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OF THE

VIRGINIA CORRESPONDING MEETING,

HELD WITH THE

MT. ZION CHURCH,

LOUDOUN COUNTY, VIRGINIA,

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY,

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WEDNESDAY, October 16, 1946.

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

Opened meeting with singing hymns No. 245, 140, 45 (Beebe's collection).

Elder D. L. Topping spoke in prayer.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Arnold H. Bellows, from 2 Kings v. 1-14.

The Association organized for business by choosing Elder H. H. Lefferts Moderator and G. C. Spindle Clerk and John F. Simpson Assistant Clerk.

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

CHURCHES	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	MESSENGERS' NAMES	Rec. by Letter By Con. of Faith	Died.....	Baptized.....	Members.....
Mt. Zion.....	Mrs. David Farnie..... Leesburg, Va.	Deacon C. W. Norman, brethren C. A. Hylton, John F. Simpson, sisters Norman, Hylton, Gulick and Farnie	2	4	2	13
Frying Pan...	G. C. Spindle..... 914 9th St., N. E., Washington, D. C.	Deacon G. C. Spindle, brother Earley Robey, sisters Robey, Moreland, McCormick, Gheen and Davis	1	5	3	10
New Valley...	Mrs. R. C. Garrett..... Leesburg, Va.	Elder H. H. Lefferts, Deacon H. J. White, brethren C. R. Hollandsworth, L. D. Duke, sisters Clag- gett, Ball, White, Dade, McIntosh, Chiswell, Howser, Rodrick, Glasscock and Craig.....	1	1	1	120

Messengers and visiting brethren from corresponding associations were invited to seats with us.

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 Deacon Isaac T. Long, was read, and unanimously adopted by the Association.

Preaching then by Elder G. P. Harris, from Ephesians i. 3; followed by Elder S. L. Moran. No special text. Followed by Elder J. F. Sumner, from John i. 5; followed by Elder Cecil Turner. No special text.

THURSDAY, October 17, 1946.

The Association convened according to adjournment.

Opened meeting with singing hymn 146 (Beebe's collection).

Prayer by Elder David Spangler.

Received correspondence from sister associations as follows:

Delaware River—Minutes. Elders Bellows, Topping, Spangler, Wood and Jones.

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Salisbury—Minutes. Elder H. M. Bennett, sisters Hastings, Lowe, Tomlinson, Stephens and Laws, Elders Bellows, Topping and Wood.

Baltimore—No session. Elder D. L. Topping, Deacon Quincy A. Gladding, brother Alvis Rowe, sisters Topping, Gladding, Rowe and Grafton.

Lexington-Roxbury—Minutes. Elder A. H. Bellows, sister Florence Bellows, Elders Topping, Helms, Wood, and sister Wood.

Maine—Correspondence through the "Signs of the Times." Elders Bellows, Wood and sister Wood.

Pocatalico—Minutes.

Contentnea—Minutes. Elder J. E. Mewborn.

Notice will be given through the "Signs of the Times" and "Old Faith Contender" of the time and place of holding the next session of the Virginia Corresponding Meeting.

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

Ordered that we send Minutes to the several associations named in the 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. A. Hylton and C. R. Hollandsworth a committee to distribute the Minutes of corresponding associations.

The following contributions were received for printing Minutes of this meeting: Mt. Zion, \$8.00; Frying Pan, \$8.00; New Valley, \$8.00. Total, \$24.00.

Received contributions toward expenses of visiting ministers as follows: Mt. Zion, \$32.00; Frying Pan, \$32.00; New Valley, \$24.00. Total, \$88.00.

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

Preaching in the morning by Elder E. L. Cobb, from John xxi. 18; followed by Elder T. Floyd Adams, from Isaiah lv. 1.

Preaching in the afternoon by Elder David Spangler, from 1 Timothy xv. 1; followed by Elder D. L. Topping, from 1 Corinthians xv. 22; followed by Elder J. E. Mewborn. No special text. Followed by Elder E. C. Jones. Failed to get text.

FRIDAY, October 18, 1946.

- The Association convened according to adjournment.
Opened meeting with singing hymn 126 (Beebe's collection).
Prayer by Elder J. P. Helms.
The committee appointed to distribute Minutes of corresponding associations reported same had been attended to.
Appointed brother G. C. Spindle to write the Corresponding Circular Letter for next year.
Appointed brother C. W. Norman 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 by Elder H. M. Bennett, from Isaiah xlv. 25; followed by Elder J. P. Helms. No special text. Followed by Elder T. J. Walker, from Song of Solomon ii. 1-3; followed by Elder John D. Wood. No text.
After remarks by many of the brethren as to their enjoyment of the Association, the meeting was concluded with remarks by Elder H. H. Lefferts.
H. H. LEFFERTS, Moderator.
- G. C. SPINDLE, Clerk.
JOHN F. SIMPSON, Assistant Clerk.

VISITING MINISTERS

- Arnold H. Bellows, West Hurley, N. Y. Lexington-Roxbury Association.
D. L. Topping, Linthicum Heights, Md. Baltimore Association.
H. M. Bennett, Mardela Springs, Md. Salisbury Association.
T. F. Adams, Willow Springs, N. C. Little River Association.
E. C. Jones, Varina, N. C. Little River Association.
G. P. Harris, Radford, Va. New River Association.
L. A. Harris, Indian Valley, Va. New River Association.
J. F. Sumner, Sylvatus, Va. New River Association.
J. P. Helms, Vinton, Va. Pigg River Association.
Cecil Turner, Bassett, Va. Pigg River Association.
John D. Wood, Baltimore, Md. Pigg River Association.
D. V. Spangler, Danville, Va. Upper County Line Association.
T. W. Walker, Gibsonville, N. C. Upper County Line Association.
J. E. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C. Contentnea Association.
E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C. Black Creek Association.
S. L. Moran, Pilot, Va. Smith River Association.

CORRESPONDING CIRCULAR LETTER

(Written by Deacon, Isaac T. Long)
The Virginia Corresponding Meeting, in session with the Mt. Zion Church, Loudoun County, Virginia, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, October 16th, 17th and 18th, 1946, to the associations, churches and meetings with which we correspond, sends christian greeting.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN: — The Scriptures teach that “in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God”, that “by Him were all things made, and without Him there was nothing made.” In former times, God spake unto our fathers by the prophets, but now in these latter days He speaks to us through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. “The word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” Christ said that heaven and earth shall pass away, but that His word should abide forever. Christ loved His own while they were dead in trespasses and sins, and gave Himself for their redemption, Himself suffering the death penalty deserved by them. He rendered double for all their sins. He is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. He is made of God, unto His elect, their wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption. We ourselves were born in sin and shapen in iniquity, and are as prone to sin as the sparks of the fire to fly upward. He who says he is free from sin, is a liar and the truth is not in him. On the other hand, he that is born of God cannot commit sin, for His seed remaineth in him, and he cannot sin because he is born of God.

When the three Hebrew children were cast into the burning furnace, not so much as a hair of their heads was singed. And more, there appeared with them in the fire One like unto the Son of God walking in the flames. The Lord's people are tried as by fire. He is always with them to protect and to deliver them. John wrote in his second epistle: “Having many things to write unto you, I would not write with paper and ink, but I trust to come unto you and speak face to face, that OUR JOY MAY BE FULL.” We do hope and pray unto the Lord that the preaching of the ministering brethren at this meeting may be to the fullness of our joy in the Lord. So far as we know at this time, the churches of this Corresponding Meeting are at peace within themselves and with one another. Jesus said to His disciples: “My peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth give I unto you, let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” “Ye believe in God, believe also in me.” It is good to believe in God as our Creator and Preserver and Provider, but far better to be blessed to savingly believe in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. The blood of Jesus Christ cleanses His people from all sin. Those who by God-given faith believe in Him, receive at His hands double for all their sins. May the word of God dwell richly in you in all wisdom to the comfort and edification of the whole building of God, is our sincere prayer for all attending this meeting. The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we now live by that faith which is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. By faith, we have obtained a good report which comes to us as the gospel of God's

grace, good news from above. In the blessed Name of our Lord who has redeemed us from destruction, we heartily welcome our brethren and ministers to this meeting, and when this meeting is ended, may we all be able to say: "This is a field the Lord has blessed."

The time and place for the holding of the next session of this Corresponding Meeting are as follows: Notice will be given through the "Signs of the Times," also in "Old Faith Contender."

H. H. LEFFERTS, Moderator.

G. C. SPINDLE, Clerk.

The time and place for the holding of the meeting are as follows: Monday, 11th October, 1904, at 8.00 P.M. in the hall of the Old Kent Road, London, E. H. H. LITTLE, Secretary, Old Kent Road, London, E.

These good news have been in the blessed Name of our Lord who has been found as from His mission we heartily welcome our brethren and ministers to this meeting and when this meeting is ended may we all be able to say: "This is a field the Lord has blessed."

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