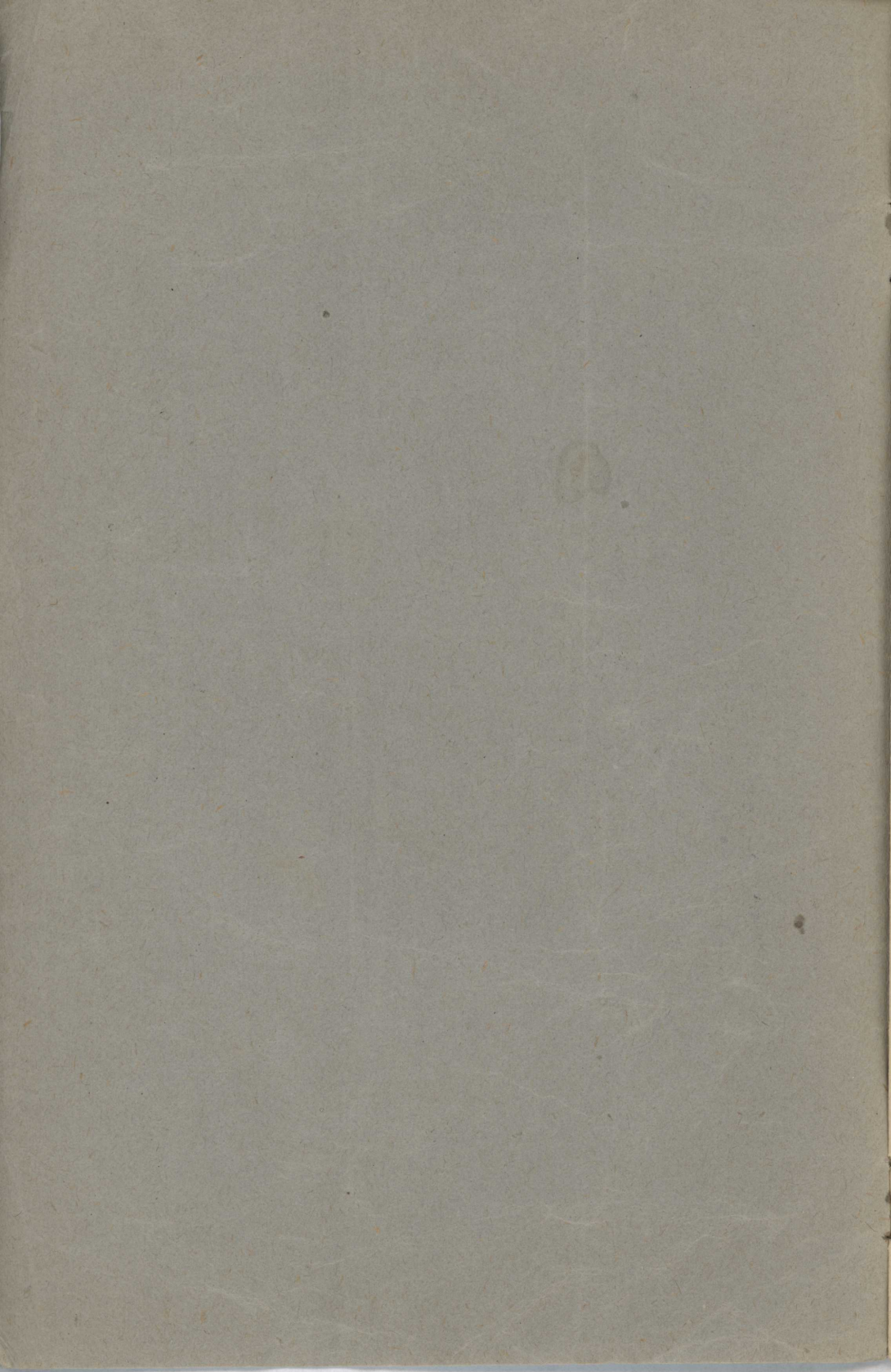


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PROCEEDINGS.

1st. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. C. Jones from Matt. 7:20.

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 E. C. Oaks and Jno. S. Lewis were chosen to preach at the stand in the 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.

Salem Association—Elders W. P. Willard, and brethren P. Neal and W. S. Foulden.

Mayo—Elder J. P. Via.

White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones.

Black Creek—Elder P. D. Gold.

Staunton River—Elder C. T. Evans and E. C. Oaks, and B. F. Evans.

Lower Country Line—Brethren W. A. Whittield and W. A. Warren and J. J. Lea.

Fishers River, Contentnea, Smith's River, New River, Abbotts Creek and Durham Col. by Minutes.

Baltimore, Elder J. T. Rowe.

6th. It was agreed that our next association be held with the church at Lynch's Creek, in Caswell county, N. C., beginning on Saturday before the third Sunday in August, 1911. Elder L. H. Hardy was chosen to preach the introductory sermon and Elder B. B. McKinney, his alternate.

7th. It was agreed that a section meeting be held with the church at Wolf Island, and Elders L. H. Hardy, W. C. Jones, J. T. Johnson were appointed to attend on Friday, Saturday and 2nd Sunday in April 1911, and another at Gilliams. Elders L. H. Hardy, W. C. Jones, B. B. McKinney were appointed to attend on Friday, Saturday, and 1st Sunday in May, 1911.

8th. The finance committee was called on to report, which report is as follows:

Received from the churches	\$57.45	
Paid for printing and mailing minutes ..		18.00
Clerk Fee		10.00
Distributed among visiting ministers.....		29.45
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	\$57.45	\$57.45

9th. Our clerk was instructed to have 1000 of these minutes printed and distributed among the churches composing this association, and among the associations with which we correspond and that he receive ten dollars for his services.

10th. The minutes were read and adopted.

11th. The association adjourned by prayer.

S. J. HALL, Clerk.

J. W. GILLIAM, Asst. Clerk.

L. H. HARDY, Moderator.

Sunday Morning.

Elder J. A. Shaw preached from 1st John 3-8, and Elder Isaac Jones from Matt. 8-22.

Sunday Evening.

Elder P. D. Gold preached from John 14-12 and Elder J. T. Rowe from Rev. 19-11.

Five O'clock.

Elder P. W. Willard preached from Mark 1-1.

Monday Morning, August 22, 1910.

1st. The association met according to adjournment, and after praise and prayer by Elder J. T. Rowe, proceeded to business.

2nd. Elders C. T. Evans and J. P. Via were chosen to preach 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; Kehukee, Elder L. H. Hardy; Contentnea, Elder L. H. Hardy; Mayo, E. R. Harris; G. M. Trent, G. W. Caster; White Oak, S. J. Hall; Black

Creek, Elder L. H. Hardy; Staunton River, C. A. Howard, J. W. Neal and E. R. Harris; Lower Country Line, W. R. Clayton, J. W. Neal, J. W. Gilliam; Salem, Elder W. C. Jones; Abbotts Creek, Fishers River, Smith's River, New River, Durham col., Minutes.

5th. Brother J. W. Gilliam, Jr., was requested to write a circular letter to be read at our next association on Saturday.

6th. The messengers of Oak Grove church together with the moderator and Clerk, were chosen the committee of arrangements, and brethren T. J. Foster and A. J. Lambeth were chosen the committee on finance.

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

8th. The circular letter by W. C. Jones was read and approved and ordered to be printed with minutes.

9th. Petitionary letters called for, none presented.

10th. The association adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m., Monday with benediction by Elder W. C. Jones. The Elders that were chosen filled their appointments on this afternoon.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

Dear brethren: Being appointed at our last association to write a circular letter to be read at this session, I now make the attempt, hoping that I may be able to write as the Spirit directs my mind for the good of all who may read it. The scripture that seems to be on my mind at this time recorded in John 14:6. Jesus had been telling his disciples that he was going to leave them. Knowing that they were troubled about it he said to them: "Let not your heart be troubled," assuring them, that if he went he would send the Comforter who would be with them, and that he would abide with them forever.

Jesus, who is the way, the truth and the life, makes no mistakes. The way that he lived was the will of the Father who does all things well; for all his works shall praise him.

This way is the way of salvation to all his children, who make manifest that Jesus is their salvation by following him.

This is the way which the world by wisdom has never known. It is a high way in which there is no sin.

When one begins to enquire for the way of life it is proof that God is leading him, for no man can come to Him unless the Father which sent Jesus draws him.

How blessed and glorious when the Father reveals Jesus to this seeking soul, who then realizes his great love which delivers them from so great a death, and sheds abroad his love in their hearts by the Holy Ghost who unites and binds his children together in the dearest ties that have ever bound any people together: for Jesus is made of God unto them wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 1st. Cor. 1:30.

Dear brethren, what a glorious blessing to have the fruit of the Holy Spirit. This makes us fit for the Master's use who places every member in the body so that each one is prepared for good service.

We desire also to say something about the use of the members that compose this body, as every one is placed there to honor Jesus. We then that have hope that we are created in Christ Jesus unto good works which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them, should lay aside every weight and the sins that so easily beset us, and run with patience the race that is set before us. They that do this will be a comfort one to the other.

First this applies to the under shepherds who are to feed the flock of God which he has purchased with his own blood, who are to go in and out before the sheep. Let us so live as we should wish to die. Let us do or say nothing that will offend a member of his church. For we are told that it would be better that a millstone be hung about one and he be cast into the sea than that he offend one of the little ones. This not only embraces one but all the members.

While we are filling the seats vacated by our fathers we shall soon go where they have gone. Let us do nothing by partially, but love in deed and in truth.

I have written as my mind leads me. Brethren, pray for me.

Your unworthy brother in hope,

W. C. Jones, Burlington, N. C.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Names of Messengers.	Baptized	Rec. by Let.	Restored.	Dis. by Let.	Excluded.	Deceased.	No. in Fel.	Contrib'n.
Arbor—	J. E. Simmons, G. W. Simmons, W. E. Byrd. . . .	3					2	64	\$ 1.50
Big Meadow—	Eld. W. C. Jones, H. W. and W. H. Johnson						1	21	2.00
Burlington—	C. T. Hutchins, J. M. and C. B. Tillman. . . .						22	22	2.00
Country Line—	T. H. Rudd.						9	9	.50
Dan River—	W. G. Dix, W. J. French.	2	2	1	2			23	1.35
Gilliams—	J. W. Gilliam, Sr., J. W. Gilliam, Jr.	1			1			20	1.00
Harmony—	W. A. Wood, W. R. Clayton, J. I. Clayton. . . .				1			18	2.00
Lick Fork—	Andy Pascal, C. A. Howard, C. L. Applewhite				1		4	33	6.00
Lynches Creek—	W. R. Hawkins						1	10	1.50
McCrays—	By Letter.	2					1	13	1.00
Moon Creek—	J. W. Neal.				1			13	11.50
Pleas. G've—	B. B. McKinney, P. M. Walker, T. A. Stanfield							42	4.00
Pros. Hill—	W. P. Warren, W. D. Blalock, S. J. Holt.						2	34	7.75
Reidsville—	L. H. Hardy, E. R. Harris, A. J. Lambeth.	1	2					25	5.35
Wolf Island—	G. W. Carter, G. M. Trent, R. P. Summers. . .	3			5	1	2	66	9.00
Oak Grove—	R. H. Jones, J. W. Wadlington, T. J. Foster. . .	2						9	1.00
Total								\$	57.45

