

Rutland, Meigs Co., Ohio. 1909-1

The Ohio River Yearly Meeting of Free  
will Baptists in its annual  
session with the Rutland  
church August 13, 1909 was  
called to order by the Clerk  
at 2 o'clock P. M.; and Rev. W.  
J. Fulton was chosen Moderator.  
Prayer was offered by Dr. J. M.  
Davis, Rev. A. C. Droy was chosen  
assistant Moderator. Meigs and  
Shiloh Quarterly Meetings reported  
by letter. Letters were also  
read from Rev. Farmer and Ailer.  
Rev. Glover gave a talk on  
his work with the Buchtel  
church. A communication from  
Cor. Secy. H. M. Ford, relative to  
the next session of our Gen.  
Conference was read. The  
first business Saturday morn-  
ing was made the special  
order for the election of  
delegates to General Con-  
ference. The Moderator read  
extracts from the report of

Treasurer of Gen. Con, and commented upon the same. Rev. W. W. Crabtree, J. J. Coughenour, and Lanning were appointed a committee on pulpit supply. Other committees were appointed as follows: one on Education, one on publication, and one on Missions, one on Location of next session of the yearly meeting, one on selection of delegates to State Association. Adjourned Saturday morning 9:00 o'clock. Conference called to order by moderator. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. M. Turner. Informal ballots were taken for the election of delegates to General Conference which finally resulted in the election of Rev. A. C. Droy, and Rev. W. W. Crabtree. Miss May Fulton was elected alternate to Rev. Droy, and J. M. Davis to W. W. Crabtree. Committee on location of

next session of yearly meeting reported in favor of the Athens Quarterly Meeting. By motion report was received and adopted.

Washington Thomas,  
J. M. Chase  
Rose Shuler  
Committee.

A motion prevailed to take up the question of union with Baptists at some time during the session.

Committee on selection of delegates to State Association reported as follows: W. J. Fulton; J. M. Davis; C. O. Clark; A. B. Droy; G. W. Bing; F. N. Bates; W. W. Crabtree; Moulton Nickline; May Fulton; Adriel Melker; A. Hutchinson; H. K. Freeman; A. H. Hartsuck; John Chase; Rose Shuler; James Glover; J. J. Coughenour; F. N. Bates.  
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The report of the Treasurer, J. J. Coughenour showed a balance of funds on hand of \$17.64, having received \$56.99 and paid out \$39.35. By vote the report was received and adopted.

The question of union was next taken up and discussed by J. M. Davis, F. N. Bates, W. J. Fulton. Further discussion of question was postponed until the afternoon. Adjourned to close of afternoon social meeting.

The social meeting was led by Rev. John Mullen of the Christian Church, of Finley, Ohio. The attendance was good, and all seemed deeply moved in spirit to bear testimony to the saving power of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

At the close of the meeting the Conference was called to order for adjournment and the question of union with Baptists was further discussed by

J. Mullen, J. M. Turner, F. N. Bates,  
 C. O. Clark, W. W. Coakley, and  
 A. C. Gray. The following res-  
 olution was offered by Rev.  
 W. J. Fulton, and was unani-  
 mously adopted by vote of  
 Conference:

Whereas our Yearly Meeting at  
 its annual session in 1908  
 voted No on the basis of union  
 as submitted by the General  
 Conference Board,

And, whereas, the interpreta-  
 tion of this basis of union  
 at that time was that it pro-  
 posed an organic union  
 of Free Baptists and Baptists

And, whereas, the interpretation  
 of said basis of union now  
 is that it only proposes the  
 cooperation of Free Baptists  
 and Baptists in Mission Work

Therefore Resolved that as  
 a Yearly Meeting the vote tak-  
 en in 1908 be rescinded and  
 that as a Yearly Meeting we

adopt the proposed basis of union, understanding this basis of union to mean cooperation in mission work, and not an organic union of the two bodies mentioned.

The Committee on Missions reported as follows:

1st, We wish to express again the devotion of our Yearly Meeting to the cause of Missions and our conviction that the liberal support of missions is one of the highest of Christian duties, the neglect of which is a sure evidence of spiritual backsliding and decay.

2nd, We grieve over the present deficit in our mission treasury, and pledge ourselves to pay and labor for a revival of mission interest, and for greater liberality and regularity in the contributions of our churches.

3rd, Remembering what increased interest and intelligence and liberality were created among us many years ago by our adoption of Dr. Nellie<sup>M.</sup> Phillips as our Missionary, and our assumption of her support, and believing that similar causes will produce similar effects now and at all times, we are in favor of the assumption of the support of Miss Coe by our State Association, and pledge our S. M., to do its full part in the work.

4th, In case the basis of union in Mission work between the Baptists and Free Baptists be adopted and put into operation, we pledge ourselves to try to maintain our interest and our activity unchanged, and in the larger fellowship thus brought about, and the more extended mission labors thruout the world with which we shall be brought

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into acquaintance, we shall recognize an enlarged opportunity for the exercise of Christian sympathy and the development of knowledge, and shall continually pray to God to enlarge our hearts and to prepare us for the new privileges and duties that may thus come to us.

5th, We believe that it would be well for the mission work in our yearly Meeting for the card system and the pledge of one cent a day for missions recommended by our General Conference at Cleveland in 1907 to be carried out more fully.

John W. Davis

Julia Swisher

Birdie Lasher

Committee.

The report was adopted.



Committee on Education reported as follows:

We as a Yearly Meeting would reaffirm our oft expressed belief in the value of Christian, realizing that true culture must have its basis in religion, Therefore be it resolved that we commend the splendid work done by Rio Grande College in fostering the intellectual and moral welfare of the young people of this part of the state.

2nd, That we as churches and pastors respectfully call attention of the young people to the opportunities thus afforded them, and urge them to go to Rio Grande for their advanced work in Education, and that parents remember their duty to said College.

3rd, That we commend the Board of Trustees in their action in securing a Field and

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Financial Agent for the College, and further that we pledge our cooperation in the present effort to put the College upon a self supporting basis.

H-th, We would call attention to the of Mr. Carnegie by which the endowment of the College might be increased \$15,000, on condition of the friends of the College raising \$50,000, and urge our people to remember the school with their gifts large and small, and when feasible to make it a beneficiary in their wills.

A. C. Drury

C. O. Clark

W. A. Boggess

Committee.

The report was received and adopted.

Report of Committee on publication  
was next called for. The com-  
mittee had failed to make a  
report and was excused.

W. W. Croubtree  
G. W. Bing  
Committee

The preaching services of the Yearly  
Meeting were as follows:

Rev. C. O. Clark Friday Evening.

Rev. J. W. Turner Saturday Morning.

Rev. W. J. Fulton Saturday Evening.

Rev. J. W. Davis Sunday Morning.

Rev. A. C. Droy Sunday Evening.

Adjourned.

C. O. Clark, Clerk.

Collection Saturday evening for  
missions, \$5.46

Collection Sunday morning, \$14.50