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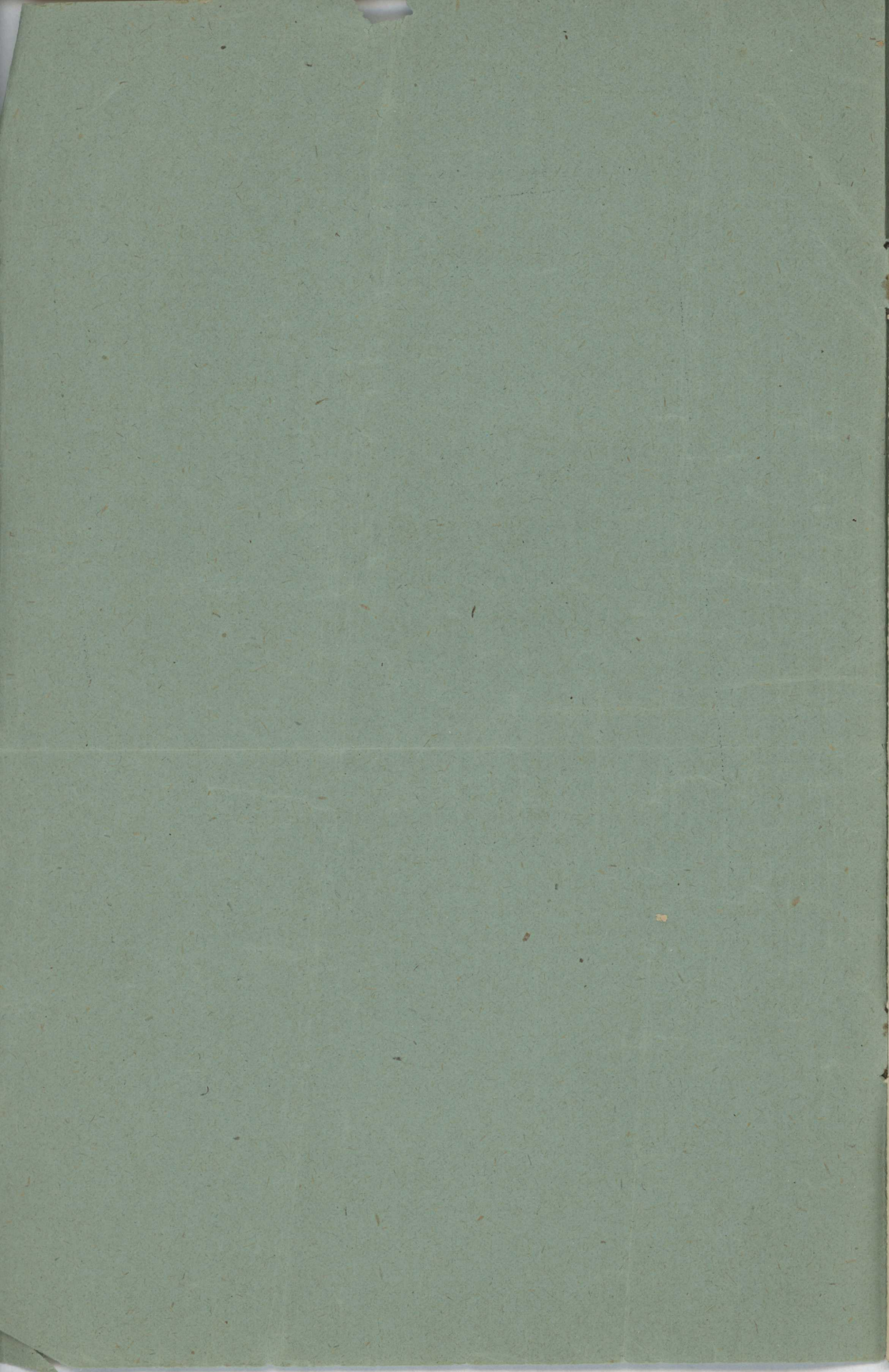
**Upper Country Line
Association**

HELD WITH THE

Church at Reidsville
Rockingham County, N. C.

August 15th, 16th and 17th, 1908

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PROCEEDINGS

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder P. D. Gold from John 12:21.

2. The association convened, and, it having pleased the Lord in his wise providence to take from us our former clerk and dear brother, R. T. Williams, brother S. J. Hall was chosen clerk.

3. The association was then opened by praise and prayer by Elder G. D. Roberson.

4. Elder L. H. Hardy was chosen moderator.

5. Elders O. J. Denny and W. A. Simpkins were chosen to preach to the people this afternoon, and Elders J. A. Monsees, J. W. Wyatt and W. J. Heard to preach at night in the several churches of the town.

6. Correspondents and visitors from sister associations and churches were invited to seats with us. The following were received:

From Little River—Minutes and Elders W. A. Simpkins, J. E. Adams and Brother S. D. Coly.

From Black Creek—Minutes and Elder P. D. Gold and Brother O. L. Yelverton.

From Fishers River—Minutes and Elders J. A. Ashburn and G. O. Key.

From White Oak—Minutes and Elder Isaae Jones.

From Mayo—Minutes and Elders J. F. Spangler, J. W. Flinchum, Brother J. W. Hutchin and others.

From Lower Country Line—Minutes and brethren H. E. Satterfield, J. A. Carver, H. J. Rogers, G. C. Farthing and D. R. Clayton.

From Kehukee—Minutes and Elder G. D. Roberson.

From Abotts Creek—Minutes and Elders P. W. Williard, W. M. Monsees, C. A. Davis, Brethren W. L. Bouldin and others.

Durham Association (Colored)—Minutes.

From Contentnea—Minutes and Elder D. A. Mewborn, and Brother E. A. Stanfield.

From Pig River—Minutes and Elder B. L. Stultz.

From Smith's River—No intelligence.

From Staunton River—Minutes and Elders N. T. Oaks, E. C. Oaks, and Brethren W. H. Wilson, J. W. Tompkins and others.

From New River—Minutes.

Elders W. J. Heard and J. A. Monsees were present as visitors from the Echeconnee Association of Georgia, and Elders O. J. Denny, C. F. Denny and Brethren J. H. Cowles, Levi Harriss and others were visitors from the Primitive Baptist church in Greensboro.

7. The messengers of Reidsville church with the moderator and clerk were chosen the committee of arrangements, and Brethren A. J. Lambeth and T. A. Stanfield the committee of finance.

8. The letters from the several churches composing this association were read and their standing recorded in the statistical table.

9. The circular letter written by Brother J. W. Gilliam was called for, read, received and ordered printed with these minutes.

10. Petitionary letters were called for. One was handed in from Oak Grove Primitive Baptist church in Caswell county, N. C., with Brethren J. W. Wattington and R. H. Jones as messengers. This church was received and enrolled with our churches.

11. The association adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m., on Monday with benediction by Elder W. J. Heard.

The elders chosen filled their appointments on this afternoon and at night.

SUNDAY MORNING AUGUST 16.

Elders W. J. Heard, D. A. Mewborn, N. T. Oats, P. D. Gold, J. A. Monsees, Isaac Jones, B. L. Stultz, E. C. Oaks, C. F. Denny, G. O. Key, J. A. Ashburn, W. A. Simpkins, J. E. Adams, G. D. Roberson, and J. F. Spangler preached in the several churches of the town accordingly as they had been chosen to do. They filled their appointments acceptably and to the praise of the Lord. Bless His holy name for His unspeakable gift by Jesus Christ our Lord.

MONDAY MORNING AUGUST 17.

The association met at 9 o'clock according to adjournment, and after singing and prayer by Elder J. A. Ashburn, proceeded to business.

2. Elders J. W. Flinchum and C. A. Davis, were chosen to preach this morning.

3 Messengers appointed last year to visit sister associations were called on to report. Some of them attended and the rest were excused.

4. Messengers were appointed to visit sister associations at their next session as follows:

Little River—Elder T. W. Walker.

Kehukee—Elder T. W. Walker.

Mayo—Elder T. W. Walker, and Brother G. W. Carter.

Contentnea—Elders T. W. Walker and L. H. Hardy.

White Oak—Elder T. W. Walker.

Black Creek—Elders T. W. Walker and L. H. Hardy.

Staunton River—Minutes.

Pig River—Minutes.

Lower Country Line—Brethren W. P. Warren, A. J. Lambeth and S. J. Hall.

Fishers River—Minutes.

Smiths River—Minutes.

New River—Minutes.

✓ Durham Association (Colored)—Minutes.

5. Brother G. W. Carter was requested to write a circular letter to be read at our next association on Saturday.

6. It was agreed that our next associaion be held with the church at Gilliams, Alamance county, N. C., to begin at 11 o'clock a. m., on Saturday before the third Sunday in August 1909; and that Elder L. H. Hardy preach the introductory sermon and that Elder W. C. Jones be his alternate.

7. It was agreed that a section meeting be held with the church at Lynch's Creek on Friday before the first Sunday in April 1909, and that Elders J. P. Johnson, Y. C. Chandler and B. B. McKinney be requested to attend. And that another be held with the church at Moon's Creek, Friday before the third Sunday in May 1909; and that Elders

W. C. Jones, B. B. McKinney and T. W. Walker be requested to attend.

8. The finance committee was called to report, which report is as follows:

Received from the churches this year:
For Minutes.....\$28.00
For Visiting Ministers..... 37.15
The report was received and the committee discharged.
Paid for printing for these minutes and mailing
them\$18.00
Clerks Fee 10.00
Distributed among our visiting ministers..... 37.15

and some other small amounts which were handed into the committee.

Note—Several dollars of the money for minutes was made up by the messengers, Brother Gold giving \$1.70 of this. Our churches should take notice of this and send in a sufficient amount to pay the expenses. If each member of each church would give just what he or she is willing to send to the association and when all is paid in let that be the amount sent. Then let the expenses be paid and any remainder be divided among our visiting ministers.

9. Our clerk was instructed to have one thousand copies of these minutes printed and distributed among the churches composing this body and among the association with which we correspond, and that he receive ten dollars for his services.

10. Some memorials and resolutions were read, adopted and ordered printed with these minutes.

11. The minutes were read and approved by the association.

12. The association adjourned by prayer and thanksgiving by Elder P. D. Gold.

L. H. HARDY, Moderator, Reidsville, N. C.
S. J. HALL, Clerk, Cedar Grove, N. C.

MAILING LIST TO THE CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.

Arbor, 63—J. E. Simmons, Fitch, N. C., R. 1.

Big Meadow, 22—Elder W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C.

Burlington, 19—C. B. Tillman, Burlington,
Country Line, 9—Elder Y. I. Chandler, Fitchburg, N. C.
Dan River, 23—J. T. Martin, Oregon, N. C.
Gilliams' 16—J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C.
Harmony, 17—W. A. Ward, Stainback.
Lick Fork, 38—R. D. Harris, McIver, N. C., R. 1.
Lynch's Creek, 12—W. R. Hawkins, Cedar Grove, N. C.
McCray, 12—J. Brooks, Burlington, N. C.
Moons Creek, 14—J. R. Travis, Gatewood, N. C.
Pleasant Grove, 42—T. A. Stanfield, McIver, N. C.
Prospect Hill, 39—S. J. Hall, Cedar Grove, N. C.
Reidsville, 22—E. R. Harris, Reidsville, N. C.
Wolf Island, 70—R. L. Sneed, Reidsville, N. C.
Oak Grove, 6—J. W. Wattington, Yanceyville, N. C.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

Dear Brethren, Composing the Upper Country Line Primitive Baptist Association:

Having been chosen at our last association to prepare a circular letter to be read at this association for your consideration, I have endeavored to comply.

Dear Brethren, when we have met to worship the Lord in an associated capacity, it should be the desire of each of us that the Lord will bless us with his mercy and grace, and be our great moderator and that he lead us in wisdom's ways, and grant us harmony and peace throughout our association.

We read that "God is love." Therefore, if we be his children, it is reasonable that we love him, and also one another; for it is written "We love him because he first loved us," and we hope he has manifested himself to us as our father and a God full of mercy, grace, and truth; but who can not look upon sin with allowance.

Hence in our case, because of our transgression, a ransom was prepared, and in due time our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, as saith the apostle "Appeared in the end of the world to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself." We now hope he hath visited us, quickened us into newness of life, turned us about, removed us in the spirit of our minds, and hath shown us our creatureship, sin, and undone condition; and hath granted unto us a glimpse of his holiness, and hath shone us Jesus as our mediator, as the only acceptable offering for our sins; and hath filled our hearts with

love and Jones, B. F. hath made us to feel to join in with the Psalmist David, and, g. "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad." And thus he hath filled our hearts with praise; and hath granted us hope of eternal life by his resurrection from the grave, and of dwelling in his presence forever more.

Therefore in consideration of these wonderful blessings and manifestations, let us endeavor to do all things decently and in order, preferring one above another, as saith the apostle; and thus let love and peace abound, and desire the guidance of the Lord in all we do.

Respectfully submitted, this August, 15, 1908.

JOHN W. GILLIAM.

ELDER F. L. OAKLEY.

We, the undersigned, as your committee appointed to draft resolutions of respect to the memory of Elder F. L. Oakley to be attached to our minutes, do submit the following:

1 Resolved, that while at all times we should reverently bow to the providence of our heavenly Father, whose work is perfect, and whose gifts to the church whether great or small, are all good; yet we feel that in the removal by death of our beloved and highly esteemed brother, Elder F. L. Oakley, at his residence in Caswell county, N. C., on the first Sunday in January, 1908, we have parted with an able, much esteemed, and faithful minister of the gospel; one who has, as an under shepherd, passed in and out among us after a godly sort, good walk and godly conversation, for more than forty years, "feeding the flock," "knowing nothing among us only Jesus Christ and him crucified", as the only way or name given among men whereby we must be saved.

While his labors as pastor extended from time to time to a number of churches in the Country Line Association, his visits reached our neighboring association, and of him we feel safe in saying, "He has fought the good fight," and his armor is laid by; and the blessed expression of "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord," is his.

2. That a copy of these resolutions be attached to our minutes, and also that a copy be sent his widow, sister Oakley.

Respectfully submitted,

ELDER L. H. HARDY,
JOHN W. GILLIAM

Committee.

R. T. WILLIAMS.

Whereas, it hath pleased the judge of the whole earth to remove by death our capable and efficient clerk, Brother R. T. Williams; and whereas we feel that the association has sustained a great loss by the death of Brother Williams; now therefore, be it resolved:

1. That we bow in humble submission to the will of him that doeth all things well, is too wise to err and too good to be unkind.
2. That we extend to the family of our deceased brother our profound sympathy, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to them, and that they be printed in our minutes and spread on our records.

G. W. CARTER,
R. L. SNEED,
Committee.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

Resolved, that we extend our thanks to the several churches in Reidsville for the very generous loans of their church houses for our use during this session of our association.

Resolved, that we extend our thanks to our friends who have so generously helped us in entertaining our congregation during this meeting.

We very much regret that we were not able to supply all of them with the company they wished, and we pray the goodness of God on them.

ELDER L. H. HARDY, Moderator.
S. J. HALL, Clerk.

