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MINUTES
of the
SCIOTO MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE
and the
SCIOTO YEARLY CONFERENCE
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
held with
Porter Church, Slocum Station
September 5, 6, 7, 1946

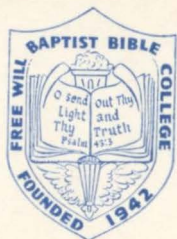


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REV. WALTER DOLL, Moderator ----- Waverly, Ohio
REV. HOMER NELSON, Clerk ----- Wheelersburg, Ohio
REV. EARL RANKIN, Treasurer ----- R-1, Wheelersburg, Ohio



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Saturday in September at its permanent meeting place,
Union Church, on State Route 140.



FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. Homer Nelson

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HELD AT
PORTER CHURCH, SLOCUM STATION
SEPTEMBER 5-6, 1946
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Proceedings

The Scioto Ministerial Conference of Free Will Baptists in Ohio, convened in its regular annual session at the Porter Church, September 5-6, 1946, which had extended to us the invitation for a visit at the local church at 10:00 a. m.

The Conference was called to order by the Clerk, and asked who the choice for Moderator would be, and Rev. Walter Doll, Pastor of the Porter Church was elected.

Devotional services were conducted by the Moderator.

Reading of the Scripture was the 48th Psalm.

There were 13 ministers present.

Prayer was around the altar, led by Rev. J. A. Kemper.

Assistant officers were selected as follows: Rev. Clarence Herles, Assistant Moderator; Rev. W. J. White, Assistant Clerk.

Reading of the Constitution and By-Laws was the next order of business.

Moved and sustained that we adjourn the business until 1:00 P. M.

The rest of the time was spent on the discussion of subjects which were assigned at the previous session.

1st Topic: Titled, The Plan; John 3:5, by Rev. Selven Percell. He was absent, so Rev. Kemper started the discussion, appointed by the Moderator. This verse of Scripture was freely discussed by all, and all of us had a clearer conception of this text of Scripture.

Dismissed to reconvene at 1:00 P. M.

The dinner was served in the basement of the church, by the good women of Porter Church and all the ministers enjoyed themselves.

1:00 P. M. the Conference re-assembled, with the Assistant Moderator in charge. Prayer led by Rev. E. T. Carter, Scripture reading Titus 2:1-10.

The order of business continued with the appointment of the Committees which are as follows:

Program for next session: Rev. C. O. Turner, Chairman; Rev. G. L. Yeley, Rev. E. T. Carter.

Business Committee: Rev. J. A. Kemper, Chairman; Rev. Albert Lintz, Rev. Floyd Estep.

Resolution Committee: Rev. Clarence Herles, Chairman; Rev. W. J. White, Forest Chamberlin.

Obituary Committee: Rev. Edward Percell, Chairman; Rev. Stephen Messer, Rev. Isaac Russell.

Standing Grievance Committee: Rev. Earl Rankins, Chairman; Rev. Edward Percell, Rev. W. J. White.

Continuation of the subjects for discussion:

II. The 2nd Coming of Christ, Heb. 9:28, by Rev. Peter Barnhart. He was absent, so the Moderator appointed Rev. Clarence Herles to start the discussion.

III. Can a man have life without taking communion? by Rev. Joseph

Beasley. He too was absent, so the Moderator designated the Clerk to lead the discussion.

Both of these topics were discussed freely, and the differences of opinion was so trifling, that you could hardly notice it.

These various topics are very helpful, and it brings the ministers closer together in their interpretation of the Scriptures.

During the course of the conference, three new members were added: Rev. Forrest Chamberlain of Union Church, Rev. Floyd Estep of Dailyville Church, Rev. Elmer Miller of Union Church. These three men are all young men, and have a promising future, in their ministry.

Reading of to-day's minutes were read and approved.

Rev. Forest Chamberlin was appointed by the Moderator to lead the devotions for the evening service.

Moved and sustained that we adjourn until 10:00 a. m. Friday.

8:00 P. M. Thursday evening. Devotional services conducted by Rev. Chamberlin. Scripture reading, I Tim. 3:1-7.

The message was brought by Rev. Milford Riddlebarger, pastor of the Long Run Church. His text was John 7:18; assigned to him at the last session. Rev. Riddlebarger brought a splendid message and was enjoyed by all.

Friday morning 10:00 A. M., Conference convened with the Moderator in charge. Devotional services were conducted by the Assistant Moderator.

Rev. Walter Ketter led in prayer. Scripture reading, II Thess. 2.

Order of business:

Report of the Grievance Committee appointed at the last session. Rev. Earl Rankins, Chairman, told the Conference that they could not contact the accused, but would have a report later on.

The next order of business was the examination of the ministers, which is closed to the public. The examination consists of the report of last year's work, and the Doctrine, Character, and Efficiency of the ministers.

The following ministers were granted cards of good standing in this Conference.

The following are by letter, and dues are paid: Rev. William Price, Wheelersburg, O., R-2; Rev. Philip Crabtree, South Webster, O., R-1; Rev. James Casebolt, Ironton, O., R-1; Rev. Jacob Fox, Pedro, O.; Rev. James Shonkwiler, Beaver, O., R-2, granted a life-time card; Rev. Peter Barnhart, Pedro, O., R-1; Rev. B. F. Radabaugh, 1218 S. Pickaway St., Circleville, O.; Rev. Jesse Sizemore, Pedro, O., R-1; Rev. Walter Abrams, Ironton, O., R-2; Rev. Jacob Lee, Wheelersburg, O., R-1; Rev. Russell Milan, Minford, O.; Rev. Robert Miller, Superior, Ohio.

The following ministers who were present were granted cards of good standing and dues are paid: Rev. J. A. Kemper, Wheelersburg, O., R-1, who also was given a life-time card; Rev. W. W. Morris, Waverly, O., R-2; Rev.

Arthur Weaver, Wheelersburg, O., R-2; Rev. Clarence Conaway, Wheelersburg, O., R-1; Rev. Emil Sturgill, Sciotoville, O.; Rev. Orville Southworth, Lucasville, O.; Rev. Roy Roberts, Wheelerburg, O.; Rev. Walter Ketter, Bloom St., Sciotoville, O.; Rev. Joseph Beasley, Lucasville, O.; Rev. Chester Jose X
Waverly, O.

Moved and sustained that we adjourn business until 1:00 P. M.

Lunch.

Friday afternoon, 1:00 P. M., Conference met as further adjourned, with Assistant Moderator in charge.

Devotional services—Prayer by Rev. Callie Adams. Scripture reading, I Tim. 2.

Business session.

Examination of ministers continued from the morning session: Rev. Callie Adams, Sciotoville, O., R-2; Rev. Forrest Chamberlin, Wheelersburg, O., R-1; Rev. E. T. Carter, Portsmouth, O., R-3; Rev. Walter Doll, Waverly, O.; Rev. Hord Frye, Portsmouth, O., R-1; Rev. Clarence Herles, Wheelersburg, O., R-1; Rev. Robert Hammond, Sciotoville, O., R-4; Rev. John Kimble, Jackson, O., was reinstated on the recommendation of the Grievance Committee; Rev. Albert Lintz, Portsmouth, O.; Rev. Stephen Messer, Portsmouth, O., R-1; Rev. Elmer Miller, Wheelersburg, O., R-1; Rev. Eugene Martin, Minford, O.; Rev. Homer Nelson, Wheelersburg, O.; Rev. Selven Percell, Wheelersburg, O., R-1; Rev. Edward Percell, Gallia St., Portsmouth O.; Rev. Earl Rankins, Wheelersburg, O., R-1; Rev. Milford Riddlebarger, Lucasville, O., R-2; Rev. Isaac Russell, Pedro, O.; Rev. C. O. Turner, Wheelersburg, O., R-1; Rev. W. J. White, 1314 Mound St., Portsmouth, O.; Rev. Marion Wilburn, South Webster, O.; Rev. Floyd Estep, Waverly, O.; Rev. George Radahaugh; Rev. M. L. Ball, Scioto Furnace, O.

Two members who have life-time cards were present: Rev. G. L. Yeley and Rev. Preston Humphries, making a total of 48 members reporting.

The following rule was adopted unanimously by the conference: Any minister in the three Quarterly Conferences who after reasonable warning, fails to join the Scioto Ministerial Conference of Free Will Baptists, to demand and confiscate his credentials as a minister.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Committee on the program for next session.

Topics for discussion: 1. I Cor. 2:14, Rev. Jacob Lee; 2. I John 3:9, Rev. J. A. Kemper; 3. Exodus 20:8, Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy, Rev. Marion Wilburn.

Thursday Evening service 8:00 P. M.

Devotional by Rev. Edward Percell.

Message by Rev. Clarence Herles. Text: Gal. 4:24.

Friday Evening service, 8:00 P. M.

Devotional service by Rev. Forrest Chamberlin.

Message by Rev. Selven Percell, Text: I Pet. 3:15.

Rev. C. O. Turner,

Rev. E. T. Carter,

Rev. G. L. Yeley.

Report of Obituary Committee

We, the Committee recommend, that the Conference Clerk send a copy of the letter which we have drawn, to the nearest relatives of Rev. J. J. Upton and Rev. Pearly Lyons, who passed on to their reward in the past year.

In this report it was stated that we all stand for one minute in silent prayer, in respect of our dearly beloved ministers.

Report accepted.

Rev. Edward Percell,

Rev. Stephen Messer,

Rev. Isaac Russell.

Grievance Committee—^{else}Nothing to report.

Report of Resolution Committee

Be it resolved, that we adopt the following Resolutions:

No. I; That this resolution be adopted as a by-law, to be known as Article 10, in the By-Laws, to read as thus: That we grant the Licentiates of three Quarterly Conferences of F. W. B. the privilege of sitting in our deliberations, but without voice.

No. II. Be it resolved: That the Conference grant the Clerk and Treasurer of our Conference authority to buy flowers for the deceased of our members.

No. III. Be it resolved: That the fee of 50c dues stated in Article 9 of the By-Laws, to be amended, to read, There shall be a fee of \$1.00 assessed to each member's report.

No. IV. Inasmuch as our Constitution does not have any article relative to the amending of the Constitution. Be it resolved, that the following resolution, to be article 4 of the Constitution. To read as follows:

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of ~~2~~3 majority, of the Scioto Ministerial Conference of F. W. B. at any session, notice of such intended alteration having been given in writing at the previous session.

All four of the above resolutions were unanimously adopted and are in their proper place in the Constitution and By-Laws.

Rev. Clarence Herles,

Rev. W. J. White,

Rev. Forrest Chamberlin.

Business Committee—No report.

A motion was made and carried, that the Clerk write a letter of reprimand to the members of the Conference who were absent from the Conference.

mand, to all the ministers who failed to adhere to the rules and regulations.
(Note: This has been done—the Clerk.)

The Clerk at this time gave a word of appreciation for the fine way the Porter Church, and the women who prepared the meals and for their hospitality, they have shown us during our stay.

Financial Statement

Balance in treasury at last session	-----	\$22.85
Paid out during the year:		
For printing of minutes	-----	9.00

Balance	-----	\$13.85
For Supplies	-----	3.50

Balance	-----	\$10.35
Today's receipts	-----	35.50

Total	-----	\$45.85
Disbursements:		
Clerk's fee	-----	20.00

		\$25.85
Grievance Committee mileage	-----	5.40

Balance in Treasury	-----	\$20.45

Reading of Friday's minutes, and they stood approved as read.

Moved and sustained that we adjourn business until 7:30 P. M. tonight.

Friday night, 7:30 P. M., the Conference was called to order, for the transaction of business, and being no business, it was moved and sustained that this Conference adjourn until the Thursday before the 1st Saturday in September, at Union Church, 1947.

Signed:

Rev. Walter Doll, Moderator,
Rev. Homer Nelson, Clerk.

Friday night 8:00 P. M.—Devotional services were conducted by the Clerk, Homer Nelson.

The message was brought by Rev. Jacob Lee, pastor of Garden City Church, on the text, John 7:46.

Note: We feel we have the finest group of ministers, that can be found, and especially our young men, who are stepping in and doing all they can, and this Conference is one of the greatest in my estimation, and we now have rules and regulations, that will bring a closer unity among our churches and ministers.

The Clerk.

**THE CONSTITUTION OF THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE OF THE
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

Organized September 1, 1922, at Union Church

Article 1.—This Conference shall be known as the Scioto Ministerial Conference of Free Will Baptists and shall consist of all Ordained Ministers belonging to this Compact.

Article 2.—The object of this Conference shall be for the mutual benefit of its members and for the advancement of the cause of Christ among their people.

Article 3.—The officers of this Conference shall be a Moderator who is elected annually, a Clerk and a Treasurer who are standing officers.

Article 4.—This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of 2-3 majority of the Scioto Ministerial Conference of F. W. B. at any session, notice of such intended alteration, having been given in writing at the previous session.

**BY-LAWS OF THE SCIOTO MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

Article 1.—All members shall report in person or by letter at each annual session.

Article 2.—All members reporting by letter must give a cause for not being present in person.

Article 3.—Any member failing to comply with Article 1, Article 2, and fails to receive a card of good standing shall be deemed in not good standing with the denomination and can not pastor any church in the Scioto Yearly Conference of Free Will Baptists and no minister be allowed to serve a church regularly by appointment that has no card from the Ministerial Conference.

Article 4.—No member shall be given a card of good standing until he has given proof of his efficiency and of doctrine and of character.

Article 5.—It shall be the duty of every member of this conference to live up to the doctrine and practice of the denomination as prescribed in the treatise of same and to require the same of their respective charges.

Article 6.—The meeting of this Conference shall be held annually in connection with the scioto Yearly Conference and shall begin on Thursday before the first Saturday in September at 10:00 A. M.

Article 7.—Any Pastor permitting any heretical doctrine to be preached in the church which he has charge may be dealt with by a grievance committee of his peers.

Article 8.—There shall be an introductory sermon preached on Thursday at 8 P. M. The subject pertaining to the ministry and the appointment to be made by the committee for the next session.

Article 9.—There shall be a membership fee of \$1.00 assessed to each member to accompany each ministers report. (Amended September 6, 1946, Porter Church.)

Article 10.—Any licensed minister of the Scioto early Conference, may sit in on our deliberations, but without voice, (inserted in By-Laws, September 6, 1947).

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**SCIOTO YEARLY CONFERENCE OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
HELD AT PORTER CHURCH, SEPTEMBER 7, 1946.**

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OFFICERS OF THE YEARLY CONFERENCE

Rev. Edward Percell, Moderator ----- Portsmouth, Ohio
Rev. Homer Nelson, Clerk ----- Wheelersburg, Ohio
Rev. G. L. Yeley, Treasurer ----- Wheelersburg, Ohio, Route 1

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The next session will be held at Union Church, the First Saturday in September.

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P R O C E E D I N G S

The Scioto Yearly Conference of Free Will Baptists in Ohio, convened in its regular annual session September 7, 1946, at 10:00 A. M., at the Porter Church, who had invited us for this session.

The Conferenee was called to order by the Clerk, and ascertained, who were delegates.

Next was the selection of a Moderator, and Rev. Edward Percell, one of our young ministers, pastor of the Powellville Church, was the choice.

Devotional services were conducted by the Moderator, with prayer around the altar, led by Rev. Walter Doll.

The Scripture lesson, Eph. 2, was read by Rev. J. A. Kemper.

Next in order was the reading of the Constitution and By-Laws.

Assistant officers chosen: Rev. J. A. Kemper, Assistant Moderator; Rev. W. J. White, Assistant Clerk.

The Moderator then invited all the visiting Brethren, and Corresponding Messengers, to seats of advisory members.

The following Committees were appointed to complete our organization:

Business Committee: Rev. Milford Riddlebarger, Chairman; Rev. Elmer Miller, Rev. G. L. Yeley.

Resolutions Committee: Rev. Earl Rankins, Chairman; Rev. Forrest Chamberlin, Rev. E. T. Carter.

Obituary Committee: The same as the Ministerial Conference—Rev. Edward Percell, Chairman; Rev. Stephen Messer, Rev. Isaac Russell.

Committee to supply the pulpit for tonight's service, and introductory

sermon next year: Rev. Walter Doll, Chairman; Deacon Mose Martin, Deacon Harvey Sheets.

Moved and sustained that we adjourn the business until 1:00 P. M.

The services were then turned over to Rev. Homer Nelson, Clerk, and State Evangelist, who had been selected by the Pulpit Committee, to take the place of Rev. J. J. Upton, deceased. His text to be John 13:35.

Devotional services: Prayer by George Coldiron. Special song by Jene Riddlebarger. Special song by Rev. Forrest Chamberlin.

The message was then brought by Rev. Nelson, John 13:35, under the Power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit. Then Rev. Nelson sang a solo, "I'd Rather Have Jesus."

(Note: This was written by the Assistant Clerk, Rev. W. J. White. The Clerk.)

Dismissed to meet at 1:00 P. M.

1:00 P. M.—The Conference re-assembled, with the Moderator in charge. Devotional services: Scripture reading, Heb. 13.

Visiting Brethren and Corresponding messengers were invited to come forward, and receive the hand of fellowship. Prayer around the altar led by George Jones of Columbus, Ohio.

A special number was given by three girls.

Rev. Earl Rankins sang his solo, "Stand By Me." He dedicated it to Mrs. W. H. Jacobs of the Mergs County Quarterly Conference.

Order of business:

Reading of the letters from the Quarterly Conferences.

Pine Creek Q. M. letter was read and accepted with dues of \$18.00.

Letter read from the Porter Q. M. It also was accepted with dues of \$10.00.

The Lawrence County Q. M. letter was read and accepted with dues of \$6.00.

The following statistics were reported in the letters: Churches, 34; Members, 2,026; Ministers, 64; S. S. Scholars, 1,813; Sunday Schools, 34; Y. P. Leagues, 11.

The total amount for Missions is unknown due to the fact that they were not reported in the letters, but the Porter Conference gave \$625.35 for Foreign missions and \$201.56 for Home missions.

The next order of business was hearing reports from the Corresponding Messengers appointed at last session.

Ohio River Yearly Conference, Rev. E. T. Carter; alternate, Rev. Callie Adams, neither one went. No report.

Enterprise Association of Regular Baptists: Rev. Callie Adams; Alternate, Rev. Marion Wilburn. Neither one went.

Christian Baptist Association: Rev. J. A. Kemper; Alternate, Rev. Edward Percell. Rev. Kemper reported, and gave a fine report on the work of the Christian Baptist. His report was accepted.

The next was hearing of reports from Messengers appointed to this body.

Mr. George Jones gave a report of his church in Columbus.

A letter was read from the Christian Baptist Association. The letter was accepted.

Mrs. Mollie Sheppard gave a report from the State Association, held at Scioto Dale Church, of which this Yearly Conference is a member.

The appointment of Messengers to other bodies:

Ohio River Yearly Conference—Rev. Selven Percell; Rev. Edward Percell, Alternate.

Enterprise Association of Regular Baptists: Rev. Earl Rankins; Rev. Selven Percell, Alternate.

Christian Baptist Association: Rev. Homer Nelson; Rev. E. T. Carter, Alternate.

The appointing of delegates to the State Association to be held at Harrison Church, the 1st Tuesday in June, 1947. 1. Mrs. Rankins; 2. Mrs. White; 3. Mrs. Henning; 4. Mrs. Russell; 5. Mrs. Lane; 6. Mrs. Delaney; 7. Mrs. B. Riddlebarger; 8. Mrs. Nona Yeley; 9. Mrs. Llima Noxel; 10. Mrs. Homer Nelson.

Hearing reports from the Committees.

Business Committee—No report.

Resolution Committee—The Committee recommends that the following resolutions be adopted:

No. 1.—The following resolution to be Article 8 of the By-Laws: The members of this Conference shall be all ordained authority of the Scioto Yearly Conference.

No. 2.—Be it resolved: That this yearly Conference adopt the following rule, which the Scioto Ministerial Conference has adopted, and assist them in putting it in force.

The rule is as follows:

That all ministers belonging to the Three Quarterly Conferences, which comprises this Yearly Conference to affiliate themselves with the Scioto Ministerial Conference, and if they fail to do so after reasonable warning, to demand and confiscate their credentials, as Ministers of the F. W. B. Denomination.

Rev. Earl Rankins,
Rev. Forrest Chamberlin,
Rev. E. T. Carter.

Both of the resolutions were adopted and will be inserted in their proper place.—(Clerk)

Report of Program Committee—8:00 P. M. tonight, devotions conducted by Rev. E. T. Carter. Message to be by Rev. Selven Percell. Introductory sermon for next year by Rev. Milford Riddlebarger. John 11:25 to be his text, and Rev. E. T. Carter, alternate.

Obituary Committee—We recommend that the same report we gave to the Ministerial Conference be in effect today, and that the Clerk send a copy of the letter, which we have drawn up, to the nearest relative. The deceased were: Rev. J. J. Upton, Rev. Pearly Lyons, Deacon Frank Adams and Deacon Rose.

The Conference then stood in one minute of silent prayer in their respect.

Report accepted.

Rev. Edward Percell,
Rev. Stephen Messer,
Rev. Isaac Russell.

The Clerk then spoke for the entire Conference for the fine way the Porter Church had entertained the Ministerial and Yearly Conference.

Rev. W. J. White then spoke in behalf of the Home Mission work, and urged all the folks to contribute to this needy field of work.

Financial Report

Balance in treasury at last session -----	\$48.53
Disbursements during the year:	
State Association dues -----	10.00
Printing of Minutes and supplies -----	10.00
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Balance on hand to-day -----	\$28.53
Money in letters today -----	\$34.00
Offering today -----	17.28
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	\$51.28
	28.53
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Total -----	\$79.81
Disbursements today:	
Clerk's fee -----	\$10.00
Messengers' fee -----	4.00
The Conference gave Blown Church a donation for repair work of -----	20.00
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Balance on hand -----	\$45.81

The minutes of today's session were read and approved by the Conference.

Moved and sustained that adjourn until the 1st Saturday in September, 1947, to go back to our permanent meeting place, Union Church, on State Road 140.

Signed:

Rev. Edward Percell, Moderator,
Rev. Homer Nelson, Conference Clerk.

YEARLY MEETING CONSTITUTION

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Article 1.—This Yearly Meeting shall be called The Scioto Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting and shall be composed of such regularly organized and well disciplined Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meetings located, as may embody themselves under this constitution.

Article 2.—The Conference of this Yearly Meeting shall consist of delegates from the several Quarterly Meetings of which it is composed, every Quarterly Meeting being entitled to one delegate to each church of the Quarterly Meeting of which it is composed.

Article 3.—The Officers of this Yearly Meeting shall be a standing Clerk and Treasurer; and a Moderator shall be chosen at every session of the Yearly Meeting with such assistance as may be found necessary.

Article 4.—Any well organized and well regulated Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meeting composed of such churches as conform to the usages and adopt the doctrine of the Free Will Baptist Denomination, as published in the Minutes of the General Conference, and are in favor of all the benevolent enterprises of the denomination, may at any time on application by vote of this Yearly Meeting become a member thereof.

Article 5.—This Yearly Meeting shall have power to discipline the Quarterly Meetings of which it is composed, and to exclude them for disorderly walk if labor prove unsuccessful; but in no case to reverse their decision nor interfere with any of their internal regulations.

Article 6.—The session of this Yearly Meeting shall be held on the First Saturday in September of each year at which time it shall be the duty of the Quarterly Meetings of which the Yearly Meeting is composed, to represent themselves by delegate and report their standing, prospects and statistics by letter, at which time the Yearly Meeting shall act on such topics as may be referred to them by their respective Quarterly Meetings and transact such other business not repugnant to this constitution nor to the usages of the Denomination, as in their judgment may promote the cause of Christ and the interests of the churches and Quarterly Meetings within the limits of the Yearly Meeting.

Article 7.—This Yearly Meeting shall have power to adopt any regulations by laws not inconsistent with this Constitution, which be deemed essential to the further regulation of its session.

Article 8.—This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of the Yearly Meeting at any session, notice of such intended alteration having been given in writing and recorded at the next previous session.

BY-LAWS

- I. We recognize no other treatise than of 1847.
- II. That an offering be taken at each annual session for the benefit of the conference.
- III. That we allow no one to have any official business who is not a member of the Free Will Baptist Organization.
- IV. There shall be an introductory sermon preached on Saturday morning to be selected by the Pulpit Committee.
- V. No Minister in this Yearly Meeting be allowed to Pastor any Church in this Yearly Meeting unless he has a card of good standing from the Scioto Ministerial Conference of the Free Will Baptists.
- VI. That the Churches of this Yearly Meeting require their Pastors to present a card of good standing signed and dated by the Moderator and Clerk of this Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists.
- VII. The Members of this Conference shall be all ordained Authority of the Scioto Yearly Conference, of Free Will Baptists.

The following rule was adopted September 7, 1946, at Porter Church:

I. That all Ministers belonging to the three Quarterly Conferences, which comprises this Yearly Conference to affiliate themselves with the Scioto Ministerial Conference, and if they fail to do so after reasonable warning, to demand and confiscate their Credentials, as Ministers of the Free Will Baptist Denomination.

I. This Yearly Conference has adopted all the work of the Ministerial Conference, and will cooperate with the Ministerial Conference into putting them in force.

