



MINUTES

OF THE

VIRGINIA * CORRESPONDING * MEETING,

HELD WITH THE

EBENEZER CHURCH,

Loudoun County, Virginia,

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY,

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WEDNESDAY, October 13, 1915.

Meeting opened with singing hymn 1046, and prayer by Elder H. C. Ker.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder D. M. Vail, from Psalms xcv., reading from first seven verses.

The Meeting was called to order by Elder H. H. Lefferts, Moderator, and S. B. Paxson, Clerk.

Letters from the churches in correspondence were read, and the following table prepared from their contents :

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES.	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES.	MESSENGERS' NAMES.	Recd by Letter	Died	Members
Bethlehem		H. Johnson Manassas, Va.	Deacon John Garner			16
New Valley	H. H. Lefferts Leesburg, Va.	T. S. Titus Leesburg, Va.	Elder H. H. Lefferts, deacons T. S. Titus and S. B. Paxson, brother W. F. Norman	1	1	42
Ebenezer		F. E. Robey Bluemont, Va.	Deacons F. E. Robey and Eppa Norman			14
Frying Pan	H. H. Lefferts Leesburg, Va.	R. L. Spindle Clifton, Va.	Deacons W. A. Thompson and H. J. O'Bannon, brethren R. L. Spindle, J. F. Oliver, E. C. Paxson, Albert Davis and Chas. Frazier	1		39
Mt. Zion		I. H. Thomas Aldie, Va.	Deacon Ira H. Thomas			125
Mill Creek	H. H. Lefferts Leesburg, Va.	A. S. Miller Kearneysville, W. Va.				7

Messengers and other brethren in attendance from abroad, who are in fellowship with us, and in good standing where they belong, and bearers of letters from churches represented in the Minutes, were invited to seats with us.

A committee of the preaching brethren present, the deacons of the several churches composing this meeting, and other brethren who may be present with them, were appointed to examine the Corresponding Circular Letter, written by brother Frank E. Robey.

Appointed brethren F. E. Robey and Eppa Norman to act with the Moderator in arranging the order of preaching for this meeting.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Preaching in the afternoon by Elder John McConnell, from 1 John v. 21, followed by Elder J. G. Eubanks, from Galatians ii. 19, 20.

THURSDAY, October 14, 1915.

Opened with singing hymn 614.

Prayer by Elder J. G. Eubanks.

Received correspondence and messengers from sister associations and meetings as follows:

Delaware River—Minutes. Elder C. W. Vaughn, Deacon I. H. Vannoy and brother E. P. Drake.

Delaware—Minutes. Elder J. G. Eubanks and brother W. S. Cabbage.

Warwick—Minutes. Elders H. C. Ker and John McConnell.

Salisbury—Minutes. Elders H. C. Ker and J. G. Eubanks.

Maine Conference and Maine Association—Correspondence through the "Signs of the Times."

Kehukee—No communication.

Contentnea—No communication.

Baltimore—Minutes. Brother S. E. Newlon.

Juniata—Minutes. Elder D. M. Vail.

Appointed our next annual meeting to be held, the Lord willing, with the Bethlehem Church, Prince William Co., Va., to begin on Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1916.

Appointed J. E. Beebe & Co. to print and distribute the Minutes, and that the contributions from the churches, as stated in their several letters, be set aside for that purpose.

Ordered that we send Minutes to the several associations and meetings named above, and that any member or members of the churches named in these Minutes, or brethren of our correspondence, who are present at this meeting, and who may be present at such corresponding associations or meetings, be requested to serve as our messengers to the same.

Appointed brethren T. S. Titus, W. A. Thompson and Eppa Norman to examine and distribute the Minutes of corresponding associations.

The following contributions were received from the churches for printing the Minutes:

Mt. Zion, \$2.50; Frying Pan, \$3.00; Ebenezer, \$1.50; New Valley, \$3.00; Bethlehem, \$1.25; Mill Creek, \$1.00.—Total, \$12.25.

The following contributions to ministers' fund were received from the different churches:

Mt. Zion, \$16.00; Frying Pan, \$18.00; Ebenezer, \$10.00; New Valley, \$15.00; Bethlehem, \$10.00; Mill Creek, \$5.00.—Total, \$74.00.

The committee appointed to examine the Corresponding Circular Letter reported, recommending its adoption. The letter was read and adopted and ordered printed with these Minutes.

Appointed Elder H. H. Lefferts to write a memorial of Elder J. N. Badger to be printed with these Minutes.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Preaching in the morning by Elder C. W. Vaughn, from 1 Peter i. 5; followed

by H. C. Ker, from Luke xvii. 11-19.

Preaching in the afternoon by Elder J. G. Eubanks, from Mark v. 6, 7; followed by Elder D. M. Vail, from Malachi iii. 16, 17.

FRIDAY, October 15, 1915.

Hymn No. 142 (Beebe's collection).

Prayer by Elder C. W. Vaughn.

The committee appointed to examine and distribute the Minutes of corresponding associations reported examined and distributed.

Brother John F. Oliver was appointed to write the Corresponding Circular Letter for next year.

The memorial of Elder J. N. Badger, prepared by Elder H. H. Lefferts, was read, adopted and ordered printed with these Minutes.

Minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned to meet, the Lord willing, with the Bethlehem Church, Prince William Co., Va., on Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1916.

Elder C. W. Vaughn made some general remarks; followed by Elder John McConnell, from the first chapter of Acts, reading eleven verses; followed by Elder H. H. Lefferts, general remarks, also Deacon F. E. Robey.

Closing hymn No. 619 (Beebe's collection).

H. H. LEFFERTS, Moderator.

S. B. PAXSON, Clerk.

VISITING MINISTERS PRESENT.

H. C. Ker, Middletown, N. Y.

John McConnell, 305 East 161st St., New York city.

J. G. Eubanks, Newark, Del.

D. M. Vail, Waverly, Pa.

C. W. Vaughn, Hopewell, N. J.

MEMORIAL

WHEREAS, The Head of the church, our Lord Jesus Christ, through the providence of Almighty God, his Father and ours, has seen fit to remove from the scene of his earthly labors and to take home to the church triumphant our dearly beloved brother, **Elder J. N. Badger**, and

WHEREAS, Elder J. N. Badger from 1876 to 1914 served churches in this Corresponding Meeting as pastor faithfully and well to the best of his ability given him of God; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Corresponding Meeting of Virginia, in memory of our dear departed brother, Elder J. N. Badger, does hereby attest our sorrow at

this bereavement, while desiring to be submissive to the manifest will of God; mourning that the ministry of this able gift of God will no more be heard in our midst to our edification and comfort, though assured that our loss in the church militant is his eternal gain in glory. To the churches served by our brother now destitute of a pastor, and to his lonely and sorrowing companion, our sister Badger, we extend our sincere and heartfelt sympathy. Further, be it

RESOLVED, That this memorial be spread upon our Minutes and a copy sent to the SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

H. H. LEFFERTS, Moderator.

S. B. PAXSON, Clerk.

CORRESPONDING CIRCULAR LETTER.

The Virginia Corresponding Meeting, in session with the Ebenezer Old School Baptist Church, Loudoun Co., Va., October 13th, 14th and 15th, 1915, to the churches composing the same, and to the associations and meetings with which we correspond, sends christian love and greeting.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Through the goodness and mercy of God we have been blessed for many years to address you by Circular Letters, and as we prepare this one we are reminded of the old landmarks of the doctrine of God our Savior. The precious blood of Jesus was shed on Calvary's cross for those that God chose out of every nation, kindred and tongue. These he predestinated before the world was made, as his chosen ones, to be with him in eternity. Is there one of God's children that can deny this? If they can, they must deny that God is omnipotent, omnipresent and omniscient. Let us examine ourselves by the word of God to see if we are standing on the solid foundation of the prophets and apostles, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner-stone. If we are built on this foundation, our God being the builder, the gates of hell cannot prevail against us. "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Saul of Tarsus traveled the way that seems right to man, breathing out vengeance against any he found opposing the way that seems right to man, even with authority to put to death any he found believing and worshiping our Lord Jesus Christ. That same spirit which was in Saul of Tarsus during his persecuting career is the same spirit according to which the world now believes and worships. They are spending thousands of dollars trying to prove that the

way which seems right unto man is the gospel of Jesus Christ. We thank God there is a remnant which believes in salvation by grace, and not by works of righteousness which they have done. Was Saul a chosen vessel of God when, with murder in his heart, he went on his way to Damascus to put to death those he found not in the way that seemed right to him? He surely was, for the Lord said, "He is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: for I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake." Jesus said, "I came not to send peace, but a sword." This sword is the Word of God. It divides husband and wife, father and son, mother and daughter. It is "sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Israel's God is a God of power. He will save his people from their sins and from the way that seems right to man. He will close the lion's mouth so that not one of God's little ones shall be hurt. God proved his great power in delivering the Hebrew children out of the fiery furnace, whither they had been cast because they would not worship the god set up by the king. God raised up Pharaoh and hardened his heart to prove to his chosen in Egypt under bondage to the king there that he (God) does bring deliverance and salvation by his almighty arm from that strong arm of flesh, which is the law of sin and death. He brought the Israelites to the Red Sea, where they were compelled, like all the children of God, to stand still and see the salvation of God. He will not give his

glory to another. He brings his people by a way they knew not; he works, and no man can hinder. No man can trace his steps, and no man can see God's face and live; we see him only after his glory has passed by. The gospel of the Son of God was not received by the world when he was on earth, because it was not according to the way that seems right to the natural man. This old man cannot receive the things of God, because they are spiritually discerned. Jesus was accused of casting out devils by the prince of devils by those whose way seemed right in their own eyes: that strict religious sect, the Pharisees, that taught for doctrine the commandments of men; and yet these very characters were fulfilling the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God by their wicked works, for God sent them strong delusions, that they should believe a lie, and all be damned who believed not the truth. We believe in the absolute predestination of all things, and in God's foreknowledge of all things. We believe that God has a perfect right to choose one or all of the human family to be with him in eternity, and to serve him on earth as it seems good in his sight. May every child of God feel in his heart that God is just in all things, even in loving Jacob and hating Esau, to show to the chosen in Christ that salvation is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy. Every step we take, either in providence or in grace, is ordered of the Lord, and without the Lord we can do nothing. By searching no man can find out God, and no man can teach another to know the Lord. God must and will reveal Jesus to every one whom he gave to the Son, and no man can come to the Father but those the Father gave the Son. The Son was

born of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law. That was his Father's will, having this seal: that God knows them that are his. He was called Jesus. Why? Because "he shall save his people from their sins." Has he done it? If he has not, he is not entitled to the name "Jesus," and he has not fulfilled the Father's will; and if one of those who were written in the Father's will can be lost, so may all, and we are without hope. But Jesus has fulfilled his Father's will and paid all demands by the sacrifice of himself. He was crucified on the cross with every one that God had given him; he went down into the grave with them and was raised from the dead with them. If he did not, then he did not come forth a perfect body. If any were left out when he paid the debt they are out yet. If any were not with him in the grave they will never be with him when Jesus presents the church, his body, to his Father perfect and without spot or wrinkle or any such thing. We do hope that all those whom God has called to preach his gospel will not shun to declare the whole counsel of God. We must not turn to the right or to the left, but preach Jesus, for he is the way, the truth and the life. There is none other name given under heaven among men whereby we must be saved. We need not fall out about the resurrection, for if we have Jesus we have the resurrection and the life in us. We have tried to pray that God will direct our mind and heart by his Holy Spirit, that we may not write anything that will darken counsel by words without knowledge, but we want to present God as having all power in heaven and in earth. We are but worms of the dust, and know nothing. Jesus loves his children with an everlasting love, and we are un

love and mercy God bestows upon those he has called with an holy calling and saved with an everlasting salvation.

Since our Corresponding Meeting met last year at Mt. Zion we have lost one, Elder J. N. Badger, who was dear to many of this body, and who was moderator of this Meeting for many years. We feel sad to have to write that he is gone, but we know that our loss is his eternal gain. The time is coming when we will all go hence to be presented before the throne of Almighty God by his Son.

Then we shall sing praise to God from whom all blessings flow, praise to Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Our next session is appointed, the Lord willing, to be held with the Bethlehem Church, Prince William Co., Va., in 1916, to begin on Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, when and where we hope to again receive your letters, Minutes and messengers.

H. H. LEFFERTS, Moderator.

S. B. PAXSON, Clerk.

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