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# Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE

# CHURCH AT FLATTY CREEK,

PASQUOTANK COUNTY, N. C.,

Commencing Saturday Before the First Sunday in October 1906.

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NEW DIESS BEREST INCOMBINAL SEMINARA

### JOSEPH B. ROBUCK.

By request of the church at Flat Swamp, Pitt County, N. C., I will write a short sketch of our dear brother, J. B. Robuck, who departed this life February 20, 1906. He died, of pneumonia, which did its work quickly, being sick only ten days. He bore his affliction patiently and was resigned to the will of the Lord.

He was the son of Raleigh and Elizabeth Robuck, of Martin County, though he lived and died in Pitt County.

Brother Robuck was born May 26, 1857, which made his stay on earth 48 years, 8 months and 24 days.

On April 22, 1885, he was married to Jackie Ann Barnhill, who bore him nine children; three of them are dead, so he leaves a wife (Sister Robuck) and six children, together with many other dear kindred in Christ to mourn their loss.

Yet our mourning is not without hope. Brother Robuck was a very precious brother, and strong in the faith that was once delivered to the saints. He united with the Church at Flat Swamp Saturday before the first Sunday in August, 1889, and was baptized first Sunday in September following. He was much devoted to the cause of our Redeemer.

Some years later he began to feel the burden of the word of the Lord in a special manner, which in due time (as in such cases) began to discover itself unto the church. So on Saturday before the first Sunday in November, 1903, he was granted liberty to exercise his gift in the church in such a manner as his mind led him; which proved satisfactory to the brethren the short time we were blessed with his faithful labors in the gospel of Christ. The churches he visited will miss him very much, for he was indeed prompt and self-sacrificing. The church had not taken any action for his ordination, but it was being thought of, for we could see the growth in him.

"The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away," may we all be enabled to say, "blessed be the name of the Lord."

We who hope to be his children know so little, we are often made to wonder at his gracious dealings, and find ourselves asking, "Why is it thus, that such should be taken away in the prime of life?"

We feel sur? Brother Robuck is now resting quietly in the embrace of heaven's King. So he has the advantage of us who are left to follow.

May the Lord smile upon the church in letting his mantle fall on another, for it looks as if ministers of the Lord's raising up, are getting to be scarce.

Brethren, it is now time we should be lifting our hearts unto the Lord that He may send more laborers into His vineyard.

G. D. ROBERSON.

# Proceedings

The introduc ory sermon was preached by Elder Sylvester Hassell, from Epistle of Jude 3rd verse.

After a short intermission the Association came together and was organized by appointing Elder S. Hassell, Moderator, and Elder M. T. Lawrence, Clerk, who called to his assistance Brethren J. C. Roberson and W. H. Daniel.

The following committees were appointed:

On Finance-Brethren B. T. Allsbrook and M. C.

Brantley.

On Arrangements of Preaching-The Moderator and Clerk, and Brethren Charles Meads and William Keaton.

Visiting ministers and brethren from sister Associations were invited to seats with us.

Elders J. E. Adams and J. A. Monsees preached at the

stand today.

Letters from thirty-eight church were received and read, and names of messangers and standing of churches enrolled in table of churches.

Called for correspondence, when the following were re-

White Oak-Elder E. E. Lundy, and minutes.

Contentnea-J. J. Eason, and Joseph and Henry Brake. Upper Country Line-Elders L. H. Hardy and W. M. Monsees, and minutes.

Black Creek-Elder P. D. Gold, and minutes.

Little River-Elder J. E. Adams.

Lower Country Line-

Center District-Minutes.

Mayo-

Baltimore—Elder J. T. Rowe, and minutes.

Mountain District-

Mill Branch-Minutes.

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New River-Corresponding Virginia—Elder J. T. Rowe, and minutes.

Abbott's Creek-Elder J. A. Monsees.

Warwick-Elder J. T. Rowe, and minutes. Salisbury-Elder J. T. Rowe, and minutes.

Delaware-Elder W. W. Meredith, and minutes.

Delaware River-Elder W. W. Meredith, and minutes.

Seven Mile—Minutes.
Etcheconnee—Minutes.
Staunton River—Minutes.
Fisher's River—Minutes.

Etcheconnee—Minutes.

Primitive Ebenezer-Minutes.

Elder G. D. Roberson was appointed to write a corresponding letter to be attached to the minutes.

Petitionary letters called for. One was received from the church at Nashville asking to join the Black Creek As-

sociation, which was granted.

Resolved, That our next Association be held with the church at Smithwick's Creek, and that Elder W. F. Staton preach the introductory sermon, and Elder W. B. Strickland be his alternate. Worship to begin at 11 o'clock.

Then adjourned until 9 a. m. Monday, worship to begin

at 10 o'clock tomorrow.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1906.

The services were introduced with singing by Elder L. H. Hardy, and prayer by Elder W. W. Meredith.

Elder L. H. Hardy preached from John 11:39, "Jesus

said take ye away the stone, etc."

Elder W. W. Meredith followed and preached from Ephesians 3:8-11, inclusive, "Unto me who are less than the least of all saints is this grace given," etc.

There was an intermission of an hour when Elder Joshua T. Rowe resumed the service and preached from First

T. Rowe resumed the service and preached from First Thessalonians and 5th verse, "For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Ghost," etc.

The last sermon of the day was preached by Elder P. D. Gold from Romans 5:11-14, inclusive, "Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression who was a figure of him that was to come."

The Lord blessed us with fine weather and the word preached was in power and demonstration of the spirit. The congregation was orderly and attentive. May the Lord

cause the word spoken to bear much fruit.

Elder John A. Shaw preached in the house Sunday night.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1906.

The Association assembled and was opened with praise and prayer by Elder J. T. Rowe, and proceeded to business.

The names of the messengers were called over and those

absent marked in table of churches.

The corresponding letters were called for, read and approved and ordered to be attached to these minutes.

The following brethren were appointed messengers to sister Associations:

Upper Country Line to be held at Harmony—Minutes. Lower Country Line, Tar River, Granville Co.—Minutes. Baltimore—Elder G. D. Roberson, and minutes.

Contentnea—Elder G. D. Roberson,, C. H. Spivey, D. F.

Roberson, and minutes. White Oak—Minutes.

Black Creek—Brethren J. C. Roberson, Wm. Travathan, J. M. Howell, and minutes.

Abbott's Creek—Minutes.

Little River—Minutes.

Agreed to correspond by minutes with the following:
Delaware, Deleware River. Corresponding, Va., Mountain District, Warwick, Salisbury, Mill Franch, Fisher's
River, Upatoie, Ocmugee, Mayo, Etheconnee, Primitive

Ebenezer, Center District and New River.

The following brethren agreed to preach for the church

at South Quay this year: Elders J. E. Adams, April; W. F. Staton, June; S. Hassell, July; W. B. Strickland, September; J. A. Shaw, May.

The biography written by Elder G. D. Roberson of Brother J. B. Roebuck, and published in Zion's Landmark,

was adopted and ordered printed in these minutes.

It was agreed that any member of this Association visitthe Associations with whom we correspond be authorized to

represent this Association.

Resolved 1st. That we return thanks to God as much as in us is and to the brethren, sisters and friends in this community for their liberal hospitality and kindness in the entertainment of this Association.

Resolved 2nd. That this Association discountenances, condemns and forbids all kinds of trading and misbehavior on or around the church grounds when it is being held, and will in the future punish the same to the full extent of the law. And it recommends to the churches composing it that they have their places of meeting incorporated and protected against lawlessness.

It is agreed that our Clerk have 2,500 copies of these minutes printed and distributed among the churches and Associations with whom we correspond and record one copy on our records, and he be allowed fifteen dollars for his services. The Association then adjourned to the time and

place appointed.

### SYLVESTER HASSELL, Moderator.

M. T. LAWRENCE, Clerk.

W. H. DANIEL and J. C. ROBERSON,

Assistant Clerks.

Elders W. M. Monsees and E. E. Lundy preached on Monday. The business of the Association was conducted in peace and harmony. The Moderator concluded the services with singing and benediction.

### NAMES OF MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES.

J. I. Ambrose, Cherry, N. C. J. D. Armstrong, Rocky Mount, N. C. David Carter, Pungo River, N. C. C. G. Dody, Harbinger, N. C. N. H. Harrison, Plymouth, N. C. Sylvester Hassell, Williamston, N. C. J. W. Johnson, Whitakers, N. C. Lawrence Johnson, Tarboro, N. C. James H. Latham, Pine Town, N. C. M. T. Lawrence, Hamilton, N. C. \*M. D. Twiford, East Lake, N. C. McP. Smith, Robersonville, N. C. \*W. H. Peal, Williamston, N. C. L. J. Deberry, Bath, N. C. Charles Meades, Elizabeth City, R. F. D. No. 2. \*John S. Meads, Kehukee, N. C. Henry Peel, Jamesville, N. C. John L. Ross, Stokes, N. C. George D. Roberson, Robersonville, N. C. J. N. Rogerson, Williamston, N. C. W. F. Staton, Scotland Neck, N. C. W. B. Strickland, Scotland Neck, N. C. D. W. Topping, Pantego, N. C. A. D. Mizzell, Jamesville, N. C. W. H. Leggett, Scotland Neck, N. C. A. L Harrison, Plymouth, N. C. A. J. Moore, Whitakers, N. C. John A. Shaw, Elizabeth City, N. C.

NAMES OF CHURCHES, CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

Bath Creek—David E. Mason and L. J. Deberry, Bath, N. C.

Bear Grass—J. H. D. Peal, Williamston, N. C.

Bethlehem (Tyrrell)—C. H. Davenport, Columbia, N. C.

Bethlehem (Pasquotank)—H. C. Boyd, Elizabeth City, N. C.

Beulah—J. W. Lupton, Sladesville, N. C.

Briery Swamp—G. W. James, Stokes, N. C.

Conetoe—D. W. Cobb, Tarboro, N. C.

Concord—A. W. Ambrose, Cherry, N. C.

Conoho—N. M. Worsely, Oak City, N. C.

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### CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The 141st annual session of the Kehukee Association now in session with the Church at Flatty Creek, Pasquotank County, N. C., to the churches composing the same, and the Associations with

whom we correspond—Greeting: Dearly beloved in one faith: Our God has seen fit to still spare our unprofitable lives for which we desire to be thankful, and we are now being blessed with good weather while our meeting is in progress, and thus far have been favored with the word ably preached by our dear brethren in the ministry, which is very impressive and calculated to make the children of God more wise in those glorious principles pertaining to salvation. For in the gospel, which is the power of God, is that blessed righteousness revealed from faith to faith, as it is written, the just shall live by faith. So as long as we are in the flesh we are to live by the faith of the Son of God who gave himself for us, that we should live, also, to the praise of the glory of his grace. Looking unto Jesus who is the author and finisher of our faith. And not be entangled again with the yoke of bondage. Surely the Lord has a purpose in having his gospel proclaimed by those of his own choosing. For no one has the right to take this honor unto himself but he that is called of God, as was Aaron; and one special purpose is, we believe that those who are born of God should endeavor to shape their course while in this world by it. For the question is asked, how can they who are dead to sin live any longer therein? We should esteem them highly who preach it for the work's sake and endeavor to hold up their hands that they may be bold in declaring the unsearchable riches of Christ. For our God has placed his servants upon the walls of Zion, and if those thus elevated cannot see any farther than others, who then could give the alarm when the enemy is approaching. But they are to cry aloud and spare not, showing the Lord's people their transgression and the house of Jacob their sins; and also to comfort those that mourn in Zion and say unto them that their God reigneth.

Brethren, may we all in heart and spirit have our faces towards Mount Zion and continue to march steadily on, praying for the peace of Jerusalem. Earnestly contending for that faith once delivered to the saints, and not be so much concerned about the riches and honors of this poor sinful world, which all are to perish with the using. Surely all is vanity, saith the preacher.

Our next Association is appointed to be held with the Church at Smithwick's Creek, Martin County, N. C., commencing Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1907. If it be the will of our God to spare us until then, may we all meet again in his blessed name.

S. HASSELL, Moderator.

M. T. LAWRENCE, Clerk.

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