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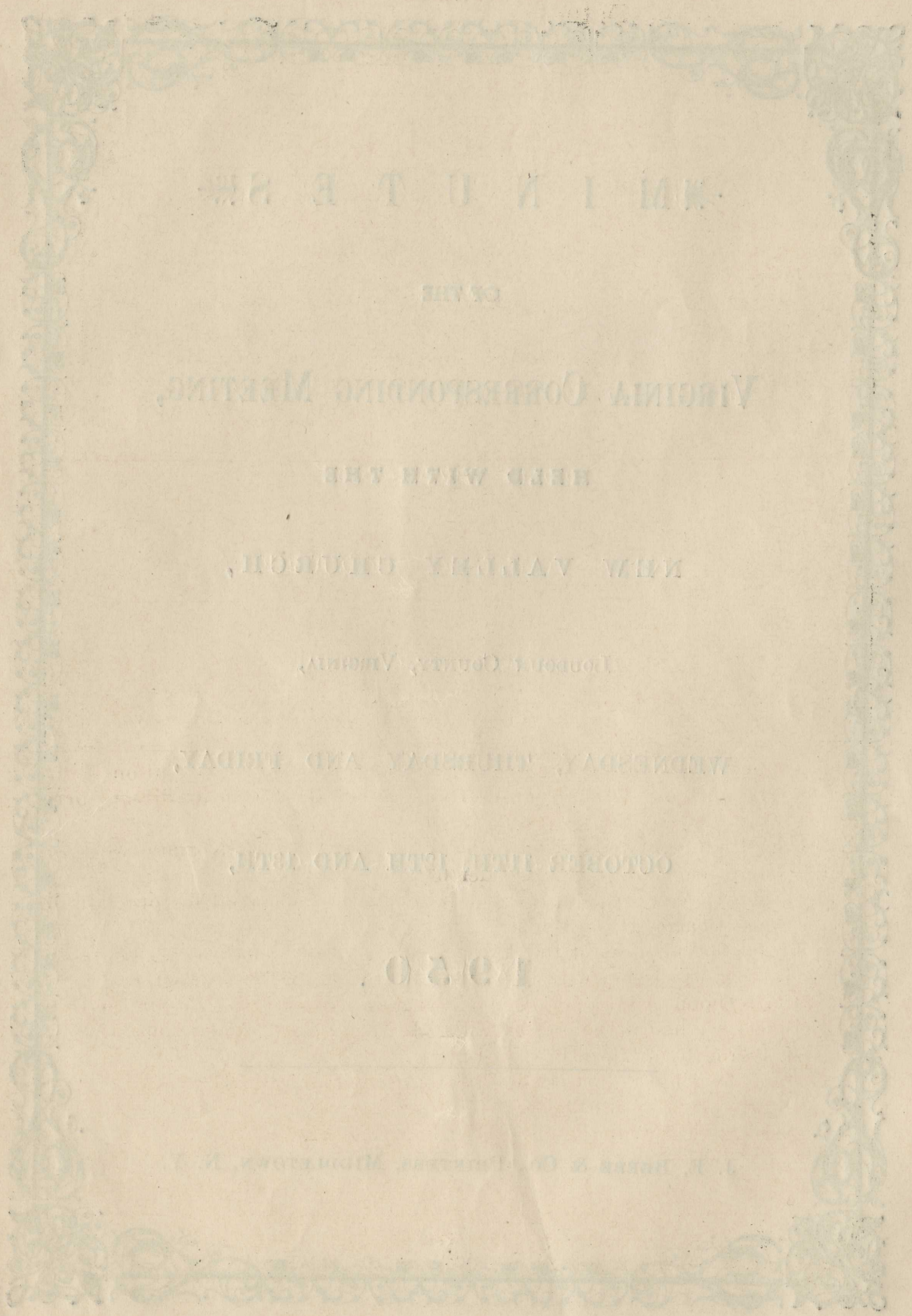
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WEDNESDAY, October 11, 1950.

The Association convened at 11 o'clock a. m.

Opened meeting with singing hymn 367 (Hymn & Tune Book).

Prayer by Elder L. A. Harris.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder George Ruston, from Hebrews 10: 38.

The Association then organized for business by choosing Elder John D. Wood Moderator, G. C. Spindle Clerk and Arthur L. Carter Assistant Clerk.

Letters from the several churches were read, and the following table prepared from their contents:

CHURCHES	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	MESSENGERS' NAMES	Members..... Died.....
Mt. Zion.....	Mrs. David Farnie..... Leesburg, Va.	Deacon C. W. Norman, brother C. A. Hylton, sisters Hylton, Norman, Farnie	9
Frying Pan...	G. C. Spindle..... 914 9th St., N. E., Washington, D. C.	Deacons Isaac T. Long, A. D. Alston, G. C. Spindle, brother Arthur L. Carter, sisters Alston, Gheen, Thomas, McCormick	12
New Valley...	Miss Martha Howser... Purcellville, Va.	Deacons C. R. Hollandsworth, L. D. Duke, sisters Claggett, Chiswell, Howser, McIntosh, Rodrick, Ball, White.....	114

Messengers and visiting brethren from corresponding associations were invited to seats with us. Other visitors from associations not in direct correspondence were also invited to seats.

Brethren C. R. Hollandsworth, A. D. Alston and C. W. Norman were appointed a committee to arrange the order of preaching.

Elder John D. Wood was appointed to prepare a memorial for our late departed brother, Deacon H. J. White.

Adjourned the business of the Association until 10 o'clock a. m. Thursday.

Closed morning session with benediction by Elder D. V. Spangler.

In the afternoon, after opening with singing hymns 737, 275, 409 and 608 (H. & T. Book), we had preaching by Elder J. W. Gilliam, from Song of Solomon 1: 1-4. Sang hymn 28 (H. & T. Book).

Preaching by Elder H. H. Bennett, from 1 Timothy 1: 17.

Sang hymn 111 (H. & T. Book).

Dismissed with benediction by Elder J. F. Sumner.

THURSDAY, October 12, 1950.

The Association convened according to adjournment.

Opened meeting with singing hymn 176 (H. & T. Book).

Prayer by Elder George Ruston.

We then received correspondence from sister associations as follows:

Delaware River—Minutes. Elders John D. Wood, George Ruston, H. M. Bennett, Deacons Quincy A. Gladding, A. D. Alston, sisters Esther Ruston, Virginia Wood, Carolyn Alston, Alice Gladding, Bertha Tomlinson and Rosie Stevens.

Delaware—Minutes. Brother Thomas Starr, sister Ruth Lucht, Elders John D. Wood, H. M. Bennett, D. V. Spangler, Deacon Quincy A. Gladding, sisters Alice Gladding, Virginia Wood.

Salisbury—Minutes. Elders H. M. Bennett, D. V. Spangler, Deacons Handy Truitt, Ananias Hastings, sisters Grace Hastings, Maude Truitt, Rosie Stevens, Bertha Tomlinson, Maude Laws, Ethel Holloway, Gertrude Austin, Elders George Ruston, John D. Wood, Arnold H. Bellows, Deacon Quincy A. Gladding, sisters Nannie Spangler, Alice Gladding, Virginia Wood.

Baltimore—No session. Deacon Quincy A. Gladding, sisters Alice Gladding, Mamie Rowe, Elizabeth Topping, Elder John D. Wood, sister Virginia Wood.

Lexington-Roxbury—Minutes. Elders Arnold H. Bellows, George Ruston, H. M. Bennett, John D. Wood, Deacons Quincy A. Gladding, Orien Mellott, sisters Susie Mellott, Alice Gladding, Gertrude Austin, Maude Laws.

Warwick—No session.

Maine—Correspondence through the "Signs of the Times." Elder John D. Wood, Deacon Ananias Hastings, sisters Grace Hastings, Virginia Wood, Maude Laws.

Covenanted Baptist Church of Canada—Elder George Ruston, sister Esther Ruston, Elders L. A. Harris, Arnold H. Bellows, D. V. Spangler, sister Nannie Spangler.

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Associations and churches not in direct correspondence represented at this meeting as follows:

Pigg River—Elder John D. Wood, sisters Virginia Wood, Ivah Carter.

New River—Elders L. A. Harris, J. F. Summer, Deacons W. M. Graham, J. S. Phillips, brethren C. H. Harris, H. E. Phillips, Thurman Graham, U. G. Turpin, Clive Hollandsworth, Burman Hollandsworth, sisters Gracie Phillips, Tidey Phillips, Ida Turpin, Hattie Hollandsworth, Orie Hollandsworth, Ruby Hollandsworth.

Upper Country Line—Elders D. V. Spangler, J. W. Gilliam, sister Nannie Spangler.

Lower Country Line—Elder J. W. Gilliam.

Yellow River—Sister Sarah Peters.

Smith River—Brother Omar Connor.

Sideling Hill Church, Pa.—Deacon Orien Mellott, sister Susie Mellott.

Trough Creek Church, Pa.—Brother Walter Wright, sisters Alice Yocum, Gladys Wright.

The Association is appointed to convene with the Frying Pan Church next year.

Appointed J. E. Beebe & Co. to print and distribute our Minutes.

Ordered that Minutes be sent to associations of our correspondence, and

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that members of associations named in these Minutes, who are present at this meeting, and who may be present at associations of our correspondence be requested to serve as our messengers to same.

Appointed brethren C. A. Hilton and L. D. Duke a committee to distribute Minutes of corresponding associations.

The following contributions were received for printing Minutes of this meeting: \$10.00 each from Mt. Zion, Frying Pan and New Valley. Total, \$30.00. Contributions as follows toward expenses of visiting ministers: Mt. Zion, \$25.00; Frying Pan, \$25.00; New Valley, \$25.00. Total, \$75.00.

The Corresponding Circular Letter, written by Deacon C. W. Norman, was read and adopted by the Association, to be printed with our Minutes.

Adjourned the business of the Association until 10 a. m. Friday.

Morning session sang 332 (H. & T. Book).

Elder L. A. Harris then preached from Matthew 5: 6.

Sang hymn 429 (H. & T. Book).

Elder D. V. Spangler preached from James 1: 2.

Sang hymn 310 (H. & T. Book).

Dismissed with benediction by Elder L. A. Harris.

Afternoon session, sang hymns 229 and 389 (H. & T. Book).

Elder J. F. Sumner preached from Ephesians 2: 5.

Sang hymn 393 (H. & T. Book).

Elder George Ruston then preached from Song of Solomon 2: 3.

Sang hymn 301.

Dismissed with benediction by Elder George Ruston.

FRIDAY, October 13, 1950.

The Association convened according to adjournment.

Opened meeting with singing hymns 474 and 178 (H. & T. Book).

Elder L. A. Harris spoke in prayer.

Order of business as follows:

Memorial, prepared by Elder John D. Wood, was read and adopted, to be printed in our Minutes.

Committee appointed to distribute Minutes of corresponding associations reported same had been attended to.

Appointed Deacon C. R. Hollandsworth to write the Corresponding Circular Letter for next year.

Appointed Deacon C. W. Norman to serve for the term of two years on the Board of Trustees of the Old School Baptist Home Fund.

Minutes of meeting then read and adopted.

Adjourned the business of the Association until next year.

Continued our service as follows: Sang hymns 588 and 68 (H. & T. Book). Preaching then by Elder Arnold H. Bellows from Jeremiah 31: 12. Remarks then by the Moderator; followed by remarks by visiting Elders as follows: Elder Ruston first, Elder Bennett next, concluded by Elder Harris. Benediction then by Elder Bellows in closing our meeting.

(Elder) JOHN D. WOOD, Moderator.

G. C. SPINDLE, Clerk.

ARTHUR L. CARTER, Assistant Clerk.

VISITING MINISTERS

Arnold H. Bellows, West Hurley, N. Y.
H. M. Bennett, Mardella Springs, Md.
D. V. Spangler, Annapolis, Md., Route 2.
George Ruston, Dutton, Ontario, Canada.
L. A. Harris, Indian Valley, Va.
J. F. Sumner, Sylvatus, Va.
J. W. Gilliam, Elon College, N. C.

MEMORIAL

WHEREAS, since our last session our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom has been pleased to remove from our midst and take unto himself our beloved brother and Deacon, Harvey J. White, and

WHEREAS, we so keenly miss his presence as we assemble again and are bereft of his able assistance and advice which we had for so many years. Be it therefore

RESOLVED, first, that we give thanks and praise unto our God for the gift unto the churches of the deaconship as exemplified by brother White; second, that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to our sister White and the others of the bereaved family; and third, that we spread this Memorial on our Minutes, and give a copy to sister White and the "Signs of the Times."

Done by the unanimous voice of the Virginia Corresponding Meeting, held with the New Valley Church this the 13th day of October, 1950.

(Elder) JOHN D. WOOD, Moderator.

G. C. SPINDLE, Clerk.

ARTHUR L. CARTER, Assistant Clerk.

CORRESPONDING CIRCULAR LETTER

The Virginia Corresponding Meeting, in session with the New Valley Church, Loudoun County, Virginia, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, October 11th, 12th and 13th, 1950, to the churches composing this Meeting, and to the associations with which we correspond, sends christian greeting.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN:--We trust we are thankful to our dear Lord and Savior that He has brought us safely through another year and blessed us to meet with our brethren whom we highly esteem for the truth's sake and whom it has pleased the Lord to send once more in our midst.

We come in weakness, realizing our inability to speak or write one word in honor and praise of our God unless He directs our tongue or pen. We can do nothing worthwhile without His guidance. We feel we know something of the love that passeth understanding. In John 3: 16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." God is love. Without love there can be no true religion. "For God so loved the world." This does not mean that he loved every member of the Adamic race. It means the ones God loved before the foundation of the world, the ones whose names were recorded in the Lamb's book of life. We parents feel we know the depth of natural love and would gladly take the trials and sufferings of our children upon ourselves but I fear we could not give them to save others. Our love for our children is not to be compared to the love of God for His chosen ones. "Great and marvelous are thy ways, O God, and as high as the heavens are above the earth, so are your thoughts above our thoughts,

and your ways above our ways." This love of God surpasses our understanding. It draws us together in a common bundle of love and causes us to love our brethren.

"Love is the golden chain that binds
The happy souls above;
And he's an heir of heaven that finds
His bosom glow with love."

This wonderful love sustains us all the while. When the Lord withholds His felt presence we feel we are lost and in despair. We feel He is gone forever. We know there is nothing we can do. All our strength is gone. We feel we are in the bottomless pit again and no way to get out. But glory be to God, He comes down to us when we cannot so much as lift one finger to help ourselves, and puts His arms under us and lifts us up out of the horrible darkness into His marvelous light. How wonderful that He comes down to us. How radiant everything is when He lifts us up.

"When Jesus, with his matchless love,
Visits my troubled breast,
My doubts subside, my fear's remove,
And I'm completely blest.
But ah! when these short visits end,
Though not quite left alone,
I miss the presence of my Friend,
Like one whose comfort's gone."

Dear brethren, are you in this condition — mostly in the dark, helpless and undone? Pray for this unworthy sinner who is saved by grace if saved at all. May the Lord direct our hearts into the love of God and into the patient waiting for Christ.

Our next annual session, the Lord willing, is appointed to be held at this same time in 1951 with the Frying Pan Church, Fairfax County, Virginia, where we hope to all meet again.

JOHN D. WOOD, Moderator.

G. C. SPINDLE, Clerk.

ARTHUR L. CARTER, Ass't Clerk.

