Mission, State Work, Education, and Foreign Missions in securing funds for this purpose.

Com. J. W. Wynn, G. W. Vance,
L. W. King.

On motion the report was adopted

The Com. on location of next session of the yearly meeting reported in favor of the Oneigs O. M. The report was adapted by vote of Conference, Com. Reisinger, Bing, Athey.

The Com. on Temperance reported as follows:

Your Com on Temperance beg leave to submit the following Preamble and resolutions:

Inasmuch as the Ohio Legislature last winter passed a law known as the "Rose County local option law", giving the people of Ohio an especial opportunity for temperance work this Fall, be it therefore resolved,

1st, That we commend the Legislature for the stand it has taken upon temperance and the opportunity that it has given the people to work and vote for the abolishment of saloons in every County throughout the State.

2nd, That we recognize the opportune time that has come

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to us for temperance work this Fall, and that we pledge ourselves to do all we can for its accomplishment, and that we heartily cooperate in the organized efforts that are now being made to outlaw the saloon.

3rd, That we will work, pray, and vote for the overthrow of the saloon.

Com. Crabtree, Freeman, Clark on motion the report was adopted, after a discussion by Dr. Davis, Fulton, Reynolds, and Clark.

Inasmuch as the Treasurer's report failed to reach Conference, partly the fault of the Clerk, it was voted that Dr. Davis and Rev. Fulton be a Com. to examine it and if found to be correct that it be recorded as a part of the minutes of the Conference.

A most soul-inspiring and heart-felt social meeting was held Saturday afternoon conducted by Rev. C. O. Clark,

Saturday morning at 10 o'clock Rev. H. K. Freeman preached from Acts, 26:19.

Saturday evening was devoted to state work. Rev. J. W. Wynn, state Evangelist, having charge of the services, and giving an account of some of his work throughout the state. The collection for missions amounted to \$2,25.

Rev. W. J. Fulton preached Sunday morning from Eph. 3:17. The collection taken was \$2,23 which was turned over to Rev. J. W. Wynn for state work.

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In the afternoon Rev. C. O. Clark
preached from Acts 16: 31,

The Conference closed with
the Sunday evening service,
by Mr. J. M. Davis using for his
text words found in

Report of Treas. was found to
be correct as examined by Revs.
Hutton and Davis.

Amount received	\$ 40.94
Amount paid out	38.17
Balance on hand	2.77

C. O. Clark, Clerk.

OHIO RIVER YEARLY MEETING.

The Ohio River Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists held its annual session with the Altona church at Glenn Roy, Jackson Co., Ohio, Aug. 7, 8, 9, 1908. Rev. W. J. Fulton was chosen moderator, with Rev. W. L. Reisinger asst. moderator. Harmony and Christian fellowship prevailed through the session. Nearly all the ministers of the Yearly Meeting were present, and had some part in making this session helpful, inspiring, and successful. Besides them, State Agent Rev. J. W. Wynn, of Kipton, Ohio, and Rev. G. W. Vance of the Ohio and Kentucky Yearly Meeting were present, and gave added strength and inspiration. The work of the churches, Quarterly Meetings, Yearly Meeting, and the Denomination received due attention in the reported resolutions of the various committees. One most important topic discussed was that of the Union with the Baptists. Dr. J. M. Davis, Rev. F. N. Bates, and Rev. W. L. Reisinger were made the Committee on Union. Although no one in the Yearly Meeting had received a copy of the proposed basis of union, the moderator being a member of Conference Board, and Dr. J. M. Davis being a delegate to the last General Conference at Cleveland, O., were able to inform those present what this basis consists of. After a free and full discussion of the report of the committee, it was unanimously adopted. The report of the committee is as follows:

"We recognize with gratitude and joy the increase of fellowship among Christians, and especially between Baptists and Free Baptists. We believe that there no longer exists any difference in belief or practice that justifies or will permit the indefinite continuance of separate denominational organizations for these two bodies. We believe that as soon as possible the union should be consummated, and that the day of its consummation will be the opening of an era of richer personal life for all the members individually and for greater usefulness and power in our united Christian enterprises. We regard it as the duty of our people to foster this spirit of union and to cultivate the acquaintance of the Baptists, looking forward confidently to the end of the separation that has existed for one hundred and twenty-eight years. But we feel equally sure that the day of union has not yet fully come and believe that hasty and premature movements in that direction will produce more harm than good. Large parts of both denominations do not favor immediate union. All legal questions regarding the preservation of denominational property and funds are not yet fully answered. We therefore advise that the Ohio River Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptist churches, being a part of the Free Baptist denomination, vote no to the basis of union with the Baptists recently laid before the constituent bodies of our General Conference by the Committee on Union appointed by the General Conference held at Cleveland, Ohio, in October 1907, and we believe that this action will be not only just to the great interests that God has put in trust with us, but also more favorable than the contrary action would be to that complete and happy union in the future which we sincerely desire.

J. M. Davis,
 F. N. Bates,
 W. L. Reisinger,
 Committee.
 REV. C. O. CLARK, Y. M. Clerk

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