



NAMES OF CHURCHES AND CLERKS AND THEIR P. O. ADDRESSES.

- Whitetorn—George H. Thomas, Whittle's, Pittsylvania county, Virginia.
 Mill—John C. Chaney, Laurel Grove, Pittsylvania county, Virginia.
 Mt. Araratt—J. W. Thompkins, Whitmell, Pittsylvania county, Virginia.
 Banister—J. R. Jennings, Spring Garden, Pittsylvania county, Virginia.
 Mt. Zion—John Hodnett, Mt. Airy, Pittsylvania county, Virginia.
 Strawberry—Hezekiah Boaz, Swansonville, Pittsylvania county, Virginia.
 Union—W. S. Anderson, Pullen Store, Pittsylvania county, Virginia.
 Stonewall—Joseph H. Stone, Campbell C. H., Campbell county, Virginia.
 Weatherford—A. C. Owen, Sycamore, Pittsylvania county, Virginia.
 Seneca—Elder S. M. Price, Campbell C. H., Campbell county, Virginia.
 Cane Creek—John A. Ferguson, Danville, Virginia.
 Burton's Creek—George B. Woodfin, Burton's Creek, Campbell county, Virginia.
 Rehoboth—P. F. Morrisset, Skinquarter, Chesterfield county, Virginia.
 Malmaison—C. H. Barker, Malmaison, Pittsylvania county, Virginia.
 Chesterfield—Elder Thos. Woodfin, Skinquarter, Chesterfield county, Virginia.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To the Messengers Composing The Staunton River Primitive Baptist Association.

DEAR BRETHREN.—It was the choice of our last Association that I should write a circular letter to appear in the Minutes of the Association of 1891 of our order. Dear brethren, I feel that they did make a poor choice, hence I hope they will bear with me, if so be that you think proper to put this work in public print. I shall make no farther apology. I am just what I am, and as God created all things I believe that he created all to his name's glory both small and great and especially those whom he chose before the foundation of the world to glorify himself in Christ Jesus, and in his own appointed time he redeemed his people from their sins. For he shall save his people from their sins; Mathew 1: 21. And his name shall be called Jesus whom we profess to love. Do we love him in deed and in truth? I will refer you to some scripture records in John 14: 15, which reads as follows: If ye love me keep my commandments. This is my commandment—that ye love one another; John 15: 12. Then the question arises what is love? The scripture says that he that is born of God is born of love, for God is love, hence he that is not born of God is not included in this command. I believe that brethren ought, as far as possible, to cultivate this brotherly love toward one another, and not let too much of that old nature which stands always ready to point out some excuse not to attend church meetings or see some fault of or in some brother. This is not love. This is my command. That ye love one another. Brethren, this is what I believe is love one toward another, when brethren meet together at their church meetings, or at the associations to lay aside the cares of this world, and the pride of life, and esteeming all alike in the glory of God. When this is the case love flows from breast to breast as oil from vessel to vessel. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends, John 15: 13. Brethren, it is impossible to excel this love. We are unworthy beings. We only love him because he first loved us, we cannot equal his love, but we can, after he is formed in us the hope of glory, love the image of Jesus wherever we see it in a brother or sister. Brethren, if God so loved us we ought also to love one another. Behold what manner of love the father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God. If we are so highly esteemed in the sight of God, what manner of beings ought we to be in all godly conversation and love! What little has he required of us for all that he has done. Only that we should love one another. I do not believe there is anything more pleasing with God than for his people to keep his commandments in love and unity. For David says, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Psalm 133. It is indeed a good thing for brethren to dwell together in love. It is like the precious ointment upon

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Licensed.	Rec'd by Ex'p.	Received by L't.	Exp'd.	Dismissed by L't.	Excluded.	Fellowship.	Contributions.
Whitethorn.....	James Hodnett and Thos. H. Brumfield.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	34	2 00
Mill.....	*H. W. Chaney, John S. Lewis and *C. L. Lewis.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	43	2 30
Mt. Ararat.....	Thos. N. Walton, *D. C. Edwards, E. G. Walton, *Leroy Pogue.....	7	7	7	7	7	7	51	1 75
Banister.....	W. T. Kagsdale, Jos. H. Abbot and R. A. Cox.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	2 00
Mt. Zion.....	H. A. Brumfield, J. S. Hodnett and John Hodnett.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	1 50
Strawberry.....	T. H. Oaks and E. W. Emerson.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	21	1 50
Union.....	*W. T. Doss and W. S. Anderson.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	1 50
Stone wall.....	*J. H. Stone.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	1 00
Weatherford.....	J. A. West, *Wm. Keese and A. B. Keese.....	3	2	1	1	1	1	55	2 50
Seneca.....	W. N. Jefferson.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	1 00
Cane Creek.....	R. L. Dodson, W. H. Wilson, Chas. H. Dodson, J. A. Ferguson.....	1	3	1	1	1	1	136	2 50
Brown's Creek.....	N. W. Duskil.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	114	1 00
Rhodes Creek.....	Not Represented.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 00
Ma'ma'on.....	R. B. Adams, *C. H. Barker, W. B. Bryant, *W. H. Giles.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	28	1 50
Chesterfield.....	Not Represented.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 50

Absentees marked *

the head that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard. That went down to the skirts of his garments. Dear brethren, if we have been blessed with this sweet ointment then it is our duty to provoke each other to love and union. Let us therefore follow after that which makes for peace, things wherewith one may edify another. If ye love me keep my commandments. "He that hath my commandments and keepeth them he it is that loveth me and I will manifest myself to him." But if any man hath not the Spirit of Christ he is none of his. Then have we the Spirit of Christ? If so love is the rule for us, and his Spirit beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God they are the sons of God, for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth. We are to judge a tree by the fruit it bears. If we love our brethren it is good fruit, and it is an evidence to us that we have been born again, but if we love not our brother whom we have seen, how can we love God whom we have not seen. Brethren, let us abide in Christ. Ye are complete in him, for he says if ye keep my commandments ye shall abide in my love. In him all the building fitly framed groweth into an holy temple in the Lord. Therefore brethren, let us love one another, for love is of God, and every one that loveth is born of God and knoweth God. Unto us therefore which believe he is precious. He is the chief among ten thousand and altogether lovely. We can praise no other for our salvation, but unto him that loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Yours in hope,
J. R. JENNINGS.

Spring Garden, Va.

8th. Circular Letter prepared by Brother J. R. Jennings was read and adopted.

9th. Chose Brother W. H. Wilson to write our next circular letter.

10th. Brethren appointed to attend sister Associations reported and were discharged.

11th. Appointed the following Brethren to attend sister Associations, Brother W. H. Wilson to attend Smith River.

12th. Agreed that we continue to correspond by minutes.

13th. Agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Strawberry near Whitmill, Pittsylvania County, Va., and to commence Friday before the first Sunday in Augt 1892.

14th. Finance Report.

Received from the Churches.....	\$22 05
For printing and postage on 700 copies of these Minutes.....	14 00
To Clerk's fee.....	6 00
Total.....	\$20 00

To am't. turned over to me by former Clerk..... \$2 05
2 15

Am't. now in hands of Clerk..... \$4 20
To be used as directed by Association.
R. L. Dodson, Cl'k. THOMAS N. WALTON, Mod.

PROCEEDINGS.

FRIDAY, August 7th, 1891.

1st. Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. S. Collins from Heb. 13:9, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, to-day and forever."

2nd. After intermission the Association met for business, and chose Elder J. E. Hillisman, Moderator (Temporarily.)

3rd. Letters from the churches were received and read and names of Messengers enrolled as in Statistical Table. (See Table.)

4th. Correspondents and visiting brethren were invited to take seats with us, whereupon the following were received, viz:

From Country Line—Elder J. M. Harris and brother J. W. Gilliam.
From Texas—Elder J. S. Collins.
From Black Creek—Elder P. D. Gold.
5th. Chose brethren Jno. Hodnett, H. A. Brumfield and W. H. Wilson with Moderator and Clerk a committee of arrangements.

6th. Adjourned to meet Saturday at 9:30 o'clock.
7th. After prayer by Elder P. D. Gold, Committee reported as follows: Chose Elders J. E. Hillisman, J. S. Collins and P. D. Gold to preach to-morrow.
SATURDAY, August 8th, 1891.