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MINUTES
OF THE
148th Annual Session
OF THE
KEEHUKEE
Primitive Baptist Association
HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT
SPRING GREEN
Martin County, N. C.



Commencing on Saturday before the First Sunday in
October, 1913.

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PROCEEDINGS.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder B. S. Cowing, from 1st Cor. 15:1-11.

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 Brethren D. C. Moore and W. H. Daniel.

The following committees were appointed on arrangements of Preaching: The Moderator and the Clerk, and Brethren S. L. Grimes and R. L. Taylor. On Finance, Brethren B. I. Allsbrook and I. W. Bass.

The following Elders preached at the stand this P. M.: G. W. Stokes, from Math. 7:7, 8, and J. S. Corbett, from Psalms 107:8.

Letters from 38 churches were received and read and names of messengers and standing of churches enrolled in table of churches. Called for Correspondence, when the following were received:

White Oak—Elder E. E. Lundy, and minutes.

Contentnea—Elders G. W. Stokes and J. S. Corbett, and minutes.

Upper Country Line—Elder L. H. Hardy, and minutes.

Lower Country Line—Minutes.

Black Creek—Elder P. D. Gold and C. T. Eason, and minutes.

Little River—Minutes.

Baltimore—Minutes.

Senter District—Minutes.

Mayo—Minutes.

Mountain District—Minutes.

Mill Branch—Minutes.

Upatoie—Minutes.

New River—Minutes.

Corresponding Va.—Minutes.

Abbott's Creek—Minutes.

Warwick—Minutes.

Salisbury—Minutes.

Delaware River—Minutes.

Seven Mile—Minutes.

Salem—Minutes.

Eacheconnee—Minutes.

Staunton River—Minutes.

Fisher's River—Minutes.

Primitive Ebenezer—Minutes.

White Water—Minutes.

Ketockan Association, Va.—Elder E. E. Oliver, and minutes.

Elder J. C. Moore was appointed to write a corresponding letter to be attached to the minutes.

Petitionary letters called for. None presented.

It was agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Conoho, Martin County, and that Elder Sylvester Hassell preach the introductory sermon, and that B. S. Cowing 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.

Sunday, October 5th, 1913.

Elder L. H. Hardy preached first, from 1st Peter 1:3-5. Elder J. B. Hardy, from 1 Tim. 4:10.

Afternoon.

Elder E. E. Oliver, from 1 Tim. 2:5; Elder P. D. Gold, from Exodus 33:18-23.

Monday, October 6th, 1913.

Elder E. E. Lundy, from Isaiah 40:1, 2; Elder W. M. Monsees, from St. John 6:12.

The Association, pursuant to adjournment, met at 9 o'clock, and was opened with praise and prayer by Elder L. H. Hardy, and proceeded to business.

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

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

The Committee on Finance reported as follows:

In hands of Clerk at close of last Association.....	\$56.45
Paid for printing minutes this year.....	\$32.50
Paid Clerk's fees.....	15.00
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	\$47.50
Leaving a balance of.....	\$8.95
Which amount has not come into the hands of Clerk.	
Received from churches at this time.....	\$49.75
In hands of clerk at close of this Association.....	\$49.75

Report received and committee discharged.

The following brethren agreed to visit our sister Associations as messengers:

Upper Country Line—Minutes.

Lower Country Line—Minutes.

Baltimore—Minutes.

Contentnea—D. C. Moore, I. W. Bass and Elder Charles Maeds.

White Oak—Minutes.

Black Creek—Elder W. B. Strickland and I. W. Bass.

Abbott's Creek—Minutes.

Little River—I. W. Bass and Elder W. B. Strickland.

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

The following brethren agreed to preach for the church at South Quay, Va.: Elder Sylvester Hassell, in July.

Elder W. B. Strickland was appointed to write an obituary of Elder W. F. Staton; Elder D. W. Topping to write an obituary of Elder L. J. Deberry, and Elder Sylvester Hassell to write an obituary of Elder M. T. Lawrence.

It is agreed that any member of this Association being present at any of the Associations with which we correspond, be authorized to represent this Association.

Resolved 1st. That we return thanks to God as much as in us is for the excellent weather, peace and harmony of this Association; also the brethren, sisters and friends in this community for their liberal kindness and hospitality in the entertainment of this Association.

Resolved 2nd. That this Association discountenances, condemns and forbids all kinds of trading and misbehaviour on or around the Association grounds while in session, and will endeavor to punish the same to full extent of the law. And it recommends to the churches composing it that they have their places of worship incorporated and protected against lawlessness.

Agreed that our clerk have 2,500 copies of these minutes printed and distributed among the churches and 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 body it adjourned to the time appointed, with singing, and benediction by the moderator.

ELDER SYLVESTER HASSELL, Moderator.

B. S. COWING, Clerk.

W. H. DANIEL and D. C. MOORE, Asst. Clerks.

The 148th session of the Kehukee Primitive Baptist Association now in session with the church at Spring Green in Martin

County, N. C.

To the Associations with whom we correspond and to the brethren scattered abroad: Sendeth Greetings:—

Dear Brethren:—We are again blessed of the Lord to meet together in one of our annual Associations now in session with the church at Spring Green, Martin County, N. C., to see each other face to face, and hear the glorious gospel of Jesus and His love proclaimed by His ministers; who come from far and near, all speaking one and the same thing that salvation is of the Lord. Some of the fathers in Israel who have passed three score years and ten have preached with the vigor and ability of youth, leaving testimony to the power of God, Who enables them to bear fruit in old age to the honor and glory of His name.

The preaching has been in demonstration of the Spirit and in power, even in the younger gifts whom we've heard from abroad, can see and realize that God will not leave Himself without a witness.

Blessed with excellent weather and the kindness and hospitality of brethren and friends, the session thus far has been pleasant

We are made to say with Lavid, "One day in Thy courts is worth a thousand." After the Lord had delivered the children of Israel by His servant Joshua across the river Jordan into the promised land of Canaan; He commanded the twelve men chosen, to take up from the midst of the Jordan every man a stone on his shoulder accordng to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and he piled them in Gilgal as a memorial. "And he spake unto the children of Israel saying: when your children shall ask their fathers in time to come saying, What mean these stones? Then ye shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land." Joshua 4:21, 22.

Now, brethren, when we consider what great things the Lord hath done for us and His mercy and continual deliverancies, should we not also tell our children how that the Lord has been with us? Bring up your children in the fear and nurture of the Lord.

The next session of our body is appointed to be held with the church at Conoho in Martin County, N. C., when we hope to hear from you and meet you again.

ELDER SYLVESTER HASSELL, Moderator.

B. S. COWING, Clerk.

List of Ministers and Their Address.

- Elder J. I. Ambrose, Creswell, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2.
 Elder J. C. Moore, Whitakers, N. C.
 Elder C. G. Dowdy, Raleigh, N. C.
 Elder N. H. Harrison, Pinetown, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1.
 Elder Sylvester Hassell, Williamston, N. C.
 Elder J. W. Johnson, Whitakers, N. C.
 * M. D. Twifford, East Lake, N. C.
 Elder McP. Smith, Robersonville, N. C.
 Elder H. D. Jenkins, Robersonville, N. C.
 Elder Charles Meads, Weeksville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1
 Elder W. B. Strickland, Scotland Neck, N. C.
 Elder D. W. Topping, Pantego, N. C.
 Elder J. N. Rogerson, Williamston, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1
 Elder A. L. Harrison, Front Royal, Va.
 Elder A. J. Moore, Whitakers, N. C.
 Elder John A. Shaw, Elizabeth City, N. C.
 Elder W. H. Leggett, Baltimore, Md.
 Elder E. C. Stone, Tarboro, N. C.
 Elder B. S. Cowing, Williamston, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2.
 * G. W. Atkins, Heathville, N. C.

Licentiates marked *

List of Clerks To Be Attached to the Minutes.

- Bear Grass—J. H. D. Peel, Williamston, N. C., R. No. 2. Beth-
 lehem (Tyrrell)—C. H. Davenport, Columbia, N. C., R. No. 1. Beth-
 lehem (Pasquotank)—W. H. Keaton, Elizabeth City, N. C.
 Beulah—J. W. Lupton, Scranton, N. C., R. No. 1. Briery Swamp—
 G. N. Warren, Whichards, N. C. Conetoe—D. W. Cobb, Tarboro,
 N. C. Concord—A. W. Ambrose, Cresville, N. C., R. No. 2. Cono-
 ho—N. M. Worsley, Oak City, N. C. Coinjock—Pierce Hampton,
 Water Lilly, N. C. Cross Roads—Wm. H. Ward, Bethel, N. C.
 Cypress Grove—B. K. Davis, Leachville, N. C. Deep Creek—J. N.
 Phelps, Scotland Neck, N. C., R. No. 2. Elim—H. W. Scarboro,
 Harbinger, N. C. Falls Tar River—I. W. Bass, Rocky Mount, N.
 C. Flat Swamp—G. A. Robuck, Robersonville, N. C. Flatty
 Creek—W. W. Eves, Weeksville, N. C. Great Swamp—E. S. Phelps
 Greenville, N. C. Hopeland—Jarret White, Whitakers, N. C. Ham-
 ilton—Jesse Johnson, Robersonville, N. C. Jamesville—J. B. Allen,
 Jamesville, N. C. Kehukee—B. I. Allsbrook, Scotland Neck, N. C.
 Lawrence's—A. Strickland, Scotland Neck, N. C. Lebanon—Wil-
 son B. Harrell, East Lake, N. C. Moratock—A. J. Allen, Ply-
 mouth, N. C., R. No. 1. Mount Zion—Robert Ausborn, Hobgood, N.

C. North Creek—J. C. Smith, Bath, N. C., R. No. 1. Providence—
Fred Perry, Kitty Hawk, N. C. Pungo—John Carter, Pungo, N.
C. Rocky Swamp—J. H. Warren, Heathville, N. C. Sandy Grove
—S. C. Williams, Stanhope, N. C. Singleton—D. T. Ross, Washing-
ton, N. C. Skewarkey—Eli Taylor, Williamston, N. C. South
Mattamuskeet—C. F. Benson, Swan Quarter, N. C. South Quay—
G. A. Johnson, Franklin, Va. Sparta—G. A. Stancil, Tarboro, N.
C. Smithwick's Creek—W. H. Daniel, Jamesville, N. C. Spring
Green—S. L. Grimes, Robersonville, N. C. Salem—B. B. Ricks,
Whitakers, N. C., R. No. 5. Tarboro—D. T. Billups, Tarboro, N. C.
Williams—W. W. Vick, Battleboro, N. C. White Plains—H. N.
Waters, Pine Town, N. C. Norfolk—W. E. Brickhouse, Norfolk,
Va., R. No. 1. Robersonville—R. A. Baily, Robersonville, N. C.

ELDER W. F. STATON.

The son of William Staton and his wife, whose maiden name was Amanda Bell, was born in Halifax County, N. C., April 22, 1847, and died at his home in Scotland Neck, about 10 o'clock A. M., June 22, 1913.

He was married twice. First to Miss Kiddy Walston, January, 1867. To this union were born nine children, five of whom are living and four died in infancy. He was married the second time October 3, 1883, to Martha E. Allsbook, unto which union were born three children, all of whom are living. This dear brother united with the church at Lawrence's in either 1870 or 1871, and was baptized by Elder W. T. Bell, and after a short time was licensed to exercise his gift, which he continued to do until the church was fully satisfied that his gift was a gospel gift, then he was ordained a gospel minister, which he proved to be, and died strong in the faith and doctrine which he preached.

Brother Staton was a good citizen, a good neighbor, a kind husband and affectionate father. He was carried to Lawrence's church in Edgecombe County, for burial, and there I tried to preach his funeral according to his request, and our agreement we entered into years ago; that which ever of us survived the other he should preach his funeral and sing Hymn No. 382 at the grave while they were burying him. All was done in accordance with our agreement.

I hope to meet him again on the morning of the resurrection.

I was with him the same day he fell speechless, and we talked about our past lives in the ministry, how much we had enjoyed being together. He said, "There had never been anything between

us, but that the Lord had stopped him from preaching, so that he could not preach as he once did, but when he heard me preach the gospel he believed it as strong as he ever did and that it was the only doctrine that would save poor dying men."

I hope to meet him again in the resurrection, there where our vile bodies will be fashioned like the glorious body of our Lord Jesus Christ, and be carried to heaven where we will dwell together forever in the presence of God, our Saviour.

Written by one who loved him.

ELDER W. B. STRICKLAND,
Scotland Neck, N. C.

ELDER M. T. LAWRENCE.

Elder Micajah Thomas Lawrence, son of Joshua L. Lawrence and his wife, whose maiden name was Harriet Penelope Mayo, and grandson of Elder Joshua Lawrence, was born in Edgecombe County, N. C., July 23, 1848, and died at his home in Robersonville, Martin County, N. C., Thursday, June 26, 1913, about 5 P. M. He was married three times; first, Feb. 21, 1875, to Miss Alice V. House, who died Sept. 3, 1881; next, March 15, 1882, to Miss Linda L. House, who died June 16, 1889; and last, Octo 16, 1890, to Miss Naomi House, who survives him. He had eight children—four by his first wife; Hattie, the wife of Elder A. L. Harrison of Front Royal, Va.; Susie, who died in her 18th ear, and Alice Ruth Cobb and Thomas Allison, who died in infancy; three by his second wife; J. Thomas Lawrence, Willie B. Lawrence, and Mrs. Alice V. Cuthbertson, all of whom are living; and one by his last wife, Miss Bettie Lawrence, who died Sept. 11, 1908, at the age of 17 years.

Elder M. T. Lawrence was one of the best men, even from his youth. His teacher, Brother S. W. Outterbridge, of Robersonville, N. C., who is still living and in his 89th year, says that he never could see any wrong in him. At an early age he experienced conviction for sin, and sought justification by his own righteousness, but found no peace of conscience until he was led to believe in Jesus as his Divine Redeemer. He united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Conoho, Martin County, N. C., and was baptized by the pastor, Elder John W. Purvis, in 1873. Having impressions to preach, he was licensed in 1878, and ordained in 1880. By the Divine blessing, he built up the churches in Hamilton and Robersonville, and was pastor, not only of these two, but also of three other churches, Conoho, Briery Swamp, and Sparta. He was

for many years the efficient Clerk of the Kehukee Association. He represented Martin County in the Legislature of North Carolina in 1894 and 1896; and, during his canvass of the county, he preached in the neighborhood at night. He was one of the most excellent, sympathetic, useful, and beloved of our ministers, married numerous couples, preached many funerals, and visited and comforted the afflicted and distressed. Like Barnabas, he was "a son of consolation" (Acts 4:36). He had a fine delivery, and his preaching was able, clear, pleasant, and convincing. He was an unwavering believer in the full inspiration and infallibility of the Old and New Testament Scriptures; and his only hope of salvation was in the perfect righteousness and the atoning death of the Son of God.

The last fifteen years of his life he suffered very severely with gravel, for which he underwent two surgical operations, first in Baltimore, Md., and afterwards in Tarboro, N. C., and he was also slightly paralyzed about three years ago. He endured his great sufferings with Christian meekness and patience. He removed from Hamilton, N. C., to Robersonville, N. C., two years ago. The day before his death his mind wandered among the Scriptures and he quoted several passages, especially Matt. 5:16—"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." This commandment of his Lord he had lovingly obeyed; and it was his dying wish that others should do likewise. And he tried to sing praise to God. As I and the members of his family sat around his bed, he gently breathed his last, falling asleep, as we are assured, in Jesus, to awake in his likeness in the morning of the resurrection. In the presence of numerous relatives and friends, I held a short burial service at his grave in the Hamilton cemetery Friday afternoon, June 27th.

SYLVESTER HASSELL.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Names of Churches.	County Situated.	Names of Messengers.	Mon. Meetings	Baptized	Rec. by Letter	Dis. by Letter	Restored	Deceased	Excluded	Contributions	Total Mem.
Dear Grass.....	Martin.....	Elders J. N. Rogerson and B. S. Cowing.....	3	2	1	0	0	2	0	1.50	70
Bethlehem.....	Tyrrell.....	Micajah Phelps and J. A. Bodwell.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1.00	27
Bethlehem.....	Pasquotank.....	Andrew Davenport and W. H. Keaton.....	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	.50	10
Beulah.....	Hyde.....	Elder E. E. Lundy.....	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	.50	24
Briery Swamp.....	Pitt.....	G. N. Warren and Algernon Whichard.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.00	25
Concord.....	Washington.....	J. B. Ausborn and N. W. Ambrose.....	4	1	0	0	1	1	1	1.00	34
Conoho.....	Martin.....	J. B. Harrell, J. J. Long and N. M. Worsley...	3	1	0	3	1	3	0	1.00	56
Conetoe.....	Edgecombe.....	Sylvester Hassell and D. W. Cobb.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.50	10
Coinjock.....	Currituck.....	No intelligence.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	00
Cross Roads.....	Edgecombe.....	Elder E. C. Stone and W. H. Ward.....	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	.50	11
Cypress Grove.....	Hyde.....	No intelligence.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	00
Deep Creek.....	Halifax.....	Elder W. H. Leggett and J. N. Phelps.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1.00	16
Elim.....	Currituck.....	Elder Charles Meads.....	2	4	3	0	2	8	0	4.00	138
Falls Tar River....	Nash.....	H. L. Trevathan and I. W. Bass.....	2		3	0	2	8	0	4.00	138
Flat Swamp.....	Martin.....	H. D. Jenkins and B. A. House.....	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	1.50	42
Flatty Creek.....	Pasquotank.....	Eld. Chas. Meads and Wm. Lowry.....	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.00	28
Great Swamp.....	Pitt.....	D. C. Moore and E. S. Phelps.....	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	1.50	18
Hamilton.....	Martin.....	Jesse Johnson and Hezekiah Baker.....	1	0	1	1	0	2	0	.50	10

Hopeland	Nash	Elders A. J. Moore and J. C. Moore	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	1.50	64
Jamesville	Martin	J. B. Allen and J. B. Riddick	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1.00	20
Kehukee	Halifax	B. I. Allsbrook and T. L. House	3	0	2	1	0	2	1	2.00	29
Lawrence	Edgecombe	A Strickland and F. V. Staton	4	0	0	0	0	3	1	2.00	29
Lebanon	Dare	Elder E. E. Lundy	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	.50	16
Mount Zion	Halifax	Eld. W. B. Strickland and R. M. Osborne	1	0	0	1	0	r	0	1.00	23
Morattock	Washington	B. D. Bateman and W. B. Clifton	3	0	0	4	0	1	0	1.50	48
North Creek	Beaufort	D. Brinn and C. J. Marshlender	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	1.00	23
Norfolk	Norfolk, Va.	Elder J. A. Shaw	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.00	16
Providence	Currituck	Elder E. E. Lundy	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	1.50	60
Pungo	Beaufort	Joseph W. Paul and David C. Davis	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	1.00	21
Robersonville	Martin	J. L. Roberson and D. F. Roberson	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	1.00	36
Rocky Swamp	Halifax	C. J. Smith and J. D. Shearin	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1.00	24
Sandy Grove	Nash	Maddy Brantly	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	1.75	17
Singleton	Beaufort	S. C. Williams and D. T. Ross	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.50	15
Skewarkey	Martin	Elder Sylvester Hassell and Eli Taylor	2	0	0	2	0	3	0	2.00	48
So. Mattamuskeet	Hyde	Elder E. E. Lundy	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1.50	52
Salem	Nash	No intelligence	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	00
South Quay	So. Hampton, Va.	No intelligence	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	00
Sparta	Edgecombe	Elder E. C. Stone	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	1.00	18
Smithwicks Creek	Martin	Kader Lilley and W. H. Daniel	4	4	1	2	0	4	0	2.00	86
Spring Green	Martin	R. L. Taylor and S. L. Grimes	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	1.50	60
Tarboro	Edgecombe	D. T. Billups and W. H. Brady	1	1	0	0	0	5	1	1.50	53
White Plains	Beaufort	Raymond D. Waters and Henry C. Boyd	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1.00	54
William's	Edgecombe	W. W. Vick and C. H. Spivy	3	3	0	0	0	1	1	1.50	39

ELDER L. J. DE BERRY.

Elder Lemuel DeBerry was born in April, 1835. He joined the Deep Creek church, where he remained for some years, then he united with the Singleton church by letter, afterward moved in our midst and united with us at North Creek by letter in September, 1901. The church believing the Lord had blessed him with a gift, gave him liberty to exercise that gift, and he proved to be so comforting and edifying to us, and sister churches, that the brethren asked for his ordination, which was done on the third Sunday in February, 1903, by the writer and Elder David Carter. September following, he was dismissed by letter to unite with the newly organized church in Bath, near his home, and served that church until it was disorganized in 1912, when he removed back to North Creek church, where he was highly esteemed and enjoyed the sweet fellowship of us all.

He was in his 78th year when he died November 4, 1912, at his home in Bath and was carried by brethren and friends and laid by the side of his wife that had preceded him a few years to the grave.

Brother DeBerry was short both in prayer and preaching, sound in doctrine and adorned the doctrine he preached by living up to it. We all loved him and his labors. We miss him, and no one will miss him more than this unworthy writer, for I will never behold his white, flowing locks in time, but we have cause to believe that he is atrest.

D. W. TOPPING,
Pantego, N. C.