

DUPLICATE ✓

MINUTES
 OF THE
Seventeenth Annual Session
 OF THE
Upper Country Line
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT
BIG MEADOWS, CHATHAM COUNTY, N. C.

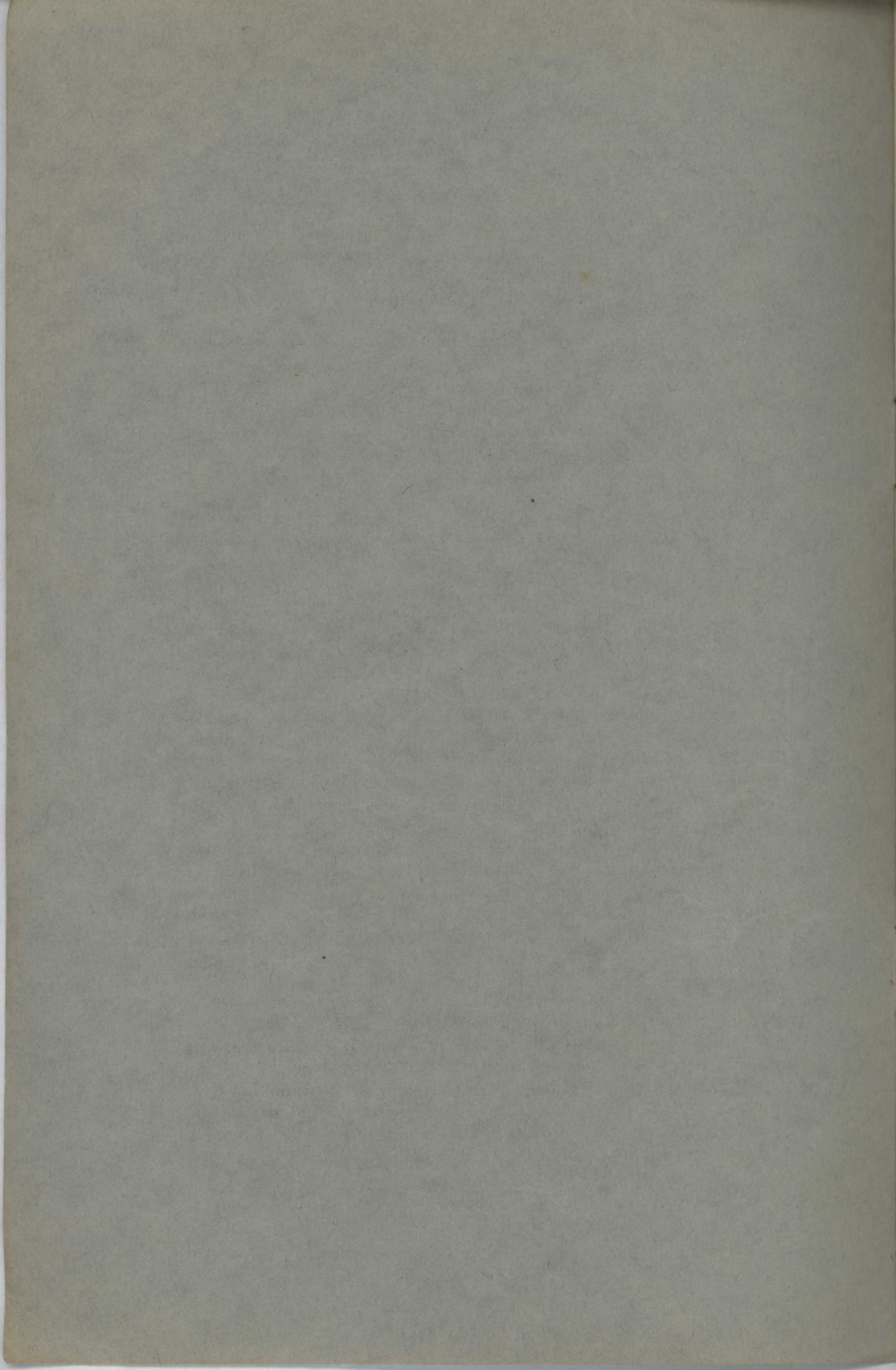
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OFFICERS

E. R. HARRIS, Moderator, Reidsville, N. C.
 ELDER J. W. GILLIAM, Association Clerk, Altamahaw, N. C., R.1
 ELDER T. A. STANFIELD, McIver, N. C.



ARTICLES OF FAITH

We, the messengers of the several churches composing the Upper Country Line Association, agree, for the satisfaction of our brethren and friends, to publish an abstract of the principles of faith upon which we unite and will endeavor with the help of the Lord to maintain.

1. We believe in the being of God as Almighty, Eternal, Unchangeable, of infinite wisdom, power, justice, holiness, goodness, mercy and truth, and that this God has revealed Himself in His Word, under the character of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His Word which Word we believe to be of divine authority and contains all things necessary to be known for the salvation of man. The same is comprehended or contained in the books of the Old and New Testaments.

3. We believe that God before the foundation of the world, for the purpose of His own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to eternal life, and that this election is particular, eternal, and unconditional on the creature's part.

4. We believe that when God made man he was good and upright, but by his own transgression he fell from that good and upright state and being the head and representative of the whole human race, they being his natural offspring, he involved all of them in the same ruined state with himself, and they partakers of and exposed to the miseries which sprang from his disobedience.

5. We believe that it is utterly out of the power of man as a fallen creature to keep the law of God perfectly, or to truly repent of his sins, or to believe in Christ, except he be drawn by the Holy Spirit.

6. We believe that in God's own appointed time and way the elect will be called, justified, pardoned and sanctified, and that it is impossible that they utterly refuse the call, but shall be willing by divine grace to receive mercy.

7. We believe that justification in the sight of God is only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, received and applied by faith.

8. We believe that God's elect will be converted and born again by the effectual working of the Holy Spirit.

9. We believe that those that are called by grace and born again persevere in holiness and never fall finally away.

10. We believe that it is the duty incumbent on all God's people to walk religiously in the old covenant way of seeking life and the favor of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from the principles of love.

11. We believe baptism and the Lord's supper are gospel ordinances, both belonging to the converted or true believer.

12. We believe that every church is independent in matters of discipline, and that Associations, Councils and Conferences of ministers or churches, are not to impose on the church the keeping, holding, or maintaining any principle or practice contrary to the church's judgment.

13. We believe in the general resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and final judgment.

14. We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

15. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances unless he is called and comes under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

16. Lastly, we believe that for the mutual comfort, union and satisfaction of the several churches of the aforesaid faith and order, we ought to meet in an association capacity wherein each church ought to be represented by their messengers to advise with each other in conference.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator in the beginning of his speech.
3. Every brother speaking shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration and shall in no way reflect on any other brother.
4. No messenger shall absent himself from the Association while in conference without permission.
5. No messenger shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission from the Association.
6. Messengers shall keep strict order while the business of the Association is being transacted.
7. No messenger shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he violates the rules of this decorum.
8. No messenger shall address another in any other term or appellation other than the title of brother.
9. The names of the members composing the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.
10. The moderator shall not speak on any question before the Association until all the other messengers are through speaking, when he may give his views, after, any messenger, having a right

to speak, may reply to any new matter introduced by the Moderator.

11. Any member who shall violate any of the rules of the Association shall be dealt with by the Association as it deems proper.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE UPPER COUNTRY LINE ASSOCIATION

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. A. Stanfield, Text: Psa. 35:10; followed by Elder C. A. Davis. No special text.

2. After an intermission, the Association convened and after praise and prayer by Elder C. F. Denny, proceeded to business. On motion Brother E. R. Harris was chosen as Moderator. The Association Clerk called to his assistance Elder T. A. Stanfield.

3. Petitionary letters called for. None received.

4. The Moderator appointed Elders J. E. Adams and W. R. Craft to go to the stand and preach to the people.

5. Messengers and visitors from sister Associations were invited to take seats with us, whereupon the following were seated: From Little River—Elder J. E. Adams, Elder Jesse Barnes, and Bro. J. T. Phelps. Also minutes.

From Black Creek—Elders C. F. Denny, J. W. Wyatt and others.

From Fisher River—Not represented, except by minutes.

From White Oak—Minutes only.

From Mayo—Minutes. Elders J. F. and D. B. Spangler and Bro. I. H. Spangler.

From Kehukee—Minutes only.

From Lower Country Line—Minutes only.

From Abbots Creek—Bros. H. W. and E. G. Johnson and Eugene Walser.

From Contentnea—Minutes only.

From Pig River—Elder J. B. Wade and Bro. G. R. Minter.

From Smith River—Minutes only.

From Staunton River—Not represented.

From New River—Minutes only.

From Mill Branch—Minutes only.

From Baltimore—Not represented.

From Bear Creek—Not represented.

From Salem—Minutes. Elder C. A. Davis.

From Mountain—Minutes. Elder M. B. Martin.

From Maine Conference—Elder F. W. Keene.

From Seven Mile—Minutes only.

From Zion Association—R. S. Creed, visitor.

From Durham Asso. (Colored.)—Minutes only.

6. The messengers of Big Meadows Church, together with the Moderator, Clerk, and Assistant Clerk were chosen a committee on arrangements, and Brethren John Delancy and W. P. Warren were appointed a committee on Finance.

7. Letters from the several churches composing the Upper Country Line Association were read, and their standing recorded in the statistical table of this Minute.

8. On motion the Association adjourned to meet Monday morning, August 20th, at 9 o'clock.

E. R. HARRIS, Moderator,
ELDER J. W. GILLIAM, Association Clerk,
ELDER T. A. STANFIELD, Ass't Asso. Cl'k.

MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 20, 9:00 O'CLOCK

9. The Association met according to appointment and after praise and prayer by Elder F. W. Keene proceeded to business.

10. The messengers who were appointed last year to visit sister Associations were called upon to report. The reports of those attending were very satisfactory, and those who did not attend were excused.

11. Messengers were appointed to visit sister Associations at their next sitting as follows:

Seven Mile—Minutes.

Little River—Minutes.

Mayo—Minutes. E. R. Harris, T. W. Rice, W. G. Dix and J. H. Combs.

Kehukee—Minutes.

White Oak—Minutes.

Contentnea—Minutes.

Black Creek—Minutes. Elder W. C. Jones.

Staunton River—Minutes. W. G. Dix and A. H. Dickerson.

Lower Country Line—Minutes. Elder W. C. Jones and W. P. Warren.

Abbott's Creek—Minutes. Bro. J. M. Dennis.

Fisher's River—Minutes.

Smith's River—Minutes.

New River—Minutes.

Salem—Minutes. Elder J. W. Gilliam, J. H. Combs, Elder W. C. Jones, W. P. Warren, T. W. Rice, J. M. Dennis, J. W. DeLancy and H. T. Oakley.

Mountain—Minutes.

Pig River—Minutes. Bro. T. W. Rice and W. G. Dix.

Durham Association (Colored)—Minutes.

12. On motion it was agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Country Line, Caswell County, N. C., to begin at 10 o'clock, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1924, and continue three days.

13. The Finance Committee was called upon to report, the report being as follows:

Received from the churches.....	\$128.93
Received from friends in the congregation.....	14.00

Total funds received\$142.93

Disbursements

To visiting preachers	\$ 90.93
For Printing and postage.....	37.00
Allowed Clerk for services.....	15.00

Total funds disbursed\$142.93

The report of the Finance Committee was received and the Committee was then excused.

14. Ordered that our Clerk have one thousand of these minutes printed and distributed with the churches of this Association and among the sister Associations with whom we correspond.

15. Whereas, our brethren have been well favored in preaching the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and many have been blessed to hear same and enjoy the Association now drawing to a close, be it therefore resolved:

First. That we return thanks to God for the blessings enjoyed.

Second. That we extend our thanks to the brethren and friends for their generous hospitality in taking care of the Association.

Third. That we extend thanks to the officers for keeping order during the Association.

MINISTERS

Elders in our Association, and addresses:

Elder B. B. McKinney, McIver, N. C., R. No. 1.

Elder W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C.

Elder O. J. Denny, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Elder W. F. Pruitt, Ruffin, N. C., R. No. 2.

Elder J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C., R. No. 1.

Elder B. F. McKinney, Hurdle Mills, N. C.

Elder W. M. Monsees, Wilson, N. C.

- Elder W. C. King, Union Ridge, N. C., R. No. 1
 Elder J. P. Johnson, Danville, Va., R. No. 3.
 Elder T. A. Stanfield, McIver, N. C., R. No. 1.

PREACHING

Saturday Afternoon—

1. Elder J. E. Adams.
 2. Elder W. R. Craft. Rom. 4 chapt.
 3. Elder Jesse Barnes. Matt. 9:9.
- 7:00 o'clock—J. W. Wyatt. Isa. 26:1.

Sunday Morning—

1. Elder C. F. Denny. Isa. 61:1-3.
2. Elder F. W. Keene. Songs of Sol. 2:14.

Sunday Afternoon—

1. Elder J. B. Wade. No special text.
 2. Elder M. B. Martin. Zech. 13:7.
- At 5:00 o'clock—Elder J. W. Wyatt. Psa. 102:4-7.
 At 7:00 o'clock—Bro. John DeLancy. No special text.
 Elder J. W. Gilliam. Luke 24:25-26.

Monday Morning—

1. Elder J. M. Lewis. 2nd. Tim. 4:1-2.
2. Elder C. A. Davis. Isa. 55:1.

MAILING LIST OF CHURCHES

	No. Minutes
Arbor—J. E. Simmons, Yanceyville, N. C., R. 2.....	60
Big Meadows—Elder W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C.	25
Country Line	15
Dan River—W. T. Ward, Ruffin, N. C., R. No. 2	40
Gilliam's—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C., R. No. 1....	40
Harmony—W. A. Ward, Cedar Grove, N. C.....	30
Lick Fork—C. L. Saunders, Reidsville, N. C., R. No. 5.....	30
Lynches Creek—W. R. Hawkins, Cedar Grove, N. C., R. No. 2	25
McCray—A. G. Porterfield, Burlington, N. C., R. No. 3.....	25
Moon's Creek—Mrs. J. W. Neal, Danville, Va., R. No. 5.....	25
Pleasant Grove—Elder T. A. Stanfield, McIver, N. C., Route 1	50
Prospect Hill—W. D. Blalock, Prospect Hill, N. C.....	50
Reidsville—E. R. Harris, Reidsville, N. C.....	50
Wolf Island—J. R. Stone, Reidsville, N. C., R. No. 3.....	55
Oak Grove—J. W. Watlington, Yanceyville, N. C., R. No. 1....	20
New Hope—J. S. Nole, Reidsville, N. C., R. No. 6.....	50
Monticello—J. J. Lambeth, Elon College, N. C.....	25
Greensboro—I. E. Neal, Greensboro, N. C.	38

List of churches composing the Upper Country Line Primitive Baptist Association, with order of rotation of sessions since the Country Line Association divided into Upper and Lower Country Line Associations in 1906, as follows:

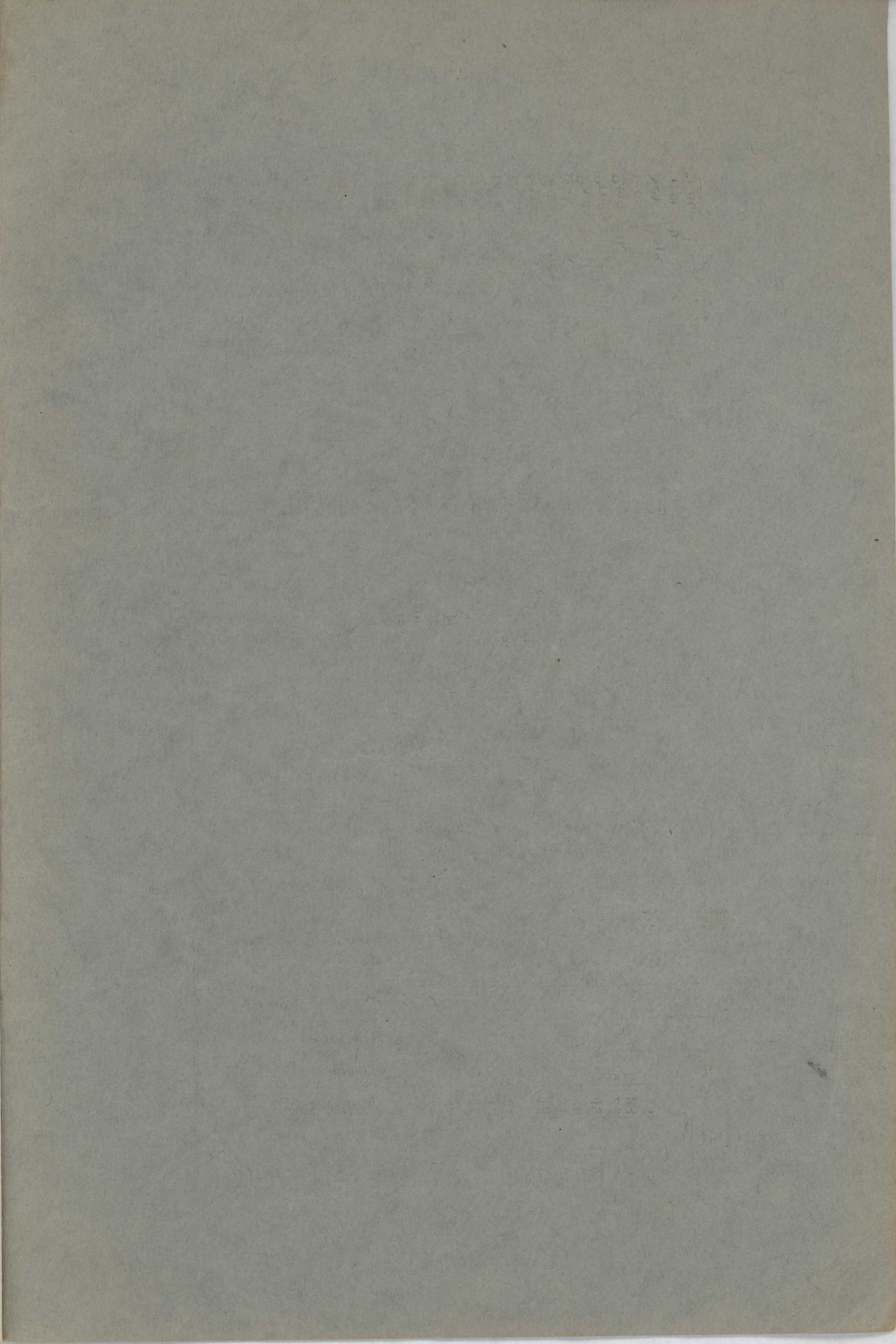
Harmony	1907
Reidsville	1908
Gilliam's	1909
Oak Grove	1910
Lynches Creek	1911
Lick Fork	1912
Pleasant Grove	1913
McCray	1914
Greensboro	1915
Dan River	1916
New Hope	1917
Moon's Creek	1918
Monticello	1919
Prospect Hill	1920
Wolf Island	1921
Bush Arbor	1922
Big Meadows	1923
Country Line—Appointed to be held.....	1924

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO ASSOCIATIONS

Abbott's Creek—A. L. Owens, Salisbury, N. C.....	18
Black Creek—Elder C. F. Denny, Wilson, N. C.....	18
Contentnea—Elder J. P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C.....	20
Fisher's River—Elder F. P. Stone, Francisco, N. C., R. No. 1	25
Kehukee—Elder Sylvester Hassell, Williamston, N. C.....	27
Little River—Elder J. A. T. Jones, McCullers, N. C.....	20
Mayo—Elder E. M. Barnard, Peter's Creek, Va.....	20
New River—Elder P. G. Lester, Roanoke, Va.....	20
Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston-Salem, N. C.....	18
Smith's River—Q. D. Weeks, Willis, Va., R. No. 2.....	18
Staunton River—R. L. Dodson, Ringold, Va.....	18
Lower Country Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C.....	20
White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones, Maple Hill, N. C.....	20
Mountain—J. M. Rector, Baywood, Va.....	15
Pig River—Elder E. S. Blackenship, Boon's Mill, Va.....	15
Seven Mile—Elder L. A. Johnson, Benson, N. C.....	15
Mill Branch—W. C. Brown, Tabor, N. C.....	20
Durham (colored)—Bro. Joe Graves, Reidsville, N. C., R. No. 5	20

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Names of Messengers	Rec'd by E. and Ba.							Contribution
		Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Membership		
Arbor	J. E. Simmons, W. A. McKinney and Elder W. C. King.	..	..	..	.2	.2	.36	\$ 12.25
Big Meadows	Elder W. C. Jones and W. H. Johnson	..	..	..	..	..	.12	2.00
Country Line	Elder W. C. King, Acting Moderator	..	..	..	..	..	.7	3.38
Dan River	T. W. Rice, W. T. Ward and A. H. Dickerson	.2	..	..	.2	.2	.40	5.00
Gilliam's	Elders J. W. Gilliam, Geo. L. Rudd and Lofton Saunders	.2	..	..	..	..	.23	10.00
Harmony	W. A. Ward and J. I. Clayton	..	..	..	..	..	.12	2.05
Lick Fork	Jno. R. Smith, Lewis Apple, J. P. Lovelace and C. L. Saunders	.1	..	..	..	.1	.24	10.75
Lynche's Creek	William Warren and W. R. Hawkins	..	..	..	..	..	.5	2.50
McCray	A. G. Porterfield and wife, and Robert Cates	..	..	..	..	..	.15	5.00
Moan's Creek	Sister Belle Neal, by letter received.	..	..	..	..	..	.7	1.00
Oak Grove	Not represented—Last year statistics	..	..	..	..	..	.6	..
Pleasant Grove	H. W. Ware, S. L. Gwynn and Elder T. A. Stanfield	.1	..	..	.2	.4	.49	15.35
Prospect Hill	W. P. Warren, W. D. Blalock and W. A. Hawkins	.1	..	..	..	.4	.24	18.40
Reidsville	E. R. Harris, R. L. Sneed and C. A. Delancy	.4	..	..	.1	.5	.28	10.00
Wolf Island	J. H. Dye, W. S. Smith, and J. R. Stone	.1	..	..	..	..	.45	5.25
New Hope	Jim Allen, D. B. Paschal, and J. H. Wall	..	..	..	..	..	.23	6.00
Greensboro	J. H. Combs, J. R. Jones and I. E. Neal	..	..	..	..	.2	.86	10.00
Monticello	J. J. and H. W. Lambeth	..	..	.1	..	.1	.11	10.00
		.12	.2	..	.7	.22	.397	\$ 128.93	



18.40
5.00
23.40