

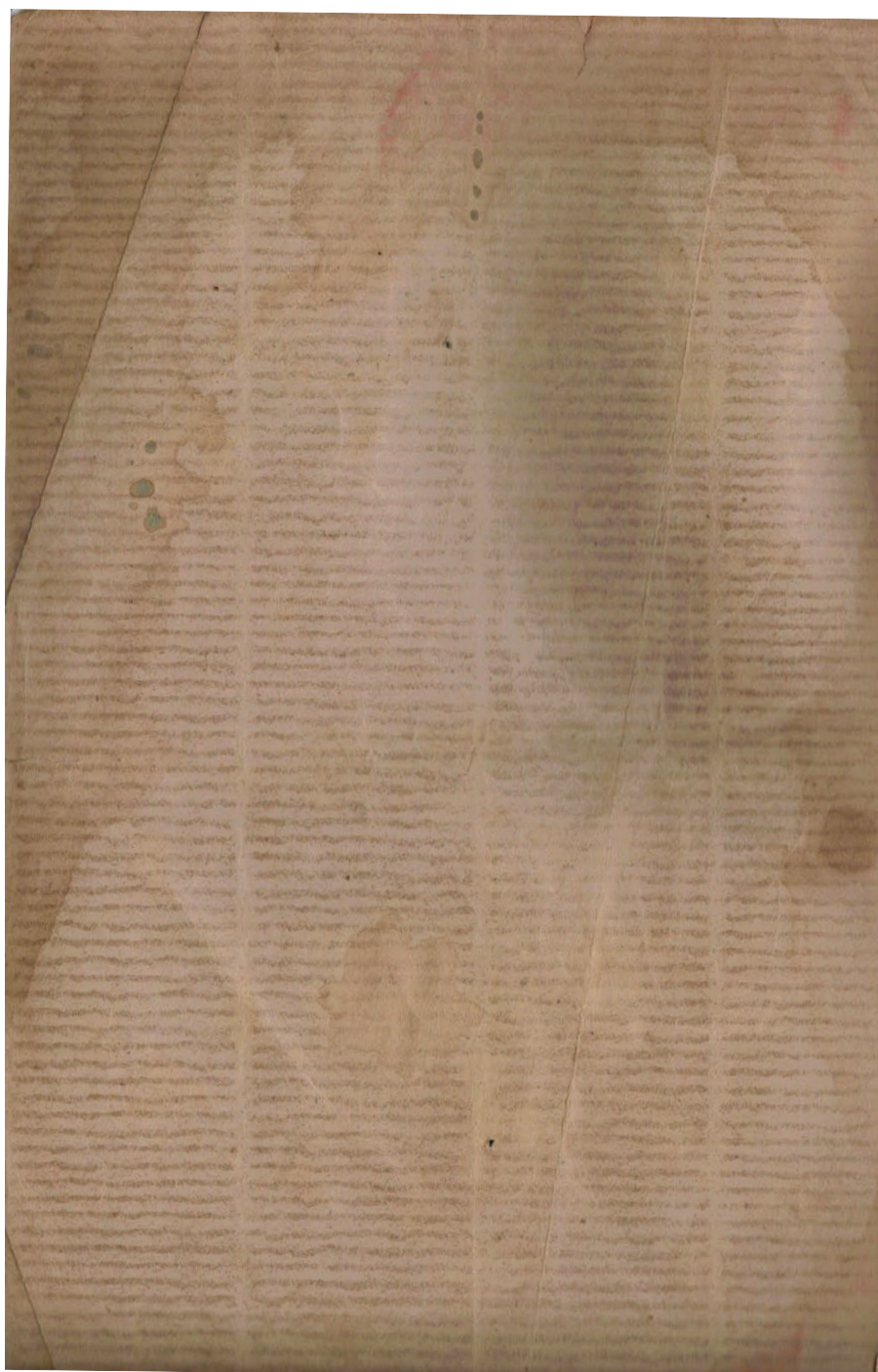
MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
—*— UNION —*—

Freewill Baptist Association

HELD WITH
Chestnut Hill Church, Hawkins Co., Tenn.,

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 9th, 10th and
11th, 1894.

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PROCEEDINGS.

According to appointment, Union Association met with Chestnut Hill church, August 9th, 1894, at 10 o'clock a. m. Introductory sermon by Rev. C. G. Gentry; text Neh., 4:19. Benediction by Rev. R. H. Jones.

Met at two o'clock, p. m. Twenty minutes spent in devotion, conducted by Rev. R. C. Fry, at the close of which the Association was called to order by A. H. Burgess, and the following ministers and delegates found present, ministers: W. B. Woolsey, J. W. Lucas, R. C. Fry, R. H. Jones, W. B. Jones, W. A. Head, W. Blazer, J. A. Brown, B. H. Vaughn, W. Nunley, W. D. Strong, C. G. Gentry, W. S. Barton. Delegates: W. Simpson, H. Pullum, I. Green, C. M. McCurry, H. Sams, M. H. Whitlock, T. Holt, T. West, A. Pierce, H. R. Jackson, R. D. Cogburn, N. L. Pack, Jr., T. A. Cobble, A. J. Kesterson, B. F. Parker, G. W. Dunbar. Members are seated and conference organized by electing Rev. R. C. Fry, Moderator.

Following order of business was adopted: 1st, Reports of churches—written and verbal. 2nd, Appointing committees. 3rd, Business suggested by above reports. 4th, Reports of standing committees. 5th, Reports of ministers. 6th, Receiving reports of corresponding messengers. 7th, Hearing reports of committees. 8th, Miscellaneous business. The following churches reported by letter and delegate: Liberty, Woolsey College, New Cross, Bethany, Grassy Creek, New Home, Midway, Cedar Creek, Chesnut Hill, Cedar Brook, Bear Creek.

New churches received by petition's and delegates: Beech Hill, Hancock county, Tennessee; Simpson's Chapel, Hawkins county, Tennessee; Tunnell Hill, Hawkins county, Tennessee. Rev. J. P. Pearson, of Va., of the Primitive Baptist Church, and Rev. D. K. Richards, of Tenn., of the Baptist Church, accepted seats as visiting brethren.

The following committees were appointed:

On pulpit supply—Wm Blazer, Wm Simpson, R. H. Jones.

On Temperance—C. G. Gentry, M. H. Whitlock, H. Jackson
 On Sunday Schools—G. W. Dunbar, T. West, H. Sams.
 On Literature—J. W. Lucas, W. B. Woolsey, W. S. Barton.
 On Obituaries—J. A. Brown, B. H. Vaughn.
 On Finance—C. M. McCurry, A. J. Kesterson, T. Holt.
 On Rules of Decorum—J. W. Lucas, W. A. Headrick.
 On Education—J. W. Lucas, W. D. Strong, R. D. Cogburn.
 On Next Session—A. Pierce, H. Pullum, W. H. Phillips.
 On motion the Conference agrees to meet at 8 o'clock a. m., and
 2 p. m.
 Preaching at 11 o'clock a. m., and 5 o'clock p. m.
 Adjourned to 8 a. m. tomorrow. Benediction by Rev. W. B.
 Woolsey.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 1894.

Conference met at 8 o'clock a. m. Twenty minutes spent in devotion, conducted by Rev. J. A. Brown. The names of the delegates of Midway church, Bear Creek church, and New Home and Cedar Creek were enrolled, and the church letters and business suggested by them, attended to. Business presented by the letters as follows: Chestnut Hill requests that there be a committee of preachers appointed to examine W. S. Barton for the office of a minister; and if his qualifications recommend him, to set him apart to the full work of the ministry.

Request from Beech Hill church, for Bro. J. B. Catron to be set apart to the full work of the ministry.

The petitions received and the requests granted. Both men passed a good examination and were ordained to the gospel ministry, Sunday morning by A. H. Burgess, J. W. Lucas, W. Blazer, R. C. Fry and R. H. Jones.

The requests contained in the letters of New Cross, New Home, Cedar Creek and Cedar Brook, pertaining to next session, are referred to the committee on next session (see report.)

Adjourned to two o'clock, p. m. Benediction by W. D. Strong.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 1894.

Conference called to order at 2 o'clock p. m. Twenty minutes spent in devotion, conducted by Rev. W. B. Woolsey, at the close of which, verbal reports are heard from the following churches: Bethany, Woolsey College, Midway, New Home, Chestnut Hill, Cedar Creek, Liberty, New Cross, Grassy Creek, Simpson's Chapel, Tunnell Hill and Cedar Brook.

Report of the ministry: The following preachers made verbal reports of their works. J. W. Lucas, W. B. Woolsey, R. H. Jones, J. A. Brown, R. C. Fry, C. G. Gentry, W. D. Strong, W. B. Jones, W. Blazer and W. Nunley.

Ministerial reports: R. C. Fry—miles traveled, 1078; sermons preached, 95; conversions witnessed, 67; received into the church 55, baptised, 24; prayermeetings organized, 2; assisted to organize churches, 2; visited sick, 20; churches pastored, 4; Received, \$35.55.

R. H. Jones—miles traveled, 100; sermons preached, 9; conversions witnessed, 25; received into the church, 15; churches organized, 1.

W. Blazer—miles traveled, 278; conversions witnessed, 38; sermons preached, 48; baptised, 9; deacons ordained, 4; churches organized, 1; money received, \$11.50.

J. A. Brown—miles traveled, 398; sermons, 22; baptized, 8; received into the church, 23; money received, \$4.45.

C. G. Gentry—miles traveled, 900; sermons preached 125; witnessed 94 conversions; baptised 10; money received, \$82.42.

Reports of standing committees called for. The committee on church extension report nothing done. Report received as made, and the committee discharged. The committee on revision of our practice, report nothing done. Motion to discharge committee and elect one man to revise our practice and report at the next session of this Association. Rev. J. W. Lucas was elected to revise our practice and at his request five ministers are appointed to examine his work before it is submitted to the Association. Ministers to revise this report are: W. Blazer, W. B. Woolsey, J. W. Nunley, R. C. Fry, A. H. Burgess.

Motion that the Church Extension Board be requested to allow Rev. C. H. Gentry the \$2.50 in his hands to visit Holston Chapel.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning, 8 o'clock. Benediction by E. H. Vaughn.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 1894.

Conference met at 8 o'clock, A. M. Twenty minutes spent in devotion, conducted by Rev. C. G. Gentry. Name of J. B. Catron, delegate from Beech Hill, is enrolled.

Motion that all members of this Association vote one way or the other, on all subjects that are before the body.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

PULPIT SUPPLY.

Committee on pulpit supply make the following report: Preaching Thursday at 5, p. m., by J. A. Brown. Friday 11, a. m. by J. W. Lucas, at 5, p. m. by W. B. Jones. Saturday, 11, a. m. by W. B. Strong, at 5, by C. G. Gentry. Sunday morning by J. W. Lucas,
W. M. BLAZER, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE.

As your committee, we wish to make this report on Temperance, We regard intemperance as one of the great foes to Christianity and to our church work.

Resolved, That we will endorse temperance sentiments, and do every thing in our power to advance the temperance work in our churches.

Resolved, That we request all our preachers to preach one sermon each month during the year on the great evil of intemperance.

C. G. GENTRY, Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Committee submits following report on Sunday Schools: Brethren, it is with great pleasure, that we can report that there are in most of our churches flourishing Sunday Schools and that some of them have secured good Sunday School libraries. Brethren, foster and push this grand department of our work. It is a work of God, and its success is the hope of the church. We advise and urge our ministers, especially, to see to it that there are Sunday Schools kept in all the churches which they pastor. We urge them to preach Sunday Schools and practice what they preach.

LEWIS WEST, Chairman.

LITERATURE.

We commend to all our people the publications of the Morning Star Publishing House, 457 Shawmut Avenue, Boston, The Free Baptist, Minneapolis, Minn., Harvest Gleaner, Columbus, Ga., and Messenger, Cowensville, Ind. Each pastor should see that at least one of these papers is taken in every family of his church.

J. W. LUCAS, Chairman.

EDUCATION.

The hopes of the nation center around the church and the school house. Religion and education are inseparable, twin sisters. Each alone has proven a failure. With our increased facilities, a school in every neighborhood, high schools and colleges all over the land, there is no excuse for ignorance. Any young person, however poor, may acquire a fair education, and it is his duty thus to qualify himself for the responsibilities of life. The parents who fail to give their children the simple rudiments of education; wrong the children, the state and the church. If we expect to occupy high grounds as a church or even to hold our present position, we must educate.

J. W. LUCAS, Chairman.

OBITUARIES.

In looking over our church records we find that death has visited our churches and many of our homes, and has taken from us a number of our friends and relatives. As the churches have been bereaved of some of its members, and have been made sad by death,

Resolved, That we as a church, may so live that when the last member is taken from earth, that we may live in Heaven as God's children.

Elizabeth Light, a member of Grassy Creek church for twenty-two years, died April, 1894, age not known.

Pleasant Barrett, member and deacon of Grassy Creek church, died June 5th, 1894, aged 81 years.

Rebecca Monro, member of Bradshaw's Chapel, died in fall of 1893, age not known. She lived in F. B. church for 14 years.

J. M. Colyer, member of New Cross, died May 9, 1894, age not known. He lived in F. B. church for 3 years.

J. A. BROWN, Chairman.

FINANCE.

Finance committee report \$9.10 on hands.

C. M. McCURRY, Chairman.

NEXT SESSION.

We have decided that the next session of this Association meet with the Cedar Creek church, Greene county, Tenn., commencing Thursday before the second Sunday in August, 1895.

A. PIERCE, Chairman.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m. Benediction by Rev. C. G. Gentry.

Conference met at 2 o'clock p. m. Devotions conducted by Rev. R. C. Fry. Miscellaneous business taken up.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, It doth appear that the growth and progress of our churches are impeded, and their full powers for God and the salvation of men are wonderfully impaired from a too careless enforcement of church discipline and an improper observance of our church covenant, therefore, be it,

Resolved, That it is the sense of this body that these things can and should be corrected.

Resolved, That this body advise and urge upon all our churches and ministers the importance and necessity of proper discipline, and the strict observance of the covenant adopted, to this end we advise that the covenant be read in church at least once in every three months, and this part of the work shall constitute a part of the church letter hereafter to this body.

Resolved, That the pastor or church neglecting or refusing to comply with the above, shall be guilty of a disciplinary offense, and dealt with by a committee of his peers, or as the case may require. R. C. FRY.

Whereas, It appears that there is not system enough in the ordination of our ministry, therefore be it

Resolved, That we advise that where a church obtains evidence of the call of one of its members to the ministry, that the church shall examine him and if his religious standing and literary qualifications are sufficient to justify, the church may vote him a license to exercise his gift for 12 months, during which time he shall make himself familiar with the Bible and Butler's Theology and Baptist usage; at the end of 12 months, or before, if circumstances make it necessary, the church may call a council of ministers, consisting of three or more, to sit with them in his examination, and if his religious standing and acquaintance with the Bible, our theology and our church history be such as to justify, he shall be ordained to full work of the ministry by prayer and the laying on of hands. R. C. FRY.

Whereas, It is reported to the Association that New Home church has employed as pastor, a brother* who has not been set apart to the ministry according to our usage, and who is promulgating doctrines contrary to our faith as a church, therefore

Resolved, That this body appoint a council of three ministers to investigate these reports and endeavor to adjust the difference for the good of all parties concerned, that the cause may suffer no injury from the same.

Council to settle or adjust the difference are Rev. J. W. Lucas and W. A. Headrick, and A. H. Burgess.

Resolved, That this Association does not recognize any man as a F. B. preacher, unless he can show a certificate of ordination, and is sound in the doctrines of the Freewill Baptist church, and all the churches be requested to not recognize any man that cannot do this.

Resolved, That our thanks are due the choir from Midway church, for the excellent, soul stirring music which they have furnished during this session of the Association.

Resolved, That our thanks are due the church at Chestnut Hill and community for their kindness to us during the Association.

Adjourned until Thursday before the second Sunday in August, 1895 to meet with Cedar Creek church, 12 miles southwest of Greeneville, Tenn.

REV. R. C. FRY, MODERATOR.

Milburton, Tenn.

A. H. BURGESS, CLERK.
Painter, Tenn.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES FOR THE YEAR 1894.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	P. O. ADDRESS.	Added by Baptism.	Added by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Died.	Excluded.	Number of Members.	Number in Sunday School.	Cash for Minutes.	Paid Pastors.
Grassy Creek	J. A. Brown	Van Hill, Tenn	8			1		24	40		4 45
Simpson's Chapel	R. C. Fry	Chimney Top						42	75		14 00
Midway	J. W. Lucas	Midway	19	10				80	68 1	00	22 75
Bethany	R. C. Fry	Jeraldstown				2	1	124	351	00	20 15
Chestnut Hill	R. C. Fry		1					14	40 1	00	6 37
Tunnell Hill	W. S. Barton							15	60	95	
Cedar Creek	A. H. Burgess	Cedar Creek						26	90		
Bear Creek		Warrensburg						53	112 1	05	
New Home	S. W. Jones	Help	24			3		116	50		
Liberty		Pilot Hill						94	50		
Beech Hill	R. H. Darnell	Church Hill				1		43			
Bradshaw's Chapel								20	75		
Bell's Chapel								30			
New Cross	W. B. Jones	Greeneville	6					30			
Cedar Brook	C. G. Gentry	Jarvis	5	1				51			
Piney Grove	I. V. Fletcher	Woolsey College						31	50		
Holston Chapel								19			
Pleasant Point								32			
Woolsey College	J. L. Case	Newport						30			
	W. B. Woolsey	Woolsey College									

Simpson's Chapel contributed for Missions during the year, \$4.00 and Cedar Brook \$1.60.
Public collection at Association for Minutes, \$8.50.

