

PROCEEDINGS

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FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

— OF THE —

TOISNOT

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

— HELD WITH —

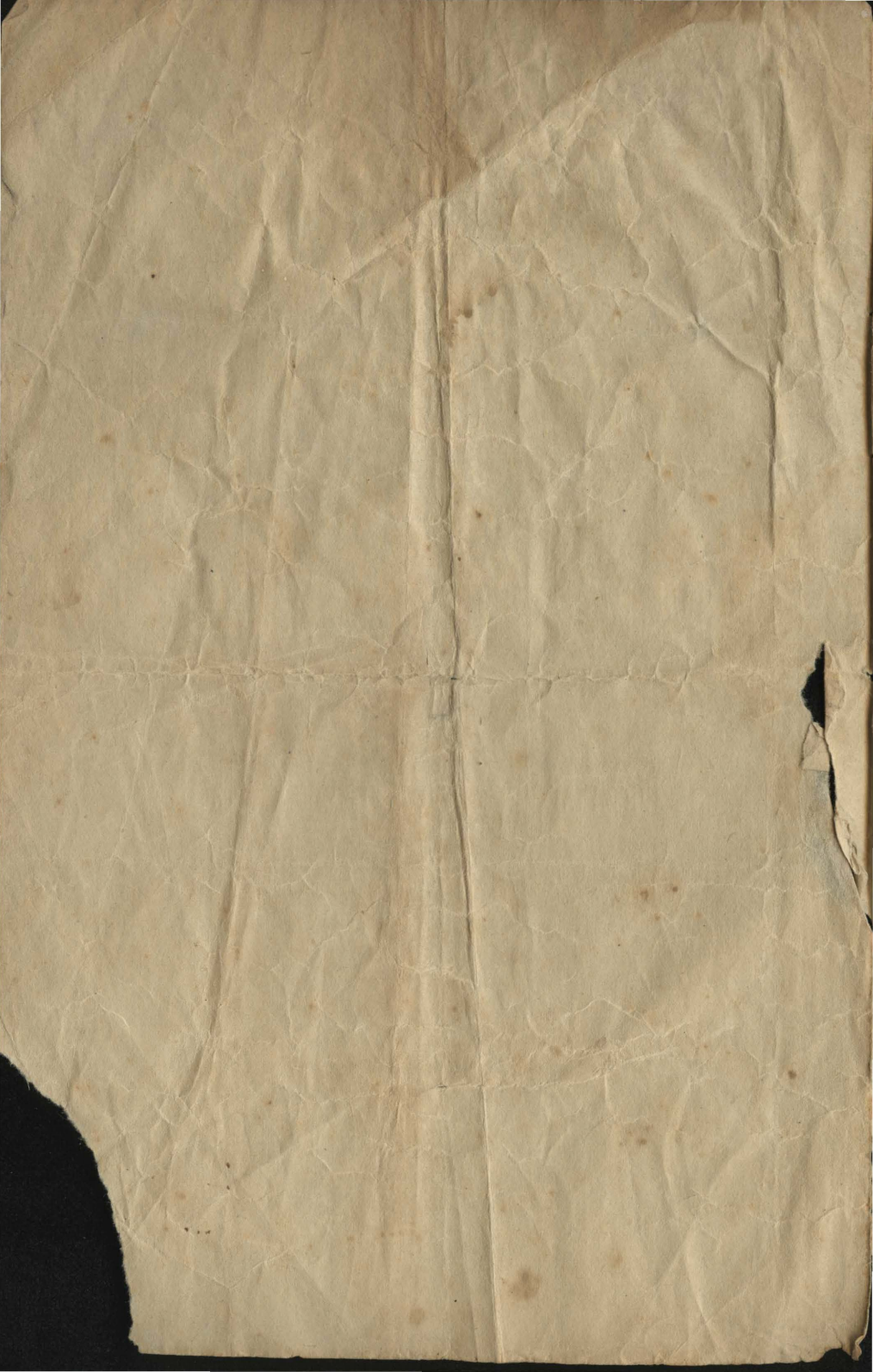
THE CHURCH AT TOISNOT, WILSON COUNTY, N. C.,

OCTOBER 31ST AND NOVEMBER 2ND,

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# PROCEEDINGS

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Of the first annual session of the Toisnot Primitive Baptist Association, held with the church at Toisnot, Wilson county, N. C., commencing Saturday before the first Sunday in November, 1885.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31st, 1885.

1st. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder A. J. Moore, from Rev. 22d and last chapter, and 17th verse—"The Spirit and the bride say come" &c.

2d. The messengers from the several churches assembled, and the Association was opened with prayer by Elder Sylvester Hassel. Then proceeded to business, when Elder A. J. Moore was chosen Moderator, and G. W. Thomas, Clerk.

3rd. Visiting brethren and messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats.

4th. Appointed to preach at the stand to-day, Elders J. D. Scott and Wm. Woodard. Elder Scott preached from 2d Tim. 2d chapter, 7th verse—"Consider what I say and the Lord will give thee understanding in all things." Followed by Elder Wm. Woodard from 1st Cor. 13. 13—"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three, but the greatest of these is charity."

5th. Brethren Levi Walston and Jesse A. Moore were appointed a Committee on Finance.

6th. Letters from the churches composing the Association were called for, handed in and read, and names of messengers enrolled.

7th. Petitionary letters for membership in the Association were called for—Peach Tree and Mill churches presented their letters, and were both with their names

8th. The following named brethren were visitors from sister Associations.

KEHUKEE—Elders Wm. A. Ross, Sylvester Hassel and Bro. Wm. Jenkins.

BLACK CREEK—Elders Wm. Woodard, J. D. Scott, P. D. Gold and J. T. Edgerton.

CONTENTNEA—Elders W. B. Williams and W. R. Wiggins.

9th. Agreed that our next Association meet with the church at Mill Branch, Nash county, N. C., commencing on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1886, at 11 o'clock a. m., and that Elder A. J. Moore preach the introductory sermon, and Elder Thos. Felton his alternate.

10th. Appointed Elders Ross, Gold and Hassel to preach at the stand to-morrow. Elder Edgerton to preach in the church house to-night, and Elder Gold to-morrow night.

11th. Agreed that we correspond with the following Associations by minutes and messengers:

KEHUKEE—Elder A. J. Moore, brethren C. Woodard, W. J. Wheless and minutes.

BLACK CREEK—Elder T. Felton, brethren C. Woodard, Jesse A. Moore and minutes.

CONTENTNEA—Elder D. A. Mewborn, Bro. H. B. Proctor and minutes.

12th. Agreed that the time of holding the Association be changed from Saturday before the 1st Sunday in Nov. to Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in October.

13th. On motion, agreed that services commence to-morrow (Sunday) at 10 o'clock, a. m.

14th. On motion, the Association then adjourned until 9½ o'clock Monday, a. m. with benediction by Elder Ross.

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SUNDAY MORNING, NOV. 1st. 1885.

Wm. A. Ross introduced the services of the day read from St. John, 17:23;—"As thou hast given

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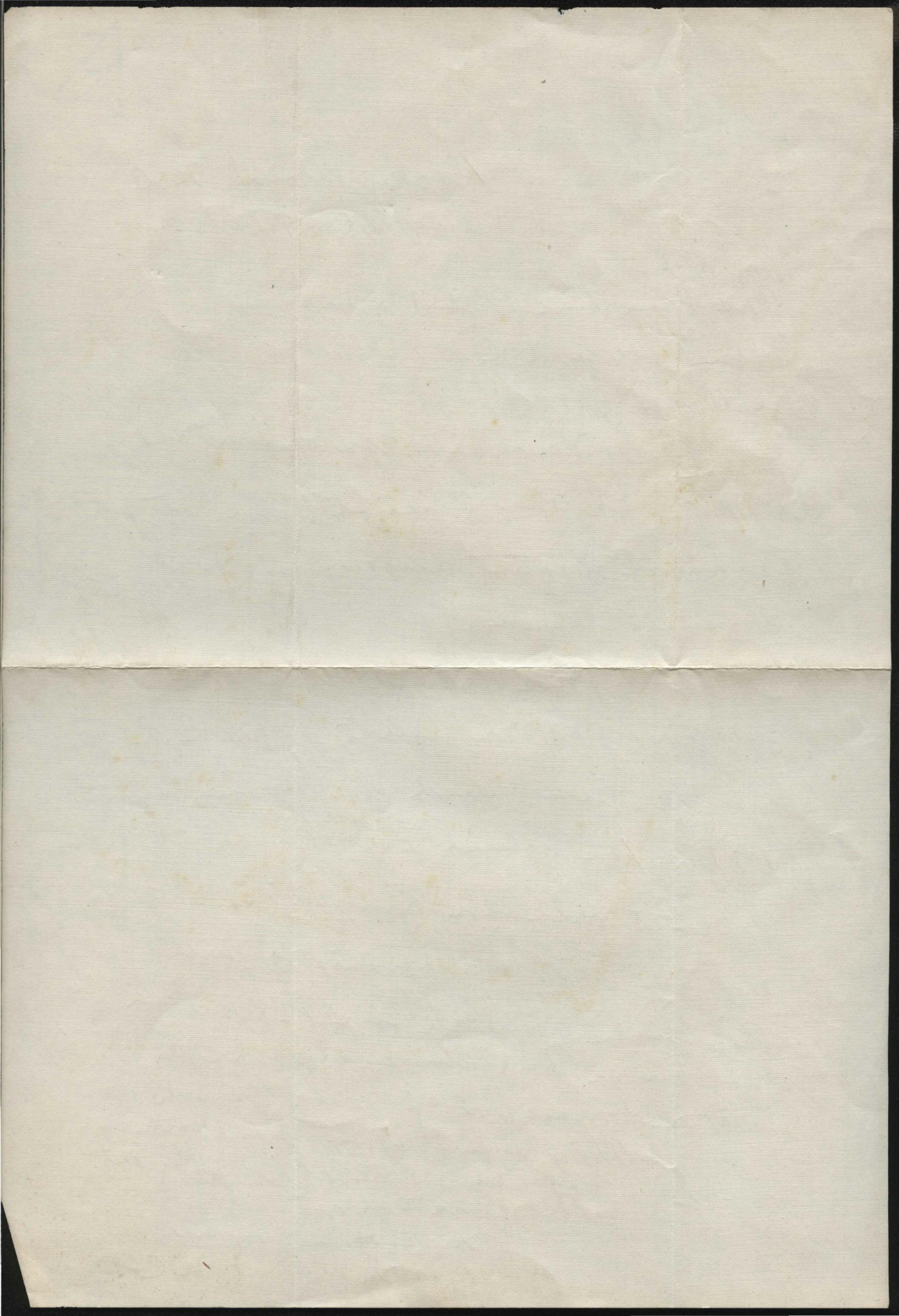
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Gentlemen:

I am enclosing this old record of the Toisnot (Elm City) Primitive Baptist Association's first annual session.

This record was the property of my Aunt, Mrs. C. C. Joyner, who died in November 1918. She joined the church at Pleasant Hill in July 1875. She moved her membership to Mill Branch church in 1883. I am not sure but think she was a charter member of Mill Branch.

This Aunt was the mother-in-law of Elder J. D. Fly of Ry Mt.  
yours truly  
Mrs. H. C. Joyner  
Rocky Mount, N. C.





him power over all flesh. that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal," &c. Elder P. D. Gold followed and preached from Heb. 12: 23—"To the general assembly and church of the first-born," &c.

After a recess of half an hour, Elder Hassel preached from Jeremiah 23:6—"The Lord our Righteousness." The weather was pleasant, and there was a large and attentive audience. The preaching was Apostolic, and came in demonstration of the Spirit and with power, and we hope the blessing of God attended the labors of the day.

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MONDAY MORNING, Nov. 2nd, 1885.

The Association assembled and Conference was opened with prayer by Elder P. D. Gold. then proceeded to business.

15th. Elders Robertson and Edgerton, were appointed to preach at the stand. Elder Edgerton preached from Deut. 32:11.—"As an eagle stireth up her nest, fluttereth over her young," &c. Elder Robertson followed from 1st Cor. 1:23, 24—"But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness. But unto them which are called," &c.

16th. The committee on Finance being called on made the following report :

Left in the hands of the Treasurer, last year. ....		\$ 9 25
Received from the churches this year.....		16 50
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Paid for printing last year's minutes.....	\$ 4 00	
Paid postage.....	18	
Paid for Clerk's services.....	5 00	9 18
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17th. The names of Messengers called, and those absent marked in the table of Churches.

18th. The Constitution, and Rules of Decorum were read, and aged we have the same published with their minutes.

19th. On motion, agreed that we publish the names

of Preachers, and the times of holding Quarterly Meetings of each Church.

20th. On motion, agreed that the 20th Resolution of the Contentnea minutes be appended to these minutes, which is as follows:

**RESOLVED**, That the Association recommend to the Churches composing the same that no one be ordained to the ministry of the word, unless some Church requests his ordination as her pastor, or that the Church of which she is a member would be willing to have him as her pastor, and that if she have none, she actually choose him as such.

**Resolved**, That our Clerk have five hundred copies of these minutes printed and distributed to the Churches and Associations with whom we correspond; record one copy on our record, and that he be allowed seven dollars for his services.

22d. On motion, the Association then adjourned to meet at the times and places appointed.

A. J. MOORE, MODERATOR.

G. W. THOMAS, Clerk.

# CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT

—OF THE—

## TOISNOT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

### ARTICLES OF FAITH.

From a long series of experiences, we, the Churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the constitution of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion amongst us, and preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other in union. We therefore propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

ARTICLE 1.—The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union, and duly sent to represent them in this Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to a seat, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this constitution.

ART. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, and dead, since our last Association.

ART. 3. The members thus chosen and convened, shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any of the internal rights of any church in this Union.

ART. 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

ART. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk who shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

ART. 6. New churches may be admitted into this Union who shall petition by letter and delegates and upon examination (if found orthodox and orderly) shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the delegates the right-hand of fellowship.

ART. 7. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to representation in this Association, but shall have only three members from each church.

ART. 8. Every query presented by any member in the Association shall be twice read and if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn,

ART. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

ART. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the Churches with minutes of this Association. The best method of affecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

ART. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association Fund for defraying the expenses of the same; for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of every church in this Union to contribute voluntarily sums as they think proper, and send by the hands

of their delegates to this Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this Association shall be deposited in the hands of a Treasurer appointed by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all monies by him received, and paid out according to the direction of the Association.

ART. 12. The minutes of this Association when printed shall be regularly filed by him and the book by him shall be kept for the use of the Association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each Association.

ALT. 13. The minutes of this Association shall be read (and corrected if need be) and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

ART. 14. Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by the majority of the Union when they may deem it necessary.

ART. 15. The Association shall have power—1st. To provide for the general union of the Churches. 2d. To preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the Churches. 3rd. To give the Churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty. 4th. To enquire into the cause why the Churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this Association. 5th. To appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for an Association Fund to any purpose connected with the Association. 6th. To appoint any member or members by, and with his or their consent to transact any business which they may see necessary. 7th. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in this Union which violates the rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion. 8th. To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of their sitting, whom they shall judge necessary. 9th. The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any further time or place that they may think most convenient to the churches in this Union.

ART. 16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting the Masonic Lodges, or who on any occasion conforms to their customs of parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher.

ART. 17. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our Association establishing societies for the collection of money, or who may be himself collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible, Tract or Sunday School Union Societies, nor advocate of Theological Schools, nor any person who does fellowship them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

## RULES OF DECORUM.

- ART. 1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator, till he is done speaking.
5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and nowise reflect on the person who speaks before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can, so as to convey his light and ideas.
6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.
7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.
8. No member of this Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whisper in the time of a public speech.
9. No member of this Association shall address another in any term or appellation than that of a brother.
10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in, or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of this decorum.
11. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.
12. The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak to the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.
13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they may think proper.

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POST OFFICES.	MESSENGERS.	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Restored	Number in Fellowship	Contributions
				32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
Meadow.....	Greene.....	Speight's Bridge.....	Stephen Craft, John Beaman, J. F. Ward.....	32	1	1	32			24	50
Moore's.....	Wilson.....	Wilson.....	Jas. Luper, W. G. Sharp, *S. Holden.....	32	1	1	32			47	3 00
Pleasant Hill.....	Edgecombe.....	Rocky Mount.....	G. W. Thomas, *Wm. H. Fly, Jos. L. Brake.....	32	1	1	32			91	3 00
Toisnot.....	Wilson.....	Toisnot.....	Levi Walston, J. D. Williams, H. D. Barnes.....	32	1	1	32			14	2 50
White Oak.....	Wilson.....	Wilson.....	Elder Thos. Felton, J. A. Moore, *C. Woodard.....	1	1	1	1			79	3 50
Peach Tree.....	Franklin.....	Hunts.....	E. Sykes, C. J. Walker, W. J. Wheless.....							39	1 00
Mill Branch.....	Nash.....	Sharpsburg.....	H. B. Proctor, *J. D. Robbins, J. A. Barnes.....							23	2 00

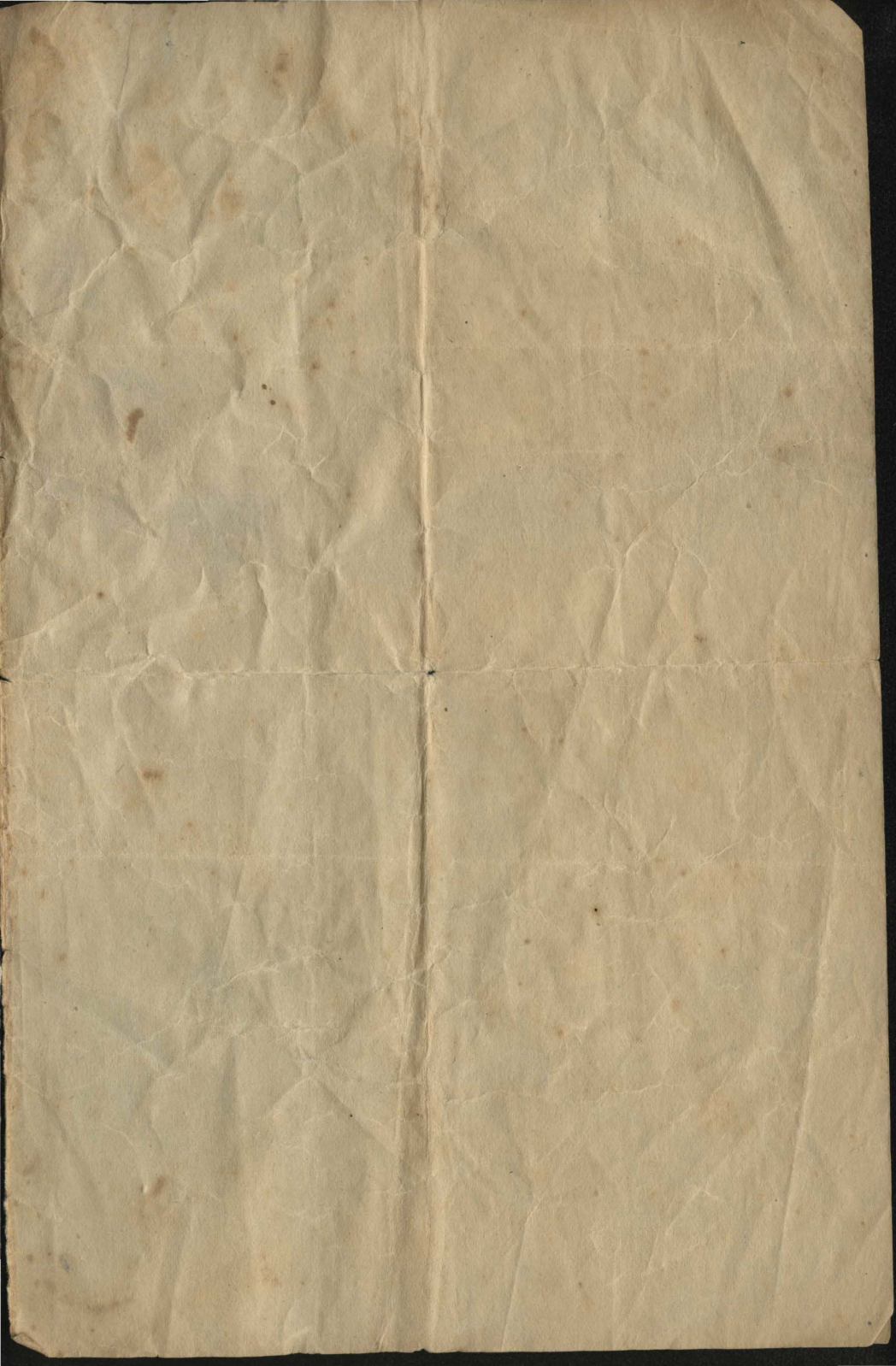
## Names of Pastors and Churches and time of holding Q- Meetings.

Jesse Baker.....	Meadow.....	4th	Sunday	in	September
Jesse Baker.....	Moore's.....	2nd	"	"	July.
A. J. Moore.....	Pleasant Hill.....	4th	"	"	August.
Jesse Baker.....	Toisnot.....	4th	"	"	July.
	White Oak.....	1st	"	"	August.
	Peach Tree.....	3rd	"	"	August.
B. C. Pitt.....	Mill Branch.....	1st	"	"	August.

## Names of Ministers and Licentiates and their Post Office Address

*Jesse Baker, Saratoga, N. C.	† J. B. Batts, Toisnot, N. C.
*A. J. Moore, Whitaker's, "	† D. J. Luper, Wilson, "
*D. A. Mewborn, Marlboro, "	† C. T. Cross, R'ky Mount, "
*J. W. Jackson, R. Mount, "	† S. Holden, Wilson, "
*Thomas Felton, Wilson, "	† R. Moore, Wilson, "

Ordnained Ministers marked thus \* Licentiates marked thus †.



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