



MINUTES

OF THE

VIRGINIA CORRESPONDING MEETING,

HELD WITH THE

NEW VALLEY CHURCH,

LOUDOUN COUNTY, VIRGINIA,

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY,

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WEDNESDAY, October 15, 1947.

The Association convened at 10:30 o'clock a. m.

Opened meeting with singing hymn 494 (Beebe's collection).

Elder T. W. Walker spoke in prayer.

Sang hymn 835 (Beebe's collection).

The introductory sermon was then preached by Elder D. V. Spangler, from Hebrews i. 1-3.

The Association then organized for business, by choosing Elder H. H. Lefferts Moderator, G. C. Spindle Clerk, and Douglas Alston Assistant Clerk.

Letters from the several churches were read, and from them the following table prepared:

CHURCHES	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	MESSENGERS' NAMES	Members Baptized.....
Mt. Zion.....	Mrs. David Farnie..... Leesburg, Va.	Deacon C. W. Norman, brother C. A. Hylton, sisters Hylton, Farnie, Norman, Gulick.....	13
Frying Pan...	G. C. Spindle..... 914 9th St., N. E., Washington, D. C.	Deacons Isaac T. Long, G. C. Spindle, brethren Douglas Alston, Earley Robey, sisters Robey, Davis, McCor- mick, Moreland, Gheen.....	11
New Valley...	Miss Martha Howser... (Assistant) Purcellville, Va.	Elder H. H. Lefferts, Deacon H. J. White, brethren L. D. Duke, R. L. Dade, C. R. Hollandsworth, sisters Dade, Chiswell, White, Ball, Claggett, Elgin, McIntosh, Rodrick, Howser, Glasscock	20

Messengers and visiting brethren from corresponding associations were invited to seats with us. Other visitors, members of associations not in direct correspondence, were also invited to seats.

Elder H. H. Lefferts was appointed to write a memorial of our brother Elder D. L. Topping, whose passing is sorely felt by the churches of the Virginia Corresponding Meeting.

Brethren H. J. White, C. W. Norman and G. C. Spindle were appointed a committee to arrange the order of preaching.

Adjourned the business of the Association until 10 o'clock a. m. Thursday.

Before preaching began in the afternoon, the Corresponding Circular Letter written by Elder H. H. Lefferts was read and unanimously adopted by the Association.

Elder G. P. Harris preached first in the afternoon, his text was John iii. 11. Elder H. M. Bennett preached next, from Daniel ii. 19-22; followed by Elder J. F. Sumner, from Romans v. 19.

Meeting closed with remarks by Elder H. H. Lefferts.

THURSDAY, October 16, 1947.

The Association convened according to adjournment.

Opened meeting with hymn 613 (Beebe's collection).

Prayer by Elder D. V. Spangler.

We then received correspondence from associations as follows:

Delaware River—Minutes. Elders Arnold H. Bellows, H. M. Bennett, sisters Tomlinson, Lowe, Stefens, and Grafton.

Delaware—Minutes. Elder H. M. Bennett.

Salisbury—Minutes. Elders D. V. Spangler, H. M. Bennett, sisters Austin, Tomlinson, Lowe and Stefens.

Baltimore—No session. Deacon Quincy A. Gladding, sister Gladding Elder John D. Wood and sister Wood.

Lexington-Roxbury—Minutes. Elder Arnold H. Bellows, sister Bellows, Elders John D. Wood, H. H. Bennett.

Maine—Correspondence through the "Signs of the Times," Elder John D. Wood, sister Wood.

Pocatalico—No communication.

Contentnea—No communication.

Appointed to hold the next session of the Virginia Corresponding Meeting, the Lord willing, with the Frying Pan Church.

Appointed J. E. Beebe & Co. to print and distribute our Minutes.

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

Appointed brethren C. R. Hollandsworth and C. A. Hylton a committee to distribute the Minutes of corresponding associations.

Received contributions for printing Minutes of this meeting as follows: Mt. Zion, \$8.00; Frying Pan, \$8.00; New Valley, \$8.00. Total \$24.00. Contributions toward expenses of visiting ministers as follows: Mt. Zion, \$22.00; Frying Pan, \$22.00; New Valley, \$22.00. Total \$66.00.

Adjourned the business of the Association until 10 o'clock a. m. Friday.

Preaching in the morning first by Elder T. W. Walker, from Matthew v. 1-11; followed by Elder D. V. Spangler, from 1 Corinthians xiii. 9-13.

Preaching in the afternoon first by Elder L. A. Harris, from Genesis xxviii. 11; followed by Elder Arnold H. Bellows, from Isaiah xlvi. 1-3.

FRIDAY, October 17, 1947.

The Association convened according to adjournment.

Opened meeting with singing hymns 746 and 493 (Beebe's collection).

Prayer by Elder L. A. Harris.

The committee appointed to distribute Minutes of corresponding associations reported the same had been attended to.

Appointed brother Douglas Alston to write the Corresponding Circular Letter for next year.

Appointed brother G. C. Spindle a trustee of the Old School Baptist Home fund for the term of two years.

Minutes read and adopted.

Adjourned the business of the Association until next year.

Preaching then by Elder John D. Wood, from the third chapter of the second epistle of Peter; followed by Elder H. M. Bennett, no special text; followed by Elder J. F. Sumner, from Isaiah xl. 6, 7; followed by Elder L. A. Harris, no text; followed by Elder Arnold H. Bellows, from Revelation viii.1.

After many of the brethren gave expressions of their enjoyment of the preaching, Elder H. H. Lefferts spoke in concluding our meeting, from the second verse of the eighty-seventh Psalm.

H. H. LEFFERTS, Moderator.

G. C. SPINDLE, Clerk.

DOUGLAS ALSTON, Assistant Clerk.

VISITING MINISTERS

Arnold H. Bellows, West Hurley, N. Y. Lexington-Roxbury Association.

H. M. Bennett, Mardela Springs, Md. Salisbury Association.

T. W. Walker, Gibsonville, N. C. Upper County Line Association.

D. V. Spangler, Danville, Va. Upper County Line Association.

John D. Wood, Baltimore, Md. Pigg River Association.

J. F. Sumner, Sylvatus, Va. New River Association.

L. A. Harris, Indian Valley, Va. New River Association.

G. P. Harris, Radford, Va. New River Association.

IN MEMORIAM.

INASMUCH as it has pleased our heavenly Father to remove from our midst by death, our beloved brother ELDER D. L. TOPPING, pastor of churches in the Baltimore Association, and

INASMUCH as brother Topping has been very closely associated with us in this Virginia Corresponding Meeting, having for many years visited us from time to time in our meetings and in our homes, and

INASMUCH as he, by the sincerity of his life and the uprightness of his walk among us both as a child of God and as a minister of the gospel, had greatly endeared himself to us all, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we extend to our sister churches Ebenezer, Black Rock and Rock Springs in the Baltimore Association and to our beloved sister Elizabeth Topping, his sorrowing widow, our heartfelt and loving sympathy in this bereavement that has come to them in the dispensation of God's dealing with them, that we commend them for consolation to the tender mercies of Him who doeth all things well. Their loss is likewise our loss, but for our brother Topping we know his departure is an infinite and happy exchange from these lower scenes of sin and sorrow to a paradise of bliss; and further be it

RESOLVED, that a copy of this memoriam be sent to our beloved sister Topping and that it be published in the "Signs of the Times," "Old Faith Contender" and that it be printed with the Minutes of this meeting.

H. H. LEFFERTS, Moderator.

G. C. SPINDLE, Clerk.

CORRESPONDING CIRCULAR LETTER

The Virginia Corresponding Meeting, in session with the New Valley Old School Baptist Church, Loudoun County, Virginia, to the churches composing this meeting and to the associations, churches and meetings with which we correspond, convening October 15th, 16th and 17th, 1947, sends christian greeting:

DEARLY BELOVED IN THE LORD:—Our brethren, ministers and friends who come to be with us at this meeting will note an absence of a large congregation such as attend such meetings as this in some parts of this country; but though we are few in number both as to preachers and members, we bid you welcome. We shall endeavor to make you as comfortable as we can in our homes and we bid you welcome to partake with us of such as the Lord has blessed us with, both in material and spiritual things. The object of this meeting is, we hope, spiritual and not material. While we trust there may be no lack of hospitality and kindness in a natural way on our part, let us not lose sight of the main purpose for which we are met together which is to honor and glorify the God of our salvation and to enjoy what He may be pleased to set before us in the gospel for the nourishment of our souls. "Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." This meeting is not for the purpose of airing peculiar and unusual views on this or that portion of the Word of God, it is not to cast reflections on our doctrinal standards which have been for generations the accepted belief of our people; but the object of this meeting is to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ without Whom and without Whose work every one of us would at this moment be eternally perishing in

our sins, lost forever from the presence of the just and holy Almighty God. If, therefore, we sing, let us sing of "grace that raised us from the fall and led us to a Hiding-Place, Jesus our Lord our all." If we preach, let it be not to talk of ourselves or to exploit some outlandish view we may have, but let us lift up the standard of the gospel of God's sovereign grace, preach Christ crucified, the power of God and the wisdom of God. For He is our All in all. God hath appointed His Son heir of all things and us joint-heirs with Him. Christ cannot be dispossessed of His people, nor they of Him. What He has, and all that He is, is theirs. The everlasting covenant establishes this forever, the almighty power and wisdom of God secure it. We have a glorious inheritance being reserved for us in realms of uncreated light and glory, toward which we are travelling as pilgrims seeking by faith a better country, a city whose Builder and Maker is God. As we journey thitherward, we are as men with loins girded and supported by staves. This present world is not our home and we should hold the things of this world with a loose hand. We must not be conformed to the present evil world, but be transformed by the renewing of our minds that we may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. It becomes every one of us who name the name of Christ to depart from iniquity. His grace is exceedingly able to perform this holiness in us. While truly we cannot do it of ourselves, we can do all things through Christ strengthening us. A holy walk becomes a life of faith. Faith without this is but a dead profession, and the living religion of Christ is never that.

“As we have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so let us walk in Him.” Let us mortify our members which are upon the earth remembering that everything that loves and makes a lie is no part whatever of the holy city, but is forever outside it. May the Lord be with you and with your spirits, and grant that we may at this meeting be comforted one of another and be built up in our mutual faith, the Lord Himself being crowned Lord of all in all your hymns of praise and in all the sermons which may at this meeting be set forth.

The time and place of the next session of this meeting will be, the Lord willing, announced later, at which time we shall expect you to visit us again and to sit down with us in the love and fellowship of the gospel of His grace.

H. H. LEFFERTS, Moderator.

G. C. SPINDLE, Clerk.