

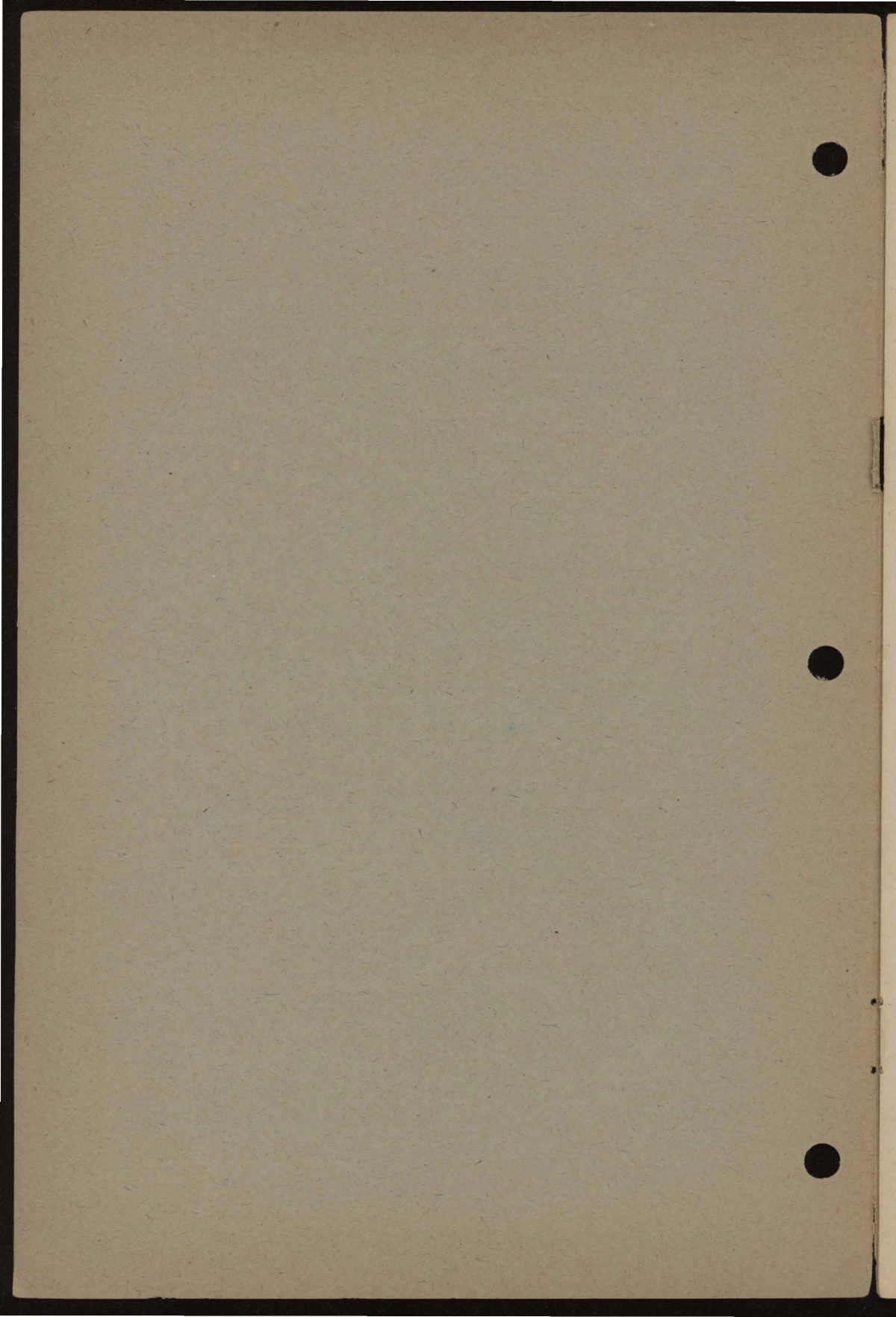
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## FRIDAY'S SESSION

1. Pursuant to adjournment the Ketocton Association met with Columbia Church. After singing and prayer, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. S. Dalton. Text, 65 Psalm: 4.

2. 2 P. M. Association called to order by singing and prayer by Elder Jas. Alderton, after which the letters from the various churches were read and statistics noted as per statistical table.

3. Elder A. L. Harrison was re-elected moderator, and present clerk and assistant clerk were retained.

4. No applications from new churches to join association.

5. Corresponding Associations were represented as follows:

Ebenezer: Elders R. H. Pittman, J. B. Jenkins, J. A. Frazier and Brother Victor Dovel.

Patterson's Creek: Elders J. T. Power, and Brethren S. M. Hiatt and J. E. Hiatt and David Arnold.

Juniatta: Elder C. L. Funk.

Salem (North Carolina) Minutes.

Fisher's River (North Carolina) Minutes.

Mayo (North Carolina) Minutes.

Senter (North Carolina) Minutes.

Kehukee (North Carolina) Minutes.

6. Visitors from other churches and associations as follows: Elder C. N. Tilson, St. Clair Bottom Association

(Virginia); Elder J. A. Monsees from Echeconnee Association (Georgia); Brethren A. S. Rowe and C. P. Hodges from Baltimore Association (Maryland).

7. The Circular Letter, written by Elder Thos. W. Alderton, was read and referred to following committee for approval: Elders T. S. Dalton, R. H. Pittman, Jas. E. L. Alderton, and J. T. Power.

8. Committee on finance appointed as follows: Brethren J. L. Case, Jas. Iden, Mason McDonald, Clarence Hickerson, Maurice Schwab, T. A. Hummer, H. W. Brumback, and Henry Lee.

9. Committee on preaching as follows: Brethren A. Oursler, J. W. Gibson, Plummer Waters, Kirk Alderton, and Herman Alderton.

10. Association adjourned to meet Saturday at 9 A. M.

#### SATURDAY'S SESSION

1. The association was called to order at 9:30 A. M. Prayer by Elder J. A. Frazier.

2. Messengers appointed to attend Ebenezer Association: Elders A. J. Garland, Thos. W. Alderton, C. W. Miller and Brethren W. S. Athey, Jno. B. Cornwell, J. H. Martin, T. A. Hummer, S. M. Fry, Jno. W. Power, J. W. Butler and others who may attend.

To Patterson's Creek Association: Elders Thos. W. Alderton, A. J. Garland and C. W. Miller.

To Juniatta Association: Elders A. J. Garland, Thos. W. Alderton and C. W. Miller.

3. The Association agreed to continue correspondence by minutes with Salem, Fishers River, Mayo, Senter and Kehukee Associations.

4. The Circular Letter was approved as read and ordered published in Minutes, and in **Advocate and Messenger**.

5. Elder T. S. Dalton was appointed to write the Circular Letter for 1927.

6. Elder J. A. Frazier was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon in 1927; Elder A. L. Harrison, alternate.

7. There being five calls made for next session of the association it was agreed to hold it with Goose Creek Church, near Markham, Fauquier County, Virginia.

Access by rail, Southern Ry., to Markham, Virginia. Motor vehicles via Front Royal, Virginia from the West,

via Warrenton or Marshall, Virginia from the South and East.

8. The clerk was instructed to have 700 copies of minutes printed and distributed to our churches prorata, to corresponding associations, and to visiting ministers; balance of fund to be retained by clerk for his services.

9. A vote of thanks was extended to Columbia Church, to visiting ministers, to all friends who so loyally entertained the association, and to all others who, in any way, labored to promote its welfare.

10. The following preamble and resolution, published last year, was reaffirmed, and ordered printed in minutes: In-as-much as notorious and persistent attacks are being made upon the integrity, inspiration and authority of God's Holy Word: Therefore, Resolved: that we hereby oppose any power, person or institution that would try to take from us, or confuse us about any part of all God's Word of Truth as set forth in the King James version of the Bible.

11. After praise, and prayer by Elder J. A. Monsees, the association adjourned to meet with Goose Creek Church, Fauquier County, Virginia August 19, 20 and 21, 1927.

A. L. Harrison, Moderator,  
C. W. Miller, Clerk,  
W. S. Athey, Assistant Clerk.

#### NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS PRESENT

Elder J. A. Monsees, 3 Washington Block, Macon, Georgia.  
Elder Chas. N. Tilson, Seven Mile Ford, Smyth County, Virginia.  
Elder C. L. Funk, Needmore, Pennsylvania.  
Elder J. T. Power, 447 Faulkner Avenue, Martinsburg, West Virginia.  
Elder R. H. Pittman, Luray, Virginia.  
Elder J. B. Jenkins, Route 3, Luray, Virginia.  
Elder J. A. Frazier, Marshall, Virginia.  
Elder T. S. Dalton, 3800 Greenmont Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland.  
Elder A. L. Harrison, Front Royal, Virginia.  
Elder A. J. Garland, Corner of Moore and Pine Streets, Clarendon, Virginia.  
Elder Thos. W. Alderton, 913 Hanover Street, Fredericksburg, Virginia.  
Elder E. L. Alderton, 3827 Georgia Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C.  
Elder C. W. Miller, Box 1267, Washington, D. C.

## ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday A. M., T. S. Dalton, Ps. 65: 4.  
 Friday P. M., C. L. Funk, Eph. 2: 1.  
 Saturday A. M., J. A. Monsees, Rev. 22: 14-15.  
 Saturday A. M., Thos. W. Alderton, Isa. 48: 8-10.  
 Saturday P. M., J. B. Jenkins, Isa. 9: 2.  
 Saturday P. M., Chas. N. Tilson, Jno. 3: 16.  
 Sunday A. M., J. A. Frazier, II. Peter 1: 19.

Churches and Pastors	Messengers
Barrows Run, A. J. Garland.....	All Male Members.....
Bethel, T. S. Dalton.....	All Male Members Present.....
Chappawamsic, T. W. Alderton.....	T. W. Alderton.....
Columbia, Jas. Alderton, A. J. Garland.....	All Male Members Present.....
Goose Creek, J. A. Frazier.....	Wilbur Houghton, Baker Ashe, Harry Ow
Greenwood, T. W. Alderton.....	All Male Members Present.....
Happy Creek, A. L. Harrison.....	A. L. Harrison, M. H. Buck, W. J. Butler,
Independent Hill.....	No Letter, Report by Eld. T. W. Alderton
Kettle Run, T. S. Dalton.....	T. S. Dalton, W. G. Iden, T. H. Athey, W.
North Fork, J. A. Frazier.....	S. B. Ashby, J. W. Power, Geo. Stipe, F.
Seneca, R. H. Pittman, A. J. Garland.....	R. H. Pittman, C. L. Hickerson, J. S. Athe
South River, A. L. Harrison.....	S. B. Atwood, S. B. Thornhill, Isaac Ru S. J. Baggerly.....
Thum Run, A. L. Harrison.....	Maurice Schwab, Henry Lee, Marion Curtis
Union, J. A. Frazier.....	G. A. Comer, G. E. Wilson, S. Fry, W. P. V
Upperville, J. B. Jenkins.....	Carey Hall, G. B. Houghton, C. W. Recto
Washington, T. S. Dalton, A. J. Garland.....	All Male Members.....
Waterlick, J. T. Power.....	J. T. Power and Male Members Present.....
White Oak, T. W. Alderton.....	T. W. Alderton and Male Members Present
	TOTALS.....

KETOCTON MINUTES

Sunday A. M., R. H. Pittman, Jno. 5: 25.  
 Sunday P. M., J. T. Power, II. Thess. 2: 13-14.  
 Sunday P. M., J. A. Monsees, Isa. 27: 13.

NAMES OF CHURCHES, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES

Barrows Run, C. J. Zirkle, Warrenton, Virginia.  
 Bethel, H. W. Brumback, McLean, Virginia.  
 Chappawamsic, Mrs. Mary Lee Cloe, Shacklett, Virginia.  
 Columbia, W. P. Waters, Spencerville, Maryland.

	Meeting Days	Baptized	Received by Letter	Received by Profession of Faith	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Restored	Deceased	Total Membership	For Minutes	For Ministers
	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	24	\$ 1.50	\$ 3.50
	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	38	3.00	14.71
	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	1.00	2.50
	2 & 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	1.50	8.50
Owens, J. A. Frazier	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	1.00	7.30
	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	25	2.00	5.00
eler, J. H. Martin	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	43	2.00	5.00
erton											
W. S. Athey, R. L. Byrd	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	3.00	10.00
, F. L. Kirkpatrick	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	13	1.00	12.00
Athey	2 & 4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	11	6.00	22.00
e Rudacille, Dock Partlow,											
	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	26	1.00	2.00
urtis, Luther Payne	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	86	2.00	20.00
B. Welch, I. S. Weedon	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	23	3.00	7.00
ector	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	1	31	1.50	4.25
	2 & 4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	3.00	12.45
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esent	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	32	1.50	5.00
		15	3		4			13	527	\$35.00	\$142.71

Goose Creek, Mrs. Elizabeth Gordon, Middleburg, Virginia.  
 Greenwood, W. H. Smith, Minnieville, Virginia.  
 Happy Creek, Mrs. J. B. Compton, Front Royal, Virginia.  
 Independent Hill (deceased).  
 Kettle Run, W. S. Athey, Manassas, Virginia.  
 Seneca, C. L. Hickerson, Dawsonville, Maryland.  
 South River, Mrs. Sarah Rudacille, Browntown, Virginia.  
 Thum Run, Maurice Schwab, Warrenton, Virginia, R. F. D.  
 Upperville, C. W. Rector, Rectortown, Virginia.  
 Union, I. S. Weedon, Summerduck, Virginia.  
 Waterlick, J. M. Coverstone, Middletown, Virginia, R. F. D., 2.  
 Washington, J. E. L. Alderton, 3827 Georgia Ave., N. W., Wash-  
 ington, D. C.  
 White Oak, M. M. Sullivan, Fredericksburg, Virginia, R. F. D., 2.

#### ORDER OF KETOCTON ASSOCIATION HELD WITH THE CHURCHES

1911, Greenwood, Prince William County, Virginia.  
 1912, Columbia, Montgomery County, Maryland.  
 1913, Bethel, Fairfax County, Virginia.  
 1914, Seneca, Montgomery County, Maryland.  
 1915, Washington, District of Columbia.  
 1916, South River, Warren County, Virginia.  
 1918, Happy Creek, Warren County, Virginia.  
 1919, Upperville, Fauquier County, Virginia.  
 1920, White Oak, Stafford County, Virginia.  
 1921, Thum Run, Fauquier County, Virginia.  
 1922, Union, Fauquier County, Virginia.  
 1923, Barrows Run, Fauquier County, Virginia.  
 1924, Waterlick, Warren County, Virginia.  
 1925, North Fork, Loudoun County, Virginia.  
 1926, Columbia, Montgomery County, Maryland.

**Note:** Was unable to obtain dates and full history of Columbia Church, but it doesn't appear in minutes of 1834, so it must have been organized after that time. We have no minutes between 1834 and 1873, and Columbia's name is recorded in latter minutes, with Elder Paul W. Yates as pastor.

About sixty years ago the old church building was burned; the present frame structure being erected somewhat later. The ground was given by two brothers, John and Samuel Waters. Elder Plummer Waters was one of the early pastors, succeeded likely by Elders P. W. Yates, Dr. Chas. H. Waters, E. E. Oliver, and Jas. E. L. Alderton, the present pastor.

To the several churches composing The Ketocton Association (Primitive Baptist) which has met according to arrangements, this



the one-hundred and sixtieth session, with Columbia Church, Burtinsville, Maryland, August 13, 14, and 15, 1926.

Greetings:

The Brethren in session 1925 selected this poor unprofitable sinner, God willing, to write the Circular Letter this year. We feel they made choice of the least of all, but we feel it our bounden duty to press on in duty's way, the Lord being our helper, and pray your indulgence in this our effort. I am only an infant (if indeed one at all) among the dear family of God, yet I feel a great desire in my heart that we follow in the **old day**, looking unto Jesus as our guide, and being satisfied that He has left with us, His Church, the only rule of faith and practice, to follow. His revealed word, "The Bible" is a safe guide, and this word is in strict harmony with the experience of every heir of Heaven, when God by His Spirit comes down in the hearts of His own; calls them up from the state of death in trespasses and sin; reveals in them their lost condition. Oh, how they try in great weakness, and in fear to pray the dear Lord for mercy, "Lord save or I perish," "Be merciful unto me, and cause thy face to shine upon me, and be gracious unto me" a poor justly condemned sinner. Then when it seems all hope is gone forever, they feel they must give up in despair. "In God's own time," as David says, "I was brought low, and He helped me." (Psalm 116: 6). Then He in His mercy calls forth from every nation, kindred, and tongue, a people for His name's sake, from a state of death in sin, to which they all feel by reason of Adam's transgression. As in Adam all die (I. Cor. 15-22) to a life in Christ Jesus. This according to the eternal purpose of God, which the Prophets prophesy. His Son Jesus was sent, not to offer salvation, or relief, or help them to save themselves, but to **save them from (not in) their sins.**

This is the mark that has ever characterized the people of God, down through all ages, of which Christ said to Peter, because of this testimony revealed from Heaven, "Thou art the Christ. Upon this rock I build my church, and the gates of Hell **shall not** prevail against it." About every obstacle has been brought up, that finite minds can conceive of to thwart the purpose of God or destroy His church; yet down through all ages it stands, as a monument of His amazing grace, and will ever stand, as long as the world stands, as a home for weary travelers, a haven from the storms, a rock in a weary land, because Jesus Christ is the foundation, and the Christian's hope: "From everlasting to everlasting, I am the Lord, I change not." (Matt. 3: 6). We know as long as this world stands, His church will stand, His word will remain as the revealed will from Heaven, His called and qualified servants will speak to His praise and own Him King of Kings and Lord of Lords. We know when

the storms of life are over, His people will be safely housed in Heaven. We know it because He said so. (Isiah 45: 23; Matt. 24: 35; and many other Bible proofs.) And He says, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. There have been witnesses down through all ages testifying to this truth. When in God's providence these faithful witnesses are called home, we wonder, because of little faith, who will take their places. In the past twenty years, to my knowledge, many of the tried and faithful ones have been called hence. I have so often said, "Who will take their places? Who will watch for the enemy who goes about seeking to destroy the sweet peace of the elect?" How this poor sinner loves the memory of those gone on before, as well as those who still remain. It is such a comfort to us when we get so cast down. According to nature all will pass the way from which no traveler returns, but God says, (Acts 14: 17). He left not Himself without witnesses, and never will, as long as this world stands. David says, (Psalm 84: 11) "The Lord God is our sun and shield. The Lord will give Grace and Glory. No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly." Thus we as a people, who are afflicted, persecuted and despised by the world, find in Christ the great Head of the Church, rest from the storms. In this tabernacle we do groan being burdened not that we would be unclothed, etc. (II. Cor. 5-4). Also Jesus says, "In this world you shall have tribulations; be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." (Jno. 16: 33). We must through much tribulation enter the kingdom of God. (Acts. 14: 22). May we as a people continue to follow in His steps, the way He has laid down in which the Apostles have followed Him. Being confident that He will keep His own safe until the end, may we strive to live in peace with all men, especially the household of God. May the ministers whom God has called and sent out to feed the sheep and lambs, ever be found preaching the truth in love. Yet firmly contending for those things that are in sweet accord with God's sacred word, ever watching over his saints for good. For many of us it will soon be over. Our race will soon be run, and we do hope and pray when our pilgrimage is about to close, we may still see and feel the same love and fellowship for all who have been thus taught of God, and whom it is our sweet pleasure to meet from time to time. When He comes again to call His redeemed family home, all will be wafted, in the Arms of His Love, to mansions above, and they "shall ever be with the Lord." May He keep us faithful, in sweet peace and love until He says it is enough; Child, come Home. Brethern pray for me.

Fare-well,

Thos. W. Alderton.

