

MINUTES

OF THE

LOWER COUNTRY LINE

Primitive Baptist Association

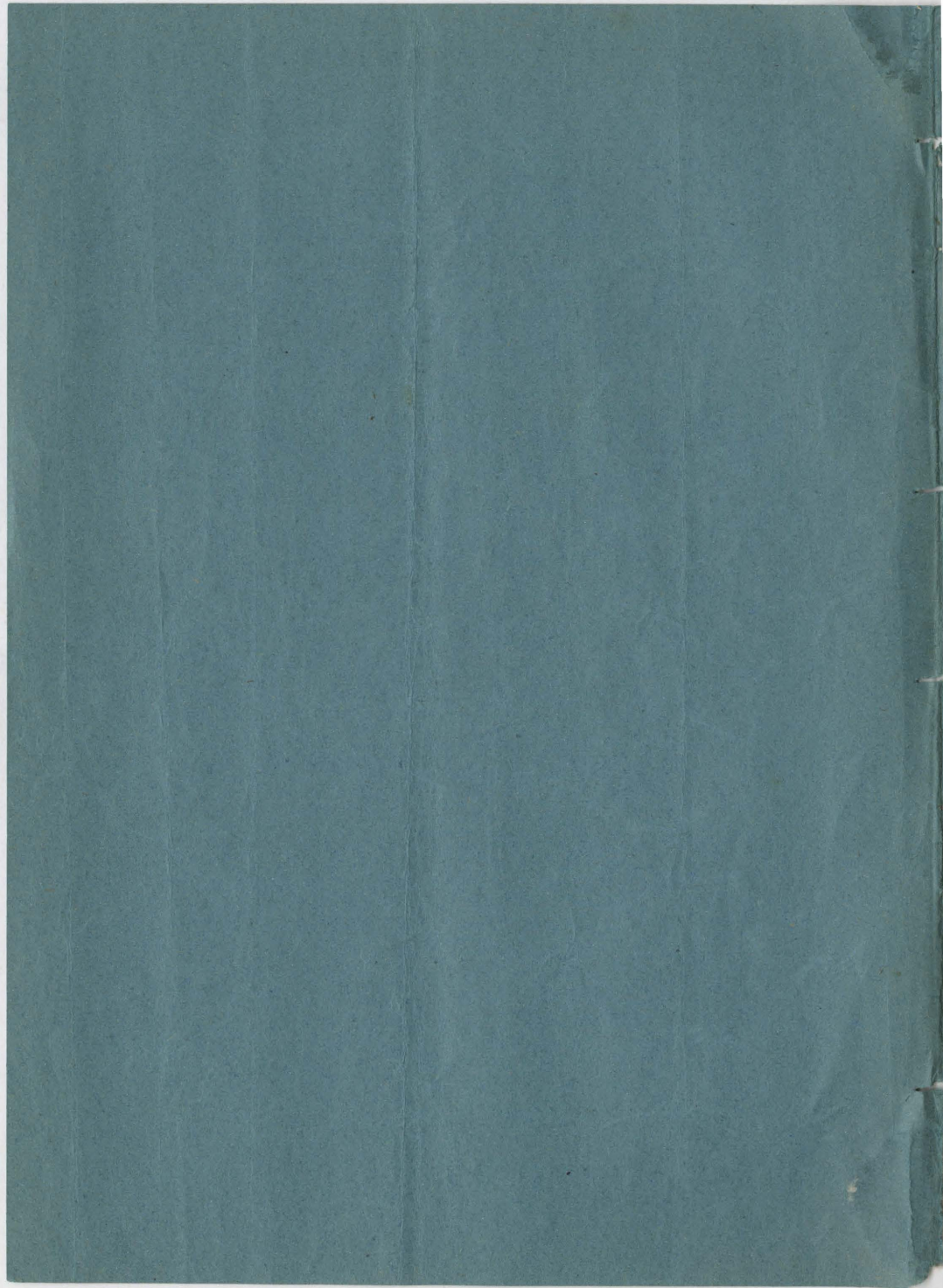


HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Roxboro, N. C.

August 2, 3, and 4, 1913.

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PROCEEDINGS.

Saturday morning August 2, 1913, the introductory sermon was preached by Eld. J. J. Hall from John 9:3.

"Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him."

After an intermission of one and one half hours the messengers from the several churches met in the house and the Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder P. G. Lester from New River Association, after which the Association proceeded to business.

On motion brother W. A. Warren was chosen moderator and brother J. H. Gooch, clerk, and brother G. C. Farthing, assistant clerk.

Petitionary letters called for, whereupon the messengers with letters from Dutchville church were received by the Moderator extending them the right hand of fellowship and inviting them to take seats with us.

Visiting brethren and messengers from sister Associations were invited to take seats with us, whereupon the following were received:

From Abbotts Creek—Minutes.

From Black Creek—Elder P. D. Gold and brother C. B. Hall.

From Contentnea—Elder J. P. Tingle.

From Fishers River—Minutes.

From Kehukee—Elder J. A. Shaw.

From Little River—Elders J. T. Coats, J. E. Adams and brethren R. F. Smith, D. L. Godwin and S. D. Coley.

From Mayo—Elder J. R. Wilson.

From Mill Branch—Minutes.

From New River—Elder P. G. Lester.

From Salem—Elder A. G. Morton and brethren E. H. Rimmer and Thomas Hudgins.

From Smith River—Elder A. D. Short.

From Staunton River—Elder E. C. Oaks and brother R. Lester Dodson.

From Upper Country Line—Elder W. C. Jones and brethren J. W. Gilliam, A. G. Porterfield and W. P. Warren.

From White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones.

Elder W. M. Monsees from Seven Miles Association and

Elder C. F. Denny from the Greensboro Church.

The messengers from the Roxboro church, with the moderator and clerks were chosen a committee on arrangement and brethren J. M. O'Briant and F. D. Long committee on finance

Elders C. F. Denny and J. A. Shaw were appointed to preach at the stand this afternoon.

Letters from the several churches composing the Association were read and their standing recorded in the statistical table hereunto annexed.

The Circular Letter was presented and referred to the committee on arrangements.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet Monday morning, August the 4th, at 9 o'clock.

MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 4, 1913.

The Association met according to arrangement, after praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold, and proceeded to business.

The committee on finance reported as follows:

Cash in hand of Clerk from 1912	00
Received from the churches	85.80
Received from friends	11.50
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Total,	97.30

Expenditures.

For printing Minutes and postage	15.00
Allowed Clerk for services	10.00
Amount given visiting ministers.	72.30
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Total,	97.30

Report received and committee discharged.

Report of committee of arrangements received and approved and the committee discharged.

Messengers appointed at our last session to visit sister Associations were called upon to make their reports. Reports were satisfactory; those failing to attend were excused.

Circular letter was read and approved and ordered to be annexed to these minutes.

Messengers were appointed to visit sister Associations as follows: Abbots Creek—Minutes; Black Creek—G. C.

Farthing; Contentnea—Minutes; Fishers River—Minutes; Kehukee—Minutes; Little River—Elder T. Y. Monk and G. C. Farthing; Mayo—Minutes; Mill Branch—Minutes; New River—Minutes; Salem—J. H. Gooch; Smith's River—Minutes; Staunton River—Minutes; Upper Country Line—Elder T. Y. Monk, W. A. Warren; White Oak—W. D. Yarboro.

Elders T. Y. Monk, S. P. Terry and J. W. Peed were chosen to attend a section meeting at Tar River on the 4th Sunday and Saturday before in April, 1914, and Elders J. A. Herndon, J. W. Peed and T. Y. Monk were chosen to attend another section meeting at Flat River the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in May 1914.

Elder T. Y. Monk was chosen to write a Circular Letter to be read at the next Association, and to be annexed to our Minutes.

Agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Camp Creek, in Durham county, North Carolina, commencing on Saturday before the first Sunday in August, 1914, and to continue three days; Elder S. P. Terry to preach the introductory sermon, Elder J. W. Peed alternate.

Ordered that the Clerk have one thousand of these Minutes printed and distributed with the churches and Associations with whom we correspond.

Feeling that we have been so wonderfully favored by the presence of such able and gifted ministers, who have been enabled to proclaim to us the gospel with no uncertain sound, therefore be it,

Resolved, 1st. That we return thanks to God as much as in us is, for this and other unmerited blessings.

Resolved, 2nd. That this Association discountenances and forbids any and all kinds of trading and trafficking, and any misbehaviour on or near the church grounds, when and where the same is being held; and will endeavor to punish such according to special act of the Legislature of 1909.

To the brethren, sisters and friends, of the Town of Roxboro and the surrounding community. Feeling a deep appreciation for your many acts of kindness shown us in various ways in the entertainment of this, The Lower Country Line Primitive Baptist Association, therefore be it

Resolved, That we extend to you our heart felt thanks for your many generous acts, and especially to the proprietors of the different tobacco warehouses furnished for preach-

ing and the accommodation of those who wished to camp. Also to Mr. J. C. Pass for the lumber used in erecting stand for preaching, and seats for the vast number of people. To the Honorable Mayor and Aldermen for their kind interest in helping us to preserve order. To the Bank of Roxboro and Mr. N. Lunsford for the use of their electric fans. To Messrs. Viccellio Bros. and Abbitt, for the abundant supply of water for the stock. To the Roxboro Light and Power Co. for their convenient arrangement of lights and fans.

The above proceedings were read by the Clerk, after which the Association adjourned to meet at the time and place appointed for our next annual session.

W. A. WARREN, Moderator, Hurdles Mills, N. C.
J. H. GOOCH, Clerk, Stem, N. C.
G. C. FARTHING, Asst. Clerk, Durham, N. C.

SATURDAY P. M. 2 O'CLOCK.

Preaching at the stand by Elder C. F. Denny from Judges 7:18, "The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon. Closed by Eld. J. A. Shaw from Exodus 20:2, "I am the Lord thy God, which has brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage."

SATURDAY NIGHT, 7:30 O'CLOCK.

Preaching by Elder Asa D. Short from Heb. 4:15, 16, "For we have not an High Priest which can not be touched with the feelings of our infirmities, etc." Followed by Elder J. T. Coats from the last words of Jesus, "It is finished."

SUNDAY MORNING, 10 O'CLOCK.

Services were again opened at the stand by Elder P. D. Gold, from Heb. 11:1, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen," and closed by Elder P. G. Lester from Acts 8:35, "Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

SUNDAY P. M. 1:30 O'CLOCK.

Preaching again by Elder J. T. Coats from Romans 11:33. "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God; how unsearchable are his judgements, and his ways past finding out." Closed by Elder Isaac Jones from John 6:53, "Except ye eat the flesh of the son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you."

SUNDAY P. M. 5 O'CLOCK.

Services again continued by Elder W. M. Monsees from Heb. 2:13, "Behold I and the Children which God hath given me."

SUNDAY NIGHT 7:30 O'CLOCK.

J. E. Adams opened services from John 6:45, "They shall be all taught of God." Closed by Elder W. C. Jones from Eph. 2:4, "But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us."

MONDAY MORNING, 10 O'CLOCK, AUG. 4.

Services were opened by Elder A. G. Morton from Mark 2:16, "And when the scribes and Pharisees saw him eat with Publicans and sinners, etc." Continued by Elder J. P. Tingle from Psa. 23:1, "The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want." Followed by Elder P. G. Lester from Psa. 46:4, "There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High." All of the appointments having been filled the closing remarks were made by Elder P. D. Gold our beloved Father in Israel whose short talk was rich in confirmation of the truth which had been preached.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To the churches comprising the Lower Country Line Primitive Baptist Association, and to all with whom we correspond, Greeting:

Being appointed to write the Circular Letter, I take for my subject the following: "Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances; Touch not; taste not; handle not." Col. 2:20-21.

How observant we should be, even if "we have not the fear of God before our eyes," when we know full well that God's commands are imperative; He says that He is not slack concerning His promises; and verily He's not slack in giving His people over to a hardness of heart, and a reprobacy of mind, brought about by trampling under foot His ordinances and statutes, "Galleo like" caring for naught but that which satisfies the flesh, thereby bringing strife and contention among ourselves. It is no direct application of the rod by Him, but is simply the legitimate fruits of our own doing. His law of cause and effect, pre-arranged before

the highest dust of the mountains were laid, acts with the never-failing precision upon spiritual, as it does upon natural things; therefore He cannot be chargeable for any calamity which might befall, either the spiritual world. Job says, "My breath is corrupt." If the breath of Job was corrupt, the breath of any living man would be as putrid flesh to the nostrils of a Job; therefore the air we breathe, which is our life, proceeds forth from a body polluted with all manner of sin and uncleanness, and goes out to take its place, and increase the contamination of the already polluted atmosphere. Hence, the air we breathe becomes more and more confused, as we ourselves are, and calamities, the legitimate fruits of wickedness follow; no less so in our spiritual than in our natural world. These laws are as fixed and immutable as eternity itself; and can only be palliated for us, in doing our first works over; hence "Touch not; taste not; handle not." Has this injunction been at all obeyed? Let the condition of the church answer. Whence cometh backbiting, if "brotherly love continues?" Whence cometh lasciviousness, thereby causing bad report from without? Whence cometh prohibition, thereby forsaking the "law of the Lord," that we may, by statute, force mortality? Whence cometh majority rule? "Is Christ divided? Whence cometh another innovation of man" by which we seek to prosper our way? Is not all such in opposition to Christ? Are we not commanded to take no thought for these things? He says, he careth for us. Hasn't He assured us that the sparrow cannot fall without the Father? And does He not emphasize His care for us in saying, "Ye are of more value than many sparrows." Nothing can make us afraid, nothing can hinder our way; if we but simply glorify Him in our walk and conversation. And my dear brethren, the only way to grasp and claim every promised blessing, is to do our "first works. Touch not; taste not; handle not."

Submit in love with much trepidation,

A.S.HOLDEN.

TABLE OF CHURCHES, CLERKS, POSTOFFICES, TIME
OF MEETINGS, AND DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES

Camp Creek—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C., Elder J. A. Hern-
don, second Sunday and Saturday before. No. Minutes 50;
Dutchville—Miss Bettie Green, Lyons, N. C., Elder C. F.
Denny, first Sunday, No. Minutes 25; Durham—G. C. Farth-

ing, Durham, N. C., Elder P. D. Gold, third Sunday and Saturday before. No. Minutes 95; Ebenezer—E. C. Oakes, Osmond, N. C., Elder E. C. Oakes, fourth Sunday and Saturday before. No. Minutes 15; Eno—J. M. Wood, Durham, N. C., R. F. D., Eld. S. P. Terry, second Sunday and Saturday before. No. Minutes 45; Flat River—W. R. Blalock, Roxboro, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1, Elder J. J. Hall, fourth Sunday and Sat. before. No. Minutes 85; Helena—J. M. Cothran, Timberlake, N. C., Elder J. J. Hall, first Sunday and Sat. before. No. Minutes 15; Mt. Lebanon—J. W. Garrard, Durham, N. C., R. F. D. Elder S. P. Terry, first Sun. and Sat. before. No. Minutes 48; Mt. Zion—T. M. Chandler, Virgilia, Va., R. F. D. 3. No pastor, second Sun. and Sat. before. No. Minutes, 18. Roxboro—J. M. O'Briant, Roxboro, N. C., Eld. J. A. Herndon, first Sun. and Sat. before. No. Minutes 55; Shiloh—R. D. Baily, Woodsdale, N. C., Eld. J. A. Herndon, third Sun. and Sat. before. No. Minutes 10; Storie's Creek—W. D. Yarboro, Roxboro, N. C., Eld. J. J. Hall, third Sun. and Sat. before. No. Minutes 41; Surl—J. E. Dean, Timberlake, N. C., Eld. J. W. Peed, third Sun. and Sat. before. No. Minutes 70; Tar River—J. C. Taylor, Oxford, N. C., Eld. J. A. Herndon, fourth Sun. and Sat. before. No. Minutes 29; Wheeler's—W. A. Warren, Hurdle Mills, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1. Eld. J. J. Hall, second Sun. and Sat. before. No. Minutes 100.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO ASSOCIATION.

Associations—Clerks—Postoffices.

Abbott's Creek—A. L. Owen, Salisbury, Minutes 15; Black Creek—Eld. J. F. Farmer, Wilson, N. C. Minutes 18; Contentnea—R. D. Rowe, Aurora, N. C. Minutes 25; Fisher's River—Eld. J. A. Ashburn, Winston-Salem, N. C. Minutes 30; Kehukee—Eld. M. T. Lawrence, Robersonville, N. C. Minutes 38; Little River—Eld. J. A. T. Jones, McCullers, N. C. Minutes 20; Mayo—Eld. E. M. Barnard, Peter's Creek, Va. Minutes 20; Mill Branch—C. W. Brown, Tabor, N. C. Minutes 15; New River—Eld. P. G. Lester, Floyd, Va. Minutes 20; Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston-Salem, N. C. Minutes 10; Smith River—Elder Q. D. Weeks, R. 2, Willis Va. Minutes 20; Staunton River—R. L. Dodson, Danville, Va. Minutes 16; Upper Country Line—S. J. Hall, Cedar Grove, N. C. Minutes 16; White Oak—Eld. Isaac Jones, Maple Hill, N. C. Minutes 20.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches	Names of Messengers.					Rec. by Bap.	Rec. by Let.	Restored	Dis. by Let.	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fel.	Contributions
Camp Creek	R. D. Hill, A. J. Hill, J. H. Gooch.....	1				1	39	7.25					
Dutchville.....	I. H. Harris, Lucius Perry.....						20	1.00					
Durham.....	Dr. H. E. Satterfield, G. C. Farthing, J. L. Horn.....	3		1		1	83	17.00					
Ebenezer.....	Elder E. C. Oakes.....	2		1			13	50					
Eno.....	Elders S. P. Terry, J. M. Wood, J. W. McFarland.....				1		36	4.00					
Flat River.....	D. A. Hicks, W. R. Blalock, W. M. Clayton.....						2	68	4.00				
Helena.....	L. Blalock, J. M. Cothran.....						10	2.85					
Mt. Lebanon.....	W. T. Bacon, J. F. Garrard, James Horner.....	1					2	46	4.20				
Mt. Zion.....	J. J. Falkner, H. F. Wilkins.....					1	13	2.50					
Roxboro.....	J. A. Carver, J. J. H. Perkins, F. D. Long.....						39	14.00					
Shiloh.....	C. T. Hall, R. D. Bailey.....						7	3.00					
Stories Creek....	W. D. Yarboro, W. G. Clayton, E. M. Clayton.....						1	31	5.50				
Surl.....	Elder J. W. Peed, D. R. Clayton, J. S. Clayton.....		1	1			1	56	7.00				
Tar River.....	T. H. Jones, E. M. Currin, J. C. Taylor.....						18	5.00					
Wheeler.....	E. M. O'Briant, G. P. Allen, W. A. Warren.....	8	1	1			5	84	8.00				
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