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MINUTES

OF THE

KETOCTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD BY APPOINTMENT AT BETHEL,

Frederick county, Va.

AUGUST 18, 19 & 20, 1831.

THURSDAY, August 18, 1831.

The association met pursuant to adjournment.

1. Introductory sermon by elder William Gilmore, from Titus ii. 14.
2. After a short intermission, the association was opened by elder Thomas Buck. Whereupon the letters were read, and the messengers' names enrolled as follows:

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	MINISTERS.	Baptised.	Rec'd by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excommunic'd.	Dead.	Total.	For names.	For fund.	
Ketocton.												
Loudoun county												
Mill creek,	Joseph Gorrell,	J. Hutcheson,										
Berkeley county	Jacob Vanmeter.	2d Lord's day.	5	1	3			1	79	1 00	2 80	
Broad run,	William Hunton,	John Oglevey,										
Fauquier county	Philip Klipstine.	2d Lord's day.	2	4	2	1		2	124	2 00	2 00	
Buck marsh,	Stephen Whittlesey (o)	S. Whittlesey,										
Frederick county	H. L. Hughes. (l)	3d Lord's day.	5	1	1			8	143	65	1 37	
New valley,	David Orrison,	W. Gilmore,										
Loudoun county	B. Saunders.	4th Lord's day.										
Thumb run,	Tullus Priest,	Cumber'd George,										
Fauquier county	Walter M'Kay. (l)	1st Lord's day.	10			1	1	1	160	1 00	1 50	
Upperville,	Uriel Gasscock,	W. Gilmore,										
Fauquier county	P. C. Rust.	1st Lord's day.	16				2		199	1 30	2 25	
Happy creek,	T. Buck, sen.	T. Buck, jr.										
Frederick county	G. N. Blakemore.	2d Lord's day.	2	1	4			1	48	50	1 00	
Goose creek,	Alfred Johnson,	J. Oglevey,										
Fauquier county	John J. Ashby.	4th Lord's day.	6	3		6	3	1	110	1 25	2 00	
North fork,	William G. Wright,	W. Gilmore,										
Loudoun county	Charles Turner.	2d Lord's day.	4	1	1	1		1	91	1 50	2 00	
South river.	John Lockhart,	J. Beatty,										
Shenand. county	Allen Lockhart.	1st Lord's day.	4	1	1	1	2		32	74	50	
Waterlick,	Samuel Buck,	T. Buck, jr.										
Shenand. county	Richard Ridgeway.	3d Lord's day.	3			2			71	37	1 00	
Zoar.	Daniel Crawford,											
Jefferson county	Jas. B. Chenowith.		4					1	71	50	1 25	
Ebenezer,	Samuel Richards,	Chas. Polkenhorn,										
Loudoun county	Benj. Stringfellow.	3d Lord's day.							51	75	2 00	
Leesburg,	W. Gilmore, (o)	W. Gilmore,										
Loudoun county	John H. Wilson.	4th Lord's day.				2			56	50	50	
Bethel,	James Sowers,	W. F. Broadus,										
Frederick county	David Castleman.	3d Lord's day.	15			1		3	184	50	2 50	
Salem,	H. Brookie,	T. Buck, jr.										
Frederick county	Presley Helm.	4th Lord's day.	3	1				1	69	1 25	3 75	
Zion,	Thos. Buck, jr. (o)	T. Buck, jr.										
Frederick county	Manly Taylor.	1st Lord's day.	1					2	50	75	3 25	
Winchester,	Hiram W. Taylor,	Gilmore & Broaders,										
Frederick county	Watson Carter.	3d Lord's day.	3	2	1	2	2	2	81	75	1 75	
			76	20	9	25	10	24	1634	16	01	31 62

Ordained preachers marked (o); licentiates (l). * Absent.

3. Brother Thomas Buck was chosen moderator, and brother Samuel Buck clerk.

4. The messengers from corresponding associations presented their letters and minutes, as follows: From Ebenezer, elder Christopher Kyzer presented the minutes of the two last sessions of said association, having had two meetings since our last association; from Shilo, elders Wm. F. Broadus and Cumberland George, with minutes; from Patterson's creek, brother Henry Louthan, with minutes; from Columbia, brother Love, with minutes. Received ten copies of the Hudson river association, by the hands of brother Wm. Hunton; also twenty-four copies from the same association, by the same.

5. Invitation given to ministering brethren present, who are not messengers to this association, to take seats.

6. Brethren J. Sowers, David Castleman and H. L. Hughes, were appointed a committee of arrangement for preaching during the association.

7. Brethren B. Saunders, W. Hunton and Watson Carter, were appointed a committee to examine minutes of corresponding associations, and report to-morrow.

Adjourned until 9 A. M. to-morrow. Prayer by brother Whittlesey.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 1831.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by brother Broaders.

8. The committee appointed to arrange the preaching, reported that brethren Kyzer, Goss, Whittlesey and Gilmore, will preach to-day.

9. The reference relating to the query from Thumb run is indefinitely postponed.

10. The committee appointed to examine minutes from corresponding associations, reports as follows:—"Your committee, agreeably to request, have performed the duty assigned them, and find nothing worthy of notice except the 41st article in the Columbia minutes, respecting John Johnson, which they think should be inserted in the minutes of this association."²—Which report was unanimously adopted, and the following article ordered to be entered on the face of the minutes:—"Distant churches are hereby notified that John Johnson, formerly pastor of the Baptist church at New-Brunswick, in New-Jersey, and for some years past a member and pastor of the church at Fryingpan, in Fairfax county, Va. one of the churches composing this association, was more than a year since excluded from said church for gross immorality. The association having heard that said Johnson obtained from the church at Fryingpan a letter of high recommendation before his immoralities were known, it is desirable that this notice may obtain a circulation sufficient to counteract its effect."

11. Received by brother Cornelius thirty copies of the Baltimore minutes, and twenty-four copies from the Columbia association. Brother Cornelius was invited to a seat, as messenger from the Columbia association.

12. The circular letter written by brother Gilmore was read, and referred to brethren Hunton, Klipstine, Brooke and the author.

13. On motion, the decision relative to the query from Thumb run was re-considered, and the following brethren were appointed a committee to prepare an answer to the query, and present it to the association to-morrow morning:—Brethren Gilmore, Turner, Glasscock, Hunton and the moderator.

14. Received by brother Cornelius, the Baptist and Youth's Magazine,

published by the General Tract Society. For the information of the churches, we state, that fifteen hundred pages of tracts of the Baptist General Tract Society, can be obtained of brother Cornelius for *one dollar*.

15. Brother Klipstine appointed to write the corresponding letter to be read to-morrow.

16. The following brethren were appointed messengers to the several associations with whom we correspond:—To Columbia association, brethren Oglevey, Hunton and Klipstine. To Shilo, to commence the 2d day of September 1831, brethren T. Buck, jr. T. Buck, sen. Walter M'Kay, James Sowers and Thomas L. Hughes. To Patterson's creek, to meet at Union, Hampshire, on the 9th day of September 1831, brethren T. Buck and Wm. Marvin. To Goshen—a minute of our association to be sent. To Baltimore association, to be held at Warren, Baltimore county, on the Thursday before the 3d Lord's day in May 1832, brethren Gilmore, Broaders and B. Saunders. To Ebenezer, to meet at Union forge, on Friday before the 3d Sabbath in May 1832, brethren T. Buck, jr. and Daniel T. Crawford. To Dover—minute only.

17. Next association to meet at North fork, Loudoun county.

18. A motion to change the time of the meeting of this association, was referred to our next association; and it is requested that the churches composing this body, in their letters to the next association, express their views in relation to fixing the time of meeting on the Thursday before the 2d Sabbath in May, instead of Thursday before the 3d Sabbath in August.

19. Brother Oglevey to preach the introductory sermon; in case of failure, brother T. Buck, jr.

20. Arrangement for preaching on Lord's day after the next association:—Brother Gilmore, Leesburg; brother T. Buck, Upperville; brother Whittlesey, Ketocton; brother Baker, Ebenezer; brother McKay, Broad run; brother Oglevey, Middleburg.

21. Brethren B. Saunders and P. C. Rust were appointed a committee to settle with the treasurer.

22. The clerk to superintend the printing of the minutes, and receive the usual compensation of \$8.

23. On motion, *Resolved*, That the association take the control of the funds raised for missionary purposes instead of forming a missionary society; and that brethren Hunton, Gilmore, Manley Taylor, Charles Turner and Samuel Buck, be appointed a committee to carry the above into effect—or any three of them.

24. On motion, *Resolved*, That it is recommended to the churches composing this association to aid the Happy creek church to finish their meeting-house.

25. Union meetings—Zoar, Friday and Saturday before, and the 5th Sabbath in October, 1831. South River, Friday and Saturday before, and the 5th Sabbath in April, 1832.

26. The committee appointed to settle with the treasurer, having examined the accounts, report, That they find in his hands the sum of \$39 80 cents; out of which they have allotted, to brother McKay \$5 for attending the Shilo association; to brother T. Buck, Jr. \$8 for attending Ebenezer association twice; to brother Gilmore \$3 for attending the Baltimore association; and \$8 to brother Samuel Buck for his services as clerk and superintending the printing of the minutes—making the sum of \$24; leaving in the hands of the treasurer \$15.80; and \$31.62 1-2 received at this association, making \$47.42 1-2 now in the hands of the treasurer.

Adjourned until 9 A. M. to-morrow.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 1831.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by brother Oglevey.

27. The committee appointed to arrange the preaching, report that brethren George, Oglevey, Cornelius, and T. Buck or W. T. Broadus, are nominated to preach to-day.

28. The committee appointed to answer the query (referred from the last association) from Thumb run, report as follows: "Agreeably to our opinion, the laws of Virginia do not prohibit slaves nor free persons of color from preaching the gospel; but provides against their unlawful assemblage. We therefore advise the churches of this body to grant neither license nor privilege to slaves or free persons of color, that will be in violation of the laws of Virginia."

29. The committee appointed to examine the circular letter, reported that they had examined the letter and found it to meet their approbation so fully, that they had made little or no alteration. The letter was therefore received without reading.

30. The corresponding letter, written by brother Klipstine, was read and received unanimously.

31. The association recommends to the churches of her body, to contribute to the funds for missionary purposes in the bounds of the association; and informs them that one preacher is already obtained to engage in the arrangement.

32. The members of this association do hereby unanimously express, that they sensibly feel the loss they have sustained in the death of their much esteemed brother, elder Francis Moore.

After a pathetic address, singing, and prayer by the moderator, adjourned until association in course.

THOMAS BUCK, Jr. Moderator.

SAMUEL BUCK, Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

THE KETOCTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

To the churches of which she is composed, sendeth christian salutation.

DEAR BRETHREN: Agreeably to our former practice, we address you as brethren in the Lord. "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren;" 1 John iii. 14. But there are at least two classes or characters of brethren spoken of in the word of God, by different names. For example, one class is called "false brethren, unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty, which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage;" Galatians ii. 4. "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves;" Matthew vii. 15. "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit, he taketh away;" John xv. 2. "Clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth; without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;" Jude

12. Tares among the wheat. These are a few of the names by which they are known in the scriptures of divine truth.

The other class is called "Beloved of God, called to be saints;" Romans i. 7. "To them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints;" 1 Corinthians i. 2. "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus;" Ephesians i. 1. "Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus, which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons;" Philippians i. 1. "To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ, which are at Colosse;" Colossians i. 2. "Unto Timothy, my son in the faith;" 1 Timothy i. 2. "To Timothy, my dearly beloved son;" 2 Timothy i. 2. "To Titus, mine own son after the common faith;" Titus i. 4. "Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling;" Hebrews iii. 1. "Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ;" 1 Peter i. 2. "But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren, beloved of the Lord, because God hath, from the beginning, chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the spirit, and belief of the truth;" 2 Thessalonians ii. 13. "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world;" 1 John iv. 1.

Evangelists, elders, pastors and teachers, these are a few of the titles by which those brethren are called in the sacred volume of God—whom, if we love, with a spiritual love in the Lord, is to us an evidence of having passed from death unto life. But is this class of brethren known only by title and the limited characteristic which we have already given? We answer no: they are distinctly known by divine inspiration, first, by a work of grace in their hearts. "Now, when they heard this, they were pricked in their hearts, and said unto Peter, and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Acts ii. 37. "And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshiped God, heard us; whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul;" Acts xvi. 14. "For we are his workmanship, erected in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them;" Ephesians ii. 10. "Which were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God;" John i. 3. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which, according to his abundant mercy, hath begotten us again unto a lively hope, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead;" 1 Peter i. 3. "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever;" 1 Peter i. 23. "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh and whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit;" John iii. 3, 6, 7, 8. "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts; and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;" 1 Peter iii. 15. Which they can do, at all times, after the spirit itself beareth witness with their spirit, that they are the children of God. And they do say, in the language of David, "Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul;"

Psalms lxxvi. 16. Secondly, they are known by a system of sound doctrine. "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salutation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you, that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints;" Jude 3. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth;" 2 Timothy ii. 15. "Holding fast the faithful word, as he hath been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers;" Titus i. 9. "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine: continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee;" 1 Timothy i. 16. "This witness is true: wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith—not giving heed to Jewish fables and commandments of men that turn from the truth;" Titus i. 13. Thirdly, they are known by practical godliness or holiness. "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works; show me thy faith, without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works;" James ii. 17, 18. "But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law;" Galatians v. 22, 23. "But now, being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life;" Romans vi. 22. "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works;" Titus ii. 14. "But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ: for by grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves—it is the gift of God. Not of works, lest any man should boast: for we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them;" Ephesians ii. 4, 5, 8, 9 and 10. Here is a three-fold cord, not easily broken—and these three strands are all spiritually twisted together in the heart of every real christian. This accounts for their being tender-hearted, and kind, and loving one another with pure hearts fervently, and keeping the unity of the spirit, in the bond of peace. "As touching brotherly love, ye need not that I write unto you; for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another;" 1 Thessalonians iv. 9. "That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love;" Colossians ii. 2. But if either of these strands or principles be weak or wanting, so in proportion brotherly love will be weak or wanting. How do brethren give evidence to each other that they are not weak or wanting? By continuing orthodox in doctrine, and pious in life, and manifesting that they esteem others better than themselves, and saying, "Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given." And the younger submitting themselves unto the elder: "Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder; yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility; for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time;" 1 Peter v. 5 and 6. "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers;" Acts ii. 42. And so they do now. Primitive christians were of one heart and one soul; and so christians are yet, and will be, to the end of the world. "Wherefore, laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypoerisies, and envies, and all evil speakings—as new-born babes desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby; if so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gra-

precious, to whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious. Ye, also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Unto you, therefore, which believe, he is precious; but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner;" 1 Peter ii. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7. Troublers who preach, and those who believe another gospel, and would pervert the gospel of Christ, and give out that they are some great ones, we say nothing about.

Finally, brethren, farewell: be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all—Amen and Amen.

THOS. BUCK, JUN. *Moderator.*

SAML. BUCK, *Clerk.*



CORRESPONDING LETTER.

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THE KETOCTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

To the several associations in correspondence with her, sendeth christian salutation.

BELOVED BRETHREN: Under circumstances which should call forth our warmest gratitude to Almighty God, have we been permitted again to meet together in association. This glorious privilege, conferred upon us by the Great Master of assemblies, and by Him graciously continued unto us from year to year, is much enhanced by our intercourse with you, and the interchange of Christian affection. To those who have been "sanctified by God the Father, preserved in Christ Jesus and called," such communications are not as the mere effusions of an ordinary correspondence. On the contrary, they are full of intense interest, awakening the holy energies of the soul and espousing its kindest feelings:—for dear to the renewed heart are the tidings which speak of the peace and prosperity of Zion.

Brethren, though we cannot tell you of any remarkable outpouring of the Spirit of God among us, yet may we talk of His loving kindness and of his tender mercies. Peace reigns throughout our borders, and the churches repose upon the faithfulness of Him who cannot change. Yea, though we have cause for gloom on account of our late bereavement—though the walls of our Zion be deprived of one of her most faithful watchmen, and the cause of God of a most able defender,—yet we will

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not sorrow as those without hope—we will trust in Him whose judgments are unsearchable, and whose ways are past finding out.

Brethren, it is a truth known to the child of God, that “through much tribulation he must enter into the kingdom of heaven;” but how cheering the reflection, that after his little bark shall have been tossed to and fro by storm and tempest, it will ere long be safely moored in the haven of eternal rest. How sweet, amid the strife of outward fightings and inward fears, to hear the kind Shepherd’s voice—“Fear not, little flock, it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” What incentives of gratitude to God! What motives to holiness of walk and conversation! May the Lord strengthen the bond of our union and preserve us to his heavenly kingdom!

Our next meeting will be at North Fork, Loudoun county, Va., commencing on the Thursday before the third Lord’s day, in August 1832.

THOS. BUCK, JUN. *Moderator.*

SAMUEL BUCK, *Clerk.*

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