

MINUTES

— OF THE —

Country-Line Primitive Baptist

ASSOCIATION,

— HELD WITH THE —

CHURCH AT HARMONY,

ORANGE COUNTY, N. C.,

AUGUST 18TH, 19TH AND 20TH, 1883.

DANVILLE, VA:

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PROCEEDINGS.

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1st. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder A. N. Hall, from Jeremiah 32: 39.

2nd. The Association convened, and after prayer by Elder D. Bartley, proceeded to business.

3d. Rules of Decorum were read.

4th. The letters from the several churches were read and their standing minuted in the statistical table.

5th. Correspondents were invited to take seats with us, whereupon the following were received :

From Contentnea—Elder P. D. Gold.

From Kehukee—Elders J. E. Adams, (visitor), Joshua Rowe.

From Little River—Elder J. A. T. Jones, and Brethren W. A. Penny, W. Hilliard, (visitor), James Young, W. Whitley.

From Black Creek—Elder John Scott and Brother J. Lamb.

From White Oak—Elders I. Jones, B. H. Wooten, L. H. Hardy.

From Indiana—Elder D. Bartley.

From Georgia—Elder H. Parrish.

From Mayo—Elder L. I. Bodenhamer and Brethren C. T. Snyder, W. E. Spach.

From Abbott's Creek—Brother W. Davis.

6th. Elder D. R. Moore was chosen Moderator.

7th. Elders A. N. Hall, James A. Burch, and Brother John Harris, with the moderator and clerk were chosen as a committee of arrangements, and Brethren T. J. Motley and C. J. Terry as a committee of finance.

8th. Elders D. Bartley, H. Parrish, Joshua Rowe and I. Jones preached in the afternoon.

SUNDAY MORNING, 10 O'CLOCK.

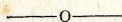
9th. Elder L. I. Bodenhamer preached from 1st Peter 2: 9; Psalms 127: 1; Eph. 2: 10.

Elder Gold closed the morning services from Isaiah 9: 8.

Elder D. Bartly preached in the afternoon from Romans 6: 1-5.

Elder J. A. T. Jones followed from Heb. 11: 4.

Elder J. E. Adams preached at night.



MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

10th. The Association met according to adjournment, and after prayer by Elder P. D. Gold, proceeded to business.

11th. The committees of arrangements and finance reported; their reports were received and they were discharged.

12th. Messengers appointed last year to attend sister associations and section-meetings, generally attended, and those who did not were excused.

13th. Messengers were appointed to visit sister associations.

To Mayo: Elders J. M. Harris, J. A. Burch, D. R. Moore.

To Kehukee: Elders D. R. Moore, Y. I. Chandler.

To Little River: Elders D. R. Moore, Y. I. Chandler, James S. Dameron, James A. Burch.

To Contentnea: Elders D. R. Moore, Y. I. Chandler.

To Staunton River: Elders James S. Dameron, J. M. Harris and Bro. Z. T. Brooks.

To White Oak: Elders James A. Burch, S. P. Terry.

To Abbott's Creek: Elders Y. I. Chandler, J. A. Burch.

To Pigg River: Elders J. M. Harris, D. R. Moore.

To Black Creek: Elders A. Blalock, S. P. Terry.

14th. Agreed to send files of Minutes to Upatoie, Fisher's River, Smith River, New River and Mill Branch Associations.

15th. Elders A. N. Hall, James S. Dameron and F. L. Oakley were appointed to attend a section-meeting at Eno, commencing on Friday before 3d Sunday in April, 1884, and Elders James A. Burch, A. N. Hall and A. Blalock to attend another at Moon's Creek, commencing on Friday before 3d Sunday in June, 1884.

16th: The circular-letter prepared by Elder James S. Dameron was read and adopted.

17th. Elder Y. I. Chandler was appointed to write a circular-letter for next year.

18th. A Presbytery, composed of Elders I. G. Cannady, James A. Burch, F. L. Oakley, A. N. Hall and D. R. Moore, was appointed to attend the call of the church at Eno, and, if expedient, to constitute a church consisting of black members and then ordain Brother Luke Webb as their pastor. Also, the same Presbytery was appointed to attend the call at Mt. Lebanon and set apart to the work of the ministry Brother T. Y. Monk, provided they shall deem him qualified.

19th. The church at Mill is requested to make, through Elder Y. I. Chandler, a report of their standing.

20th. The Finance Committee reported as

Received from the Churches.....	\$27.05
Already in hands of Clerk.....	22.25
Total.....	<u>\$49.30</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Clerk's Fee.....	\$10 00
Printing and Distrib'g 1300 Copies of these Minutes	13.50
Balance in hands of Clerk.....	25.80
Total.....	<u>\$49.30</u>

21st. Agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Gilliam's, in Alamance Co., N. C., about ten miles north-west from Company Shops on the N. C. Central R. R., commencing on Saturday before 3d Sunday in August, 1884, and that Elder James S. Dameron preach the introductory sermon; Elder A. Blalock his alternate.

22d. Elders L. H. Hardy, John Scott and B. H. Wooten preached during the morning services.

D. R. MOORE, MODERATOR.

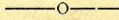
JAMES S. DAMERON, Clerk.

I. G. CANNADY, Assistant Clerk.

NAMES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS
AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

- A. N. HALL, Daysville, Person County, N. C.
A. BLALOCK, Mt. Tirzah, Person County, N. C.
D. R. MOORE, Yancey's Store, Person County, N. C.
F. L. OAKLEY, Anderson's Store, Caswell County, N. C.
JAMES S. DAMERON, Ruffin, N. C.
DRURY SEAT, Red Banks, Halifax County, Va.
JAMES A. BUR II, Company Shops, Alamance County, N. C.
J. M. HARRIS, Reidsville, Rockingham County, N. C.
I. G. CANNADY, South Lowell, Durham County, N. C.
Y. I. CHANDLER, Anderson's Store, Caswell County, N. C.
S. P. TERRY, South Lowell, N. C.

CIRCULAR LETTER.



DEAR BRETHREN—According to our custom, we present to you our annual epistle of love; and we have selected for our subject the privileges and duties of Associations.

Associations are merely creatures of the Churches, and should simply serve as advisory councils; but they frequently transcend their proper limits and become a kind of goad to force churches and correspondents into their measures.

It too often occurs that restless and impulsive persons become offended and then undertake to make their Associations withdraw their correspondence from all other Churches and Associations that do not go according to their peculiar notions. The Scriptures tell us to avoid such people.

“Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned, and avoid them.” (Romans 16: 17).

It is true that the Scriptures teach us to withdraw from every brother that walks disorderly; but, on the other hand, we are taught to exhort one another with all long suffering and doctrine, and when we drop correspondence we cut off all communications, and thereby deprive ourselves of every prospect of correcting any errors that may exist among those from whom we withdraw correspondence. Samuel did not sanction the course of Israel in desiring a King, and he offered his solemn protest against their having one; but he did not threaten to have nothing more to do with Israel on account of their frowardness.

“Moreover, as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you; but I will teach you the good and the right way.” (1st Samuel 12: 23).

Those who wish to create divisions do not follow after the things which make for peace. They are seeking to become leaders of factions instead of edifiers of the Church. Nothing that we say here must be so construed as to convey the idea that we are not in favor of exercising discipline against sin.

Those who are guilty of sins, demanding rebuke, and not those who oppose sin, are the ones that stir up strife.

The difficulty about this wholesale withdrawal of fellowship is that many are made to suffer who had nothing to do with the sin. Let the penalty fall upon the offender and upon him alone.

Dear Brethren, search the Scriptures and follow no man farther than he follows the precepts of the Lord.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

No.	NAMES OF CHURCHES.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	POST-OFFICES.	Financials.					
				Baptised.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.
1	Arbor	*F. L. Oakley, *Y. I. Chandler, S. T. Simmons	Anderson's Store.	8	1	1	5	143	\$3 00
2	Big Meadow	Eli Buckner, J. D. Buckner, W. C. Jones	Gravel Spring	3	1	3	18	1	1 10
3	Camp Creek	*A. Blalock, Green Blalock, H. Blalock	Mt. Tirzah	3	2	1	3	56	1 50
4	Country-Line	J. B. Kennon	Yanceyville	1	1	1	16	50	50
5	Deep Creek	B. Benson, J. Brooks	McKay's	1	1	1	27	50	50
6	Deep Creek	S. D. Coley, M. H. Suit, W. T. Suit	Dutchville.	1	1	1	39	1 00	1 00
7	Eno	W. Hall, H. Farthing, John Hall	Fish Dam	12	1	5	118	1 50	1 50
8	Ebenezer	A. Harris	Winstead's Mill	2	1	3	20	50	50
9	Flat River	*D. R. Moore, J. P. Tingen, J. K. Duncan	Roxboro	3	1	9	71	2 50	2 50
10	Gilliam's	W. L. Brooks, J. W. Gilliam	Morton's Store	3	2	1	20	1 00	1 00
11	Harmony	Jas. Workman, L. Heath	Cedar Grove	1	1	1	15	60	60
12	Lynch's Creek	J. C. Murphy	Prospect Hill	1	2	1	17	60	60
13	Lick Fork	J. W. Harris, T. J. Motley, R. D. Harris	Ruffin.	1	1	2	68	3 00	3 00
14	Mt. Zion	H. F. Wilkins, Geo. B. Height	Hyco, Va.	1	1	1	9	50	50
15	Mt. Lebanon	Jas. Monk, W. T. Bacon, D. H. Hill	South Lowell	3	1	1	76	1 00	1 00
16	Mill	Not represented	Milton	1	1	1	16	16	16
17	Moon's Creek	*J. S. Dameron, W. C. Travis, J. W. Neal	Danville	1	1	1	21	75	75
18	Prospect Hill	W. H. Warren, W. E. Warren, J. R. Hester	Prospect Hill	1	1	1	41	1 00	1 00
19	Pleasant Grove	*W. L. Walker, +B. B. McKinney, W. C. Apple	Lenox Castle	1	2	1	46	1 00	1 00
20	Storie's Creek	J. H. Clayton, D. Satterfield, J. A. B. Walters	Roxboro	2	1	3	31	1 00	1 00
21	Shiloh	*A. N. Hall, W. Jones, Z. T. Brooks	Woodsdale	2	1	1	20	1 00	1 00
22	Tar River	W. H. Gordon, L. D. Williford, T. Latta	Berea	2	1	1	30	1 00	1 00
23	U. S. Hyco	*Jas. A. Burch, B. Russell, S. O'Briant	Hurdle's Mills	2	1	1	64	1 50	1 50
24	Wolf-Island	A. J. Hudson, G. W. Carter, C. J. Terry	Reidsville	2	1	1	82	1 00	1 00
TOTAL.....				49	2	2	15	1064	\$27 05

NOTE.—*Ordained Ministers. + Licentiates.

