

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Thirty-Fifth Annual Session

—OF THE—

Primitive Baptist Association,

CONVENED WITH CENTER CHURCH,

Wilkes county, N. C., October 23rd and 24th 1903.

Moderator, Elder J. M. Owens, Hays, N. C.

Clerk and Treasurer, Geo. W. Miles, Miles N. C.

The next session will convene with Liberty Knob church, four miles north of Traphill, N. C., commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in Oct. 1904. Elder N. W. Herrald to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder J. M. Owens, alternate.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

Bethany—J M Owens, J E Blackburn, J O Wood, L L Wood, Daniel Wood.

Bethel—J P Elledge, D S Elledge, G W Elledge, L M Jennings.

Cane Creek—W F Porter, A Absher, Joseph Felts.

Center—F M Adams, W B Brown, James K Jennings, D M Hays, L O Elledge.

Elkin Valley—B Woodruff, C A Cooper.

Fair View—D M Hall, S C Church, Wm McGrady, J W Wyatt, T J Shumate.

Friendship—W A Gentry.

Garden Creek—J M Brown, J P Brooks, M F Brown, Wm H Brooks.

Liberty Knob—Geo W Miles, J W Brooks.

Oak Grove—W F Gregory, E F Kane, B A Freeman, J W McCraw, Z E Chandler.

Oak Level—C Waddell, J M Spicer, M L Gentry, D A Gentry, J P Cockerham.

Rachel—R Wilmoth, J H Bose, J W Byrd, C E Dimmett.

Roaring River—Geo W Brown, T R Cockerham, M G McBride.

Round Hill—J A Pruitt, I W Pruitt, N Waddell.

Round Mountain—H A Adams, J C Elledge, W M Johnson.

Union Cross—C C Holyfield, B W Snow.

White Oak—Represented by letter.

Zion—Eli Sebastian, J W Walker, J P Herral, Geo Byrd, E M Herral.

PROCEEDINGS.

Friday, Oct. 23, 1903.—The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder Eli Sebastian; text Galatians 6:16, "And as many as walk according to this rule." After a short recreation, the delegates reassembled in the church. Opening services: Song; "Jesus united by thy grace." Prayer offered by Elder A. McKnight. Called for associational letters—letters handed in and read.

1 On motion, extended an invitation to newly constituted churches to unite with us, when Union Cross church presented a letter asking admittance—the letter read and her delegates seated.

2 Appointed A. McKnight, W. H. Darnell and David Roten tellers, who reported Elder J. M. Owens, Moderator, and Geo. W. Miles, Secretary.

3 On motion invited correspondents of our faith and order. when Elders A. McKnight, Isom Edwards, M. E. Pool and Bros. S. P. Todd, S. M. Edwards, F. M. Osborn and Wiley Combs from the Little River Association and J. H. Stewart, M. E. Rhodes, Elders David Roten, W. H. Darnell from the Mountain Union, accepted seats.

4 On motion invited transients and visitors of our faith and order. None accepted.

5 Authorized the Moderator to make all temporary appointments during this session.

6 The following committees were appointed viz: On the Ministry S. C. Church, G. W. Elledge and Calvin Waddell, with the delegates of this church, who reported for tomorrow 1—David Roten, 2—W.H. Darnell; 3—S.P. Todd.

7 On Arrangements, J. M. Brown, J. O. Wood, W. A. Gentry, J. P. Elledge and J. A. Pruitt; invited Moderator, Clerk and correspondents to sit with them.

8 On Finance, Geo. W. Brown, Wm. H. Brooks and J. W. McCraw.

9 On Sabbath Schools, F. M. Adams, D. M. Hall and B. A. Freeman.

10 On Resolutions, R. Wilmoth, D. S. Elledge J. W. Brooks.

11 On Temperance, G. G. Elledge, A. Absher, Henry Bose.

12 Appointed J. M. Brown to write a corresponding letter to the Little River Association; J. P. Elledge to the

Mountain Union; and C. C. Holyfield to the Blue Ridge, and have the same ready for inspection tomorrow.

13 Appointed the clerks of the churches in our bounds committee on obituaries.

14 On motion, adjourned till 11 o'clock a. m. tomorrow. Song, "Children of the heavenly king." Prayer offered by Elder Isom Edwards; benediction by Moderator.

Saturday, Oct. 24, 1903.

Met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday and spent several minutes in devotional exercises.

1 Opening exercises, Song, "Amazing grace how sweet the sound." Prayer offered by Elder A. McKnight.

2 Called the roll of delegates and marked absentees.

3 Read Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith.

4 Called on the Committee of Arrangements to report, who reported and were discharged.

5 Agreed to dispose of items in the order they appear on the Bill of Arrangements.

6 Read and received the minutes of yesterday.

7 Extended an invitation to transients and visitors of our faith and order. J. R. Brown from New River accepted a seat.

8 Called on the Committee on Sabbath Schools to report, who reported viz: We suggest to our churches that they organize Bible classes in Sunday school work for the study of God's word and not use trashy literature. Respectfully submitted,

B. A. Freeman, }
F. M. Adams, } Com.
D. M. Hall. }

Report received and committee discharged.

9 Called on correspondents to report: W. F. Gregory, L. R. Pardew, F. M. Walker and Abram Ayers visited the Little River Association; J. P. Cockerham visited the Mountain Union. Report rec'd and brethren discharged.

10 Called on those appointed to write corresponding letters to read the same. Letters read and brethren discharged.

11 Appointed correspondents to sister associations, viz: To the Little River, W. F. Gregory, J. A. Roberson, J. P. Elledge, W. F. Porter, B. A. Freeman, D. M. Hays, G. W. Elledge, J. C. Elledge, J. A. Pruitt, R. Wilmoth, N. W. Herrald and W. M. Herrald; to Mountain Union, E. F. Kane, W. F. Porter, L. L. Wood; J. A. Roberson, D. S. Elledge and G. G. Elledge; to Blue Ridge, J. C. Elledge, J. O. Wood, R. Wilmoth, N. W. Herrald and J. A. Roberson.

12 Called on the committee on Temperance to report, who reported viz: "Temperance being the lawful use of anything that is right, and total abstinence from things which are wrong, therefore, we urge our churches to be strict in following the scriptural injunction to shun the appearance of evil. Ardent spirits immoderately indulged in is an evil.—J. H. Bose, A. Absher, G. G. Elledge, Comm. Report received and committee discharged.

13 Called on the committee on Finance to report, who reported received from the churches \$16.00. Report received and committee discharged.

14 The committee on the Ministry reported for tomorrow, 1—Elder Isom Edwards, 2—Elder M. E. Pool, 3—Elder A. McKnight. Report received and committee discharged.

15 Called on the committee appointed to visit Round Mountain church and learn the cause of her non-representation at our last session to report, who reported that said church informed the committee that she was fearful her delegates would not be received and therefore failed to represent. Report received and committee discharged.

16 Called on the committee appointed last session to visit Pleasant Grove church to report, who report that said committee being reliably informed that said church had represented in another association, failed to visit said church. Report received and committee discharged.

17 Called on the committee on Resolutions to report, who reported, viz: Resolved, 1st "That we solicit each minister in our bounds to make at least one visit to all the churches in this Association during the Association-al year. 2nd that we extend to our sister Associations our many thanks for their continued line of correspondents and visitors sent us. 3rd That we extend our sincere thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends of this vicinity for the kind hospitality shown us during this session. Respectfully submitted—R. Wilmoth. D. S. Elledge, J. W. Brooks, committee. Report received and brethren discharged.

18 Called for obituaries to be printed in these minutes, when thirteen were handed in, read and ordered published.

19 On motion, we ask Elder W. E. Gregory, who was appointed last year to travel and preach, to report; he reported to have organized one church and otherwise met with fair results. Bro. Gregory says reports have

followed him saying he is an excluded member from one of our churches, and he desires this body to give facts in regard to this matter. We say Bro. Gregory is not an excluded member, but is an ordained minister held in the fellowship of this association.

20 Called up the question from Oak Grove church— "Is it right for a church to receive into her fellowship an excluded person from another church of the same faith and order?" Answer: No. Provided the church that withdrew fellowship was properly organized and in christian fellowship, using the word of God as a guide in their dealings.

21 On motion, we grant letters of dismission to the following churches to enable them to organize a new association in Surry Co., N. C: Oak Grove, Friendship, Elkin Valley, Union Cross and White Oak, if she makes application for dismission, and authorize our secretary to prepare and officially assign said letters.

22 Representatives from these churches will meet at Friendship church, four miles east of Elkin, N. C., on Friday before the second Sunday in Dec. 1903, to effect an associational organization. The following ministers will be present at above time and place to act as Presbytery, viz: Elders J. C. Elledge, N. W. Herrald and J. O. Wood from the Primitive Association, and Elders A. McKnight and M. E. Pool from the Little River.

23 Appointed Geo. W. Miles, treasurer and that he superintend the printing and distribution of 700 copies of minutes and allow him \$5.00 for his services.

24 Authorized the Treasurer to hand to the Moderator the residue of the contribution after the printer and clerk's fees are paid.

25 Appointed our next session to convene with Liberty Knob church, four miles north of Traphill, N. C., commencing on Friday before the fourth Lord's day in October, 1904. Elder N. W. Herrald to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder J. M. Owens, alternate.

27 On motion, adjourned to time and place of our next session. Song, "Blessed be the tie that binds." Prayer offered by F. M. Osborn. Benediction by Moderator.
Geo. W. Miles, Sec. Elder J. M. Owens, Mod.

Sabbath.

After devotional exercises, Elder Isom Edwards preached from St. Luke, 3:4, Elder M. E. Pool, St. Matthew, 6:21; Elder A. McKnight, from St. Luke, 2:10. There was in attendance a large, well-behaved congregation. May the truths spoken this day lead many benighted souls into the light of God's dear Son, Amen!

Clerk.

Tobitha Willard was born Aug. 1, 1839, died March 30, 1903. She professed a hope in Christ and joined the Baptist church 1876. She was a model of Christian love and religious piety. May the bereft husband and the three motherless children that are left meet this dear wife and mother in a world of bliss.

Ethel Jones (whose maiden name was Childers) was born 1870, died Oct. 11, 1903. She was a consistent member of the church and was an admirer of true christianity. She was often heard speak of the Lord and his goodness and about getting to her heavenly home,

Martha A. Warren (whose maiden name was Brooks) was born Jan. 10, 1848, died Jan. 20, 1903. She was married to Samuel M. Warren Oct. 9, 1868. There were born unto them eight children all of whom are now living. She professed a hope in Christ and in 1866 united with the Roaring River church, where her membership remained until the constitution of Garden Creek church, having moved her membership to this church. She served said church as deaconess until her death.

“Tis hard to break the tender cord,
When love has bound the heart.
Tis hard, so hard, to speak the words—
We must forever part.
Dearest loved one, we must lay thee
In the peaceful grave’s embrace,
But thy memory will be cherished
Till we see thy heavenly face.”

J. M. Brown, committee.

Jefferson Gentry was born April 21, 1820; died Oct. 6, 1903. He was married to Miss Bettie Rankins Dec. 14, 1842. This union was blessed with one child, who sleeps in some far away and (to us) unknown battle field. He joined the church at Cool Springs and lived a consistent member of the same until the organization of the Primitive Association, he was a constitutional member of said association. He lived a model christian life. To know him, was to love him.

This dear old brother and soldier too,
Laid aside his staff and marched through
The unseen gates of the far off shore,
To live with Jesus forever more.

Matilda Banguess was born June 22, 1819, died Aug. 29, 1903. She joined Rachel Baptist church on the first Saturday in Aug. 1858, but in after years moved her membership to Round Hill church. She was a kind and affectionate mother.

Young friends, when my grave you pass by—
Think as you are now, so once was I,
Though proud, hale or sinful you be,
You’re soon going to eternity.

Sarah Collins was born in the year 1837, died Oct. 1901. She joined Elkin Valley church in Aug. 1896 and was prompt to fill her seat on church days. She leaves a husband to mourn, has paid the debt, conquered the last enemy and entered the shores of eternity. Thanks be to God for christian mothers.

J. Tyre Holbrook was born Aug. 9, 1867, died Oct. 28, 1902. He was married to Miss Emma Holbrook June 1, 1890, this union was blessed with three children. He joined Roaring River Baptist church on Friday after the fourth Saturday in Aug. 1886, where he lived a consistent member until God saw fit to command the pendulum of life to stand still. He was prompt to attend his church meetings, served his church as secretary for about ten years, and possessed a strong desire for the welfare and upbuilding of the church. He was afflicted for nearly four years before his death, but he manifested much fortitude in bearing his afflictions.

Dear wife, we fought the battles of life hand-in-hand,
 You are bereft—I in the promise land
 May God bless you and the dear little ones
 And guide you all to this heavenly home.

V. M. Teague was born July 2, 1830, died July 12, 1903. He professed faith in Christ in 1868, and lived an upright life until his death. By his demise, Fair View church, loses a good member, sister Teague loses a good husband; the children loses a good father, but we trust our loss is his eternal gain.

A precious one from us is gone,
 A voice we loved is still,
 A place is vacant in our home
 Which never can be filled.

Iredell Gentry was born April 9, 1826, died Dec. 29, 1902. He chose for his wife Miss Elizabeth Baugness, unto them were born seven children, six of whom are living. He has 26 grand children and 16 great grand children. He joined the church at Roaring River, but moved his membership to Rachel, was elected deacon of this church. Finally moved his membership to Oak Level church where he remained until death. He was a loving father and a devoted christian.

Geo. W. Jordan was born March 15, 1820, departed this life June 27, 1903. He joined the church at Codas Creek, but moved his membership and was a constitutional member of Oak Level church. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Carrinder, unto them were born 9 chil-

dren, 8 are living, five of whom have a hope in Christ. His last days were days of severe suffering, but when the final hour came, and the wheels of life were still, the spirit was wafted away to the farther shores of the River of Death. He did, as he often sang, "Lay down the Bible and go home."

Millie Absher (whose maiden name was Jennings) was born June 28, 1823, died Nov. 8, 1902. She was married to Wm. Absher Sept. 6, 1847. This union was blessed with 8 children. She professed a hope in Christ in the year 1850, and joined the church at Cane Creek Nov. 24, 1899, where her membership remained until death.

Farewell to our mother dear,
 About thy state we have no fear,
 If we thy children faithful be
 In heaven thy face, soon we'll see.

Lula Cooper was born about the year 1868, died Nov. 21, 1902. She was married to J. F. Cooper, unto them were born three children. She joined Elkin Valley church Oct. 23, 1886 and lived a consistent member of the same until death. May the husband and children meet her in heaven. Amen!

Nora Mickel died in the year 1901, aged about 23 years. She united with Elkin Valley church March 26, 1893. She leaves a husband, mother and sisters to mourn. May these bereft ones meet her in heaven.

LIST OF MINISTERS.

J M Owens.....	Hays,	N. C.
J O Wood.....	Round Mountain,	"
N W Herrald.....	"	"
(L) L L Wood.....	New Castle,	"
(L) R Wilmoth.....	Lomax,	"
W F Gregory.....	Pine Ridge,	"
E F Kane.....	Good Springs,	"
Eli Sebastian.....	Lomax,	"
J W Walker.....	Dehart,	"
W F Porter.....	Hays, R F D No 1,	"
Wm H Melton.....	Salem Fork,	"
J H Norton.....	Venable,	"
J C Elledge.....	Round Mountain,	"
William Miles.....	Miles,	"
(L) J W Brooks.....	Parks,	"
B Woodruff.....	Elkin,	"
(L) F M Brooks.....	Crandull,	Tenn.
(L) Henry Jackson.....	Elkin,	N. C.
J N Brooks.....	Fair Plains,	"

Those marked (L) are Licentiates.

Statistical Table, 1903.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERK.	POST OFFICE.	CONTRIBUTIONS										
				TOTAL	DECEASED	EXCLUDED	DISMISSED	APPLICATION	RE BY LETTER	RECD BY BAP	SATURDAY	N	C	
Bethany	J M Owens	C L Cheek	Lomax,	62	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	4	2	10
Bethel	Brooks and Sebastian	D S Elledge	Hays	24	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	80
Cane Creek	Wood and Owens	A Absher	Dehart	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	90
Center	Wood and Owens	F M Adams	Fair Plains	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1 00
Elkin Valley	B Woodruff	J F Cooper	Elkin	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	40
Fair View	J M Owens	S C Church	Halls Mills,	35	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	2	0	1 00
Friendship	Woodruff and Herrald	J M Gentry	Elkin,	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	75
Garden Creek	William Miles	J M Brown	Joynes,	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	75
Liberty Knob	William Miles	Geo W Miles	Miles,	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	70
Oak Grove	W F Gregory	Jas Johnson	Pine Ridge,	30	0	0	0	5	6	2	1	2	8	1 30
Oak Level	Sebastian and Barker	J M Spicer	Lomax,	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	65
Rachel	Sebastian and Herrald	C E Dimmette	Lomax,	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	95
Roaring River	J O Wood	Geo W Brown	Lomax,	91	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	00
Round Hill	Sebastian and Cothren	J A Pruett	Traphill,	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	1 00
Round Mountain	Elledge and Kane	H A Adams	Chuckle,	74	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1 00
Union Cross	W F Gregory	C C Holyfield	Round Mt'n,	95	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	70
White Oak	McKnight and Barker	F M Walker	Venable,	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	75
Zion	Walker, Owens, Sebastian	W M Herrald	Parks,	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	1 25
			Hay Meadow	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 00
			Total	861	0	0	0	9	25	14	19	12	10	\$16



