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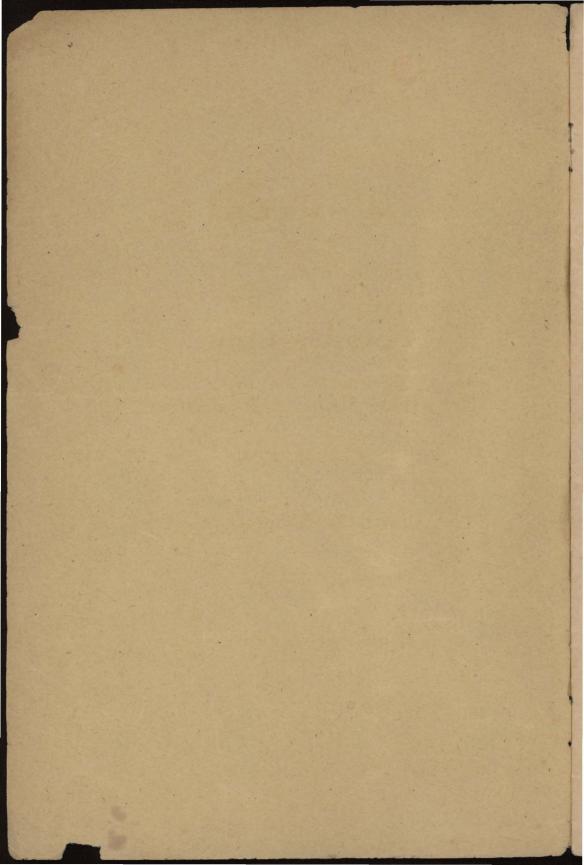
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# PROCEEDINGS

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First. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder L. H. Hardy from Matthew 28:18-10 verses.

2. The Association convened and after prayer by Elder S. Hassell, proceeded to business.

3. Elder L. H. Hardy was chosen Moderator.

4. Elders D. A. Mewborn, from Contentnea, and Asa D. Short, from Smith River, were appointed to preach today (Saturday).

5. The correspondents were invited to take seats with

us, whereupon the following were received:

From Black Creek-Elders P. D. Gold and J. T. Collier.

From Little River-Minutes received.

From Baltimore, Md.—Elder J. T. Rowe.

From Fisher's River-

From White Oak—Minutes received.

From Mayo-

From Eno-Elder T. Y. Monk and Brethren G. C. Farthing, H. E. Saterfield, W. A. Pierce. ed to bitteliness.

From New River.

From Kehukee-Elders S. Hassell and G. D. Roberson. From Abbott's Creek-Elders P. W. Williard and Jas. A. Monsees.

From Contentnea-Elder D. A. Mewborn.

From Smith's River— Asa D. Short.

6. Rules of Decorum were read.

7. Letters from the several churches, composing the Association were read and their standing recorded in the statistical table.

8. The deacons of Mount Zion church, with the Moderator and Clerk, were chosen a committee of arrangements, and Brethren J. W. Neal and S. J. Hall were chosen committee on finance.

9. The question of dividing the Association came up and it was found that twelve churches favored a division. Four churches opposed. Eight made no report. A majority voting, being in favor of a division, Country Line Association was declared divided into Upper Country Line and Lower Country Line Associations.

nate a proper line of division, viz: Elder L. H. Hardy and Brethren J. H. Combs, S. J. Hall, W. A. Warren and D.

R. Clayton.

11. The Association adjourned business until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

### SUNDAY MORNING, AUGUST 19, 1906.

12. At 10 o'clock Elder P. D. Gold opened services from Matt. 22:47, and Eldder J. T. Rowe closed morning services from Gal. 1:15-16: Elder S. Hassell opened evening services from Hebrew 1:1-2, which were closed by G. D. Roberson from Rev. 22:1.

### MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 20, 1906.

13. The Association met at 9 o'clock, according to adjournment, and, after prayer by Elder P. D. Gold, proceeded to business.

14. The committees of arrangement and finance made their reports, which were received and committees discharged. The circular letter was read, received and ordered to be attached to the minutes.

15. The finance committee reported as follows:	
Received from the churches	
Already on hand	4.92
Total	\$31.82
Clerk's fee	10.00
pero chases a committee or arrangements, and	\$21.82
Cost of printing minutes	. 16.00

16. It was agreed that the funds in the hands of the

Clerk be equally divided between the Upper and Lower Country Line Associations, and the Clerk was so instructed.

17. The committee appointed to designate a dividing line between the two Associations handed in the follow-

ing report, which was adopted unanimously:

We, your committee appointed to designate a proper line of division between Upper and Lower Country Line Association, beg leave to say, that in our opinion South Hyco Creek would be a proper line of division,, and we therefore recommend to the churches on each side that they accept the same. However we do not claim that they shall accept this decision, but that it shall be optional with each church whether they belong to the Upper or Lower Country Line Association. We do further recommend that the Lower Country Line Association hold their meeting on the first Sunday in August and the Upper Country Line Association hold their meeting on the third Sunday in August of each year.

L. H. HARDY, Chairman, J. H. COMBS, S. J. HALL, W. A. WARREN, D. R. CLAYTON,

Committee.

18. A motion was made to wind up the business of Country Line Association and let the Upper and Lower Associations organize and appoint their own messengers and attend to such other business as they deem necessary. The motion carried and Country Line Association adjourned as designated in the motion.

19.—Elders P. W. Williard and James A. Monsees

preached Monday.

After both Associations organized and attended to their business, Country Line Association reassembled and passed

the following resolution:

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to Justice of the Peace M. F. Willion and his deputies for their kindness in trying to preserve order in the congregation during this meeting, and to the community for their kindness in entertaining and caring us during our stay with them, and especially to Mr. Gooch and his wife, Sister Wayne Gooch, for their active part taken so cheerfully done in helping out in this matter.

#### CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

Arbor-J. E. Simmons, Milesville, N. C.

Big Meadow-Eli Buckner, Siler City, N. C., Route 2.

Camp Creek-J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C.

Country Line-T. H. Rudd, Fitch, N. C.

McCray's-J. Brooks, Burlington, N. C.

Dan River-T. F. Ward, Mayfield, N. C.

Ebenezer-Elder J. W. Peed, Surl, N. C.

Flat River-W. R. Blalock, Roseville, N. C.

Gilliam-J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C.

Harmony-W. A. Ward, Stainback, Alamance Co., N. C.

Lynch's Creek-W. R. Hawkins, Carr, N. C.

Lick Fork—R. D. Harris, Thompsonville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1, Box 14.

Mount Zion—Thomas M. Chandler, Buffalo Junction, Mecklenburg Co., Va., R. F. D. No. 1, Box 8.

Moone's Creek-L. R. Travis, Gatewood, N. C.

Prospect Hill-S. J. Hall, Cedar Grove, N. C.

Pleasant Grove-T. A. Stanfield, Thompsonville, R. F. D. No. 1.

Roxboro-J. H. Rogers, Roxboro, N. C.

Storie's Creek-W. D. Yarboro, Roxboro, N. C.

Surl-J. E. Duncan, Surl, N. C.

Tar River-J. C. Taylor, Hargrove, N. C., Granville Co.

Wheeler's-W. A. Warren, Hurdles' Mills, R. F. D. No. 1.

Wolf Island-R. T. Williams, Reidsville, N. C.

Burlington-J. S. Ward, Burlington, N. C.

Reidsville-E. R. Harris, Reidsville, N. C.

#### CIRCULAR LETTER.

Being appointed by our last Association to write a circular letter I take for a subject Job 19:25-26, "For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:

And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God."

By Christ's resurrection he proves the necessity of our resurrection, and he delivered unto us the scriptures which also we have received how that Christ Christ died for our sins, and was buried, and he rose again the third day according to the scriptures, and was seen of many witnesses. So we preach and so ye believe. As in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive, but every man in his own order, Christ the first fruits, and afterward them that are his at his coming. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept: for since by man came death by man also came the resurrection of the dead.

But some man will say, how are the dead raised up, and with what body do they come? There are celestial bodies, and there are bodies terrestrial, which are natural bodies of the earth earthy. This mortal body must put on immortality to fashion it for the Kingdom of Heaven. He likens it to a corn or wheat which falls in the ground and dies; if not it abideth above, but if it die it brings forth much fruit. We sow corn or wheat in the ground which brings forth after its kind. The children of God will be born and fashioned, made like unto Christ. It will be enough for the children of God to be like him, heirs and joint heirs with him, in his inheritance.

The unbeleving also come forth in their own order. As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive; but every man in his own order, Christ the first fruits, afterwards they that are his at his coming.

O for his great love wherewith he hath loved us. Even when we were dead in sins hath God quickened us together with Christ. By grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works

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which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

One said unto Christ, what good work shall I do to work the works of God? Jesus said, believe on him whom God hath sent; this is the work to work the work of God. If we say we have faith and have notworks can faith save us? Your faith without works is dead being alone. Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

August 16, 1906.

ALBERT BLALOCK.

#### PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, There is an expressed disposition in some of the high officers of the State and public schools of North Carolina to force by law the reading of the Bible and making public prayer in our public schools; and

Whereas, This would force out of the school room as teachers all who do not hold public prayer, and who do not belong to some religious order; and,

Whereas, We see in this a long stride towards the depriving of our country of her longstanding, God-given freedom which has been secured to her by the blood of our Revolutionary fathers; and,

Whereas, We see in this one of the first steps towards religious persecution in our free country; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Country Line Association of Primitive Baptists, now in session with the Church at Mount Zion, Halifax county, Va., That we look upon this departure by those in high places as being spiritual wickedness against which we are commanded to make war, (Eph. 6:12) and against which we do now enter our solemn protest.

Resolved, That we believe in reading the Bible, and that we recommend to every one to read it, and that its teachings are the inspired word of God, worthy to be believed and received by every person. And that we believe in prayer as the appointed manner of our approach unto God in all times of distress, and of thanks-giving in praise of His holy name: but we do earnestly protest against all laws looking to the forcing of the reading of the Bible, of offering of public prayer or any other thing of this nature as

being as far wrong in that direction as the Roman Catholic prohimition to Bible reading was in that direction, and that it is a step of beastly power and against the Kingdom of God and pure religion, and for the establishment and promotion of false religion, which would be as detrimental to our religious freedom as were the power of the Roman Catholics who are declared to be, MISTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS, AND THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. Rev. 17:5.

Believing as we do that these things are a strike at religious liberty, against which we should go on record; therefore,

Resolved, That a copy of this preamble and of these resolutions be recorded on our Association Book, printed in our Minutes, and that we send one copy to Zion's Landmark and one copy to the Gospel Messenger, with a request to publish the same.

And we further request all of our sister Associations in the State to express their disapproval of these things as we have done.

Adopted and signed by order of the above named Association on the 22nd day of August, 1906.

L. H. HARDY, Moderator.

#### R. T. WILLIAMS, Clerk.

- 1. Upper Country Line Association was organized at Mount Zion Church, Halifax County, Va., August the 20th, 1906, by electing Elder L. H. Hardy, Moderator, and Brother R. T. Williams, Clerk.
- 2. Messengers were appointed to visit sister Associations as

Abbott's Creek-Elder W. M. Monsees.

Eno—Elders W. C. Jones, L. H. Hardy, T. W. Walker and Brother S. J. Hall.

Liftle River-Elders L. H. Hardy and T. W. Walker.

Kehukee-Elder L. H. Hardy.

Mayo—Elders W. M. Monsees, W. C. Jones, B. B. McKiney, and Brethren C. A. Howard and R. T. Williams.

Contentnea-Elder L. H. Hardy.

White Oak-Elder L. H. Hardy and Brother S. J. Hall.

Black Creek-Elder L. H. Hardy.

Staunton River-Elders W. C. Jones, W. M. Monsees and Brethren

J. H. Combs and J. W. Neal.

Fisher's River—Minutes.

Pig River—Minutes.

Lower Country Line—Elders W. M. Monsees, W. C. Jones, T. W. Walker and Brethren S. J. Hall, R. T. Williams, J. M. Tillman and J. W. Gilliam.

- 3. Elders Y. I. Chandler, W. C. Jones and T. W. Walker were chosen to attend a section meeting at McCray's church, commencing on Friday before the third Sunday in April, 1907 and continue three days, and Elders W. M. Monsees, B. B. McKiney and T. W. Walker were chosen to attend another section meeting at Moone's Creek, commencing on Friday before the fifth Sunday in March, 1907.
- 4. Elder L. H. Hardy was requested to write a Circular Letter to be read at our next Association on Saturday, commencing on Saturday before the third Sunday in August, 1907.
- 5. It was agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Harmony, in Orange County. Elder B. B. McKiney was chosen to preach the introductory sermon, Elder L. H. Hardy his alternate.

The Association then adjourned.

L. H. HARDY, Moderator.

R. T. WILLIAMS, Clerk.

\$2.91 was turned over to me by Clerk of Country Line Association.

R. T. WILLIAMS, Clerk.

- 1. Lower Country Line Association was organized at Mount Zion Church, Halifax County, Va., August the 20th, 1906, by electing Elder A. Blalock Moderator, and Brother J. H. Gooch, Clerk.
- 2. Messengers were appointed to visit sister Associations as follows:

Abbott's Creek—Brother J. A. Carver.

Eno—Elder A. Blalock and Brethren D. R. Clayton, D. A. Hicks, J. A. Carver and J. C. Taylor.

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Little River—Brethren D. R. Clayton and J. J. H. Perkins, Kehukee—Elder A. Blalock and Brother J. H. Clayton.

Mayo-Brother J. C. Taylor.

Contentnea-Elder A. Blalock and Brother J. H. Clayton.

Black Creek-Elder A. Blalock.

Staunton River—Minutes.

Fisher's River—Brother J. C. Taylor.

Pig River-Brother G. B. Hite.

Upper Country Line—(Ours held first.)

- 3. Elders A. Blalock and J. W. Peed were appointed to attend a section meeting at Flat River Church, commencing on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April, 1907, and continue two days, and Elders A. Blalock and J. W. Peed were appointed to attend another section meeting at Mount Zion Church, commencing Saturday before the fifth Sunday in March, 1907.
- 4. Brother J. J. H. Perkins was chosen to write a Circular Letter to be read at our next Association to be held at Tar River Church, Granville County, N. C., commencing on Saturday before the first Sunday in August, 1907, and continue three days.
- 5. Elder A. Blalock was chosen to preach the introductory sermon and Elder J. W. Peed his alternate.
- 6. The Clerk is hereby ordered to write a letter to Eno Association inviting them to unite with us.

The Association then adjourned.

This August the 20th, 1906.

ALBERT BLALOCK, Moderator.

J. H. GOOCH, Clerk.

The Clerk of Country Line Association turned over to me \$2.91.

J. H. GOOCH, Clerk,

Stem, N. C.

ADD COUNTRY LINE.....

Reidsville, N. C., Sept. 17, 1906.

Dear Brother Gold: The appearance of the obituary of our departed brother, Elder J. A. Burch, in the Landmark for September 15th, brings to our minds our own carelessness, or more proper, forgetfulness at our last Association.

Notwithstanding he had been with us so long and so much, not one of us made mention of him during the sitting of the Associa-

tion. We trust that the Lord and the brethren will forgive us for this neglect.

We ask you to print this notice and the obituary as it is in the Landmark with our minutes.

L. H. HARDY, Moderator.

R. T. WILLIAMS, Clerk.

#### ELDER JAMES A. BURCH.

Union Ridge, N. C., July 27th, 1906.

Elder P. D. Gold: I am requested by sister Burch to write the obituary notice of her husband, Elder James A. Burch. He was born in Person County, North Carolina, August 24th, 1829, and was married to Margarett Jane Jones, December 17th, 1851. Unto them were born ten children, five sons and five daughters. Seven of them survive him. He professed a hope in Christ and united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Wheeler's, in Person County, North Carolina, at their October Meeting, 1856, and was baptized by Elder A. N. Hall, who was pastor of said church, and was ordained to the work of the ministry on December 2nd, 1871, by a presbytery composed of Elders A. N. Hall, D. R. Moore, and James S. Dameron. He lived the upright life, and his fruit in his daily life was such as the grace of God manifests in His children. The war between the States commenced, and he volunteered March 4th, 1862, was elected First Lieutenant of Company A, Fiftieth Regiment, North Carolina Troops, and served as such to the second of December, 1862. He was then promoted to Captain of the same company, and served as such until the 26th of April, 1865, and surrendered with the army at Greensboro, North Carolina. He was loved by his company and preserved in the Providence of God with his command, and had the respect and confidence of his superior officers, so much so that he was called upon on special occasions to drill Regiment or Battalion. Being preserved in the army, he returned home clothed with his character unspotted. He still had an impression to the work of the ministry, which he had from the time of his deliverance from his burden of sin and condemnation from sin, for on that morning there was a glorious promise given him there, unto you this day a Savior is born, meanwhile all heaven rejoiceth. After these words were

pressed on his mind, preach my word, this work followed him whilein the army and back home, so he had of necessity to preach. Before and after the command he was in such trouble about the work he thought he had a disease that would kill him. I remember to have heard him say on a special time when he was at Harmony Church that the good Lord favored him with light and liberty to preach, and he felt he was cured of all his supposed diseases. I was with him much after he returned from the war, was serving the church of his membership when he was ordained, felt assured he was one of the chosen, called and was faithful, and when he had. proved his gifts to the satisfaction of the church, the Presbytery was called, mentioned above, and he was ordained by them by fasting and prayer, and imposition of hands to the full work of the gospel ministry, and he went forth as we believe, being sent by the Holy Ghost, and was called to serve several churches in our Association and others in sister Associations, some quite a distance from his home. Therefore he traveled much on the train, was: prompt to return home soon as possible, and his labors were blessed and the churches prospered and increased in numbers. He was a good peace-maker, and labored to keep peace in the churches her served, and others. He not only served the churches that called. him but traveled much in other States, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Tennessee, if not Alabama, perhaps Virginia.

He delighted in the service of the Lord and was beyond doubt, one of his faithful servants. He succeeded Elder D. R. Moore to the office of Moderator of the Country Line Association, which he filled up to our last meeting held at Burlington. He having been afflicted for some time, was unable to serve and asked to be excused and was, when Brother C. A. Howard was chosen in his stead, and brother R. T. Williams chosen clerk, and though Brother Burch was so feeble he took appointments to the same sister Associations as correspondent in Eastern North Carolina, from Country Line. Elder John S. Ward accompanied him. He was blessed to fill his appointments for the last time, and he visited some of the churches he served for many years after he came home from Eastern North Carolina, and preached for them, and kept up and worked on as he could, but was resigned to his afflictions which were short when taken for death. When stricken the last time with paralysis,

I suppose he was in Burlington, and was carried home by a friend, and had all the care that could be given him by his physicians, family and friends, but his time had come, and he must lay his armor by. He had fought a good fight, he had finished his course, henceforth there was a crown of righteousness laid up for him. He breathed his last at home near Burlington, on April 12th, 1906, aged 77 years, 7 months and 18 days and was buried at Gilliams' church cemetery near his two sons, who were interred there several years ago.

Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth, yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them.

Written by one who loved him as a true good fellow in the gosepl of God our Savior. Amen. F. L. OAKLEY.

### STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.		Rec'd by Experience.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	No. in Fellowship.	Contributions for Expenses.	Contribution to Defray Exp. of Vis. Ministers
Arbor	Elder Z. I. Chandler* and Brethren G. W. aud J. E. Simmons Elder W. C. Jones and Brethren A. Whitfield and W. H. Johnston	2		••••	••••	••••			1.00	
Burlington	Brethren I. M. Tillman. J. S. Ward, E. H. Rimmer	5			5			19	50	
Camp Creek	Blder A. Blalock and Brethren W. J. Combes, J. H. Gooch		••••	••••		••••	5	.44	1.50	••••
M :Cray	Brethren Jonathan Brooks:* Robert Netherly* Brethren J. T. Martin, W. G. Dix*, T. F. Ward						1	10	50	
Dan River	Brethren J. T. Martin, W. G. Dix*, T. F. Ward	1		1	1		2	25	1.00	••••
Ebenezer	Brethren John Bowles*, H. A. Clayton*	••••	••••	• • • •	• • • • •	1		17	50	••••
Flat River	Brethren J. W. Gilliam and J. T. Bowles* Elder F. L. Oakly*	1			••••	1	2	16	75	••••
Harmony	(No Letter 1905 Report).*							.17	50	
Lynch's Creek	(No Letter 1905 Report).* Brethren W. A. Warren*, W. R. Hawkins*		••••					13	1.00	
Lick Fork	Brethren C. A. Howard, Robert Jones*.	4		• • • •				41	2.00	••••
Mount Zion Moore's Creek	Brethren G. B. Hite, C. C. Hite. Thomas Chandler. Brethren John G. Wilson, J. R. Travis*, J. W. Neal*.		••••	• • • • •	••••	• • • •			1.25	
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Pleasant Grove .	Elder B. B. McKinny. Brethren J. H. Combes, T. A.Stanfield*	1			2	••••	1	42	1.25	
Royhoro.	Brethren J. A. Carver, J. H. Rogers*, J. J. H. Perkins				9	1	5	34	1.5	
Stories Creek	Brethren H. A. Ciayton, John B. Harris, Zach. Oakley*							.38	1.25	
Surl	Elder J. W. Pee i*. Brethren John S. and David R. Clayton				1		1	53	1.00	
Tar River	Brethren T. H. Jones*, J. C. Taylor, C. L. Wood*			••••			• • • • •	26	2.00	
Wolf Island	Brethren G. M. Frants R. T. Williams.	10	· · · i	••••		1		77	2.00	••••
Reidsvill.e	Brethren G. M. Trent* R. T. Williams.  Elder L. H. Hardy. Brethren E. A. Stanfield, J. A. Walker*	2						28	1.50	
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	*Indicates absentees.	Was.		12 .				ı	\$26.90	

