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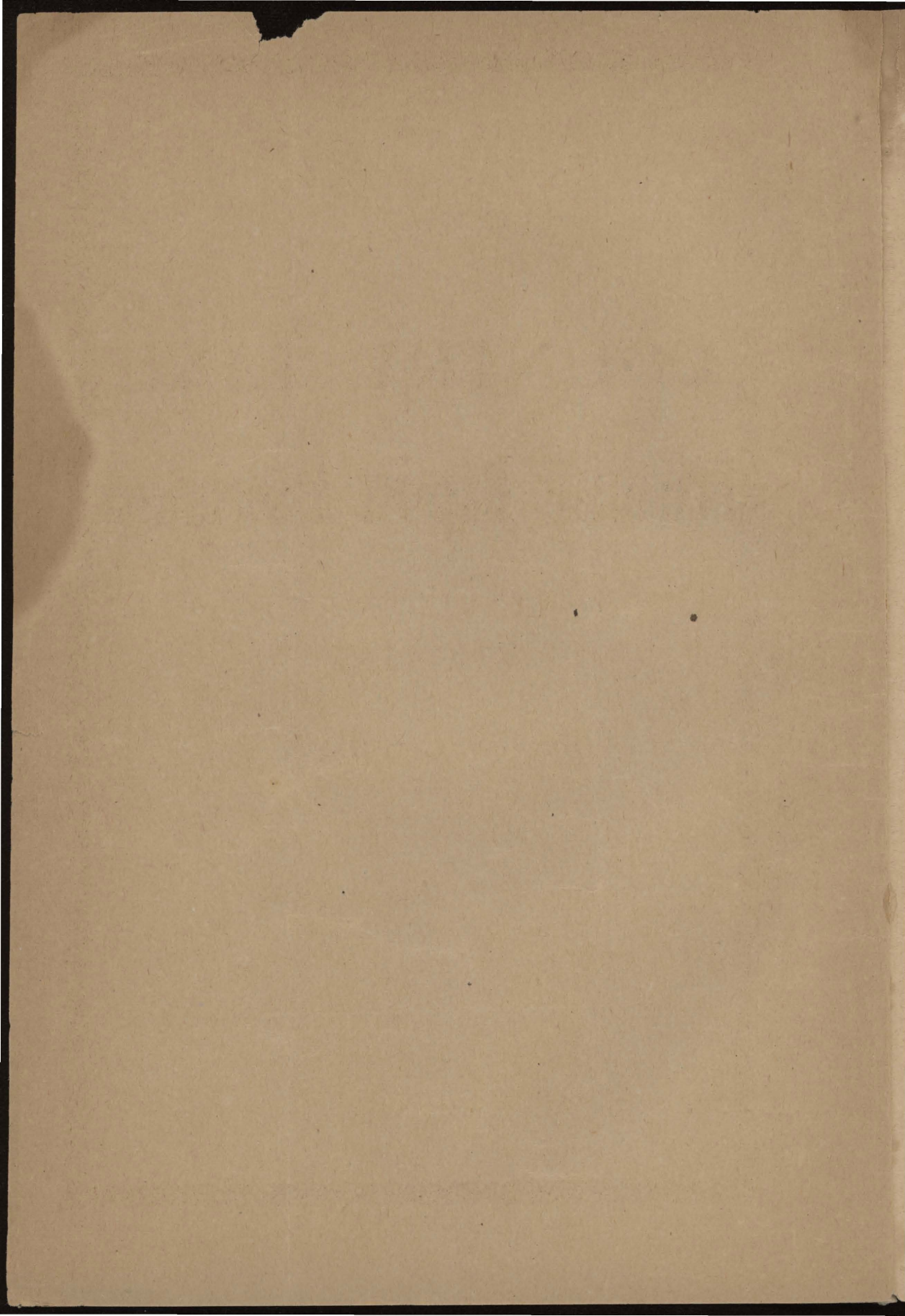
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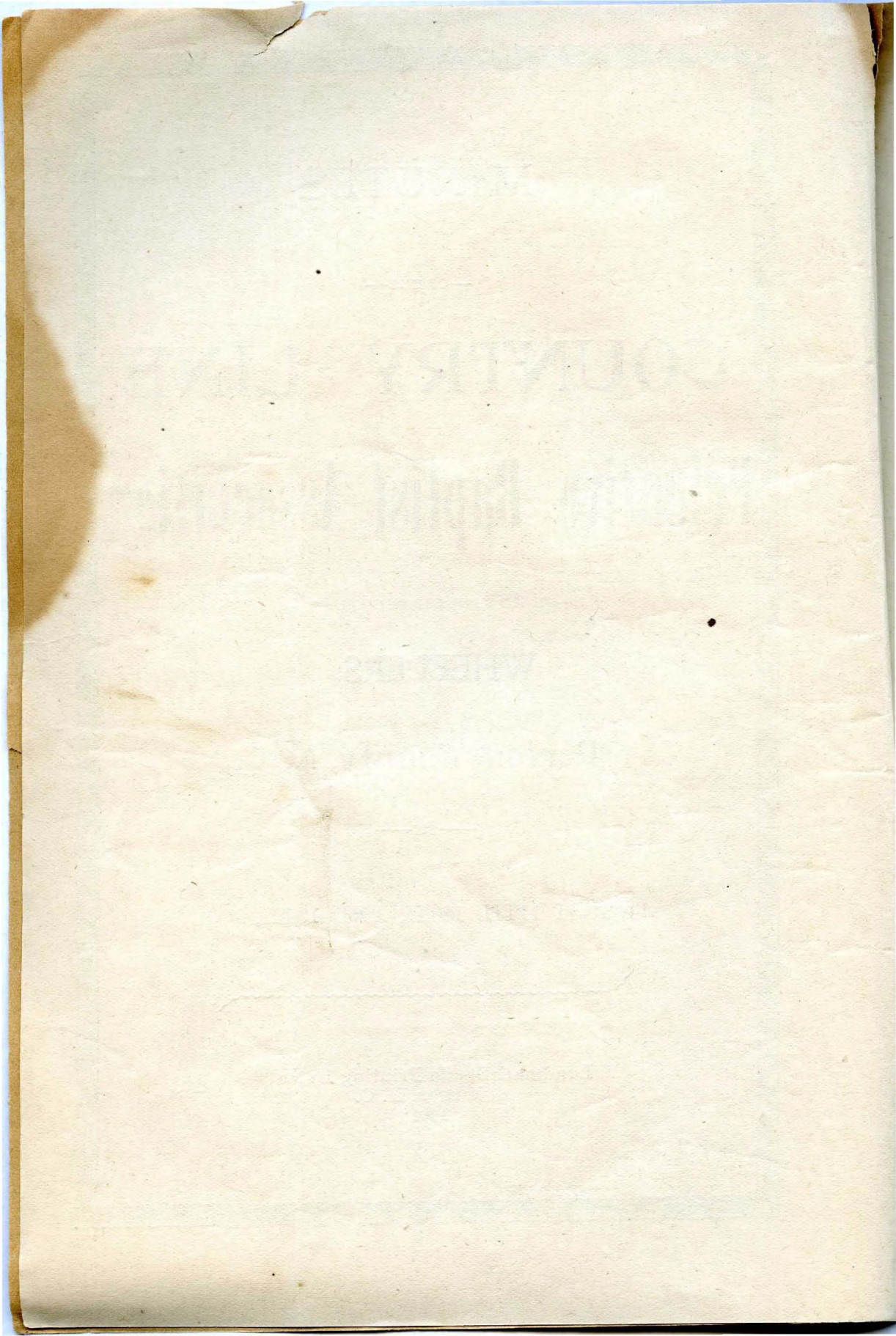
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PROCEEDINGS.

1st. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder L. H. Hardy.
2nd. The Association convened, and after prayer by Elder P. D. Gold proceeded to business.

3rd. Elder James A. Burch was chosen moderator.

4th. The correspondences were invited to take seats with us, where upon the following were received: From Black Creek, Elder P. D. Gold and brother O. L. Yelverton, J. T. Hooks.

From Little River—

From Fisher River: Elder J. D. Draughn, and Bro. H. C. Booker.

From Pigg River

• “ White Oak

“ Mayo: Bro. Cannada.

“ Eno: Brother G. C. Farthing, J. J. Whitfield, I. H. Harris, J. W. Terry.

From Contentnea: Elders W. B. Williams, J. C. Hart

“ Staunton River

“ Yellow River

“ Abbott's Creek: Elder P. W. Willard.

“ New River

“ Kehukee: Elder G. D. Robertson and brother I. W. Bass.

5th. Rules of Decorum were read.

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

7th. Elders J. D. Draughn and W. B. Williams were appointed to preach to-day (Saturday.)

8th. The messengers of this church with the Moderator and Clerk were chosen a committee of arrangement, and brethren J. H. Combs and J. H. Gooch were a committee of finance.

9th. The circular letter was read and received

10th. Adjourned the business of the Association until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING 10 O'CLOCK

11th. Elder P. D. Gold opened the morning service from 1st Peter, 1st chapter and first five verses, and Elder G. D. Robertson closed from Issaiah 28:28; and P. W. Willard opened the evening services from Genesis 21-6; which was closed by Elder J. D. Draughn from Songs 2:4

MONDAY MORNING 9 O'CLOCK

12th The Association met according to adjournment, and after prayer by Elder W. B. Williams proceeded to business.

13th. The committee of arrangements and finance reported and their reports were received, and the committees discharged.

14th. Messengers were appointed to visit sister Associations as follows:

To Mayo, Elder W. C. Jones and Brethren G. W. Carter, G. M. Trent.

To Kehukee.

To Little River, Eldder Jas. A. Burch.

To Contentnea

To Staunton River, Elder James A. Burch and Brethren C. A. Howard, and W. A. Warren.

To White Oak

To Black Creek, Brother J. H. Gooch.

To Abbott's Creek, Elders Jas. H. Burch, W. C. Jones and J. S. Ward.

To Fisher's River, Elder James A. Burch.

To Pigg River

To Eno, Brothel J. H. Gooch, Elder J. A. Burch, J. S. Ward.

14th. Elders were chosen to attend a section meeting at Wolf Island, commencing on Friday, Saturday and Second Sunday in April 1902 and to continue three days, and Elders L. H. Hardy, James A. Burch and Y. I. Chandler were appointed to attend. Another meeting was appointed with the church at Ebenezer commencing on Friday, Saturday and First Sunday in April 1902 and held three days. Elders Burch, Oakley and Chandler were chosen to attend.

15th. Brother B. B. McKenny was requested to write a circular letter to be read at the next Association on Saturday.

16th. The Finance Committee reported as follows.

Received from the churches.....	\$24.80
Already in hands of the Clerk.....	5.57

\$30.37

Clerks fee.	\$10.00
For printing of the minutes.....	16.00

\$26.00

Balance in the hands of the Clerk.....	\$4.37
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The following Elders preached after 9 o'clock Monday, Elders T. C. Hart, W. B. Williams and P. D. Gold.

17th. Agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Bush Arbor in Caswell Co., commencing on Saturday before the third Sunday in August, 1902, Elder Jas. A. Burch was chosen to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Y. I. Chandler his Alternate.

JAS. A. BURCH, Moderator,

C. A. HOWARD, Clerk,

W. A. WARREN, Assistant Clerk,

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To the Ministers, Messengers, Correspondents of the Country Line Primitive Baptist Association to be held with the church at Wheelers, Person County, N. C., commencing on Saturday the 17th day of August 1901, and days following:

DEAR BRETHREN IN HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE—Being appointed at our last Association to write a letter to be attached to our minutes if received, I proceed to fill the appointment, hoping to have the direction of the Spirit in writing, for the apostle said he could do all things through Christ which strengthened him, and the Lord Jesus said, "Without me ye can do nothing," and the Apostle said, "In him we live, move and have our being." For our consideration in writing we will cite John 1:1-5 "In the beginning was the Word, and the word was with God, and the Word was God." "All things were made by Him: and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehendeth it not." "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.—The heaven he created for His throne, the earth for His foot-stool. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said let there be light: and there was light. Thus we see in the above word the first person spake to the second and it was done, there was light, and so on throughout the description of the visible creation of God, We by the Spirit hope we see the Word that was in the beginning with God, and the same Word was God, and that same was in the beginning with God. And by reference to the eighth chapter of Proverbs, this word bearing wisdom beautifully accords with first of the Gospel by John. Now in consideration he in Proverb 8: 22-36 "The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. I was set up from everlasting from the beginning, or ever the earth was: When there were no depths I was brought forth: when there were no fountains abounding with water, I was by him as one brought up with him; and I was his delight, rejoicing always before him; rejoicing in the habitable part of the earth; and my delights were with the sons of men." "Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children; for blessed are they that keep my ways. Hear instruction and be wise, and refuse it not. Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the post of my doors, For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favor of the Lord. But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul; all they that hate me love death." Gen. 1:26. "And God said let us make man in our own image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowls of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him, male and female created he them. "And God blessed them, and God said unto them, be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth, and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowls of the air and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth." Thus we see what the Word teacheth. He hath created us and not we ourselves. And as by the Apostle for "we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." "And the Lord formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul." And this man was made upright, but since has sinned with all his seed in him virtually, that were appointed to multiply, replenish the earth and subdue it, before the law was given him by his creator and former and life giver. Thus we see him coming from the Lord a living soul. The law being given after, has been transgressed by him and his seed in him. He was a corrupt man before Cain was conceived by Eve the mother of Cain, therefore Cain was a corrupt son and slew his brother Abel because his offering was respected with himself and Cain's offering was not respected, nor himself. Thus we see that by the offence of one man many were made sinners, but before the transgression of Adam and his seed virtually he was upright, but the serpent being more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made, he said unto the woman, "Yea God hath said, ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden" And the woman said unto the serpent: "We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden, but of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said: "Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest ye die." And the serpent said unto the woman, "Ye shall not surely die, for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." With this teaching lust was conceived in the heart of Eve, and seeing the tree was good for food, and pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, took of the fruit thereof and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat, and the eyes of them both were opened and they knew they were naked. Read remainder of the verse viz. 7th, also 8 to 14 and remainder of 2nd chapter of Gen. But though sin thus entered before the transgression the Lord God was love and loved his people, and knew them, and prepared a kingdom for them, and gave His Son (the Word.) Glory was before the world began; God also gave the people of his choice to Jesus, the Word, to be manifest in due time to destroy the work of the devil, who by teaching the mother of all living beguiled her, she being thus deceived transgressed. But Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

What a glorious thought that the Father of our Lord Jesus foreknew and predestinated us to be conformed to the image of His son, that he might be the first born among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called; and whom he called, them he also justified, and whom he justified, them he also glorified, Rom. 8: 29-30. And though the teaching of the serpent has been received and believed by Eve, and we sinned virtually in her, and thereby the bride sold herself for naught, there was grace given sinners in Christ Jesus before the foundation of the world; that is God's choice, the people He loved in His will and wisdom, and whom He gave to Jesus, His son before they sinned in Adam their earthly head, they were also given grace in Christ Jesus before the world began, and blessed with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ according as He hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love; having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the beloved, in whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace; wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence, Eph. 1:4-8, read to twelfth verse. "And the light shineth in darkness and the darkness comprehendeth it not." Jesus the Lord came down from heaven to do His Father's will, and that was to save his people from their sins, and He said he did not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance; and after living to about 30 years of age, being a free man according the Jewish law of government for children, came from Galilee to Jordan unto John to be baptised of him, but John forbade him saying, "I have need to be baptised of thee, and comest thou to me?" But Jesus said, "Suffer it to be so now for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness, then he suffered him" (read further) Mat. 3rd chapter 16-17 verses. Fourth chapter gives account of the temptation the devil presented to Jesus, but could not prevail; but Jesus contented and prevailed over him, and then returned in the power of the Spirit into the parts of Galilee where he was brought up, and commenced preaching; and called the disciples, and they followed Him, and He preached to them His sermon in the mount, and continued to preach to them as they were able to bear his teaching, until they were prepared to be sent by Him and He gave them commandments to observe as they went, which they did observe, and having taught them all the Father gave Him to teach He was delivered into the hands of sinners, and was crucified, gave His life according to the will of His Father, for the sheep that were given Him by His Father, for in the 17th of the gospel by John he said: "Thine they were, and thou gavest them me." He then was delivered for our offences and after three days was raised again for the justification of all those the Father gave him and they were His choice to salvation out of every kindred, tongue and people, and then he ascended to heaven from whence he came; He commanded His disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, saying, "He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved; he that believeth not shall be damned." Also told them to tarry in Jerusalem until they were endowed with power from on high, which they did; and he led them to Bethany and while blessing them He was separated from them, and ascended up to heaven; and they returned to Jerusalem, and continued with one accord in prayer until they were blessed with power from on high; but they were soon persecuted and scattered, but the good Lord sustained them, and thus being persecuted in one place they fled to another, the Lord was with them delivering them from their enemies until they had finished their testimony of Him; and before the Apostles were put to death, the Gospel was given to the Gentiles according to the teaching of Jesus who said, "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, there shall be one fold and one shepherd." Also Jesus said, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word, that they all may be one as thou Father art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me; and Jesus the savior of sinners (his people) is exalted now, ever since He ascended into Heaven a prince and savior to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins, and He will continue to do so until the children of His grace are all manifested in time, according to the commandment of God before the law was given, and consequently before sin entered the world. Be fruitful, multiply; replenish and subdue the earth, and when all the grace that was given sinners in Christ shall be given to them by Christ, I believe He will come again the second time without sin unto salvation. The signs he taught will be given and those of his people that are alive and looking for His coming will see them and at the voice of the ark angel, and the trump of God the dead in Christ shall rise first, then those who are alive will be changed in a moment in the twinkling of an eye, and be caught up together to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall ever be with the Lord. They will be out of all danger of harm when the world and the works thereof are burned up. So, dear brethren, how careful and watchful we should be who have loved we shall be among those that shall awake in the likeness of Jesus.

We should show our faith by our works, and thus let our light shine before men, and glorify our Father in Heaven.

Your brother I hope in the faith of the Gospel of the Son of God.

Farewell,

F. L. OAKLEY.

Names of Clerks and their Post Offices.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	
Arbor.....	J. E. Simmons.....	Millesville,	N. C.
Big Meadow.....	Eli Buckner.....	Gravel Springs,	"
Camp Creek.....	H. Blalock.....	Lyndover,	"
Country Line.....	T. H. Rudd.....	Fitch,	"
McCray.....	Robert Netherly.....	Burlington,	"
Dan River.....	T. F. Ward.....	Mayfield,	"
Ebenezer.....	L. H. Hardy.....	Reidsville,	"
Flat River.....	W. R. Blalock.....	Roseville,	"
Gilliams.....	J. W. Gilliam.....	Morton's Store,	"
Harmony.....	S. P. Terry.....	South Lowell,	"
Lynches Creek.....	W. R. Hawkins.....	Carr,	"
Lickfork.....	O. J. Terry.....	Reidsville,	"
Mt. Zion.....	H. F. Wilkins.....	Red Banks,	Va
Moons Creek.....	J. R. Travis.....	Gatewood,	N. C.
Prospect Hill.....	Dr. J. R. Hester.....	Prospect Hill,	"
Pleasant Groye.....	T. A. Stanfield.....	Lenox Castle,	"
Roxboro.....	G. T. Burch.....	Roxboro,	"
Stories Creek.....	J. A. B. Walters.....	"	"
Surl.....	J. K. Duncan.....	Surl,	"
Tar River.....	R. L. Newton.....	Berea,	"
Wheelers.....	Jno. L. Phelps.....	Bushy Fork,	"
Wolf Island.....	R. T. Williams.....	Reidsville,	"
Burlington.....	J. S. Ward.....	Burlington,	"

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches-	Names of Messengers.	Baptized.	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded.	Deceased.	No Fellowship.	Finance
Arbor.....	Elder Y. I. Chandler, * J. A. King, J. E. Simmons and G. W. Simmons.....	4				4	74	1.00
Big Meadow.....	" W. C. Jones, J. F. Buckner* and Levi Haith.....				1	22	22	1.00
Burlington.....	" James Tillman and J. S. Ward.....	1			2	7	7	.50
Camp Creek.....	" A. Blalock,* W. H. Aiken and J. H. Gooch.....					2	45	1.50
Country Line.....	Bro. Thomas H. Rudd and J. W. Foster*.....	2				16	16	.50
McCray.....	" Robert Netherly.....			1		12	12	1.00
Dan River.....	" J. T. Martin, W. G. Dix and T. F. Ward.....	1				1	31	1.00
Ebenezer.....	Elder L. H. Hardy.....					14	14	.50
Flat River.....	Bro. D. A. Hicks, W. R. Blalock and J. D. Burch*.....	1				1	54	1.25
Gilliams.....	" J. W. Gilliam, W. T. Bowles,* and Ivy Walker.....					16	16	.70
Harmony.....	By letter.....					1	16	.40
Lynch's Creek.....	Bro. W. R. Hawkins and William Warren.....					17	17	.90
Lick Fork.....	Elder L. H. Hardy, C. J. Terry* and C. A. Howard.....	2				1	74	2.50
Mt Zion.....	Not represented.....					1	1	
Moon's Creek.....	Bro. J. R. Travis* and J. W. Neal.....					1	18	.75
Prospect Hill.....	Bro. S. J. Hall, D. L. Wells and W. D. Blalock.....	1				1	43	1.25
Pleasant Grove.....	" J. H. Combs, T. A. Stanfield and B. B. McKenny.....		1		1	2	88	1.50
Roxboro.....	" J. A. Carver, J. H. Rodgers* and G. T. Burch.....	8		2		1	33	1.50
Stores Creek.....	" J. H. Clayton, Jno. O'Brient and J. A. B. Walters*.....	1		1		1	28	1.25
Surl.....	Elder J. W. Peed, J. S. Clayton and D. R. Clayton.....					3	44	1.00
Tar Diver.....	Bro. C. L. Wood* and R. L. Newton*.....	2		11		1	26	.75
Wheeler's.....	Elder Jas. A. Burch, W. A. Warren, and A. V. Moore.....	1				5	84	2.00
Wolf Island.....	Bro. R. S. Summers, G. M. Trent and G. W. Carter.....	1		1		1	69	2.00

Absensees marked thus *

