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MINUTES

OF THE

151st. Annual Session

OF THE

Kehukee

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Smithwicks Creek

MARTIN COUNTY, N. C.

Beginning Saturday before the
1st Sunday in October, 1916.



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PROCEEDINGS.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. B. Strickland from St. John 1:1-5.

After a short intermission the Association came together and was organized by appointing Elder Sylvester Hassell, Moderator, and B. S. Cowing, Clerk, who called to his assistance Elder J. C. Moore and Brother W. H. Daniel.

The following committees were appointed:

On finance, Brethren Allsbrook and I. W. Bass.

On arrangements for preaching: The Moderator, Clerk, Brethren Kader Lilley and Elder W. B. Harrington.

The following visiting Elders were present: F. W. Keene, J. E. Adams, L. H. Hardy, P. D. Gold, A. L. Harrison, P. W. Williard, J. S. Corbett, J. T. Rowe, E. E. Lundy and J. W. Wyatt.

The following Elders were present from Kehukee Association: Sylvester Hassell, A. J. Moore, J. C. Moore, J. N. Rogerson, W. B. Strickland, W. B. Harrington, B. S. Cowing, N. H. Harrison, J. W. Johnson, H. D. Jenkins and J. A. Shaw.

The following Elders preached at the Stand this P. M.

Elder J. S. Corbett, Ephesians 2:1-4, Elder J. E. Adams, John 1:6.

SUNDAY.

Elder P. D. Gold, Romans 7:1-2; Elder F. W. Keene, Exodus 13:13; J. T. Rowe, Psalms 27:42.

MONDAY

Elder E. E. Lundy, St. Luke 10:30-38; Elder J. W. Wyatt, Psalm 23.

Letters from 37 churches were received and read, and the names of Messengers and standing of churches enrolled in table of churches.

Called for correspondence when the following was received:

White Oak—Elder E. E. Lundy; Contentnea—Elder J. S. Corbett; Upper Country Line—Minutes; Lower Country Line—J. H. Gooch; Black Creek—Elder P. D. Gold; Little River—Elder Adams; Baltimore—Elder J. T. Rowe and minutes; Senter District—minutes; Mayo—minutes; Mountain District—minutes; Mill Branch—minutes; Upatoie—minutes; New River—minutes; Corresponding Va.—minutes; Abbots Creek—minutes; Warwick—minutes, Salis-

bury—minutes; Delaware River—minutes, Seven mile—Minutes; Salem—P. W. Williard and minutes; Echeconne—minutes; Stanton River—minutes; Fishers River—minutes; Primitive Ebenezer—minutes; White Water—minutes; Ketoctan—Minutes.

Elder J. A. Shaw was appointed to write a corresponding letter to be attached to these minutes.

Petitionary letters called for. None received.

It was agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Robersonville, Martin county, N. C., and that Elder N. H. Harrison preach the introductory sermon and Elder A. J. Moore be his alternate, worship to begin at 11 o'clock.

Then adjourned to meet again at 9 o'clock Monday. Worship to begin tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

The Association pursuant to adjournment met at 9 o'clock and was opened with praise and prayer by Elder—?—?— and proceeded to business.

The names of Messengers were called over and those absent marked in table of churches.

The corresponding letter was called for and read and ordered to be attached to these minutes.

The finance Committee reported as follows:

In hands of clerk at close of last Association.....	\$52.25
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Paid for printing minutes	\$32.50
Clerks Fees	\$15.00
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Total.....	\$47.50
Leaving in the hands of treasurer.....	\$ 4.75
Received from churches at this time	\$44.50
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Leaving in hands of treasurer	\$49.25

The following brethren agreed to visit our sister Associations:

- Upper Country Line—Minutes.
- Lower Country Line—Minutes.
- Baltimore—Minutes.
- Contentnea—N. M. Worsley.
- White Oak—Minutes.
- Black Creek—Minutes.
- Abbotts Creek—Minutes.

Little River—Minutes.

Agreed to correspond by minutes with the following Associations: Delaware, Delaware River, Corresponding, Va., Mountain District, Warwick, Salisbury, Mill Branch, Fisher's River, Upatoie, Ocmulgee, Mayo, Echeconne, Primitive Ebenezer, Senter District, New River and Salem.

The following brethren promised to preach for the church at South Quay, Va., and Hamilton, N. C.; Elder Sylvester Hassell promised to preach for South Quay in July. He also preaches at Hamilton quarterly.

It is agreed that if any member of this Association be present at any other Association with which we correspond, that he is authorized to represent this Association.

Resolved, 1st. That this Association discountenances, condemns and forbids all kinds of trading and misbehavior on or around the Association grounds while in session, and will endeavor to punish the same to the full extent of the law. And that it recommends to the churches composing this Association that they have their places of worship incorporated to protect them from lawlessness.

Agreed that our clerk have 2500 copies of these minutes printed and distributed among the churches and the Associations with which we correspond, and that he record a copy on our records, and that he be allowed \$15.00 for his services.

There being no other business before the Association it adjourned to the time and place appointed with singing and benediction by the Moderator.

Agreed that obituary of Elder McP. Smith as printed in Landmark be attached to these minutes.

ELDER SYLVESTER HASSELL, Moderator.

B. S. COWING, Clerk.

ELDER J. C. MOORE,

BRO. W. H. DANIEL, Assis. Clerks.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

The 151st Annual Session of the Kehukee Association now in session with the church at Smithwick's Creek, Martin County, N. C. To the Associations with which we correspond and the churches of our own Association sendeth greeting:

Beloved Brethren: We greet you with the warm and

inspiring words of our Lord and Master, viz: Be of good cheer. The words preceeding this show deep necessity of this message of cheer. In the world ye shall have tribulations. We are all a poor and afflicted people, needing the strong support of the everlasting arms that are underneath.

We are in perils by night and by day. Sometimes we are tossed more than 14 days and nights on the boisterous sea of sin and doubt, without a ray of sunshine to gladden our hearts, or a star to guide us over the troubled deep. The ship of our righteousness is stranded times without number on the Rock of Ages or shoals of deliverance. How chilly the water as we sink beneath dark and troubled waters, when all His waves and billows roll over us and the sea weeds wrap about our heads, and when we are at the bottom of our mountain of pride, self-dependence and creature goodness, we cry by reason of such sore afflictions to the Lord of the storm. However raging every Gallilee is the Master of the stranded ship is abundantly able to calm every storm, with "His peace be still," All these swellings of the Jordan will not, cannot drown one of His little ones. The sole purpose of these storms is to show us our great need and keen appreciation of His loving words of cheer. When we are thus cast down, we then welcome this message, "Be of good cheer," from our Lord and Master.

The Elders, visiting us, have brought us this message and encouragement. We are thankful to our Lord and Master for sending us His messengers, laden with the heavenly news, His word hath not returned void, but has built us up in the faith of God's elect.

The weather has been cool and bracing, the order all that could be wished, considering the great crowd in attendance, especially Sunday, there being about 5000 souls present.

The brethren and friends of church and community responded heartily and cordially to the occasion, and provided bountifully for the meeting.

The next session of our Association meets with the church at Robersonville, Martin county, N. C. Elder N. H. Harrison being appointed to preach the introductory sermon.

ELDER SYLVESTER HASSELL, Mod,

B. S. COWING, Clerk.

LIST OF MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

N. H. Harrison, Pinetown, N. C., Rt. 2.
Sylvester Hassell, Williamston, N. C.
J. W. Johnson Whitakers, N. C.
W. B. Strickland, Hobgood, N. C.
J. N. Rogerson, Williamston, N. C., Rt. 2.
A. J. Moore, Whitakers, N. C.
W. H. Leggett, Battlesboro, N. C.
H. D. Jenkins, Robersonville, N. C.
J. A. Shaw, Elizabeth City, N. C.
J. C. Moore, Whitakers, N. C.
D. W. Topping, Pantego, N. C.
E. C. Stone, Tarboro, N. C.
B. S. Cowing, Williamston, N. C., Rt. 2.
W. B. Harrington, Jamesville, N. C.
T. R. Sawyer, Bell Haven, N. C.

LIST OF LICENTIATES.

J. W. Harrison, Plymouth, N. C.
W. E. Grimes, Sharpsburg, N. C.
T. F. Holladia, Columbia, N. C.
A. B. Denson, Rocky Mount, N. C.
W. B. Atkins, Heathville, N. C.
M. D. Twiford, East Lake, N. C.
J. B. Harrell, Oak City, N. C.
J. B. Ambrose, Creswell, N. C.
W. M. Stubbs, Pinetown, N. C.

LIST OF CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Bear Grass—J. H. D. Peele, Williamston, Rt. 2.
Bethlehem (Tyrrell)—C. H. Davenport, Columbia, N. C.,
Route 1.
Bethlehem (Pasquotank)—W. H. Keaton, Elizabeth City,
N. C.
Beulah—J. W. Lupton, Scranton, N. C.
Briery Swamp—G. N. Warren, Whichards, N. C.
Conetoe—D. W. Cobb, Tarboro, N. C.
Concord—A. W. Ambrose, Creswell, N. C.
Conoho—N. M. Worsley, Oak City, N. C.
Coinjock—Pierce Hampton, Water Lilley, N. C.
Cross Roads—W. H. Ward, Bethel, N. C.
Deep Creek—J. N. Phelps, Scotland Neck, N. C.

Falls Tar River—I. W. Bass, Wilson, N. C.
 Flat Swamp, J. Alexander Robuck, Robersonville, N. C.
 Flatty Creek—W. W. Eaves, Weeksville, N. C.
 Great Swamp—E. S. Phelps, Grimesland, N. C.
 Hopeland—Jarret White, Whitakers, N. C.
 Hamilton—Jesse Johnson, Robersonville, N. C.
 Jamesville—J. B. Allen, Jamesville, N. C.
 Kehukee—B. I. Allsbrook, Scotland Neck, N. C.
 Lawrence—A. Strickland, Scotland Neck, N. C.
 Lebanon—Wilson B. Harrell, East Lake, N. C.
 Morattock—W. B. Clifton, Plymouth, N. C.
 Mt. Zion—Robert Ausborn,, Hobgood, N. C.
 North Creek—J. C. Smith, Bath, N. C., Rt. 1.
 Providence—Fred Perry, Kitty Hawk, N. C.
 Pungo—John Carter, Pungo, N. C.
 Rocky Swamp—J. H. Warren, Heathville, N. C.
 Singleton—D. T. Ross, Washington, N. C.
 Skewarkey—Eli Taylor, Williamston, N. C.
 South Matamuskeet—D. M. Carowan, Swan Quarter, N.
 C., Rt. 2.
 South Quay—Mrs. M. J. Rawls, Franklin, Va.
 Sparta—G. A. Stancil, Tarboro, N. C.
 Smithwicks Creek—W. H. Daniel, Jamesville, N. C.
 Spring Green—S. L. Grimes, Robersonville, N. C.
 Salem—B. B. Ricks, Whitakers, N. C.
 Tarboro—B. J. Thigpen, Tarboro, N. C.
 Williams—W. W. Vick, Battleboro, N. C.
 White Plains—H. N. Waters, Pinetown, N. C.
 Norfolk—W. E. Brickhouse, Norfolk, Va.
 Robersonville—R. A. Baily, Robersonville, N. C.

OBITUARY OF ELDER McP. SMITH

By request of his widow and for the comfort of his family we will try in our weakness and inability to write an obituary notice of our deceased and much esteemed brother Elder M. P. Smith. He was the son of Malachi R. and Louisa J. Smith, born and reared on a farm near Robinsonville, Martin county, N. C., his father died the second year of the civil war leaving his mother and seven children to fight the battle of life at one of the most critical times of their lives, the remainder of and just after the war between the States.

He was an industrious, hard working man and lived up to the scriptural injunction to eat bread by the sweat of his face. His mother was a member of the Primitive Baptist church at Spring Green where her son-in-law Elder G. D. Roberson, was pastor (his first wife being Elder Smith's oldest sister.) He had three sisters, all of whom joined the church of the same faith as his and their mother.

(We don't think we ever knew any one that was more meek, humble and submissive, in fact he was too good for he had his human nature and we believe a Jerusalem sinner saved by grace.

Elder Smith when quite a young man became very seriously concerned about his future welfare, feeling himself a sinner, a condemned sinner, a hell deserving sinner, and had a very pungent conviction and marvelous deliverance. Some few years after uniting with the church he became burdened with the word, and was impressed to talk in public, relating his feelings to the church, was liberated the first Saturday in May, 1889, to exercise his gift and was ordained a gospel minister the first Sunday in June 1899, by a presbytery composed of Elders G. D. Roberson and Samuel Moore.

Although Elder Smith was not as able expounder of the word as some yet he was a good preacher and sound in the faith that was once delivered unto the Saints. Elder Smith was born of respectable parents March 11th, 1858 and joined the Primitive Baptist church at Flat Swamp on Saturday before the first Sunday in September, 1882, and was baptized the next day by Elder G. D. Roberson. He was married to sister Bettie E. Ross, daughter of James and sister Margaret E. Ross, also niece of W. A., J. L., and S. R. Ross the first Sunday in January, 1883, to which union were born three children, all girls, two having died very young, leaving one daughter, her husband and two children with her mother to mourn their loss, but we feel that their loss is His eternal gain, for he lived in the faith of God's elect, preaching and praying on his death bed. For several years before his death he was very hard of hearing and could not enjoy preaching as he wished to on that account, his mind also became impaired or rather his recollection was such that he could not retain what he knew and for that reason had about stopped preaching.

He departed this life at 2:30 o'clock P. M. December 30, 1915, being 57 years, nine months and 19 days old, and was laid to rest in the family cemetery beside his two small children on the last day of the year, 1915 to await the resurrection of the body when it will be fashioned like the body of his crucified Redeemer. His funeral was preached by Elder B. S. Cowin, his pastor, assisted by Elder J. N. Rogerson, to a large concourse of people, brethren sisters and friends in the church at Robersonville to which he belonged.

Hoping the Lord will be with his loved ones in their sad bereavement and enable us all to live to the glory of God and in the triumphant of His Son Jesus Christ, is the desire of the undersigned.

D. F. ROBERSON,
J. L. ROBERTSON.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	County Situated	Names of Messengers	No Meeting	Baptized	Rec. by Let.	Dis. by Let.	Restored	Deceased	Excluded	Contribution	Total
(Absentees Marked *)											
Bear Grass	Martin	Eld. J. N. Rogerson, Samuel Rogerson	3				1	2		1.50	71
Bethlehem	Tyrell	N. Phelps, C. C. Reynolds	3	1						1.00	30
Bethlehem	Pasquotank	Archer Davenport	1		1			1		.50	16
Deulah	Hyde	Eld. E. E. Lundy	4							1.50	29
Briery Swamp	Pitt	J. S. Overton, G. N. Warren	2					1	1	1.00	25
Concord	Washington	J. B. Ambrose, W. E. White	4		3			3		1.00	32
Conoho	Martin	J. B. Harrell, N. M. Worsley	3	1				2		1.00	47
Conetoe	Edgecombe	Eld. Sylvester Hassell, D. W. Cobb*	3						1	1.00	8
Coinjock	Currituck	No Intelligence									
Cross Roads	Edgecombe	Eld. E. C. Stone, W. H. Ward*	2							.50	11
Deep Creek	Halifax	E. W. Moore, B. W. Leggett	2					2		.50	10
Falls Tar River ...	Nash	A. B. Denson, Jesse Brake	2	1			1	8	1	4.00	134
Flat Swamp	Martin	B. A. House, S. H. Robuck	1	4				4		1.50	47
Flatty Creek	Pasquotank	Wm. Lowry, G. B. Davis*	4					1	8	1.00	20
Great Swamp	Pitt	E. S. Phelps, J. G. Allen	4	1						.50	18
Hamilton	Martin	Jesse Johnson	1							.50	9
Hopeland	Nash	Eld. J. C. Moore, H. L. Adcock	1	1		2		1	3	1.50	16
Jamesville	Martin	J. E. Riddick, Ed. Smith*	1							.50	16
Kekukee	Halifax	B. I. Allsbrook, G. L. House	3	2				2		2.00	42
Lawrence	Edgecombe	A. Strickland, N. E. Staton	4						2	2.00	22

STATISTICAL TABLE, Continued

Lothron	Dare	Eld. E. E. Lundy	2	3			1	1	1.00	16
Mt. Zion	Halifax	Eld. W. B. Strickland, A. M. Hyman	1	1		1			.50	43
Morattock	Washington	W. B. Clifton, J. W. Harricon	3						1.00	38
North Creek	Beaufort	D. W. Topping, J. W. Smith	3	8			2		1.00	22
Norfolk	Norfolk, Va	Eld. J. A. Shaw	3		2	1			.50	18
Providence	Currituck	Eld. E. E. Lundy, B. L. Tillet*	4					1	1.00	54
Pungo	Beaufort	Joseph W. Paul, Daniel Paul	2					1	1.00	17
Robersonville	Martin	D. F. Roberson, R. A. Bailey	1					2	1.00	32
Rocky Swamp	Halifax	J. H. Warren, R. E. Atkins	2						1.00	23
Singleton	Beaufort	H. T. Stewart, D. T. Ross	2		1				1.50	16
Skewarkey	Martin	Eld. S. Hassell, Eli. Taylor	2	1				1	2.00	43
South Matamuskeet	Hyde	Eld. E. E. Lundy, C. F. Benson	1					1	1.50	5
Salem	Nash	No Intelligence								
South Quay	S. Hampton, Va	No Intelligence								
Sparta	Edgecombe	Sue Moore W. E. Moore	4						.50	15
Smithwick's Creek	Martin	Kader Lilley, W. H. Daniel	4	2		1		3	2.00	89
Spring Green	Martin	S. L. Grimes, R. L. Taylor	4	2				3	1.50	57
Tarboro	Edgecombe	Eld. E. C. Stone*, B. J. Thigpen	1	1		1		2	1.50	45
White Plains	Beaufort	Raymond B. Waters, Henry C. Bowen	1	1				2	1.00	56
Williams	Edgecombe	W. W. Vick, J. J. Pitman	3	2	1			3	1.00	36



