

MINUTES

—OF THE—

COUNTRY LINE

Primitive Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

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IN ALAMANCE COUNTY, N. C.,

August 18th, 19th & 20th,

1894.

PROCEEDINGS.

1st. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder A. Blalock, from Rev. 21 : 9.

2nd. The Association convened, and after prayer by Elder J. T. Rowe, proceeded to business.

3rd. Elder J. A. Burch was chosen Moderator.

4th. Correspondents were invited to take seats with us, whereupon the following were received :

From Kehukee—Elder S. Hassell.

From Black Creek—Elders J. T. Edgerton, (P. D. Gold, visitor.)

From Little River—(Elders J. E. Adams, visitor,) H. F. Peedin.

From White Oak—Elder. I Jones.

From Fisher's River—Elder J. D. Draughn.

From Mayo—Elders L. I. Bodenhammer Rufus Hutchins and Brethren W. J. Earls, W. H. Warren, (J. W. Long, W. C. Fitt, vis.)

From Lower Canoochee—(Elder M. F. Stubbs, vis.)

From Eno—Elder S. P. Terry, Brethren G. C. Farthing, A. L. Hollyway and J. J. Whitfield.

From Contentnea—Elder J. T. Rowe.

From Staunton River—(Bro. R. L. Dodson, visitor.)

From Abbott's Creek—Elder P. W. Williard, (J. A. Young, visitor.)

5th. Rules of Decorum were read.

6th. Letters from the several churches were read and their standing minuted in the Statistical table.

7th. Elders Rufus Hutchins and H. F. Peedin were appointed to preach in the afternoon to-day (Saturday).

8th. Elders Y. J. Chandler, Jas. S. Dameron and J. Brooks with the Moderator and Clerk were chosen a committee of arrangements and Brethren J. W. Neal and J. H. Combs, a committee on Finance.

9th. Adjourned the business of the Association till Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING.—10 o'clock.

10th. Elder L. I. Bodenhammer opened the morning services from Heb. 9 : 27 and 10 : 1.

Elder S. Hassell closed the morning services from John 1 : 29.

Elder M. F. Stubbs opened the evening services from Acts 2 : 42.

Rain prevented Elder P. D. Gold from closing evening services.

MONDAY MORNING.—9 o'clock.

11th. The Association met according to adjournment, and after prayer by Elder S. Hassell proceeded to business.

12th. The Committees of Arrangements and Finance reported ; their reports were received and they were discharged.

13th. Messengers appointed last year to visit sister Associations and Section meetings generally attended, and those who did not were excused.

14th. Messengers were appointed to visit sister Associations.

To Mayo—Brethren T. F. Ward, R. T. Williams, E. R. Harris.

To Kehukee—Elders Jas. S. Dameron, A. Blalock, J. A. Burch and James M. Harris.

To Little River—Elders W. C. Jones, J. A. Burch and James M. Harris.

To Contentnea—Elders Jas. S. Dameron, J. A. Burch and J. M. Harris.

To Staunton River—Elders Jas. S. Dameron, James A. Burch and W. C. Jones.

To White Oak—Elders J. M. Harris and James A. Burch.

To Abbot's Creek—Elders James A. Burch and Brother A. H. Nance.

To Black Creek—Elder James A. Burch.

To Fisher's River—Elders W. C. Jones, S. J. Hall and J. R. Hester.

To Pig River—Brother C. A. Howard.

To Eno—Elders J. A. Burch, D. R. Moore, W. C. Jones and Bro. S. J. Hall.

15th. Agreed to send files of minutes to the following Associations : Smith River, New River, Mill Branch, Mountain and Lower Canoochee.

16th. Elders James A. Burch, F. L. Oakley and A. Blalock were appointed to attend a Section meeting at Harmony, commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in April, 1895, and Elders D. R. Moore, A. Blalock and Y. I. Chandler to attend another at Lick Fork, commencing on Friday before 1st Sunday in April 1895.

17th. The Circular Letter prepared by Brother W. A. Warren was read and adopted.

18th. Elder Y. I. Chandler was appointed to write a circular letter for next year.

19th. The Finance Committee reported as follows :

Received from the churches.....	\$26 50
Received from Eld. Jas. S. Dameron, the former Clerk.....	17 07
Total.....	<u>\$43 57</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Clerk's fee.....	\$10 00
For printing 1300 copies of these minutes.....	16 00
	<u>\$17 57</u>
Balance in hands of Clerk.....	\$17 57

20th. Elders S. P. Terry, P. W. Williard and J. T. Rowe preached after 9 o'clock to-day (Monday).

21st. Agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Roxboro, Person Co., N. C., commencing on Saturday before the third Sunday in August, 1895, and that Elder James S. Dameron preach the introductory sermon, Elder D. R. Moore his alternate.

JAS. A. BURCH, Mod.

C. A. HOWARD, Cl'k.

NAMES OF CHURCHES AND CLERK'S POSTOFFICES.

1 Arbor.....	J. E. Simmons.....	Milesville,	N. C.
2 Big Meadow.....	H. W. Johnson.....	Gravel Spring,	"
3 Camp Creek.....	H. Blalock.....	Lyndover,	"
4 Country Line.....	Y. I. Chandler.....	Fitch's Store,	"
5 McCray.....	I. Brooks.....	McCray,	"
6 Dan River.....	T. F. Ward.....	Hopper,	"
7 Ebenezer.....	S. T. Chandler.....	Leasburg,	"
8 Flat River.....	Wm. Davis.....	Roxboro,	"
9 Gilliams.....	J. W. Gilliams.....	Morton's Store,	"
10 Harmony.....	L. C. Murray.....	Pleasant Grove,	"
11 Lynch's Creek.....	W. R. Hawkins.....	Corbett,	"
12 Lick Fork.....	J. W. Harris.....	Lawsonsville	"
13 Mt. Zion.....	G. B. Hite.....	Red Bank,	Va.
14 Moon's Creek.....	J. W. Neal.....	Gatewood,	N. C.
15 Prospect Hill.....	J. R. Hester.....	Prospect Hill,	"
16 Pleasant Grove.....	W. H. Brannock.....	Lennox Castle,	"
17 Roxboro.....	G. T. Burch.....	Roxboro,	"
18 Stories Creek.....	J. A. B. Waters.....	Roxboro,	"
19 Surl.....	J. K. Duncan.....	Surl,	"
20 Tar River.....	M. C. Dean.....	Sunset,	"
21 Wheelers.....	John L. Phelps.....	Laws,	"
22 Wolf Island.....	T. R. Williams.....	Ruffin,	"

CIRCULAR LETTER.

The last Association appointed that their next circular letter should be written by me, and with the information the following subject was impressed, "Duty and Discipline." I hope that the Divine Spirit may guide me in what I may write.

An apostolic or gospel church is, and should be, a very plain and simple organization, and the rules marked out in the Scriptures to govern the church in its spiritual and moral duty are so plain and simple that a wayfaring man, though a fool, need not err therein. Now let the church adhere strictly to divine teaching, deal promptly with every offender whether a favorite in church or not, and stand square upon our covenant, and by our rules of decorum, we would have far less trouble in the church than in the loose and careless manner in which the business of many of our conference meetings are now conducted. I believe strict discipline to be the health of any organization, spiritual or secular. It is a duty appointed of God that the church shall take care of its pastor and look after the comfort of its needy members. The church that fails to do this duty is guilty of the sin of omission. Now there are two ways to help your pastor or needy members, a right and a wrong way. The wrong way is for brothers A & B, who are wealthy, to go hand the preacher ten dollars, and brother C, who is poor in the goods of this world, but rich in grace, can hardly pay one dollar. Human nature will come to the front, and the feeling of the preacher or needy members will lead them to think more of A & B than of C, or of that poor member who cannot pay any. The right way is for every church to get their contributions ready and let the deacon hand it over to the pastor or needy member; then they receive it from the whole church, and their love will warm up towards every member, and not for A, B and C. The Bible teaches they that preach the gospel shall live of the gospel. A laborer is worthy of his hire, etc. Another duty we neglect is to watch over one another with brotherly love for good, and not for evil (which I fear some of us do.) When troubles arise in the church or Association we should deal with them in infancy, not wait until grown. If we do somebody will be sure to get hurt. We should take hold of all trouble where God commanded Moses to take hold of the serpent. Our churches should be very careful unto whom they commit the teaching and guidance of their members, as there are idle and foolish shepherds, and shepherds that cause their flocks to go astray. But there are shepherds that feed their flocks. These are the ones that should have the care of our churches. Let the churches love their pastors, hear them, and suffer themselves watched over by them, and to be exhorted and counseled, and if need be reprov'd and rebuked by their pastors in love. Let the pastors not sleep but be watchful, looking to the ordinances of the church, and to the souls of the saints, and the gates of the church. Oh churches, let your ministers be beautified with your love that they may beautify you with their love, and be also an ornament unto you and to that Gospel they minister unto you for Jesus Christ's sake. Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, until we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ. Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity.

W. A. WARREN.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No.	NAMES OF CHURCHES.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Baptized.		Received by Letter.		Dismissed by Letter.		Deceased.	Fellowship.	Finances.	
1	Arbor	*Elder Y. I. Chandler, J. E. Simmons, W. A. Florence.....	1	1			1		3	86	\$ 2 00	
2	Big Meadow.....	*Elder W. C. Jones, W. H. Johnston, H. W. Johnston.....							1	19	1 00	
3	Camp Creek.....	*Elder A. Blalock, Joseph Aikins, H. Blalock.....					1	1	1	48	1 50	
4	Country Line....	By report of Elder Y. I. Chandler.....							1	11	40	
5	McCray.....	J. Brooks.....					2		1	20	75	
6	Dan River.....	R. H. Pruitt, W. G. Dix, T. F. Ward.....								24	1 00	
7	Ebenezer.....	John Bowse, S. T. Chandler.....	3						1	17	50	
8	Flat River.....	*Elder D. R. Moore, †J. D. Burch, W. T. Davis.....	5	1			2			67	1 50	
9	Gilliams.....	W. T. Bowles, J. W. Gilliam.....								17	1 00	
10	Harmony.....	L. C. Murray, G. W. Brooks.....							1	20	60	
11	Lynch's Creek..	W. R. Hawkins.....							1	16	75	
12	Lick Fork.....	E. R. Harris, C. J. Terry, C. A. Howard.....	2				1		2	68	2 50	
13	Mt. Zion.....	†G. B. Hite, †C. C. Hite, †H. F. Wilkins.....								13	50	
14	Moon's Creek...	*Elder Jas. S. Dameron, J. W. Neal, †J. R. Travis.....	1						1	21	75	
15	Prospect Hill...	S. J. Hall, †E. R. Smith, †J. R. Hester.....					1		5	42	1 25	
16	Pleasant Grove,	P. N. Walker, J. H. Combs, †W. H. Brannox.....	2							1	48	1 50
17	Roxboro.....	J. S. Clayton, C. T. Hudgins, †W. M. Terrell.....		1					1	20	1 25	
18	Storie's Creek...	J. H. Clayton, John O'Briant, †J. A. B. Walters.....	1							23	1 25	
19	Surl.....	D. R. Clayton, J. J. Lee, †James K. Duncan.....	1	1			1			32	1 25	
20	Tar River.....	†M. C. Dean, R. L. Newton, †C. Wood.....	1						1	34	75	
21	Wheeler's.....	Elder Jas. A. Burch, J. P. Long, A. V. Moore.....	1		1				6	109	2 50	
22	Wolf Island.....	†A. H. Nance, †G. W. Carter, R. L. Williams.....	6	1					1	67	2 00	
		*Ordained Ministers. †Absentees. †Licentiates.	26	5	1	9	2	28	822	\$26 50		

