

and treason shall yield, it is the duty of the government to array the whole military power of the government nation against them.

Resolved, that as our God is a God of battle, we pray earnestly for the success of the right and suppression of treason.

Resolved that he that is not for us is against us; that party lines are obliterated, and that he that does not stand by the union cause, irrespective of party opinions, is worthy the name of traitor.

Resolved, that if any members of the Free Will Baptist churches of this M. do not give their influence to the suppression of rebellion and treason, they are unworthy the name either of Free Will Baptist or Christian.

Thomas E Peden, Clerk.

Harrison Aug 8th 1862.

The Ohio River I. M. convened with the Harrison church. Prayer by Rev J. Z. Hanning. Chose Rev G. Coler Moderator pro tem. Minutes of last session read and approved. Read the letters from the I. Ms. Chose Rev J. Z. Hanning as Poet and M. Seals a committee on credentials. Report of the committee on credentials received amended and adopted. Elected Rev H. J. Carr Moderator. Bro Seals, Milton and Aye were appointed a committee to correct the letter of Little Scioto I. M. Chose Rev M Seals a assistant Moderator. Voted that Rev C E Baker act as delegate from Ohio I. M. Appointed Bro G. F. Colgrove

and Wallace a committee on devotion. Received and adopted the report of the committee to correct the letter of Little Scioto I.M. Adopted the 13. 14 and 15th articles of the rules of General conference for the Government of this body. Appointed Rev O. E. Baker, M. Searls and J. Z. Haning a committee on the ministry. Appointed Rev O. E. Baker, J. Z. Haning and J. M. Thayer a committee on Education. Appointed T. C. Peden, L. Coler and B. V. Lewkburg a committee on Anti Slavery. Appointed Rev. J. Robinson L. Pool and J. C. Nye a committee on Temperance. Appointed Rev M. Searls, J. Z. Haning and B. V. Lewkburg a committee on Sabbath schools. Appointed Rev O. E. Baker, H. J. Carr, J. M. Thayer and J. Z. Haning a committee on the war. Adjourned until tomorrow morning 8. O'clock.

Aug 9th Morning session

Prayer by Rev O. E. Baker. Report of the committee on Anti slavery received and adopted. Report of the committee on Education received and adopted. Received a resolution offered by Rev L. Coler in favor of Lectures, on the moral enterprises of the day, at our 3. Ms. Adjourned until 2. O'clock P.M.

Afternoon session.

Prayer by Rev B. V. Lewkburg. Amended and adopted the resolution in favor of four Lectures on the moral reforms at our next session. Appointed Rev B. V. Lewkburg, J. C. Nye and J. Hilton a committee to nominate Lecturers. Received and adopted

of the committee on Sabbath schools. Committee to nominate lecturers reported as follows on Sabbath schools O. E. Baker alternate B. V. Tewksbury. Slavery J. M. Thayer alternate T. E. Peden. Education P. W. Perry alternate J. C. Kyle. Temperance F. I. Hanning. Alternate J. Robinson. Report of the committee on the Ministry received and adopted. Adopted resolutions on missions. Report of committee on temperance received amended and adopted. Received and adopted the report of the committee on the war. A committee consisting of Rev J. C. Robinson B. V. Tewksbury and J. Wilton to nominate delegates to General conference. Passed a resolution in favor of a lecture on missions at our next Y. M. Appointed Rev H. V. Carr to deliver said lecture. Voted that the lectures on the moral reforms be delivered Sat. afternoon at our next session. At the lecture on missions Sabbath afternoon at three o'clock. Committee to nominate delegates to General Conference reported the names of Rev J. I. Hanning and O. E. Baker. Adopted. Elected Rev J. C. Root and T. E. Peden substitutes. Voted that next Y. M. be held in the bounds of Athens L. M. Adjourned. T. E. Peden. Clerk.

Resolutions

Slavery

Whereas the history of the past has proven slavery to be a fruitful source of immorality, degrading both the enslaver and enslaved, entailing barbarism as well as crime upon slave holding communities, to free government and repub-

lican christianity. therefore

1. Resolved that it is the duty of every christian to use all his influence in favor of its entire and immediate abolition
2. Resolved that it is our firm conviction as a religious body, that God in his Providence will never permit the entire suppression of the unholy rebellion that now threatens the division of our union until our Government uses its constitutional and war power for the destruction of Slavery.
- B. Resolved that it is our duty, and the duty of all loyal citizens, to do all we can for the moral and intellectual elevation of the people of color
- H. Resolved that it is the duty of our ministers especially in the border churches, to show clearly and frequently the sinfulness of Slavery, and of our membership to zealously second their efforts in this direction.

Intemperance

Whereas the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is injurious both to the health and morals of an individual, reducing him below the true standard of a man and entailing untold miseries on the rising generation, and whereas it is a hindrance to the spread of the Gospel.

1. Resolved therefore that we will do all in our power to discourage its use both by precept and example.
2. Resolved that we regard with deep interest the redemption of our land from the fearful evils of Intemperance; and that we believe, at this time there is

renewed diligence in our efforts to save our young men from the increasing to the use of beer and other kinds of intoxicating drinks.

3. Resolved that we especially call attention to the growing practice of using home-made fermented wine, and would earnestly utter our voice of warning against it feeling assured that unless this habit of home drinking be speedily arrested we shall be called upon to mourn over the ruin of a whole generation of home-made drunkards.

4. Resolved that we deem it the duty of all christians to abstain from the habit of tasting it either in public or private except by the direction of a physician.

Sabbath Schools.

Resolved that in the opinion of this conference the Sabbath school is an efficient means of promoting religious knowledge and securing a lasting blessing to the young; therefore we exhort our brethren of the P.M.s. to increase with renewed energy their efforts to get up and sustain Sabbath schools in all our churches.

Lectures

Resolved that we as a yearly meeting meeting believe that it would add greatly to the general interest of our J.M. to have four lectures at the next session of said J.M. on the following subjects to wit: Education, Sabbath Schools, Slavery and Temperance.

Resolved that this J.M. select a suitable person to deliver a lecture at our next J.M. the subject of Missions.

Ministry

Resolved that this A. M. make it the duty of the several Ministers of this Y. M. to report at each session of said Y. M. in regard to their ministerial labors either in person or by letter.

Thomas C. Peden.

1st Alexander Aug 7th 1863

- Conference convened with the 100 Alexander church. 1 Prayer by Rev A. J. Hoskinson. 2 Chose Rev O. E. Baker Moderator pro tem. 3 Letters called for; Athens and Meigs I. M. reported by letter.
4. Elected Rev B. V. Leukibury Moderator.
 5. Chose Rev A. J. Hoskinson assistant Moderator.
 6. Voted that the next Y. M. be held in the bounds of the Meigs I. M. 7. Voted that T. C. Peden, P. S. Hanning and C. W. Giles be a committee on Anti-Slavery.
 7. Chose Rev S. H. Barrett, B. V. Leukibury and bro. C. W. Chase a committee on the state of the country.
 8. Chose Rev J. M. Thayer, A. J. Hoskinson and Bro J. Hoskinson a Committee on Sabbath schools.
 9. Chose Rev O. E. Baker, S. H. Barrett and A. J. Hoskinson a committee on Education.
 10. Chose Rev O. E. Baker H. J. Carr and bro. J. Hoskinson a committee on Missions.
 11. Rev. J. M. Thayer, H. J. Carr and bro. C. W. Chase a committee on Temperance.
 12. Rev O. E. Baker gave notice that to-morrow morning he would propose an amendment to the constitution.