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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

WESTERN OHIO BAPTIST MINISTERIAL CONVENTION.

ARTICLE I.

This Association of Ministers shall be known as The WEST-ERN OHIO BAPTIST MINISTERIAL CONVENTION.

ARTICLE II.

The officers of the Convention shall be a President and a Secretary.

ARTICLE III.

Its object shall be to defend the purity of the gospel minisistry and sacredness of the cause of Christ. To promote a pure and blameless ministry among us, by discountenancing all ministers who are known to be guilty of those things that are unbecoming to a Christian minister, such as fraud, intemperance, licentiousness, or any disorderly conduct that is mentioned in the word of God.

ARTICLE IV.

Any minister known to be guilty of the above named evils, shall be prohibited from preaching in the pulpits of the elders of this Convention, and in this we seek the co-operation of the churches belonging to this Association.

ARTICLE V.

This Convention shall meet as often as the President in his judgment deems it necessary, and notice is given by the Secretary.

ARTICLE VI.

It shall be the duty of each member having knowledge of any evil existing against any minister, detremental to the cause of Christ, to take gospel steps with his brother and report to the President, when he shall have done what is required in the Scriptures.

CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS

OF THE

WESTERN UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

That we observe order and decorum in our worshiping assemblies, we ordain the following Constitution :

ARTICLE I.-NAME.

This Association shall be known and distinguished as the WESTERN UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF OHIO.

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ARTICLE II.--OBJECT.
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The object shall be to interchange religious sentiment, give advice to churches, provoke each other to love and good works and to do general service in the cause of Christ, in such a manner as not to interfere with the independence of the churches; provided, however, they agree with us in doctrine and practice as Regular Baptist.

ARTICLE III --- HOW COMPOSED.

This Association shall be composed of delegates not exceeding four for every hundred members from each church, with a letter certifying the name, progress and present members of the church of which they are members and a certificate of their appointment.

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ARTICLE IN .- OFFICERS.
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The officers shall consist of Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually and hold their offices until their successors are duly chosen.

ARTICLE V. - THEIR DUTIES.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at the meetings, preserve order, rebuke disorderly members, and to call votes when ordered. He may speak on any subject, by supplying his place with another, who shall perform in a like manner. SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a fair and accurate record of the proceedings of the Association, to keep the books and papers open to the inspection of any church belonging to this body and deliver all the records and papers to his successor.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all money from the hands of the Secretary, keep an account of the same and pay out when ordered by the Association ; said order to be signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

ARTICLE VI.-VISITORS, MINISTERS, ETC.

All regular authorized ministers of the gospel of our faith and order, in good standing in their respective churches, and correspondents from other associations or conventions, shall be invited to seats with all privileges except to vote.

ARTICLE VII. - COMMITTEES.

At each annual meeting committees on Business, Finance, Preaching, Digest of Letters and Obituaries, shall be appointed or elected.

ARTICLE VIII.-HOW TO DEAL WITH CHURCHES.

SECTION 1. If a church shall become corrupt in doctrine or practice, and satisfactory proof of guilt be given by any two members of this body, said church shall be dealt with according to Art. 8, Sec. 2.

SEC. 2. When a church is found guilty of gross offense against Baptist Rules and Regulations, (and this shall include all meetings regardless of name, for which charges are made at the gate, or selling on the grounds is allowed) said church shall be disfellowshipped.

ARTICLE IX.-COMPLAINTS.

The complaints of an individual of individuals, except as specified in Art. VIII, shall not be heard against any church in this Association.

ARTICLE X .- NEGLECT TO CORRESPOND.

Any church neglecting to send a letter or delegate; one or the other, two successive years, shall be visited with a suitable admonition, and failing the third year, her name shall be dropped from the roll.

ARTICLE XI.-NEW CHURCHES.

New churches to become members of this body must be sound in the faith and send a letter containing a summary of the same. They must be recognized by at least two sister churches nearest them, all of which shall be submitted to a vote for admission, and no church will be admitted to membership in this body that has not been properly organized, as well as recognized by at least two nearest sister churches of this Association.

ARTICLE XII. --- MEETINGS.

This Association shall meet annually, on Tuesday, before the first Lord's Day in September of each year, and adjourn on Friday.

ARTICLE XIII.-AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting, but never so as to interfere with the independence of the churches.

BY-LAWS.

1. Every member desiring to speak shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator. He shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject.

2. No member shall speak longer than ten minutes at any time, not more than once on one subject until others have had an opportunity to speak.

3. When the reports from the committees on education and missions have been submitted, one hour shall be allowed for their consideration.

4. A motion may be withdrawn by the mover, by the consent of the House.

5. No member shall leave the business room without the consent of the Moderator.

6. There shall be no whispering, talking, laughing or other unnecessary noise during the transaction of business, nor any degrading reflection made on any speaker or his remarks.

 All sessions for business shall be opened and closed with prayer.

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8. The time for meeting to be from 9 A. M. to 12 M., and from 2 P. M. to 5 P. M. Every session optional.

9. The introductory or Annual Sermon shall be delivered at II A. M. of the first day.

10. The election of officers shall be the first business after the annual sermon.

11. These laws may be altered or amended at any annual meeting.

CLEVELAND, OIHO, Sept. 2, 1902.

TUESDAY MORNING, NINE O'CLOCK

The Western Union Baptist Ministerial Institute met in the Shiloh Baptist church.

Meeting called to order by the President, Rev. R. D Grant.

Hymn, "Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove." Scripture read, Eph. 5th chap. Prayer by Rev. Richard Meredith.

The President, Rev. Grant, made some interesting remarks, expressing himself in a zealous manner concerning the great Providence and Blessing of God in permitting his servants to meet together in an Annual Session once more.

Rev. Richard Meredith and Rev. William Balay, the most faithful and venerable fathers of our Afsociation and Institute, were highly commended by the Brethren and were invited to take the front seat with the Elders of our Institute.

Religious exercises were conducted by Rev. O. Jones, of Xenia, Ohio.

The meeting was opened with the largest delegation of Ministers present known in the history of the Institute. Soul stirring remarks were made by the Brethren.

Motion prevailed that the officers serving at the present time be chosen by acclamation to serve for the ensuing year. Rev. J. J. Jackson declined serving as treasurer in favor of Rev. O. Jones, which was acceptable to the Brethren of the Institute.

The following named Brethren were chosen :

Rev. R. D. Grant, President.

Rev. Peter Everett, Vice-President-

- Rev. J. M. Riddle, Critic.
- Rev. O. Jones, Treasurer.

Rev. William Steele, Secretary.

Minutes of the previous meeting held in Mechanicsburg, O., were read and adopted. The Annual Program was then taken up for debate.

Ist, Physical and Spiritual Cleansing. II Cor., VII chap., Ist verse. The topic was introduced by Rev. Matthew Toomey, of Lebanon, O., in a most interesting manner. The brother said that it is the duty and obligation of every believer in Christ to keep his physical body clean as well as the spiritual, which is an emblem of purity. Some soul stirring remarks were made by Rev. Richard Meredith, Rev. H. C. Bailey, Rev. J. J. Jackson, Rev. J. M. Riddle and Rev. H. D. Prowd.

The following named Brethren were examined by the committee of Elders on Credentials and were found worthy of commendation for membership, and were introduced to the Institute and Convention, and the hand of fellowship given by the President and Elders :

Rev. Matthew Toomey, Rev. H. Clay Robinson, Rev. R. H. Hall, Rev. G. W. Carr, Rev. John H. A. Taylor, Rev. J. G. Orr, Rev. G. A. Glymps.

Meeting adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m. Benediction by Rev. W. Balay.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Western Union Baptist Minister's Convention met in session by the call of the President, Rev. Peter Everett. Meeting opened by reading Scriptures, 23rd Psalm by Rev. G. W. Jones. Hymn, "Revive Thy Work Oh God," prayer by the President, Rev. Peter Everett.

The committee of investigation concerning the charge against Rev. Conrad Goode for organizing and pastoring a church whose faith and doctrine is contrary to the Regular Missionary Baptist church was called for and read by the Secretary. By motion the report was received. After considerable debate a motion prevailed that the matter be laid over until next quarterly meeting of the Convention to be held in College Hill, O., Dec. 4th and 5th, 1902. This was done in order to give the said Bro. Goode an opportunity to meet the committee and explain his position.

The President introduced Rev. Moses Nye, a Christian convert of the Baptist church from the Jewish Religion. The brother made some very effectual remarks concerning his conversion

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to Christ and his love for the brethren which was quite reviving to his hearers.

Topic 2nd on program was then taken up for debate. Exegesis, Spiritual Hunger and Thirst, Matt. 5th chap., 6th verse, Rev. Richard Meredith introduced in a most interesting and impressive mannar. Additional remarks were made by Revs. Everett, Jackson, Robinson, Prowd and others. The brethren said to hunger and thirst after righteousness is to exercise a zealcus desire for the heart, soul and mind to be filled with righteousness and holiness for the glory of God and our Savior, so as to enable us as believers in Christ to iive a Godly life in Christ Jesus.

Topic 3rd. Essay Growth in Grace, II Pet., 3rd chap., 18th verse. Rev. R. D. Phillips delivered a most interesting and beautiful address on the subject of Growth in Grace, and in the knowledge of our Blessed Christ. This topic was debated on by many of the brethren.

It was the voice of the brethren that in order to be a good successful servant of Christ it was the duty and obligation of each and every one to cultivate his mind and brain with knowledge of Christ and his heart with grace. Knowledge and grace most co-operate together.

Rev. I. V. Bryant, of Gallipolis, O., was appointed to preach at 8 o'clock p. m.

Committe on program was appointed :

Rev. R. D. Phillips, Rev. C. H. Washington, Rev. E. J. Woodward, Rev. Joseph Spells, Rev. O. O. Jones.

Motion to adjourn prevailed. Hymn, "Praise God From all Blessings Flow." Benediction by Rev. J. M. Riddle

TUESDAY, SEPT. 2, 7:30-NIGHT SESSION.

Western Union Baptist Minister's Institute met, President Rev. R. D. Grant, in the chair. Meeting opened by singing hymn 556, "Let Zion's Watchmen all Awake, and Take the Alarm They Give." Prayer by Rev. Obadiah Jones. Rev. I. V. Bryant, of Gallipolis, O., was introduced as the preacher. Text, Prov. 14th chap., 34th verse. "Righteousness exalteth a Nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

The brother proceeded to give a brief explanation of the wisdom of Solomon. He said that it is not that seemeth to be, or even that as led by the conscience of some, but that which is truly righteousness in the fear of God. Not the righteousness of our own way, for there is a way that seemeth right to a man, but the end of that man is death. Many Nations have been brought down to destruction because of sin, but those that lived a righteous life were exalted. Sin will surely meet with a punishment at the end.

Topic 4th, Essay on Dancing from a Scriptural Standpoint, introduced by Rev. Obadiah Jones in an impressive manner. He said that the ancient dance, as spoken of in the Scriptures, was holy in the manner of praising God and expressing their joy, but the late modern dance as conducted by the people is a sin and is leading many to destruction. There was quite a brief debate by the brethren.

A motion prevailed that all indebtedness and bills be paid.

Meeting adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning. Benediction by Rev. I. V. Bryant.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION, SEPT. 3-8 O'CLOCK.

Western Union Baptist Minister's Institute met, Rev. R. D. Grant, President, in the chair. Meeting opened by singing hymn, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?" Scripture lesson, Romans 8th chap. Prayer by Rev. G. W. Wyatt. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Committee on Program made their report. The topics were assigned as follows :

ANNUAL SESSION.

Topic 1st. Exeges, 51st Psalm, 12th and 13th verses. Rev. G. W. Wyatt and Rev. Martin B. Lewis.

Topic 2nd. A paper on Temperance. Rev. George W. Jones and Rev. G. W. Ward.

Topic 3rd. Exeges, John, 4th chap: 35th verse. Rev. T. J. Carter and Rev. F. G. Brookins, B. D.

Topic 4th. Minister's Call and Qualifications. Rev. J. J. Jackson and Rev. L. M. Gray.

6th. Sermon, Luke, 16th chap. 25th verse. Rev. G. W. Carter.

Rev. J. M. Riddle, Critic of the Institute, made his report. He said that there was considerable improvement on the debate on Topics and Business. There was an unusual degree of spirituality and the best of harmony evisting among the bret'men.

Meeting adjourned to meet on Thursday afternoon, z o clock Benediction by Rev. H. Clay Robinson.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, I O'CLOCK.

President Rev. R. D. Grant, in the chair. Meeting opened by singing hymn, "A Charge to Keep I Have." Scripture lesson, 1st Psalm, by Rev. Jesse Stewart.

The President highly commended the brethren for their spiritual and interesting meetings while visiting the brethren in Cleveland, O.

Adjourned to meet in College Hill, Ohio, at our quarterly session, Dec. 4th and 5th, 1902. Total collection, \$13.70. Benediction by Rev. R. D. Grant.

Respectfully,

REV. R. D. GRANT, President.

REV. PETER EVERETT, Vice-President.

REV. OBADIAH JONES, Treasurer.

REV. WILLIAM STEELE, Secretary.

SATURDAY, Sept. 6th, 1902, 7:30 p. m.

The Elders representing the Western Union Baptist Minister's Institute met in the Antioch Baptist church for the purpose of examining Brother J. H. Carr for the Ministry of the Gospel.

The Elders organized in Council as follows :

Moderator, Rev. R. D. Grant.

Catechiser, Rev. H. C. Bailey.

Clerk, Rev. William Steele.

Rev. F. G. Bookins, pastor of the Antioch Baptist church, commended the character and reputation of Brother Carr in the highest terms as a Christian gentleman. Also said that the brother was laboring on a special mission as a servant for Christ. This was satisfactory to the Council and the Elders proceeded to examine the candidate in the following manner :

1st. Reading the Scriptures.

2nd. Short sermon. Text, Matt. 3rd chap., 2nd verse. After a careful examination of his Christian experience. Call to preach the Gospel, and View of Bible Doctrines. The Council was satisfied that Christ had called and commissioned him to preach the Gospel. A motion prevailed to ordain the said Brother Carr in the following manner :

- st. Sermon, Rev. R. H. Robinson.
- and. Prayer, Rev. William Balay.
- 3rd. Charge, Rev. H. C. Bailey.
- 4th. Presentation of the Bible, Rev. J. P. Burney.
- 5th. Hand of fellowship, Rev. F. G. Brookins.
- 6th. Benediction by the candidate, Rev. J. H. Carr.

REV. R. D. GRANT, Moderator.

WILLIAM STEELE, Clerk.

THE WESTERN UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PROCEEDINGS.

CLEVELAND, O., Sept. 2, 1902.

The Western Union Baptist Association of Ohio was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Dr. H. D. Prowd, at 10 a. m. Psalm 23 was read, followed by singing hymn 66. Scripture lesson was read from Psalm 133, prayer by Rev. Dr. H. H. Mitchell, Columbus, O. Solo, "Christ is All," was sung by Prof. Curry. A general handshaking was had while "Bless be the Tie"

was sung. The address of welcome was delivered by Sister (Mrs.) Clara Evans. It was a most hearty welcome, full of spirit, and made all feel at home in the Forest city with the great Baptist family. She received the applause of the large number of delegates present.

Rev. J. J. Jackson, Cincinnati, was appointed by Moderator Dr. Prowd, to respond. In his usual manner of eloquence and wit he accepted the welcome on behalf of the Association. He made timely mention of our work as Baptists owning 74 schools, of which 40 are operated by Negro Baptists, the Publishing House at Nashville and the newspapers that we send to all the world. The spirit was high and all joined in singing, "Nearer My God to Thee," as this was a full expression of the facts that after a long march of trials and besetments, the Negro is today nearer to God than ever before.

The illness of the companion of Rev. R. Meredith was reported with the illness of Rev. N. A. Lewis, of Urbana, O. The Association stood while Revs. Wyatt, H. C. Bailey and H. H. Harris, petitioned the blessings of God upon the afflicted. Moderator Prowd followed with his Annual Address, which was full of good things. He outlined the policy that should govern this meeting. He made mention of the good work that had been done by our Fathers and asked that we would always hold them dear to our hearts. His words in commendation for the work as done by the churches during the past year, were received as words that would encourage the churches to more efficient work in the future,

Rev. H. L. Page, who had been selected to deliver the Annual Sermon was introduced. Scripture lesson was read from 114 Psalm by Rev. J. J. Watson, prayer by Rev. G. W. Carr, song, "Almost Persuaded," was sung. Rev. Page took for his text, Isaiah 62, 10th verse. He spoke of the necessity of a higher standard for the leaders with our people.

By motion of Rev. J. J. Jackson the officers were re-elected by acclamation.

The following committee was appointed on Finance: Revs. G. S. Coble, O. O. Jones, W. N. Allen and G. W. Jones. Collection \$1.50. Benediction by Rev. Page.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 2, 2 P. M.

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. B. P. Burch. After the Association was called to order the Moderator introduced Rev. Moses Nye, who gave some very interesting talk on Christian work.

The reading of letters followed. Rev. R. D. Phillips was appointed to assist in the reading of the letters. The church at Sekitan which had held a woman pastor some time ago was adyised by the Association to discontinue the same and report to this body, did so in their letter as requested. The statement was accepted and the church placed upon the roll. The letter coming from Lebanon asking for the meeting of this body in 1903, was turned over to the committee on Business.

Rev. R. C. Minor, Columbus, O. and Hon. G. W. Hays, were appointed to lead the Praise service this 7:30 p. m.

The committee on New Churches reported the St. John church of Springfield, O., as seeking membership in this body. Said church was found to be sound in the faith and practice of the Missionary Baptists, and by motion was admitted to memsberhip with us. The representatives of St. John, Rev. T. Timberlake and Brother J. W. Yatts, came forward and the Moderator gave them the hand of fellowship welcoming them to all the privileges of our body.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. T. Stewart. Collection 30 cents.

WEDNESDAY, 7:30 P. M.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. R. C. Minor and Hon. G. W. Hays. The Moderator made mention of the recent accident that came to the President of the U. S. and his party near Lenox, Mass., upon which a special committee was appointed to draft suitable resolutions as the expression of this body pertaining to the same. The committee consists of the following: Hon. G. W. Hays, Prof. E. W. B. Curry, Rev. Dr. J. M. Riddle, Rev. Dr. H. H. Mitchell, I. V. Bryant, H. C. Robinson, H. D. Prowd and Rev. R. D. Grant.

The choir rendered an excellent selection. Scripture lesson by Rev. M. Toomey, Prov. 4. Solo' "Life's Railroad to Heaven," Prof. Curry. Prayer, Rev. G. W. Jones.

The Moderator in very fitting terms introduced the speaker for the evening in the person of Rev. J. J. Jackson, of Cincinnati, who delivered one of the most practical sermons on Christian Education that we ever heard. Text, Proverbs 4, 7th verse; theme, "Christian Education." Outlines: 1st, the value of wisdom; 2nd, we are urged to get wisdom; 3rd, understanding the companion of wisdom; 4th, the purest of wisdom, the highest. He said that wisdom is knowledge reduced to practice. He paid a tribute to the manly and successful efforts of the immortal Lincoln and Grant to make the names that will ever live in the hearts of the American people.

His reference to the work of the Curry School was received with welcome hearts. He spoke in commendable language of the earnest and successful efforts of Prof. Curry to establish his school, and predicted a bright future for this institution. Understanding is to know what you know. He mentioned the 74 schools of our denomination. Rev. R. Boyd in the building of the Publishing House at Nashville, Tenn, was spoken of in fitting terms. He closed with the climax that the "purest and highest wisdom came from above." That we are to ever encourage an educated ministry, as the people can only be lead right by proper leaders.

The following were introduced to the Association : M. D. Bracher, city; Rev. Dr. A. M. Lewis, Allegheny, Pa.; Rev. E. D. Danridge, pastor of Shiloh, city; Rev. F. P. Green, Michigan. Rev. T. J. Carter and Brother H. C. Porter, were appointed to conduct the praise service Thursday, 9 a. m.

The special committee on accident of the President made their report, which was read by Prof. Curry and received and adopted. Collection \$5.11. Benediction, Rev J. J. Jackson.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 3, 9 A. M.

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. T. J. Carter and Brother H. C. Porter. Rev. S. H. Ferguson, pastor of Coy M. E. Chapel of the city, was introduced. The Journal of yesterday's session was read and adopted with corrections.

Hon. H. C. Smith of the city was introduced. Rev. J. M. Riddle was allowed one-half hour at the evening session to speak on the work of the Publishing House of Nashville, Tenn.

Hon. G. W. Hays was compelled to leave for Columbus, as he is a member of the Ohio Legislature; before going he gave some very timely remarks of interest to this body, which were received with warm hearts.

The London letter stated that the money would be sent on later. By motion said money was to be equally divided between the State Mission and the Curry School.

The Committee on New Churches reported the Unity Baptist church of Cincinnati, O, for membership. The same was received and the representative, Rev. J. P. Burney, came forward while the Moderator gave him in behalf of the Association the hand of fellowship. Collection \$1.01. Benediction, Rev. Steel.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, SEPT. 3.

Vice-Moderator, Rev. W. H. Grimes, called the Association to order and conducted the devotional services.

Rev. T. H. Copeland, pastor of the C. M. E. church, city, was introduced.

Rev. Dr. A. M. Lewis, Allegheny, Pa., corresponding messenger from the Allegheny Baptist Association of Pennsylvania, made his report. He gave an interesting account of the work that is being prosecuted by said body in Pennsylvania. They have 53 churches in an excellent condition, doing Mission and Educational work. He said that they had endorsed the Curry School and fully intended to do all they could to support this institution.

Dr. Lewis made a very favorable impression upon all present and represented his Association in a very creditable manner. His remarks were received by a standing vote.

Rev. Alexander Jackson, Ph. D., Secretary of the Executive Board of the Cleveland Sunday Union, was introduced. In the ourse of his interesting and brilliant remarks he made mention of the remarkable progress made by the Negro race. He entered a plea for a strict observance of the Lord's Day and asked the support of the great Baptist family in securing the same. His talk was practical and well received. Prof. Curry sang, "I stood outside the Gate."

Moderator Grimes introduced Rev. T. Timberlake, pastor of St. John, Springfield, who had been selected to deliver a sermon on Temperance. Text, Gal. 5-15, theme, "A Firm Stand." Outlines: 1st, Salvation free to those who stand under the bonds of freedom. 2nd, the bonds of freedom require that men be governed by principles issued from God's word. He entreated our race to abstain from the use of intoxicating drinks. Be temperate in all things and live upright lives for God and humanity.

Prayer, Rev. W. P. Cradic, Columbus. Collection \$1.55. The Eastern Union Baptist Association was represented by Rev. Cradic, who brought fraternal greetings from said body. The same were received. Benediction, Rev. Timberlake.

EVENING SESSION.

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Prowd. Rev. J. M. Riddle was introduced and delivered a most eloquent address on the Publishing House at Nashville, Tenn. A collection of \$17.06 was taken for the Publishing House.

The music rendered by the choir was an exceptional treat. Rev. I. V. Bryant made the report on State Missions and delivered some pointed remarks touching the same. The 4th Sunday in September was set as a special rally day for State Missions. Benediction, Rev. Bryant. The Association assembled at Antioch Baptist church. Devotional services were conducted by Rev. R. D. Grant, who read a Scripture lesson from Psalm 91. Song, "Jesus is My Rock." Prayer by Rev. C. H. Washington.

The Journal of the previous session was approved. The reports of Clerk Curry and Treasurer Everett were received and adopted.

The following corresponding messengers were appointed :

Eastern Union of Ohio, H. C. Bailey; Chain Lake Association of Michigan, G. W. Jones · General of Kentucky, R. D. Grant; East Centrrl of Kentucky, T. Timberlake; East Indiana, William Steele and L. W. Gray; Mount Vernon, Indiana, G. W. Wyatt: Western Union Baptist S. S., J. M. Green and Miss Cora Steward; State Convention, H. D. Prowd, J. J. Jackson, E. W. B. Curry, G. W. Wyatt, P. Everett, R. D. Grant, A. A. Hampton, D. R. Jones, E. J. Woodard, William Balay, and G. W. Jones; Providence, A A. Hampton; National Convention, P. Everett. H. D. Prowd, E. W. B. Curry, R. Meridith, W. H. Steward, W. H. Grimes, C. Stribling, R. D. Grant, C. H. Washington, J. J Watson, W. T. Hill, and the pastors of Cincinnati; Pennsylvania Association, E. W. B. Curry; Woman's Auxiliary to National and State Convention, Mrs. William Balay, Mrs. Mattie Hardman, Mrs. D. R. Jones and Miss Cora Steward.

Rev. William Balay made his report on the Shelton Monument. He stated that the original debt had been paid in full, and by the payment of \$4 80 interest, the entire matter would be cleared. Rev. Everett and Prof. Curry were appointed to close the final settlement of the Shelton Monument.

Lebanon was selected as the place of meeting for 1903.

By motion all legal bills were ordered paid. The following reports were received and adopted : Temperance, Education and Resolutions.

The report on Obituary was placed in the hands of the Clerk with draft resolution in memory of ex-Moderator Rev. J. W. Byrd.

By motion the funds of 1902 for Superanuated Ministers was contributed to Rev. William Balay.

All catdidates for ordination were requested to meet the Ohio

Baptist State Convention at Dayton.

All members of this body attending the National Baptist Convention at Birmingham were to be enrolled as delegates coming from this Association.

The report of the committee on Finance was received and adopted.

The question as to holding the Association over Sunday was tabled until the next annual meeting. All churches are hereby notified that said question will be settled and you are requested to express your vote in writing and not by mouth of delegation.

The report of the committee on Constitution and By-I,aws was referred to the Executive Board.

Parting words were given by Moderator Prowd and Prof. Curry lead the song, 'God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again.'' Closing prayer by Rev. Peter Everett. Adjourned to meet in Lebanon, Ohio, Tuesday before the first Lord's Day in Sept. 1903.

> REV. H. D. PROWD, D. D., Moderator. REV. W. H. GRIMES, Vice-Moderator. PROF. E. W. B. CURRY, Clerk.

COMMITTEES.

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J. J. Jackson, R. D. Grant, W. P. Cradic, Jas. Riddle Prof. Curry.

MISSIONS-Revs. I. V. Bryant, R. D. Phillips, R. C. Minor, James Riddle, H. Clay Porter, H. Clay Robinson.

RESOLUTIONS-Dr. Mitchell, R. D. Martin Rev. F. P. Green, C. H. Washington, Mrs. Dixon, Brother Vates, G. W. Hays, Sister Fry, Sister Waugh, Sister Ellis, Sister Johnson.

NEW CHURCHES-Revs. Balay, R. Meredith, G. A. Jackson, Brother Finlay, Dr. H. C. Bailey.

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Pay by order the following amounts :	
E. W. B. Curry, balance printing Minutes	\$ 7.45
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Rev. Phillips, African Mission	23.55
The above items were paid by the Treasurer, Rev. P. Ex	verett,
at Cleveland, Ohio.	

CLERK'S REPORT.

Received from ex-Treasurer, August, 1901\$	56.47
By Finance Committee, 1901	140.98
By Lockland Church	
\$	198.97
By church of Delaware	1.00
By church of Urbana	2.00
By church of Cleveland	2.20
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Special collection Miss N. H. Burroughs Rev. G. W. Ward, Louisville school Mrs. Anna Balay	4.36 3.51 1.56
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Orders issued	212.96
Balance per Treasurer	64
Liabilities on Printing	7.54
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Urbana, Ohio, September 2, 1902.	
REPORT OF TREASURER.	
Received of former Treasurer	56.47
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Total amount received	5198.97
For Clerk per Del. \$1, Urbana \$2, Cleveland \$2.20	5.20
Grand Total	213.60
Paid to E W. B. Curry for Minutes	36.00
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Paid to Rev. J. M. Riddle for N. P. House	14.70
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Paid to Rev. R. D. Phillips for State Missions	12.20
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Total amount paid out \$208.76

Total amount received	198.97
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Respectfully submitted.	

PETER EVERETT, Treasurer.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

1. Be it Resolved, That each Pastor of our Baptist Association have each of his members report to him upon each birth in the family, and to report at the next Association, and by so doing keep a record of births as well as deaths.

2. That article 12 of the Constitution be so amended as to read, "and that all churches be required to notify the pastor, or clerk of the church with which the Association is to convene, as to the number of delegates chosen at least two weeks before the time of meeting".

3. That there be prepared and carried annually a historical page giving the time and place of all meetings.

4. Whereas the religious paper is one of the great arms of our church forces, and as such should ever be recognized in the church and family, we would therefore advise all pastors and church members to become regular subscribers to THE INFORMER, the Baptist organ of Ohio, edited by Prof. Curry.

5. Having been so nicely looked after by the members and friends of Antioch and Shiloh Baptist Churches of Cleveland, Ohio, Therefore, be it Resolved that we tender them our heartfelt thanks for their care, and earnestly pray that the great Head of the Church may ever bless them in the work committed to their care and at last crown them in the Kingdom above. We would also express our high appreciation of the Christian spirit displayed by the Pastor and members of Shiloh Baptist Church in the giving of the use of their beautiful house of worship to the Antioch Baptist Church for the Association meeting. If all of our churches would thus live there would be more harmony among us as a Baptist family.

> H. H. MITCHELL, LIZZIE G ELLIS, HANNAH FRY, MANLEY DIXON, LOUISA JOHNSON, C. H. WASHINGTON, GEORGE W. HAYS.

RESOLUTION—PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT ACCIDENT.

Whereas information has come to us that in the train of God's Providence a sad accident befell the Chief Executive of our Nation while out driving between Lenox and Pittsfield, Massachusetts. And, whereas, the accident to President Roosevelt and party is a sad affliction to the entire Nation. Therefore, be it Resolved, that we, the Western Union Baptist Association of Ohio, now assembled at Cleveland, Ohio, express its profound sympathy for the President and thank God that the accident is not a serious one. Resolved further, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the President and also sent to the daily papers, and spread upon the Journal of this Association.

Respectfully Committee,

Hon. G. W. Hays, Chairman ; Revs. Drs. H. H. Mitchell, J. M. Riddle, H. C. Robinson, I. V. Bryant, H. D. Prowd, Rev. R. D. Grant, and Prof. E. W. B. Curry, Secretary.

The same was adopted.

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE SANCTIFICATION MOVEMENT.

Be it Resolved, That this Association express its gratitude and respect for Brother Brookins and its commendation of his work which he has done here; that we also sympathise with him in his difficulty, and that this Association teach and endorse the doctrine of Progressive Sanctification, and disapprove of the erroneous doctrine of impractibility from sin in this life, and perfect holiness until the hour of death.

H. H. HARRIS.

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following report: Whereas, the subject of intemperance has been so narrowly treated by its advocates, and believing as we do, that greater results for good would be accomplished if the subject was treated in a broader sense; and whereas, the growing evil of intemperance is seen abroad in the land, both in the higher and lower circles; and whereas, the cause of temperance is a high and noble one, in which all persons should be engaged.

Therefore, be it Resolved, That we, the representatives of the great Baptist family of Ohio, be earnestly and sincerely united against the force of the great giant,

Therefore, be it Resolved. That we endorse the work of the Anti-Saloon League and all efforts put forth against this growing evil. We further recommend that all pastors composing this Association preach a sermon semi-annually on this subject, and urge upon their congregations to put a stop to this evil.

Committee: C. W. Stribling, Chairman; B. P. Burch, T. Timberlake, T. J. Carter, J. G. Orr, Secretary.

PROGRAM FOR 1903.

 "The Holy Spirit, His Mission and Work"—Rev. R. D. Grant.

3. "Doctrinal Sermon"-Rev. C. H. Washington.

4. "Predestination or Foreordination"-Rev. H. C. Bailey.

5. "Annual Sermon"-Rev. L. W. Gray.

6. Address-Professor Curry.

STATE MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on State Missions, submit the following: Whereas, State is not only an important, but also an indispensable factor in the development of our denomination, and

Whereas, we have now in the field a Missionary actively engaged in the work under the auspices of the Ohio Baptist State Convention, and whereas, the work has been greatly impeded during the past year on account of the failure of the pastors and churches to respond to the appeals of the State Mission Board,

Therefore be it Resolved, 1st, that all moneys sent by the churches to this Association for Missions not otherwise provided for, be turned over to the State Missionary in order to liquidate as far as possible, the debt now due.

2. That one Sunday between now and the Convention be set apart by this Association on which a special effort shall be put forth to raise means in order that the debt now due the State Missionary may at that time be paid in full.

Committee : I. V. Bryant, J. M. Riddle, H. C. Robison, R. C. Minor, H. C. Porter, R. D. Phillips.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Brother Moderator of the Western Union Baptist Association. We, your Committee on Education, submit the following :

Whereas, The great need of the times is Education, therefore, we your committee recommend the education of the heart. head and hands. 1st. We hold the proper education of the heart is seen and known in our obedience to God's word. 2nd. We hold that the head is best educated, which can both say and do the right thing at the right time. 3rd. We hold the success of every wage earner is in being able to take opportunities by the forelock. We therefore endorse Industrial Education and recommend that parents and guardians of the young encourage every young man and woman to learn some trade. We recommend that every minister of the Western Union 4th. Baptist Association foster education and endorse all honorable means of obtaining it. That each minister composing this body do more dilligently now and henceforth study to show himself a workman approved of God that need not be ashamed of the execution of his work which his Master has left for him to do. 5th. We commend all schools that are laboring to bring about the betterment of the race and to enhance the glory of God. 6th. We endorse THE INFORMER, and recommend more extensive reading of Christian literature, All of which we most humbly submit.

Committee : Revs H. C. Bailey, Rev. J. J. Jackson, R. D. Grant, J. M. Riddle, H. H. Harris, W. P. Cradic, Prof. E. W. B. Curry, A. A. Hampton.

We beg leave to submit the following Items :

1st. Report of Executive Board.

2nd. Corresponding Messengers.

3rd. Corresponding Messengers to different bodies.

4th. Report of Standing Committee on Shelton Monument.

5th. We recommend that each Church send up to 10c per member for Association fund. See page 19, Section 3rd, Minutes of 1901. We also request the pastors and delegates to urge upon this item.

6th. The request coming up from Bethel Baptist Church of Dayton in reference to Elder Woods be refered to the Elders.

7th. We recommend a speedy action of the Executive Board in getting out the blanks as was ordered by the Association at Urbana, last year.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

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MEMORIA.

To the honored dead of this Christian organization, who have answered the summons to the final tribunal since our last meeting.

To those whose faithful stewardship has made the world better, inspired othets to more Christian activity, and won for themselves a crown, robe and home in Heaven.

To our beloved ex-Moderator, Rev. J. W. Byrd, who served his Church as pastor, his family as husband and father, and his country as a citizen.

To these whose memory we love, this page is dedicated.

THE CLERK.

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Handsome Oak, or Walnut Cases, well finished, French plate glass mirror and music receptacle.

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We hereby warrant this National Baptist Organ for the term of five years from the date of its manufacture; and should the instrument, with proper care and use, prove defective in material or workmanship within that time, we agree to put same in good repair at our manufactory or replace it with another of the same quality.

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