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PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY MORNING.

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder O. J. Denny.
2. The association convened, and after praise and prayer the association proceeded to business.
3. Elder C. F. Denny was chosen moderator, S. E. Hall, clerk.
4. Elders G. O. Key and M. B. Martin were chosen to preach to the people this afternoon.
5. Correspondents and visitors from sister associations, and churches were invited to seats with us. The following were received:
 - From Little River—J. E. Adams, Alex Wiggs.
 - From Kehukee—J. A. Shaw.
 - From Mayo, W. A. Goety, H. F. Hutchens, J. F. Via, Jas. Trent and Elder G. W. Trent.
 - From White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones.
 - From Black Creek—Elders J. C. Hooks, P. D. Gold and Bro. C. B. Hall, and Bro. C. W. Gold.
 - From Baltimore—Elder Joshua Rowe.
 - From Mt. Eno—Bro. H. G. Welborn.
 - From Pig River—Elder J. W. Wyatt.
 - From Bear Creek—Elders H. M. Williams.
 - From Oakmulgee—
 - From Stanton River—Elders N. T. Oaks, C. T. Evans, Bro. W. H. Wilson.
 - From Lower Country Line—W. A. Warren, H. E. Satterfield, J. A. Carver.
 - From Salem—Elders P. W. Williard, G. A. Morton, J. A. Ashburn and C. A. Davis and others.
 - From Fisher's River—Elder G. O. Key.
 - From Contentnea—Elders G. M. Corbit, J. P. Tingle.
 - From Smiths River—
 - From New River—Elder P. G. Lester.
 - From Abbotts Creek—Brethren L. A. Wright, N. Tucker.
 - From Durham, (colored.)
 - From Mountain—Elder M. B. Martin.
6. The messengers of Greensboro Church, together with the moderator and clerk were chosen the Committee of

Arrangements; and Brethren I. J. Harris, T. A. Stanfield were chosen the Committee on Finance.

7. The letters from the several churches composing this association were read and their standing recorded in the Statistical Table.

8. The circular letter called for, the letter read, received and ordered printed with minutes.

9. Petitionary letters were called for.

10. The association adjourned until 9 o'clock Monday morning with

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Elder M. B. Martin preached from, "Ye must be born again.

Elder G. O. Key preached from, "We are His workmanship," etc.

Elder P. G. Lester at 7:45 preached from "The Lord is my shepherd," etc.

Elder J. A. Ashburn.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Elder P. D. Gold preached from, Matt. 13 chapter.

Elder J. T. Rowe preached from Matt. 1 23rd verse.

AFTERNOON.

Elder Isaac Jones, "Blessed are they that know the joyful sound."

Elder P. G. Lester Rev. 22 and 1st verse.

MONDAY MORNING.

1. The association met according to adjournment, and after praise and prayer by Elder ———, proceeded to business.

2. Elders J. C. Corbett, P. W. Williard, and J. C. Hooks, preached.

3. The messengers who were appointed last year to visit sister associations were called on to report; some attended, and those who did not were excused.

4. Messengers were appointed to visit sister associations at their next sessions as follows.

Little River—Minutes.

Kehukee—Minutes.

Mayo—Minutes.
 White Oak—minutes.
 Contentnea—minutes.
 Black Creek—minutes.
 Stanton River—Elder J. W. Gilliam and Brother Tassitt.
 Lower Country Line—Elders J. W. Gilliam, B. F. McKinney.
 Abbotts Creek—Elder W. C. Jones.
 Fishers River—
 Smith River—
 New River—
 Salem—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Jr.
 Mountain—

5. Brother W. F. Pruitt was requested to write a circular letter to be read on Saturday at our next association.

6. It was agreed that our next association be held with the church at Dan River, Caswell County, to begin at 10 o'clock on Saturday before the third Sunday in August, 1916. Elder J. W. Gilliam, Jr., was chosen to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder B. F. McKinney his alternate.

7. It was agreed that a section meeting be held with the church at Monticello, beginning on Saturday before the second Sunday in April. Elders O. J. Denny, W. C. Jones attend.

And that another section meeting was appointed to be held with the church at McCray on third Saturday and Sunday in May. Elder O. J. Denny, Elder C. F. Denny and McKinney.

8. The Finance Committee was called on to report, which report is as follows:

Received from the churches	\$55.00
Received from the congregation	40.85
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Total	\$95.85
Allowed for printing minutes	\$17.00
Allowed for clerk's fee	10.00
For ministers	68.85

The report was received and the committee discharged:

9. The clerk was instructed to have 1,000 copies of these minutes printed and distributed among the churches com-

posing this association, and among the associations with whom we correspond and that he receive \$10.00 for his services.

10. **MAILING LIST TO CHURCHES.** Minutes

Arbor—J. E. Simmons, F. O. Fitch, N. C., R. F. D. 1	62
Big Meadow—W. C. Jones, Burlington	25
Country Line—T. H. Rudd, Union Ridge, R. F. D. 1	10
Dan River—W. G. French, Reidsville, R. F. D. 3	40
Gilliams—J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C., R. F. D. 1 . .	40
Harmony—J. I. Clayton, Efland, N. C.	30
Lick Fork—C. L. Apple, Ruffin, R. F. D. 1	30
Lynches Creek—W. R. Hawkins, Cedar Grove, N. C., R. F. D. 2	25
McCrays—A. G. Porterfield, Burlington, N. C., R. F. D. 3	20
Moons Creek—J. W. Neal, Danville, Va., R. F. D. 5	20
Pleasant Grove—T. A. Stanfield, McIver, N. C., R. F. D. 1	42
Prospect Hill—S. J. Hall, Cedar Grove, N. C.	50
Reidsville—E. R. Harris, Reidsville, N. C.	50
Wolf Island—R. L. Sneed, Reidsville, N. C.	50
Oak Grove—R. H. Jones, Yanceyville, N. C., R. F. D. 1	15
New Hope—P. A. Pascal, Reidsville, N. C., R. F. D. 6 . .	40
Monticello—A. J. Lambeth, Brown Summit, N. C.	20
Greensboro—L. I. Harris, Greensboro, N. C.	40

CHURCHES, CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

- Arbor—J. E. Simmons.
- Big Meadow—Elder W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C.
- Country Line—T. H. Rudd.
- Dan River—W. G. Dix.
- Gilliams—J. W. Gilliam, Sr.
- Harmony—J. I. Clayton, Efland, N. C.
- Lick Fork—C. A. Howard, Danville, Va.
- Lynches Creek—W. R. Hawkins, Cedar Grove, N. C.
- McCrays, Mrs. Ella F. Porterfield, Burlington, N. C.
- Moons Creek—J. W. Neal, Danville, Va.
- Oak Grove—
- Pleasant Grove—T. A. Stanfield.
- Prospect Hill—S. J. Hall, Cedar Grove, N. C.
- Reidsville—E. R. Harris, Reidsville, N. C.
- Wolf Island—R. L. Sneed.
- New Hope—J. S. Noles.

Monticello—J. J. Lambeth.

Greensboro—L. J. Harris, Greensboro, N. C.

To the Messengers and Visitors who May Compose the
Upper Country Line Primitive Baptist Association,
Dear Brethren:—

By request I shall endeavor to write a circular letter to be read in your hearing. If I have any subject at all to base what I shall write upon, it will be found in Romans, 8th chapter and 28th verse, and we know that all things work together for good to them that love God; to them who are called according to his purpose. Now, we see the apostle in the beginning of this chapter, speaks plainly that there is therefore now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus who walk not after the flesh but after the spirit. This address was according to my mind to the church showing plainly that his children will not be eternally condemned (we hear the same writer in speaking to the church at Rome that whom the Lord did foreknow He did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, and those He did call we hear (John) saying what manner of love hath the Father bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God. In this we see the love of God manifest proving that they are one in Christ and they have no confidence in the flesh. Now we see all this is done according to His own purpose and grace which was given them in Christ before the world began, and they must be quickened into divine life. We as poor finite creatures have realized in our own personal experience that we knew nothing about God until we were quickened by His spirit. We were walking as aliens from Him and strangers to his grace, rolling sin as a sweet morsel under our tongue and trampling His mercy under our unhallowed feet, but God who is rich in mercy with His great love wherewith he hath loved us even when we were dead in trespasses and in sin has quickened us together and made us to sit together in heavenly in Christ. We notice the word "hath" has a particular meaning. Jesus says thine, they were and thou gavest them me and I believe that His children were with Him in the beginning and he purposed to give them to his son that he might redeem them and we see that they are not redeemed with

corruptible things such as silver and gold, but by the precious blood of Christ, and Jesus had this glory with His Father even before the world was and the apostle could willingly say that all things work together for good to them that love God, etc.

I well remember the next morning after I was delivered of that heavy burden which bore me down about (4 years.) The text that I have mentioned in the outset came into my mind. I felt then that I did love God more than all the things on earth. These words also came in my mind: "Surely, goodness and mercy have followed me all the days of my life." This early one morning about the dawn of the rising sun it seemed that it shone different from what it did before, everything seemed to be praising the Lord. Bretheren that was a time of rejoicing to me, may the Lord's blessings be with you all is my prayer.

Your brother in prayer,

B. F. McKINNEY.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Names of Messengers.

Churches	Names of Messengers	Rec. Exp. Bap.	Rec. by Let.	Restored	Dis. by Let.	Excluded	Total Mem.	Contributions
Arbor	G. W. Simmons and Elder B. F. McKinney	5				4	116	1.50
Big Meadow	Elder W. C. Jones, W. H. Johnson and Albert Whitfield	6	2				9	.25
Country Line	T. H. Rudd			3	1		31	1.60
Dan River	W. G. Dix, W. F. Pruitt and R. A. Cox	2					20	1.50
Gilliams	Jno. W. Gilliam, Jr., Jno. W. Gilliam, Sr., and C. E. Brooks	1	1				112	1.50
Harmony	W. A. Ward, W. R. Compton and J. I. Clayton	1					21	1.50
Lick Fork	C. A. Howard and C. L. Apple	1					110	1.50
Lynches Creek	W. R. Hawkins, Will Warren				1		116	2.50
McCrays	Brother A. G. Porterfield and Robert Netherly						2	3.00
Moons Creek	J. W. Neal						1	150
Oak Grove	(Blank)						36	4.15
Pleasant Grove	(Blank)	5	1				21	5.00
Prospect Hill	S. G. Hall, W. D. Blalock and W. P. Warren			1			19	4.10
Reidsville	J. A. Walker, J. T. Thompson				1		112	5.00
Wolf Island	J. R. Stone, G. W. Carter and Jno. R. Smith	12					30	5.00
New Hope	Jas. Allen, A. B. McKinney and P. A. Paschal						1	12
Monticello	J. J. Lambeth, W. D. Lambeth and A. J. Lambeth	2					1	30
Greensboro	Z. T. Brooks, J. H. Combs, and L. J. Harris				3			

