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## PROCEEDINGS.

### Saturday Morning.

1st. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder L. H. Hardy, from Matt. viii; 1, 2, 3, 4.

2nd. The Association convened and after praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold the association proceeded to business.

3rd. Elder L. H. Hardy was chosen moderator.

4th. Elders S. P. Terry and C. F. Denny were chosen to preach to the people this afternoon.

5th. Correspondents and visitors from sister associations and churches were invited to seats with us. The following were received:—

Little River—Minutes.

Kehukee—Elder J. A. Shaw and minutes.

Mayo—No communication.

White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones and minutes.

Black Creek—Elder P. D. Gold and minutes.

Staunton River—Brethren A. C. Owens, John Williams and minutes.

Lower Country Line—Brethren H. E. Saterfield, W. A. Warren, and A. V. Moore and others.

Salem—Minutes.

Fishers River—Not represented.

Contentnea—Minutes.

Smiths River—Elder A. D. Short.

New River—Not represented.

Abbotts Creek—Minutes.

Durham (Col.) Minutes.

Greensboro Church—Elders O. J. and C. F. Denny, and Brother J. H. Combs.

6th The messengers of Lynches Creek Church together with the moderator and clerk, were chosen the committee of Arrangements, and Brethren J. W. Neal and A. J. Lambeth were chosen the Committee on Finance.



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

8th. The circular letter, by Brother J. W. Gilliam, Jr. was read and ordered to be printed with these minutes.

9th. Petitionary letters were call for. None presented.

10th. The church at Burlington, upon petition, was dismissed by letter.

11th. The association adjourned until nine A. M. on Monday with benediction by Elder Isaac Jones.

Elder S. P. Terry preached from Matt. xiii; 33, and Elder C. F. Denny preached from John vi; 40.

### **Sunday Morning.**

Elder P. D. Gold preached from II Cor. ii; 15, 16, and Elder O. J. Denny preached from John v; 24, 25.

Elder J. A. Shaw preached from II Cor. viii; 9, and Elder Isaac Jones preached from Ruth i; 16, 17.

There was preaching on Friday night, Saturday afternoon and night and Sunday night by brethren I. Jones. A. D. Short, and W. C. Jones.

### **Monday Morning, August 21st.**

1st. The association met according to adjournment, and after praise and prayer by Elder S. P. Terry, proceeded to business.

2nd. Elders J. A. Shaw and P. D. Gold were chosen to preach to the people this morning.

3rd. Messengers who were appointed last year to visit sister associations were called on to report. Some attended, and those who did not were excused.

4th. Messengers were appointed to visit sister associations at their next sessions, as follows:—

Little River, Elder W. C. Jones and Brother S. J. Hall; Kehukee, Elder L. H. Hardy; Mayo, Elder W. C. Jones, Brethren A. J. Lambeth, T. A. Stanfield, E. R. Harris, and R. S. Sommers; White Oak, Elder W. C. Jones; Contentnea, Elder L. H. Hardy; Black Creek, minutes; Staunton River, Elder W. C. Jones, Brethren T. W. Rice, J. W. Neal, and C. A. Howard;

Having not been assigned any special subject upon which to write, as was the custom more than a century ago, I take advantage of this opportunity to ask, for the consideration of all interested, why are our people, the Primitive Baptist, treated with such a large measure of contempt to-day? And I also offer for your consideration the reasons which follows: viz., the smallness of their number, their old fashion creed, their experience of grace, their want of education, and their proverbial deficiency in human polish. Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. Even so then at this present time, there is a remnant according to the election of grace, and, if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. This declaration of the apostle Paul puts an end to the Pharisaic doctrine of salvation by works, which has ever caused a dependence on works for salvation. We have the laws of Christ, as given in the New Testament, for our rule, and the apostles of Christ, as expounders of the laws of Christ to us; hence we protest against every practice for which there is no "Thus saith the Lord" for it. The apostles demanded experience of grace—Peter said: But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. Now, we are told that wisdom is the principle thing, therefore get wisdom. We are also told that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Also, again, All thy children shall be taught of the Lord and great shall be their peace. The wisdom of the world has never preached Jesus and him crucified, such wisdom is foolishness with God. He taketh them in their own craftiness.

Brethren, we desire no new thing or custom, as the former customs and means of worship, practiced by Christ and his apostles, are good enough for us. We desire to stand in the "good old way" wherein the fathers have trod, and worship in the newness of the Spirit, rejoicing in Christ Jesus, putting no confidence in the flesh.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. GILLIAM, JR.



## MAILING LIST TO CHURCH CLERKS.

Arbor.....	63 Minutes, J. E. Simmons, Fitch, N. C., R. F. D. 1.
Big Meadow.....	22 " Elder W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C.
Burlington.....	22 " C. B. Tillman, Burlington, N. C., R. F. D. 8.
Country Line.....	9 " T. H. Rudd, Union Ridge, N. C., R. F. D. 1.
Dan River.....	23 " W. J. French, Reidsville, N. C., R. F. D. 3.
Gilliams.....	20 " J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C., R. F. D. 1.
Harmony.....	20 " J. I. Clayton, Efland, N. C., R. F. D. 1.
Lick Fork.....	38 " Mrs. C. J. Terry, Reidsville, N. C., R. F. D. 5.
Lynches Creek.....	12 " W. R. Hawkins, Cedar Grove, N. C., R. F. D. 2
McCray.....	15 " A. G. Porterfield, Burlington, N. C., R. F. D. 3
Moons Creek.....	14 " J. W. Neal, Danville, Va., R. F. D. 5
Pleasant Grove.....	42 " T. A. Stanfield, McIver, N. C., R. F. D. 1.
Prospect Hill.....	39 " S. J. Hall, Cedar Grove, N. C.
Reidsville.....	25 " E. R. Harris, Reidsville, N. C.
Wolf Island.....	51 " R. L. Sneed, Reidsville, N. C.
Oak Grove.....	10 " R. H. Jones, Yancyville, N. C., R. F. D.

## MAILING LIST TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS.

Staunton River.....	18 to A. C. Owens, Sycamore, Va.
Kehukee.....	44 to Elder M. T. Lawrence, Robersonville, N. C.
Black Creek.....	18 to Elder J. F. Farmer, Wilson, N. C.
Contentnea.....	25 to B. D. Rowe, Aurora, N. C., R. F. D. 2.
White Oak.....	18 to Elder C. C. Brown, Sneeds Ferry, N. C.
Abbotts Creek.....	14 to Elder W. T. Broadway, Cooleemee, N. C.
Salem.....	10 to W. L. Teague, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Lower Country Line.....	15 to J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C.
Smiths River.....	20 to Elder A. D. Short, Floyd, Va.
Little River.....	21 to Elder J. A. T. Jones, McCullers, N. C., R. F. D.
Mayo.....	20 to Elder A. L. Moore, Martinsville, Va.
Fishers River.....	20 to Elder G. O. Key, Pilot Mountain, N. C.
New River.....	20 to Elder P. G. Lester, Floyd, Va.
Durham (Col.).....	10 to Elder W. E. Slade, Greensboro, N. C.







