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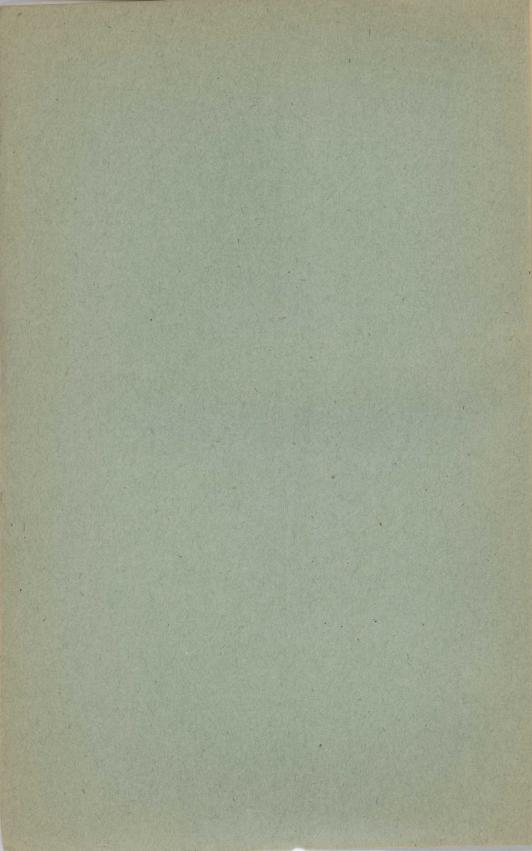
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October 21, 22, & 23, 1910.

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. C. Hooks from Matthew 17:5.

2. After a short intermission the messengers from the several churches assembled and the Association was opened by praise and prayer by Elder Isaac Jones, after which the Association proceeded to business.

3. On motion Elder P. D. Gold was chosen moderator and Elder J. F. Farmer, clerk, who called to assistance Bro. R. H. Boswell.

4. On motion visiting brethren and messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats with us.

5. Elders W. B. Williams and J. T. Coats were appointed to occupy the stand for the day. Elder W: B. Williams preached from Matt. 10:20 and Elder J. T. Coats from John 11:35; Elder P. D. Gold, (at night) from Romans 5:14.

6. Brethren W. M. Boykin and J. M. Burnett were appointed a committee on finance.

7. Letters were called for and read from 16 churches.

8. Petitionary letters were called for, none presented.

9. Called for corresponding letters and messengers from sister Associations.

From Contentnea: Elder W. B. Williams, messenger; Eld. C. C. Bland, etc., visitors.

From Little River: Elder J. H. Johnson, Bro. L. P. B. Lee and J. T. Hinton and R. E. Andrews, Elder J. T. Coats, etc., visitors.

From Kehukee: Minutes and I. W. Bass, messenger, L. M. Hamilton *C. corrected memo. and Elder J. A. Shaw, W. H. Ward, visitors.

From Seven Mile: Minutes.

From Upper Country Line: Minutes and Elder L. H. Hardy.

From White Oak: Elder Isaac Jones.

On motion it was agreed that Elder P. D. Gold write the obituary of Elder Wm. Woodard to be recorded in our book. Also that the obituaries of Eld rs J. D. Scott and J. T. Edgerton be recorded in our book.

From Mill Branch.

From Baltimore: Elder J. F. Farmer and L. M. Hamilton and minutes.

From Warwick : Elder J. F. Farmer and minutes.

Lower Country Line: G. C. Farthing and Minutes.

From Delaware: Minutes and Elder J. F. Farmer and

L. M. Hamilton.

From Delaware River: Minutes and Elder J. F. Farmer and L. M. Hamilton.

From Mayo: Minutes.

From Abbotts Creek: Minutes.

10. Appointed our next annual session to convene with the church at Mill Branch to commence Friday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1911, at 11 o'clock a. m., Elder J. F. Farmer to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder P. D. Gold to be his alternate.

11. The following brethren were appointed as messengers to sister Associations with whom we correspond:

To Contentnea: Amos Hayes; To Kehukee, J. M. Burnett and R. Deal; To Little River, R. G. Pittman, U. W. Boykin; To Upper Country Line, minutes and Elder P. D. Gold; To White Oak, J. F. Farmer; To Seven Mile, R. L. Scott; To Lower Country Line, Minutes and Elder P. D. Gold and J. T. Hooks; To Mill Branch, Elder G. W. Burwell, Benj. Renfrow; To Baltimore, Minutes; To Delaware, Delaware Riv,r, Warwick, Abbotts Creek, minutes.

12. Appointed Elders J. H. Johnson, J. A. Shaw, and L. H. Hardy and C. C. Bland to preach at the Stand on Saturday also Elders L. H. Hardy and Isaac Jones to preach at the stand on Sunday.

13. The names of messengers were called and the names of absentees marked in the statistical table.

14. The messengers appointed at our last Association to visit sister associations were called upon to make their reports. Their reports were satisfactory, and those who failed to attend were excused by the Association.

Total	\$83.50
Expenditures.	
Printing Minutes and Postage for same.	.\$20.00
Allowed clerk for his services	. 10.00
Given to visiting ministers	. 42.00
Total	\$72.00
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Balance on hand	\$11.50

16. Report received and committee discharged.

17. Agreed that the Constitution and Rules of Decorum be printed with these minutes.

18. In asmuch as all of our business is transacted on Friday, it is hereby agreed that any messenger from any church or Association failing to attend on Friday may make his report to the clerk, who is authorized to receive and record same.

19. The clerk is authorized to have 1,500 copies of these minutes printed and distributed among the churches and Associations with whom we correspond, record one in our records and that he be allowed \$10 for his services.

20. On motion the following brethren were appointed to preserve order during the services on Saturday and Sunday: G. W. Stallingh and Macon Brantley, W. B. Walker.

21. These minutes were read and approved after which the Association adjourned to meet again at the time and place appointed for our next annual session, with praise by the moderator.

ELDER P. D. GOLD, Moderator.

ELDER J. F. FARMER, Clerk.

R. H. BOSWELL, Assistant Clerk.

Saturday, October 22, 1910.

Preaching today by Elders J. H. Johnson: Text Isaih 42:15-16, J. A. Shaw, Sol. Songs 2-14.; L. H. Hardy, Psalms 133 chapter; C. C. Bland 2nd Cor. 4-17 and 18. Tonight Elds. W. B. Williams, General Remarks; Elder Isaac Jones, text Jonah 2-9.

Sunday October 23rd, 1910.

Preaching today by Elders L. H. Hardy, text Psalms 46 chapter, and Elder Isaac Jones Psalms 89-15.

The Moderator dismissed the Association, returning thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends for their kind hospitality extended to us during the Association.

Churches, Clerks and Their P. O. Addresses.

Aycocks-Wm. Ricks, Fremont, N. C.

Beaulah-A. B. Atkinson, Kenly, N. C.

Contentnea-F. W. Boswell, R. F. D., No. 3.

Creech's-W. J. Stancil, Kenly, N. C.

Cross Roads-C. L. Gurley, Jr., Princeton, N. C.

Dudley-W. H. Burch, Mt. Olive, N. C.

Goldsboro-A. H. Toler, Goldsboro, N. C.

Healthy Plains-W. F. Boykin-Simms, N. C., R. F. D. 1. Memorial-W. T. Hales, Pikeville, N. C.

New Chapel-I S. Smith, Goldsboro, R. F. No. 1.

Mill Branch-T. J. Robbins, Elm City, N. C. R. F. D. 2.

Lower Black Creek-Amos Hays, Wilson, N. C.

Nashville-W. G. Edwards, Rocky Mount, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2.

Peach Tree-W. G. Walker, Spring Hope, N. C.

Scotts-I. A. Lamm, Lucama, N. C.

Toisnot-J. B. Farmer, Wilson, N. C.

Upper Black Creek-Thomas Ferrell, Lucama, N. C.

White Oak-H. S. Ward, Walstonsburg, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2.

Churches, Pastors, P. O., and Time of Holding Quarterly Meetings.

Aycocks-Elder J. C. Hooks, Fremont, Sept. 4th Sunday. Beulah-Elder J. T. Collier, Kenly, Sept. 3rd Sunday.

Contentnea-Elder G. W. Boswell, October 3rd Sunday, Wilson, R. F. D. 3.

Creech's-Elder J. T. Collier, Aug. 1st Sunday.

Cross Roads-Elder J. W. Gardner, Sept 4th Sunday, Goldsboro.

Dudley—Bro. J. B. Roberts, August 1st Sunday, Goldsboro. Goldsboro—Elder J. W. Gardner, June 1st, Goldsboro.

Healthy Plains, Elder G. W. Boswell, Aug. 2nd Sunday.

Memorial-Elder J. C. Hooks, Oct. 1st Sunday.

Mill Branch-Elder M. B. Williford, Aug. 1st Sunday, Rocky Mount.

Lower Black Creek—Elder J. C. Hooks, September 2nd Sunday.

Nashville—Elder M. B. Williford, September 4th Sunday. New Chapel—None. Sept. 2nd Sunday.

Peach Tree—Elder G. W. Abrams, Aug. 2nd Sunday Nashville, R. F. D. 4.

Scotts-Elder G. W. Boswell, October 1st Sunday.

Toisnot-Elder P. D. Gold, Aug. 4th Sunday, Wilson.

Upper Black Creek-Elder G. W. Boswell, Sept. 4th Sunday.

White Oak-None, August 1st Sunday.

Ministers and Their P. O. Addresses.

Elder G. W. Boswell, Wilson, N. C., R. F. D., No. 2. Elder J. T. Collier, Kenly, N. C. Elder J. F. Farmer, Wilson, N. C. Elder Thomas Felton, Wilson, N. C., R. F. D. 4.

Elder P. D. Gold, Wilson, N. C.

Elder J. C. Hooks, Fremont, N. C.

Elder James S. Woodard, Wilson, N. C.

Elder M. B. Williford; Rocky Mount, N. C.

Licentiates.

Brother Jesse Barnes, Lucama, N. C. R. F. D.

Bro. R. H. Boswell, Wilson, N. C., R. F. D. 3.

Bro. Thomas Clark, Fremont, N. C.

Bro. Joshua B. Farmer, Wilson, N. C.

Bro. J. T. Spencer, Lucama, N. C., R. F. D. 1.

Bro. T. H. B. Pridgen, Rocky Mount, R. F. D. 1.

Elder William Woodard.

Having been appointed by our Association to write an obituary notice of this beloved brother I undertake the task. Though there is no lack of material of the best kind I feel unequal for this labor of love.

Elder Woodard was so full of noble traits, so well balanced, and so faithfully employed in his divine Marter's service that no words or thoughts I can use will fully set them forth.

Having known him about forty years, and esteem and love for him increasing all that time, and loving him from the very first day I saw him. it is not possible for my feeble thoughts to emblazon his noble character in its true likeness.

Had he lived until the 6th of November, 1910, he would have been four score years of age. He fell asleep September 11th, 1910. His father and mother were of good stock, and Primitive Baptists. His father passed away while his son William was young. It fell upon his mother, a most gifted woman and mother in Israel, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

As a citizen he was public Spirited, truthful, industrious, an excellent farmer, and successful in business.

He was a kind neighbor and good husband, and a father much beloved by his children. The Lord blessed him with two prudent wives.

When about forty years of age it came into his mind to visit his people. When I first met him at Old Town Creek he was distressed about his condition. Soon thereafter the Lord showed Israel to him. Not confering with flesh and blood he arose that day and declared to the church at Toisnot, Wilson County, N. C., the day the Lord appeared to him, it being on Tuesday after the 4th Sunday in May, 1870. Soon he began to speak of the burning bush and the fire shut up in his bones, and was licensed to preach Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1872 and was ordained by Elders Jesse Baker and P. D. Gold, on Saturdray before the 4th Sunday in December 1873.

It was manifest to Israel that he had a useful gift. His character, his walk of uprightness, his spirit and manner as a framework, in which appeared and shone the preaching gift of the Lord Jesus, as apples of gold in pictures of silver, so that for about forty years he walked out, lived out and exemplified the religion of the Lord Jesus so sweetly and comfortably to the saints that all took knowledge of him that he had been with Jesus and learned of Him. For he preached Jesus and the resurrection.

He was one of our most useful preachers. All-believer and unbeliever holding him in the greatest esteem.

Until burdened with the infirmities of age he served churches faithfully, and his labors were greatly blest. For love was his theme, and he was greatly beloved eating of that which he had sown.

When his work was finished he passed away quickly telling his family to pray that he might depart, for he did not want to suffer, nor be a burden to others, and gently humble as a little child he fell asleep in Jesus, and is present with the Lord.

P. D. GOLD.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Article 1. This association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2. The moderator and the clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the moderator, till he is done speaking.

Art. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and nowise reflect on any person who spoke before, so as to make

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remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the association without liberty from the association.

Art. 8. No member of this association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whisper in the time of a public speech.

Art. 9. No member of this association shall address another in any term or appellation than that of brother.

Art. 10. The moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives light on the subject except he break the rules of this decorum.

Art. 11. The names of the several members of this association shall b_{\cdot} enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the association requires.

Art. 12. The moderator shall be the last person who shall speak to the subject who may give his opinion if he chooses before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the association be equally divided.

Art. 13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of the rules shall be reproved by the association as they may think proper.

Constitution and Articles of Faith.

From a long series of experiences, we, the churches of Jesus Christ being regularly baptized upon upon a profession of our faith in Christ, and convinced of the necessity of the constitution of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in unison. We therefore propose to maintain and keeq the order and rules of our association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

Article 1. The association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, duly sent to represent them in this association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose, and upon producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this constitution.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall

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be expressed: Their numbers in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, and dead since our last association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and conveyed shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor they shall infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.

Art. 4. The association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The association shall have a moderator and elerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the association, and manifested by the moderator giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in this association by not to exceed three of the members.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any member of the association shall be twice read, and if there be a majority for its being debated it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 10. The association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of this association. The best method of effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this association, shall be deposited in the hands of a terasurer appointed by the association, who shall be accountable to the association for all moneys by him received and paid out according to the direction of the association.

Art. 12. The minutes of this association when printed, shall be regularly filed by him in a book kept for the use of the association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each association.

Art. 13. The minutes of this association shall be read and corrected if need be, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the association rises.

Art. 14. Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 15. The association shall have power: 1, to provide for the general rule of churches, 2, to preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the churches, 3, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty: 4. to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this association; 5(to appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for an association fund to any purpose strictly connected with this association; 6, to appoint any member or members by and with their consent to contract any business which they may see necessary; 7, the association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; 8, to admit any of the distant brethren of the ministry who may be present at the time of its sitting whom it shall judge necessary; 9, the association shall have power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches in this union.

Art. 16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our association establishing societies for the collection of money, or who may himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever.. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible, Tract, or Sunday School union societies, nor advocates of theological schools, nor any person who does fellowship them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

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