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OF THE
ABBOTTS CREEK UNION
Primitive Baptist Association



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Montgomery County, North Carolina
Commencing on Saturday Before the
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ABBOTTS CREEK ASSOCIATION

Saturday, August 25th, 1928

1. After praise and prayer the introductory sermon was preached by Elder Samuel McMillan from Daniel 2:44.
 2. After an intermission of one hour, the messengers from the several churches met in the house, and after praise and prayer by Elder D. S. Jones the letters from the several churches were called for, read and their contents noted. (See statistical table.)
 3. Resolved that we still refuse to seat or fellowship J. R. Wilson and all that follow or fellowship him in anyway.
 4. The rules of decorum were read.
 5. Elder Samuel McMillan was chosen Moderator.
 6. Invited visiting ministers and messengers to seats, and the following were present and seated:
 - From Upper Country Line: Elder F. W. Keene.
 - From Lower Country Line: Brother J. W. Terry.
 - From Black Creek: Elder F. W. Boswell and Brethren J. B. Murry, Hilliard Boykin and R. S. Strictland.
 - From Fisher River: Elder G. O. Key.
 - From Salem: Elders C. A. Davis and A. G. Morton and Brethren Lee Smith and J. M. Greer.
 - From Little River: Elder T. F. Adams and Brethren J. F. Adams and W. F. Young.
 - From White Oak: Elders Isaac Jones, W. W. Roberts and R. W. Gurganus and Brother Irvin Garner.
 - From Mayo: none.
 - From Mill Branch: Brother J. H. Carter.
 - From Contentnea: none.
 - From Pig River: Brother H. N. Lawrence.
 - From Zion: none.
 - From Kehukee: none.
 - From Bear Creek: Elders W. C. Edwards, D. S. Jones, Oscar Broom, W. E. Helms and Brethren M. T. Howard, J. W. Jones, Lester Williams, J. C. Griffin, J. M. Taylor, Sam Remmer and others.
- We received a file of minutes from Black Creek, Fishers River, Zion, Mayo, Contentnea, Smith River, Little River, White Oak, Salem, Staunton River, Bear Creek and Kehukee.
7. Called for the circular letter which was handed in and

referred to the committee on arrangements.

8. Appointed Elder D. P. Broadway and Brethren G. H. Cornelison and Rob Snider with the Moderator and Clerk as committee on arrangements to report Monday morning.

9. Appointed Brethren H. T. Tucker and Enos Sykes as committee on finance.

10. Elected by Committee of arrangements Elders R. H. Boswell, W. C. Edwards, T. F. Adams, Isaac Jones, S. J. Reich, R. W. Gurganus and C. A. Davis to preach Sunday, worship to begin at 10:00 o'clock.

Elders A. G. Morton, H. S. Williams and W. W. Roberts to preach Monday, services to be closed by the Moderator.

Elders F. W. Keene and Oscar Broom to preach Saturday night.

Elders T. F. Adams and W. C. Edwards to preach Sunday night.

11. Adjourned to Monday morning 9:00 o'clock. Dismissed at the stand.

SATURDAY EVENING PREACHING

Elder W. A. Helms preached from no certain text, he was followed by Elder G. W. Hill from no certain text. Elder G. O. Key preached from John 3:16, after which Elder D. S. Jones preached from no certain text.

SATURDAY NIGHT PREACHING

Elder Oscar Broom preached from John 11:25. He was followed by Elder F. W. Keene but Clerk failed to get text.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN AUGUST 1928

Elder T. F. Adams opened the services, after which Elder R. H. Boswell preached from the text "The Windows of Heaven Were Opened." He was followed by Elder W. C. Edwards from John 2:1. Elder T. F. Adams preached next from no certain text.

After an intermission of one hour Elder Isaac Jones continued the services and preached from the Fourth chapter of Revelations, he was followed by Elder S. J. Reich who preached from Isaiah 35:3. He was followed by Elder R. W. Gurganus who preached from Ephesians 2:1 and 2. Elder C. A. Davis closed the services by preaching from John 1:1 to 12.

SUNDAY NIGHT PREACHING

Elder T. F. Adams preached from Isaiah 4:1 and 2. He

was followed by Elder W. C. Edwards, who preached from Romans 8:28.

MONDAY MORNING AUGUST 27th, 1928

12. The Association met according to arrangements. Praise by Elder Oscar Broom.

13. Called on committee on arrangement to report. The report was received and the Committee discharged.

14. Called messengers names and noted absentees.

15. Elder H. S. Williams having been called to the Moderator's chair by Elder Samuel McMillan, we, the messengers composing the Abbotts Creek Association which is now in session with the church at Suggs Creek, having been informed that the leading attorney in the Lawyer Springs Church case in the court house at Monroe, N. C., on August 20, 1928, said attorney appeared for the J. R. Wilson faction, did make certain slanderous reports against Elder Samuel McMillan. The said reports being slanderous, false and satanic in origin.

We therefore do denounce any such methods as the said attorney has resorted to in a dying effort to win the case for his clients.

Signed this the 27th day of August, 1928.

Elder H. S. WILLIAMS, Moderator Pro Tem.

T. R. FREEMAN, Clerk.

16. Called on corresponding Messengers to report. Some attended. Those who failed were excused.

17. Appointed corresponding messengers to sister Associations as follows:

To Bear Creek: Elder H. S. Williams and Brethren B. I. Harrison, G. H. Cornelison, J. R. Garner, Alex Snider and Enos Sykes.

To Upper Country Line: Brethren G. H. Cornelison and Enos Sykes.

To Lower Country Line: Elders H. S. Williams and Samuel McMillan, and Brethren L. A. Wright and C. B. Owen.

To Mayo: Elder D. P. Broadway.

To Fishers River: Brother G. H. Cornelison.

To Mill Branch: Elders H. S. Williams and Samuel McMillan and Brother J. T. Vanhoy.

To Salem: Elders D. P. Broadway and Samuel McMillan and Brethren B. I. Harrison, H. A. Williams, Matt Mabe and W. P. Williams.

To White Oak: Elders D. P. Broadway and Samuel McMillan and Brother L. A. Wright.

To Staunton River: Minutes.

To Black Creek: Elders H. S. Williams and Samuel McMillan and Brethren L. A. Wright, R. E. Lamb and Enos Sykes.

To Kehukee: Samuel McMillan.

To Little River: Elders Samuel McMillan and H. S. Williams and Brethren G. H. Cornelison, Enos Sykes, H. W. Johnson and C. W. Anthony.

18. The circular letter was read, approved and ordered printed with these minutes.

19. Appointed Brother B. I. Harrison to write the circular letter for our next year's minutes.

20. Called on committee on finance to report. The report is as follows:

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| Sent in from churches | \$121.75 | |
| Contributed by Brethren and Friends | | 26.00 |
| Allowed for printing minutes | \$22.50 | |
| Allowed Clerk for his services | 15.00 | |
| Gave the Moderator | 10.00 | |
| Gave the visiting Ministers | 91.15 | |
| Balance in treasury | 9.10 | |

TOTALS \$147.75 \$147.75

21. The finance committee with the Moderator and Clerk and Brother L. A. Wright and messengers from Suggs Creek were appointed to distribute \$91.15 among visiting Ministers.

22. Agreed that our next Association be held with the Church at Cotton Creek, two and one half miles southeast of Star, Montgomery County, N. C. to commence on Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in August 1929. Elder D. P. Broadway to preach the introductory sermon. Elder Samuel McMillan alternate. Worship to begin at ten o'clock.

23. Appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing of 800 copies of these minutes, and that \$22.50 be allowed for same.

24. The Clerk was allowed \$15.00 for his services.

25. Called on Presbyteries to report. Elder D. P. Broadway reported the ordination of Brethren B. I. Harrison and Lee Snider to the office of Deacons at Toms Creek. The Presbytery consists of Elders Samuel McMillan, C. A. Davis and D. P. Broadway and Deacons C. B. Owen, R. F. Strange,

A. G. Yarboro, R. F. Snyder, W. E. Jarrel and J. A. Williams. Elder Broadway reported the ordination of Brethren L. A. Wright and J. T. Vanhoy to the office of Deacons at Cotton Creek. This Presbytery consisted of Elders Samuel McMillan and D. P. Broadway and Deacons C. B. Owen, Pharo Bullock, Matt Mabe, H. T. Tucker, H. W. Johnson, L. T. Hix, J. W. Jones and J. A. Maness.

26. On motion the Moderator was allowed \$10.00 for his services.

27. The Association extends thanks to God for his blessings, and to the Brethren and Sisters and friends of this community for their hospitality and kindness during this meeting, and also to the Brethren and Sisters and friends of the Cotton Creek and White Oak Springs Churches.

28. After the minutes were read and approved the Association adjourned to time and place appointed.

Elder SAMUEL McMILLAN, Moderator.

T. R. FREEMAN, Clerk, Steeds, N. C.

MONDAY MORNING PREACHING

Elder A. G. Morton preached from John 6:63, after which Elder H. S. Williams preached from Ephesians 2:1. He was followed by Elder W. W. Roberts who preached from no certain text. Services were closed by Elder Isaac Jones.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the Ministers and messengers composing the Abbotts Creek Association. Greetings:

As I was appointed by our last association to write a Circular letter, I now make the attempt, feeling my weakness and inability to write of any importance to our Brethren and Sisters, who compose this association. I now ask the Lord to guide my mind and give me words that will be profitable in building up the household of faith, and cause them to rejoice in the Lord Jesus Christ, who is our Salvation.

Let us ever remember our elder brother, Jesus Christ, though we feel so unworthy to claim this relationship with him who is just and Holy in all His ways.

Paul in his letter to the Ephesians. 2nd Chapter, says Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God, and are built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone, In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an Holy temple in the Lord, In whom ye also are builded together for an Habitation of God through the Spirit.

Dear Brethren when we can look away from our empty selves and view the fair Church of God, and are given a hope that we are a part of that building, and our relationship to this building was

wrought in Christ Jesus, who is the chief corner stone, and also the cap stone that holds this building together. It makes us rejoice in the Lord, and then we can say of a truth, what manner of men ought we to be.

Dear Brethren our Churches are suffering to day on account of the neglect of our duty. Shall I say it is the duty of each church to discipline her members when it is necessary? Church discipline when carried out in a spirit of love, is the life (so to speak) of the church, and means much to the growth of the church.

No one of us is perfect, so when we see our brother or sister in error, we should go to that brother or sister, not as though we are perfect and they imperfect, but knowing our imperfection and weakness in many ways, we should go to them and tell them how weak and unworthy we are and what a cross it is for us to come to them to bestow labor on them, feeling that they are more worthy than we, but for the sake of Jesus who bore our sins in His own body on the cross, and healed us by His stripes, they should turn away from wickedness, which is in my mind to repent, and if we succeed we have these words to comfort us, "Know ye not that you have saved a soul from death and hid, (not made public) a multitude of sin.

Dear brethren we should strive to keep the unity of peace among ourselves, if we do this, then the dear ones that are on the outside of the sheepfold will have a greater desire to come in and travel with us, may God help us to show by our walk and conversation that we have been brought nigh unto Him by the blood of Jesus Christ.

We should be careful not to do anything that would cause or influence those who have a hope in God, and are on the outside of the church, to refrain from doing their duty.

And when trouble arises in the church and one or more has to be excluded, we should as good soldiers of the cross, do nothing that would influence or strengthen them to continue to rebel against the church, we should be ready to receive them back into our fellowship and the church when we see that they have repented, but not before.

And may I say that when any member of any church continues to keep company with an excluded minister who go on preaching and refuse to lay his gift down, are no more good soldiers of the cross, but they are acting cowardly, and should be dealt with by the church of their membership.

Now a few words to our ministers. Since the majority of our troubles grow out of shifting ministers who travel from pillar to post all over two or three states, and stay out months at a time, I am persuaded to think that there is little if any good in such trips, if a minister is worth so little to their home people, that they can do without them two or three months at a time, in all probability you would not be worth much to those churches over in other states. But if you must take a long trip, then try the destitute churches one time and see if the Lord is in the matter.

This does not apply to ministers in sister associations who correspond in sister states. Brethren, our Moderator is well informed and should keep himself informed as to the order or disorder of traveling ministers and should keep the churches in his association posted as to any ministers conduct, and we, or the churches should stand by their moderator and other ministers of their association

when advised of the outlook for trouble on account of imported preachers.

Now may I say a few words about the hobby riders who cast a chill over the church as well as the dear ones for whom we have fellowship on the outside of the church, there is but few of this class and we hope that they will be fewer in the future, there is no food in hobby riding to the church, or to the loved ones outside the church who are sick on account of sin. I am glad that I can say of a truth, that our ministers are not hobby riders, and we ought to appreciate them, and not forget to administer to their needs, especially those who stand firm in doctrine and church discipline.

Now may the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, be with us and cause us to have a peaceful and lovely association, and may He protect and keep our loved ones from all harm, who we have left at home, to Him be all Honor Glory and Praise, Amen.

Salisbury, N. C. 100 Helig Ave., C. B. OWEN,

MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

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| To White Oak—Henry Horne, Wilmington, N. C. | 20 |
| To Black Creek—Elder J. L. Hooks, Freemont, N. C. | 25 |
| To Little River—Elder E. F. Pearce, Princeton, N. C. | 20 |
| To Mill Branch—M. Meares, Tarboro, N. C. | 15 |
| To Kehukee—Elder S. Hassel, Williamston, N. C. | 35 |
| To Contentnea—H. L. Brake, Rockey Mount, N. C. | 25 |
| To Fishers River—El. F. P. Stone, Francisco, Rt. 1 N. C. | 25 |
| To Mayo—S. C. Dobyms, Claudeville, Va. | 25 |
| To Upper C. L.—J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C. | 20 |
| To Lower C. L.—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C. | 20 |
| To Zion—H. F. Branscom, Fancy Gap, Va. | 12 |
| To Senter—Elder Ed. Davis, Whitetop, Va. | 12 |
| To Bear Creek—J. W. Jones, Peachland, Rt. 2, N. C. | 28 |

MINUTES TO SISTER CHURCHES

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| To Flat Creek—Mrs. Boss Parker, Ritchfield, Rt. 2, N. C. | 20 |
| To Toms Creek—B. I. Harrison, Denton, N. C. | 60 |
| To Pine M. H.—W. P. Williams, Rt. 3, Linwood, N. C. | 75 |
| To Brush Creek—H. W. Johnson, Bush Creek, N. C. | 40 |
| To Sandy Creek—Percy Jones, Liberty, N. C. | 10 |
| To Big Creek—J. N. Henderson, Eldorado, N. C. | 6 |
| To Gaines Grove—J. W. Gaines, Rt. 3, Sanford, N. C. | 15 |
| To Rock Hill—A. H. Trogdon, Rt. 3, Asheboro, N. C. | 20 |
| To Pierces Chapel—M. L. Wood, Fullers, N. C. | 25 |
| To White Oak Springs—T. R. Freeman, Steeds, N. C. | 40 |
| To Salisbury—D. P. Broadway, Salisbury, N. C. | 60 |
| To Lexington—Mattie Godfrey, Lexington, N. C. | 17 |
| To Cotton Creek—L. A. Wright, Star, N. C. | 55 |
| To Lamms Grove—R. L. Comer, Carthage, Rt. 2, N. C. | 40 |
| To Suggs Creek—T. W. Maness, Allreds, N. C. | 34 |

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1928

| CHURCHES | NAMES OF MESSENGERS | Received by Experience | | | | | | Total Membership | Contribution |
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| | | Received by Experience | Received by Letter | Dismissed by Letter | Excluded | Restored | Deceased | | |
| Flat Creek | Represented by contribution | | | | | | 8 | \$ 2 00 | |
| Tom's Creek | A. A. Snider, W. H. Workman, B. I. Harrison | | | 1 | | | 18 | 25 00 | |
| Pine M. H. | R. F. Snider, H. A. Williams, W. P. Williams | | | | 1 | | 52 | 10 00 | |
| Sandy Creek | Not represented | | | | | | | | |
| Brush Creek | Adison Stutts, L. T. Hicks, W. R. Fox | | | | | 1 | 21 | 10 50 | |
| Mt. Tabor | Not represented | | | | | | | | |
| Gaines Grove | D. T. Gaines, J. W. Gaines, J. D. Jones | | | | | | 9 | 2 30 | |
| Rock Hill | A. H. Trogdon, J. N. Trogdon, Joe Nance | | | | | | 17 | 3 10 | |
| Salisbury | Eld. D. P. Broadway, C. B. Owen, W. H. Helms | | 3 | 1 | | | 21 | 21 50 | |
| White Oak Springs | H. T. Tucker, Matt Mabe, J. W. Bondurant | | | | | 2 | 22 | 6 15 | |
| Pierce's Chapel | C. S. Swaney, T. L. Small, M. L. Wood | | | | | 1 | 15 | 5 00 | |
| Lexington | Represented by letter and contribution | | | | | | | 50 | |
| Cotton Creek | L. A. Wright, T. L. Maness, B. F. Cochran | | 2 | | | | 24 | 18 00 | |
| Lamm's Grove | P. Bullock, J. A. Edwards, R. L. Mabe* | | | | | | 41 | 10 00 | |
| Suggs Creek | Enos Sykes, G. H. Cornelison, T. W. Maness | | 2 | | | | 28 | 7 10 | |
| Big Creek | Lee Morgan | | | | | | | 60 | |
| | Absentees marked thus* | | | | | | | 75 | |
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