

MINUTES

OF THE

1880

MOUNTAIN DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Eld Isaac Webb, correspondent from the New River Association, from the 7th chapter and 19th verse of Paul's letter to the Hebrews.

After a short intermission the delegates assembled in the church house and were brought to order by singing and prayer by the Moderator.

1. Read and received letters from all the churches in our union.
2. Proceeded to organize the Association, by electing Elder William Lundy Moderator and Bro. Bennet Rector Clerk.
3. On motion, called for newly constituted churches of our faith and order, when the Fisher's Gap and Wilson churches came forward and were received, and the right hand of fellowship given their delegates and they seated in the council; Fisher's Gap attached to the 1st section and Wilson to the 4th section.
4. Called for correspondents from Sister Associations, when the following came forward, viz: From the Washington, Bro. G. W. Hill; from New River, Eld. Isaac Webb and J. M. Jennings; from Senter, Eld. A. J. Taylor and Bros. Wm. A. Stuart and Wm. B. Reves; from Roaring River, Bros. Hardin Spicer, M. F. Joines and B. F. Absher; from Indian Creek, Eld. Ro. Ashworth—all of whom produced letters and minutes, except Indian Creek, and all were seated and aided in council.
5. On motion, invited transient ministers of our faith and order to a seat with us, when Eld. Wm. Hall from the Roaring River, and Eld. J. R. Baldwin from Senter, came forward and were seated in the council.
6. The Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments during our session.
7. Appointed Bros. Bledsoe Rector, James Anders and J. A. McMillan, with the delegates of this Church, a Committee to

arrange the Ministry during this session, who made the following report for Saturday—1st. Eld. Wm. Hall; 2d, Eld. J. M. Jennings; 3d. Eld. Robt. Ashworth; 4th, Eld. A. J. Taylor. For Sabbath, 1st Eld. J. M. Jennings; 2d. Eld. A. J. Taylor; 3d, Eld. Isaac Webb, and, 4th, Eld. Wm. Lundy.

8. Appointed Bro. H. D. Estep to write a letter of correspondence to the Washington Association; Eld. Wm. Halsey to the New River; Bro. J. J. Gambill to the Senter; Bro. J. R. Wyatt to the Roaring River, and Bro. Bernet Rector to Indian Creek, and have them ready for inspection to-morrow.

9. Appointed Elds. James Shumate and Wm. Hawkins and Bro. C. L. Carr correspondents to the Washington Association; Elds. Wm. Lundy, Wm. Hawkins, P. K. Roberts and Rufus Burroughs to New River; Elds. Wm. Hawkins, C. H. Collins, Wm. P. Goins, H. S. Edwards and J. W. Tedder to the Senter; Elds. Jas. Shumate, Wm. Lundy and Bros. Berry Estep H. S. Edwards and R. M. Wyatt to the Roaring River; Eld Wm. Lundy, S. M. Dickey, Wm. B. Halsey, and Bro. Wright Wingate to the Indian Creek Association.

10. Appointed Elds. Wm. Hawkins, Wm. B. Halsey, C. H. Collins, James Shumate and Wm. P. Goins, with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee of Arrangements—correspondents and transients invited to sit with them.

11. On motion, adjourned until to morrow morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder J. M. Jennings.

SATURDAY, September 25, 1880.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. A. J. Taylor.

1. Called the roll of delegates.

2. Called on the Committee of Arrangements to report—the report received, and the committee discharged.

3. Read the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

4. Appointed a Committee of Finance, viz: Bros. J. M. Dickey, James Anders and J. A. McMillan, who made the following report: Received in contribution from the churches, \$31.08; distributed to correspondents, \$13.08; left in the hands of the Treasurer to pay for printing minutes, \$15.00; allowed the clerk \$3.00 for his services.

5. Called on correspondents to report. The report received, and the brethren discharged.

6. Called for corresponding letters to be read. The letters read and the brethren discharged.

7. Called on Elds. Wm. Hawkins and Wm. B. Halsey, who were appointed last year to visit Middle Fox Creek Church, to report. The report received, and the brethren discharged.

8. Called on the committee that was appointed to visit Pine Fork Church to report. The report received, and the committee discharged.

9. Appointed the next Section Meeting to be held with Good Hope Church, and to commence Friday before the 3rd Sunday in August 1881, Eld. Wm. Lundy, Wm. Hawkins and James Shumate to attend.

10. Called on the standing committee that was appointed to visit corresponding lines to report. The report received, and the same committee continued, viz: Elds. Lundy, Caudill, Hawkins, Collins, Shumate and Halsey.

11. In answer to the request from New River Church, in regard to the death of Bro. Thomas Hudson, brethren H. S. Edwards and J. R. Wyatt were appointed to draw up a short Biography of the life and death of Bro. Hudson, and have it attached to our minutes.

12. In answer to the request from Zion Church, it was ordered that the standing committee that was appointed to visit corresponding lines be clothed with the authority to supply the Zion Church with a constitution, and setting forth the necessity for the same.

13. On motion, *Resolved*, That we, the MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION, are desirous to keep up a correspondence, by minutes, with the Kehukee Association.

14. Appointed the Clerk Treasurer, and to have 800 copies of these minutes printed, and distribute as usual.

15. It was moved that our next Association be held with Union Church, Alleghany county, N. C., four miles southwest of Sparta, and to commence on Friday before the 4th Sunday in September 1881, and Eld. Wm. B. Halsey to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Eld. S. M. Dickey his alternate.

16. *Resolved*, That we now tender our thanks to God, and the brethren and friends of this vicinity, for the kindness shown us during our session.

17. *Resolved*, That we now adjourn to the time and place of our next meeting.

Prayer by Elder William B. Halsey.

BENNET RECTOR, *Clerk*.

ELDER WILLIAM LUNDY,

Moderator.

REMARKS.

The stand was occupied on Sunday according to arrangements 1st, Eld. J. M. Jennings preached from Isaiah 42:11, "Let the inhabitants of the rock sing," &c.; 2d, Eld. A. J. Taylor, from Ezekiel 2:8, "But thou, Son of Man," &c.; 3d, Elder Isaac Webb, from Habakkuk 2:14, "For the earth shall be filled," &c. There was a large and attentive congregation, and we hope there was much good done in the name of Jesus.

CLERK:

OBITUARY

OF ELDER THOMAS HUDSON

He was born April the 20th 1859 joined the Church by Experience and Baptism April 22d 1876; was married to Ellen Hays about the 15th of November 1876; was licensed to exercise a public gift on the 4th Saturday in November 1878; was dismissed from Antioch Church by letter in full fellowship on the 4th Saturday in November 1878, and joined New River Church about the 4th Saturday in December 1878.

This eminent and devoted servant of God died at his residence in Alleghany Co., N. C., on the 3d day of July 1880, at the age of 21 years, 2 months and 13 days. Brother Hudson died from fever, and as the final hour drew near he could say with the Apostle Paul, "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand; I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith, I have finished my course, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord the righteous Judge shall give me at that day."

To his wife, child, and mother, we would say, "Weep not for the dear man of God, for he now rests from his labors, and his works do follow him." Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that He will send laborers into His harvest.