

MINUTES

OF THE

VIRGINIA CORRESPONDING MEETING,

HELD WITH THE

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LOUDOUN COUNTY, VIRGINIA,

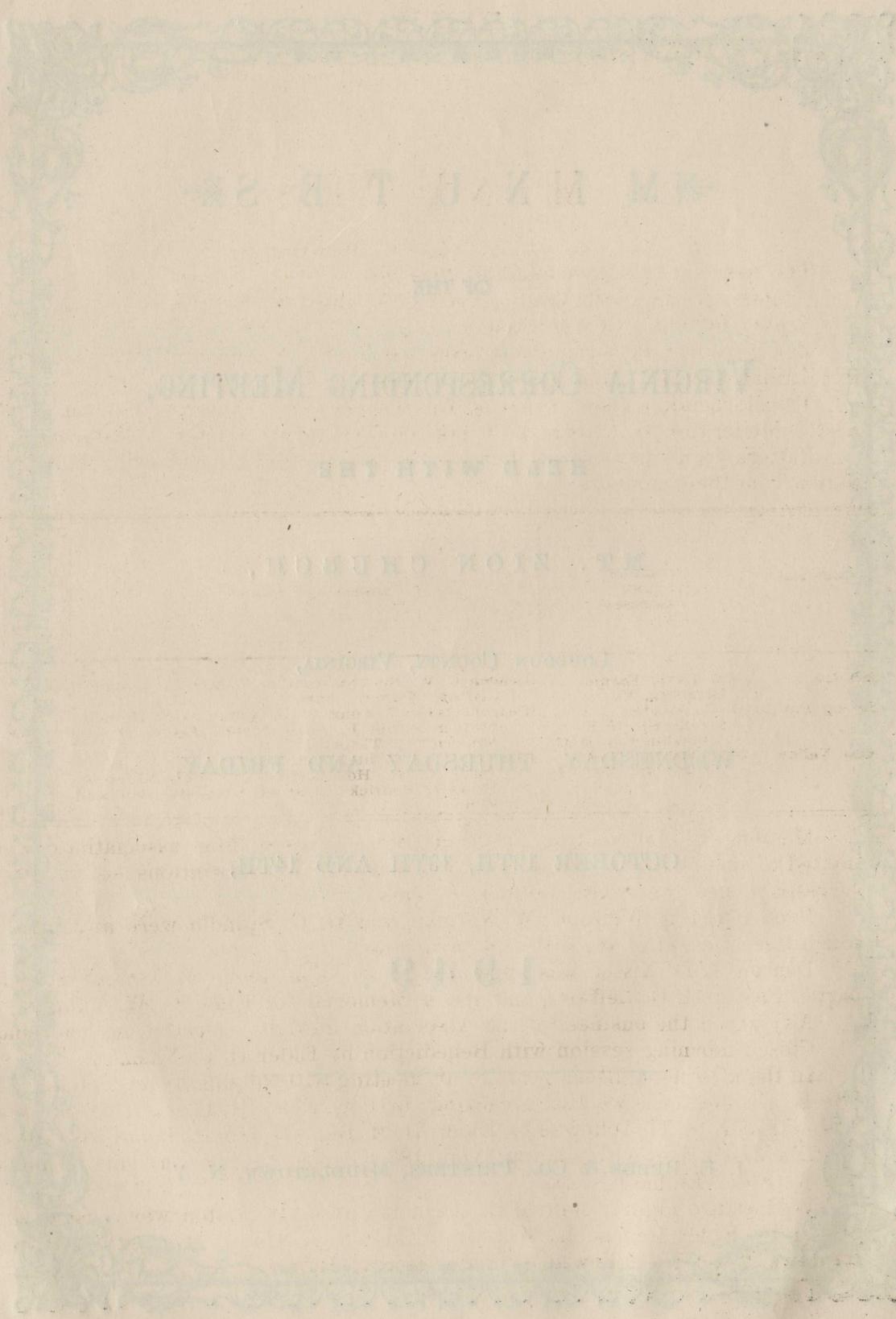
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# M I N U T E S

WEDNESDAY, October 12, 1949.

The Association convened at 10:30 a. m.

Opened meeting with singing hymns 872 and 188 (Beebe's collection).

Prayer by Elder George Ruston.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Arnold H. Bellows, from Isaiah thirty-second chapter, first four verses.

The Association then organized for business, by choosing Deacon A. D. Alston Moderator, G. C. Spindle Clerk and Arthur L. Carter Assistant Clerk.

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

CHURCHES	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	MESSENGERS' NAMES	Rec. by Letter.	Baptized.....	Died.....	Members.....
Mt. Zion.....	Mrs. David Farnie..... Leesburg, Va.	Deacon C. W. Norman, brother C. A. Hylton, sisters Hylton, Norman, Farnie.....				
Frying Pan...	G. C. Spindle..... 914 9th St., N. E., Washington, D. C.	Deacons Isaac T. Long, A. D. Alston, G. C. Spindle, brother Arthur L. Carter, sisters Alston, Gheen, McCormick, Thomas .....		1	2	9
New Valley...	Miss Martha Howser... Purcellville, Va.	Deacon H. J. White, brethren R. L. Dade, L. D. Duke, C. R. Hollandsworth, sisters McIntosh, Howser, Rodrick, Chiswell, Claggett, Ball and White .....	1	2	1	12
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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.

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

Deacon A. D. Alston was appointed to write a Memorial for our late departed Pastor H. H. Lefferts, and also a Memorial for Elder C. W. Vaughn.

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

Closed morning session with Benediction by Elder H. O. Nash.

In the afternoon after opening our meeting with singing hymns 856 and 751 (Beebe's collection), we had preaching, first by Elder R. Lester Dodson, from 2 Timothy iii. 16, 17; followed by Elder H. M. Bennett, from 2 Timothy iii. 10-12.

Dismissed then with singing hymn 183 (Beebe's collection) and Benediction by Elder Emmett Stone.

Wednesday night's service in the home of A. D. Alston was opened with prayer by Elder George L. Weaver. Elder L. A. Harris then preached from Hebrews ii. 10, 11; followed by Elder George Ruston from the 19th Psalm.

THURSDAY, October 13, 1949.

The Association convened according to adjournment.

Opened meeting with singing hymn 413 (Beebe's collection).

Prayer by Elder H. O. Nash.

We then received correspondence from sister associations as follows:

Delaware River—Minutes. Elders George Ruston, Arnold H. Bellows, R. Lester Dodson, H. M. Bennett, John D. Wood, sisters Elizabeth Grafton, Elizabeth Topping, Mollie Boyer, Mary Cole, Rosa Stevens, Virginia Wood.

Delaware—Brother Thomas Starr, sisters Mary Cole, Mollie Boyer, Ruth Lucht, Elizabeth Slauson, Virginia Wood, Elders John D. Wood, A. J. Slauson, R. Lester Dodson, D. V. Spangler.

Salisbury—Minutes. Elders H. M. Bennett, D. V. Spangler, Deacons Ananias Hastings, Handy Truitt, sisters Rosa Stevens, Gertrude Austin, Bertha Tomlinson, Maude Laws, Maude Truitt, Grace Hastings, Elizabeth Grafton, Elizabeth Topping, Virginia Wood, Alice Gladding, Ruth Lucht, Mollie Boyer, Elders Arnold H. Bellows, George Ruston, John D. Wood, George L. Weaver, Deacon Quincy A. Gladding, brother Thomas Starr.

Baltimore—No session. Elder John D. Wood, Deacon Quincy A. Gladding, sisters Alice Gladding, Emma Parker, Asensth Small, Elizabeth Topping, Elizabeth Grafton, Virginia Wood.

Lexington-Roxbury—Minutes. Elders Arnold H. Bellows, A. J. Slauson, sister Elizabeth Slauson, Elders John D. Wood, R. Lester Dodson, George Ruston, Deacons Quincy A. Gladding, Owen Mellott, sisters Alice Gladding, Virginia Wood, Gertrude Austin, Susie Mellott.

Warwick—No session. Elder R. Lester Dodson.

Maine—Correspondence through the "Signs of the Times." Elders John D. Wood, Arnold H. Bellows, Deacon Owen Mellott, sisters Susie Mellott, Virginia Wood.

Pocatalico—No communication. Elder George L. Weaver.

Contentnea—No communication. Elders T. F. Adams, R. B. Denson.

Associations and churches not in direct correspondence represented at our Association as follows:

Covenanted Baptist Church of Canada — Elders George Ruston, H. O. Nash, T. F. Adams.

Pigg River Association—Elder John D. Wood, brother Mastin Lester, sisters Virginia Wood, Ivah Carter, L. D. Conner.

New River Association—Elders J. F. Sumner, G. P. Harris, L. A. Harris, Deacons W. M. Graham, J. M. Gardner, brethren Gold Thompson, J. S. Phillips, H. E. Phillips, U. G. Turpin.

Little River Association—Elder T. F. Adams.

Yellow River Association—Elder H. O. Nash, brother M. M. Absher.

Staunton River Association—Elder Emmet Stone, Deacon G. S. Weider, sisters Nana George, G. S. Weider.

Smith River Association—Deacons M. A. Thomas, Noel Conner, sisters Annie L. Thomas, Catherine Houchins.

Lower Country Line Association—Sisters Minnie Thomasson, Virgie Newton, Laura Gooch.

Upper Country Line Association—Elder D. V. Spangler, sister Nanie Spangler.

Kehukee Association—Elder R. B. Denson.

Elkhorn Association—Elder S. J. Priddy, brother L. B. Hylton, sisters Maggie Priddy, Rosie Hylton.

Sulphur Fork Church—Elder George L. Weaver.

Needmore and Sidling Hill Churches—Deacon Orien Mellott, brother Marcus Mellott, sisters Susie Mellott, M. Mellott, Louise Godfrey.

The Association accepted the invitation to meet with New Valley Church next year. Notice of time will be given through the "Signs of the Times" and "Old Faith Contender."

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

Ordered that Minutes be sent to Associations of our correspondence, and that members of Associations named in these Minutes, who are present at this meeting and who may be present at Associations of our correspondence, be requested to serve as our messengers to the same.

Appointed brethren L. D. Duke and C. A. Hylton a committee to distribute Minutes of corresponding associations.

The following contributions were received for printing Minutes of the meeting: Mt. Zion, \$10.00; Frying Pan, \$10.00; New Valley, \$10.00. Total, \$30.00. Contributions toward expenses of visiting ministers as follows: Mt. Zion, \$25.00; Frying Pan, \$25.00; New Valley, \$25.00. Total, \$75.00.

The Corresponding Circular Letter, written by brother L. D. Duke, was then read and adopted by the Association to be printed in our Minutes.

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

Preaching by Elder D. V. Spangler, from John vi. 45; followed by Elder H. O. Nash, from 1 Timothy iii. 16.

Preaching in the afternoon by Elder George Ruston, from the one hundred thirty-third Psalm; followed by Elder S. J. Priddy, from Isaiah lxiii. 3; followed by Elder G. P. Harris, no text.

Services at night in the home of Deacon A. D. Alston opened with prayer by Elder T. F. Adams, who then preached from Proverbs ninth chapter, followed by Elder Emmett Stone, from 1 Corinthians xii. 20.

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FRIDAY, October 14, 1949.

The Association convened according to adjournment.

Opened meeting with singing hymn 331 (Beebe's collection).

Prayer by Elder George L. Weaver.

Memorials prepared by Deacon A. D. Alston were then read and adopted, to be printed with our Minutes.

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

Appointed brother C. W. Norman to write the Corresponding Circular Letter for next year.

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

Minutes of the meeting were then read, and adopted.

## MINUTES

Adjourned the business of the Association until next year.

Preaching then by Elder George L. Weaver, from Deuteronomy xxxii. 1-4; followed by Elder J. F. Sumner, from Isaiah xl. 6, 7; followed by Elder John D. Wood, from 1 Corinthians ii. 7-10.

Remarks then by Elders Slauson, Bellows, Bennett, Harris, Nash, Ruston, Priddy, Adams and Stone. Remarks then by several of the brethren, with closing remarks by our Moderator.

Meeting closed with Benediction by Elder J. F. Sumner.

(Deacon) A. D. ALSTON, Moderator.

G. C. SPINDLE, Clerk.

ARTHUR L. CARTER, Assistant Clerk.

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 VISITING MINISTERS

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

A. J. Slauson, 46 Cedar St., Kingston, N. Y. Lexington-Roxbury Ass'n.

R. Lester Dodson, 41 Addison Ave., Rutherford, N. J. Warwick Ass'n.

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

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

John D. Wood, R.F.D. 5, Box 46, Baltimore, Md. Pigg River Association.

George Ruston, Dutton, Ontario, Canada.

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

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

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

T. F. Adams, Willow Spring, N. C. Little River Association.

R. B. Denson, Rocky Mount, N. C. Kehukee Association.

S. J. Priddy, Princeton, W. Va. Elkhorn Association.

Emmett Stone, Field Dale, Va., P. O. Box 193. Staunton River Ass'n.

H. O. Nash, 431 Hardendorf Ave., N. E., Atlanta, Ga. Yellow River Ass'n.

G. L. Weaver, 1148 9 Ave., Huntington, W. Va. Sulphur Fork Church, Ky.

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 IN MEMORIAM

INASMUCH as it has seemed good in the sight of Almighty God to remove from our midst by death, our dearly beloved Brother and Pastor, ELDER HORACE H. LEFFERTS, on the 18th day of August, 1949, and

INASMUCH as we, the churches composing the Virginia Corresponding Meeting, do realize that we must bow in humble submission to the will of our Lord and Savior; and that we do feel most deeply bereaved in this loss of our dear Brother and Pastor who has so faithfully served us as an undershepherd, teacher and minister for an unbroken period of thirty-nine years; and that we do feel to praise our Lord and Savior for his wise counsel, the faithful and fatherly interests and admonitions and the unceasing efforts in ministering to our spiritual needs and comforts, and for the sincerity and earnestness of our departed brother, and for his gift in the ministry of the Word, and his prayerful desire to be kept a true servant to the church and to his people, be it

RESOLVED that this memoriam be written and sent with our deep and heart-

felt sympathy to his bereaved companion, Mrs. Ella Adams Lefferts, and to his family. Their loss and sorrow is likewise our loss and sorrow, yet we must know that this departure is his eternal inheritance of that promised possession. Thus rather than voicing our present sorrows, we would pray to be enabled to keep our eyes upon Him that has promised never to leave us or forsake us, and to offer praise for the blessings bestowed upon us through his faithful labors. This life and these blessings will live on in the memories of all those with whom he associated. Also, be it

RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be sent for publication in the "Signs of the Times" and "Old Faith Contender", and that it be printed in the Minutes of this meeting.

## A L S O ,

INASMUCH as it has been the will of our Lord and Master to remove from our midst by death our beloved Elder and Brother CHARLES W. VAUGHN, who so faithfully served churches in the Delaware River Association, and

INASMUCH as our dear Brother Vaughn has been so closely associated with the brethren and ministers of our Virginia Corresponding Meeting and the Associations of our correspondence, and

INASMUCH as he, by his long, faithful and steadfast service in the ministry and among the brethren of our congregations, has so endeared himself to the hearts of us all, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that we extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy to our sister churches and to his widow, our beloved Sister Annie Pendleton Vaughn, and to his family, in this time of sorrow and bereavement. Their loss is likewise our loss. May all who knew and loved this Elder Brother be given faith and strength to know that our God doeth all things well; that He is too wise to err and too merciful to be unkind. Jesus has said, I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you. We know not what to do, or what to say, but may our eyes be upon our God and our Savior. Our loss is his eternal gain, and his exchange of this life for that promised possession of eternal joy and love. Further, be it

RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be sent to our beloved Sister Vaughn, and that it be published in the "Signs of the Times" and "Old Faith Contender", and that it be printed in the Minutes of this meeting.

A. D. ALSTON, Moderator.

G. C. SPINDLE, Clerk.

ARTHUR CARTER, Assistant Clerk.

## CORRESPONDING CIRCULAR LETTER

(Written by Brother L. D. Duke)

*The Virginia Corresponding Meeting, in session with the Mt. Zion Church, Loudoun County, Virginia, October 12th, 13th and 14th, 1949, to the churches composing this Meeting, and to the associations, churches and meetings with which we correspond, we send christian greetings.*

DEAR BRETHREN:—Once again we feel to be blessed by our God to meet together in the bonds of christian fellowship. Once again it is our blessed privilege to meet together with our brethren, sisters and friends of this, the Virginia Corresponding Meeting, for our mutual pleasure and association.

We wish to extend to these, our visiting brethren, a most cordial welcome and trust that this occasion shall rebound to their spiritual edification and enjoyment. However, it is with heavy hearts that we, at this time, endeavor to carry on in the wake of our recent sorrowful bereavement. There is a void in our hearts which we, at this time, feel can never be filled. Nevertheless, we cannot stand still, we dare not turn back; we must go on. We must be made to realize that all things are of God and made for His glory; that He rules in the heavens and in the earth and that His works are perfect. He speaks and it is done, He commands and it stands fast. He hath declared all things from the beginning to the end and none can stay His hand. We humbly pray that the candlestick may not be removed from our midst. We know that when two or three are gathered together in His name, that there He will be also. Therefore it is in faith that we move and have our being in the blessed hope and full realization that His grace is

all-sufficient for all our needs and will sustain us even unto the end. We are made to know that we are as worms of the dust by nature, and that our own righteousness is as filthy rags. Nevertheless, if we are one of His, one of those whose name was written in the Lamb's book of life, even before the world was, through His imputed righteousness freely given and unmerited, we shall be blessed to awake with Him on that resurrection morn where they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven, when we shall see Him face to face and be like Him and be satisfied. For now we see as through a glass darkly, but then face to face. Now we know in part, but then shall we know even as we are known. We know that all things work together for good to them that love God; to them who are called according to His purpose. It is our sincere desire to praise Him for evermore, and according as it is written, he that glorieth let him glory in the Lord. May His richest blessings rest and abide with you all is our fervent prayer.

The time and place of our next session of this meeting is, the Lord willing, tentatively arranged to meet with the New Valley Church, Loudoun County, Virginia, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday following the second Sunday in October, 1950. A more definite announcement may appear in our periodicals at a later date. We trust you may visit us again and sit down with us in the love and fellowship of the gospel of His grace.

A. D. ALSTON, Moderator.

G. C. SPINDLE, Clerk.

ARTHUR CARTER, Ass't Clerk.