

MINUTES OF THE
162nd ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
KEHUKEE
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION



Held With the Church at

BEAR GRASS
Martin County, N. C.

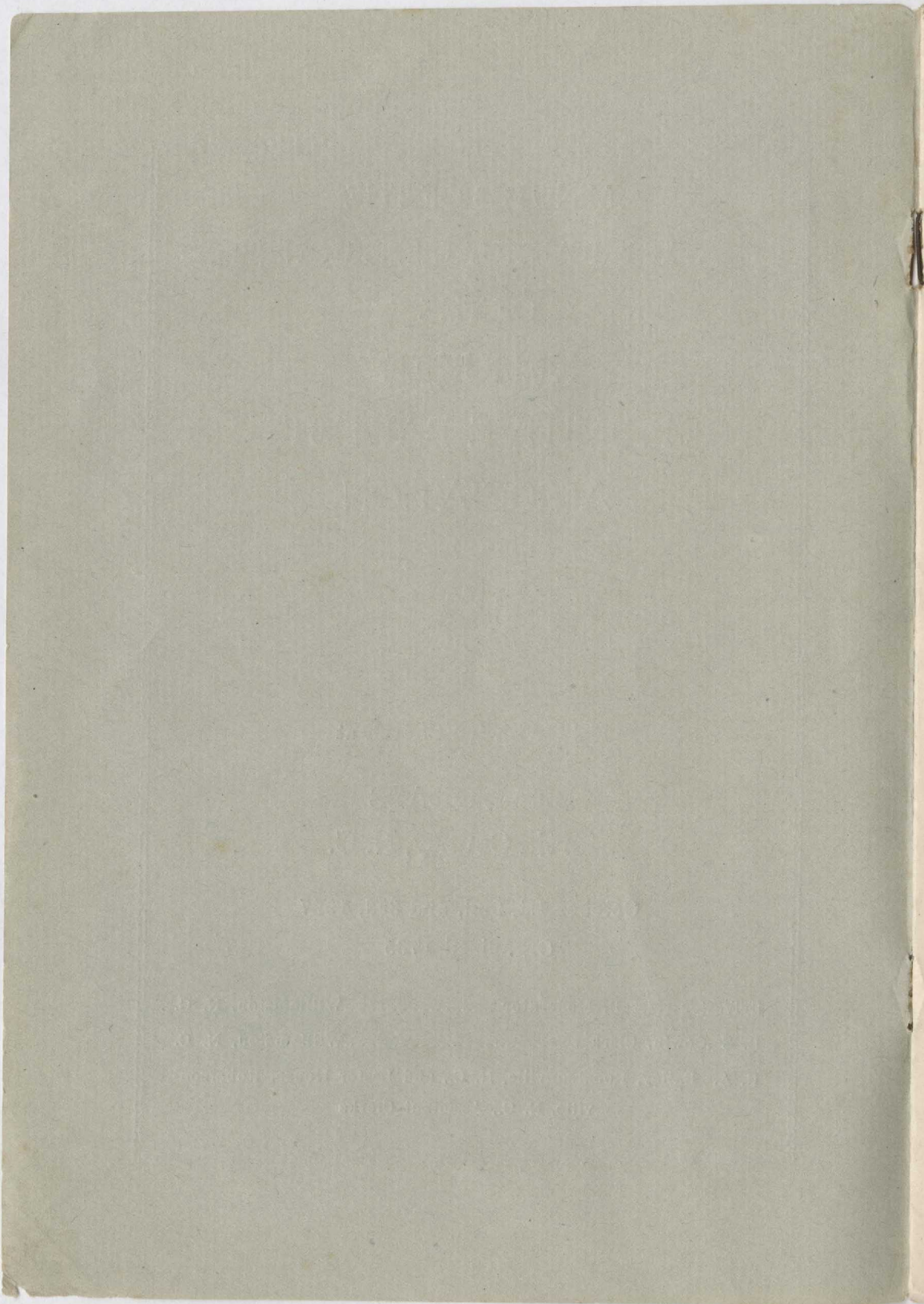
October 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, 1927

Organized 1765

Sylvester Hassell, Moderator ----- Williamston, N. C.

B. S. Cowin, Clerk ----- Williamston, N. C.

R. A. Bailey, Robersonville, N. C., and Lester House, Roberson-
ville, N. C., Assistant Clerks



PROCEEDINGS

The 162nd annual session of the Kehukee Primitive Baptist Association was held with the church at Bear Grass, Martin County, North Carolina, October 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 1927.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder A. B. Denson from Eph. 13-5.

After an intermission of one hour the association came together and was organized, after prayer by Elder J. T. Rowe with Elder Sylvester Hassell, Moderator, B. S. Cowin, clerk, who called to his assistance Brethren R. A. Bailey and Lester House.

It was agreed that brethren from sister associations be invited to seats.

The following committees were appointed: On finance, Sylvester Peel and H. L. Trevathan; on preaching, Moderator, Clerk, Elder J. N. Rogerson and J. H. D. Peel.

The following visiting elders were present: F. W. Keene, M. L. Gilbert, W. T. White, R. W. Gurganus, W. G. Turner, L. H. Stevenson, J. T. Rowe, R. E. Adams, W. C. McMillon, J. S. Corbitt, Luther Joyner, J. T. Williams, E. L. Cobb and J. E. Mewborn

The following elders were present from Kehukee Association: Sylvester Hassell, N. H. Harrison, A. B. Denson, W. E. Grimes, W. B. Harrington, J. B. Roberts, J. N. Rogerson, B. S. Cowin, W. B. Clifton, J. L. Ross, W. M. Stubbs, W. E. Staton and D. W. Topping.

The following elders preached at the stand this P. M.

Elder Luther Joyner from Math. 9:12.

Elder R. E. Adams from Isaiah 26:1.

Elder J. S. Corbitt from Titus 3:11, 12.

SUNDAY MORNING

Elder N. H. Harrison from Math. 5:15.

Elder M. L. Gilbert from Rom. 8:28.

Elder F. W. Keene from Exodus 13:13.

SUNDAY P. M.

Elder J. T. Rowe from Deut. 32:9-12.
Elder W. T. White from Songs 5:11.
Elder R. W. Gurganus, from John 15:1.

MONDAY

Elder W. G. Turner from John 6:25.
Elder L. A. Johnson from Eph. 2:1-5.
Letters from 36 churches were received and read,
the names of messengers and the standing of churches
were enrolled in table of churches.
Called for correspondence, when the following was
received:

- Contentnea—Henry Brake, Elder J. S. Corbett.
- White Oak—Elder R. W. Gurganus.
- Upper Country Line—Minutes.
- Lower Country Line—Minutes.
- Black Creek—Elder R. E. Adams, Elder J. T. Williams.
- Little River—Minutes.
- Baltimore—Elder J. T. Rowe, F. G. Scott.
- Senter District—Minutes.
- Mayo—Minutes.
- Delaware—Minutes.
- Ocmulgee—Minutes.
- Mountain District—Minutes.
- Mill Branch—Minutes.
- Upatoie—Minutes.
- New River—Minutes.
- Notaway—Elder J. T. Rowe.
- Corresponding Va.—Elder J. T. Rowe.
- Abbotts Creek—Minutes.
- Warwick—Minutes.
- Roaring River—Minutes.
- Salisbury—Eld. J. T. Rowe.
- Delaware River—Elder J. T. Rowe.
- Seven Mile—Elders L. A. Johnson, W. G. Turner.
- Salem—Minutes.
- Echecome—Minutes.
- Staunton River—Minutes.
- Fisher's River—Minutes.
- Primitive Ebenezer—Minutes.

White Water—Minutes.

Ebenezer—Minutes.

Ketocan—Minutes.

Cuioire Siloam—Minutes.

Zion—Minutes.

The following brethren agreed to visit the following associations:

Black Creek—Elders A. B. Denson, N. H. Harrison.

Contentnea—Eld. N. H. Harrison, A. W. Bailey.

Agreed Elder Sylvester Hassell write obituary of Elder W. B. Strickland and said obituary be printed in these minutes.

Petitionary letters called for, none received. Eld. W. B. Clifton was appointed to write a corresponding letter to be attached to these minutes.

It was agreed our next association be held with the church at Tarboro, Edgecombe County, N. C., first Sunday in October, 1928, Saturday before and Monday after. Elder J. C. Moore was appointed to preach introductory sermon, and B. S Cowin be his alternate.

Worship to begin at 11 o'clock.

The association adjourned to meet again Monday at 9 o'clock. Worship to begin tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

MONDAY

The association pursuant to adjournment met at 9 o'clock and was opened with prayer and praise by Eld. R. E. Adams, and proceeded to business.

It was agreed that the association pay the expense of any preacher who will visit the church at South Quay, Va.

The names of messengers were called over, those absent marked in table of churches.

The corresponding letter was called for and read, and ordered to be attached to these minutes.

The finance committee reported as follows:

In hands of clerk at close of last association	---\$80.50
Paid for printing	-----\$50.00
Postage	----- 3.50
Clerk's Fees	----- 25.00
Total	-----\$78.50

Leaving in hands of clerk -----\$2.00
Received at this association -----\$227.00
After defraying expenses of visiting ministers there
was left in hands of clerk \$89.50.

Elder Sylvester Hassell agreed to visit church at South Quay in July.

It was agreed that articles of faith and decorum be printed annually.

It was agreed that if any member of this association be present with any church with which we correspond, he is authorized to represent this association.

Resolved; First, that this association discountenance, condemn and forbids all kinds of trading and misbehavior on or around the association grounds while in session, and will endeavor to punish same to full extent of law.

It was agreed this association return thanks to God for the excellent weather and all other blessings, and to the brethren and friends of the entire community for their liberal hospitality in the entertainment of this association.

It was agreed our clerk have 2000 copies of these minutes printed and sent to him for distribution among the churches composing this association and the associations with which we correspond; that he record a copy on our records and he be paid \$25 for his services.

There being no other business before the association, it was adjourned to the time and place appointed with singing and benediction by the moderator.

SYLVESTER HASSELL, Mod.

B. S. COWIN, Clerk.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To Our Brethren Composing the Kehukee Association, and Our Sister Associations With Which We Correspond, Greeting:

We have been enabled to meet with the church at Bear Grass, Martin County, N. C., to greet each other, and as we do humbly hope, with an eye single to the spiritual comfort of each other, and the worship of our merciful God.

Many have gone, who met with us a year ago whom we miss greatly, but by the spirit of truth we are able to say as we hope that our loss is their eternal gain, and we do realize that soon our names with theirs will be enrolled with the catalogue of the dead, Time's relentless hand is thus forever severing our

earthly ties, but while this is true, there is a band of blessed love made possible and forever secured to all the family of God by the glorious work of Jesus our Savior.

In this blessed faith we meet to worship Him in spirit and in truth, praying the whole family of God may be kept by the power of Him who makes no mistakes. May we desire to know nothing but Jesus Christ and Him crucified, the only way and only hope of poor sinners for both time and eternity.

We feel thankful to our blessed Master for beautiful weather, kind hospitality of brethren and friends, and the glorious gospel and it comes to us from our God through His humble ministers.

We are in peace, for which we hope to be thankful.

Our next Association was appointed to be held with the church at Tarboro, Edgecombe County, N. C., first Sunday in October, Saturday before and Monday after, when and where we hope to meet again.

W. B. CLIFTON.

SYLVESTER HASSELL, Mod.
B. S. COWIN, Clerk.

LIST OF MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

N. H. Harrison	-----	Pinetown, N. C.
Sylvester Hassell	-----	Williamston, N. C.
J. N. Rogerson	-----	Williamston, N. C.
B. S. Cowin	-----	Williamston, N. C.
W. E. Grimes	-----	Williamston, N. C.
J. C. Moore	-----	Whitakers, N. C.
J. A. Shaw	-----	Elizabeth City, N. C.
D. W. Topping	-----	Pantego, N. C.
W. B. Harrington	-----	Jamesville, N. C.
A. B. Denson	-----	Rocky Mount, N. C.
W. E. Staton	-----	Scotland Neck, N. C.
Tilghman Sawyer	-----	Chicod, N. C.
W. M. Stubbs	-----	Plymouth, N. C.
J. C. Smith	-----	Elm City, N. C.
J. L. Ross	-----	Stokes, N. C.
J. B. Roberts	-----	Greenville, N. C.
W. B. Clifton	-----	Plymouth, N. C.

LICENTIATES

T. F. Holladia	-----	Columbia, N. C.
M. D. Twiford	-----	East Lake, N. C.
C. L. Robins	-----	Rocky Mount, N. C.
Joseph D. Fly	-----	Rocky Mount, N. C.

LIST OF CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

Bear Grass—A. B. Ayers	-----	Williamston, N. C.
Bethlehem—J. B. Hollidia	-----	Columbia, N. C.

Beulah—Dan B. Spencer	Scranton, N. C.
Briery Swamp—C. L. James	Stokes, N. C.
Conetoe—C. C. Dawson	Conetoe, N. C.
Concord—A. W. Ambrose	Creswell, N. C.
Conoho—B. L. Johnson	Oak City, N. C.
Cross Roads—Bennie Snell	Tarboro, N. C.
Deep Creek—Bennett Moore	Scotland Neck, N. C.
Falls Tar River—W. H. Worsley	Rocky Mount, N. C.
Flat Swamp—E. C. House	Robersonville, N. C.
Flatty Creek—W. W. Eves	Weeksville, N. C.
Great Swamp—Nana Brown	Greenville, N. C.
Hopeland—Jarret White	Whitakers, N. C.
Hamilton—Jesse Johnson	Robersonville, N. C.
Jamesville—J. B. Allen	Jamesville, N. C.
Kehukee—J. W. Butts	Enfield, N. C.
Lawrence—A. Strickland	Scotland Neck, N. C.
Lebanon—Wilson B. Harrell	East Lake, N. C.
Morattock—W. B. Clifton	Plymouth, N. C.
Mt. Zion—A. M. Hyman	Hobgood, N. C.
North Creek—Fred Sawyer	Ransomville, N. C.
Pungo—J. H. Carter	Pungo, N. C.
Providence—Fred Perry	Kitty Hawk, N. C.
Rocky Swamp—T. J. Lewis	Rosemary, N. C.
Singleton—Sarah T. Alligood	Washington, N. C.
Skewarkey—J. H. Mizell	Williamston, N. C.
South Matamuskeet—D. M. Carrawan, R. 2 Box 37	Swan Quarter, N. C.
South Quay—Lucy Savage	Franklin, Va.
Sparta—E. P. Williamson	Tarboro, N. C.
Smithwick's Creek—J. E. Getsinger	Jamesville, N. C.
Spring Green—S. L. Grimes	Robersonville, N. C.
Tarboro—T. C. West, P. O. Box 220	Tarboro, N. C.
Williams—C. H. Spivey	Tarboro, N. C.
White Plains—W. W. Bowen	Pinetown, N. C.
Robersonville—R. A. Bailey	Robersonville, N. C.
Norfolk—J. C. Cuthrell, 904 Park Ave.	Norfolk, Va.

ELDER W. B. STRICKLAND

The son of Thomas and Martha Strickland, was born in Halifax County, N. C., June 16, 1848, and died of heart diseases at his home in Hobgood, N. C., about 2 P. M., April 26, 1927.

He was convicted of sin in early manhood, and in his 28th year was given a sweet hope in Jesus as his Savior, and in the same year (1876) united with the church at Lawrence, and was baptized by Elder W. F. Bell. Feeling impressed, but unworthy and unqualified to preach, he earnestly plead with the Lord to relieve him of the impression, and felt he would rather die than preach. But God made him willing, and in 1889 he was licensed, and soon afterwards ordained and served the churches at Deep Creek, Lawrence, Mt. Zion and Conoho (the last two at his death).

His first wife was Miss Bettie Phelps, a member of the church, who died June 1, 1921. His second wife was Mrs. Elizabeth Edmundson, also a member, whose first husband was Theodore Edmundson, died September 13, 1913, leaving her two children, Edwin Theodore Edmundson, now of New York City, and Jesse M. Edmundson of Hampton, Va. Elder Strickland's children are Noah G. Strickland, of Hobgood, N. C., and Mrs. Ella R. Strickland, of Scotland Neck, N. C. Almost the last words of Elder Strickland were farewell, vain world, I am going home. He was an humble, faithful, wise, gracious, and godly man; and was quite feeble many years. He was buried beside his first wife in Hobgood Elder W. M. Monsees and I, and Elder W. E. Station spoke at his grave to many of his friends and neighbors, who highly esteemed him. At his request hymns 339 and 370 in Lloyd's selection were sung at his grave. His second wife nursed his first wife and himself tenderly and most faithfully in their last illness. He will be greatly and sadly missed. Sister Strickland desires to say that hymn 552 in Lloyd's selection expresses her feelings.

SYLVESTER HASSELL.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

I. We believe in the being of a God, as almighty, eternal, unchangeable, of infinite wisdom, power, justice, holiness, goodness, mercy and truth; and that this God has revealed Himself, in His word, under the characters of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

II. We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His word, which word we believe to be of Divine authority, and contains all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men and women. The same is comprehended or contained in the books of the Old and New Testaments as are commonly received.

III. We believe that God, before the foundation of the world, for a purpose of His own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to eternal life; and that this election is particular eternal and unconditioned on the creature's part.

IV. We believe that, when God made man at first, he was perfect, holy and upright, able to keep the law, but liable to fall, and that he stood as a federal head, or representative, of all his natural offspring, and that they were to be partakers of the benefits of his obedience, or exposed to the misery which sprang from his disobedience.

V. We believe that Adam fell from this state or moral rectitude, and that he involved himself and all his natural offspring in a state of death; and, for that original transgression; we are both guilty and filthy in the sight of our holy God.

VII. We believe that in God's own appointed time and way (by means which He has ordained) the elect shall be called, justified, pardoned and sanctified, and that it is impossible they can utterly refuse the call, but shall be made willing, by Di-

vine grace, to receive the offers of mercy.

VIII. We believe that justification in the sight of God is only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, received and applied by faith alone.

IX. We believe, in like manner, that God's elect shall not only be called and justified, but that they shall be converted, born again, and changed by the effectual working of God's Holy Spirit.

X. We believe that such as are converted, justified and called by His grace, shall persevere in holiness, and never fall finally away.

XI. We believe it to be a duty incumbent on all God's people to walk religiously in good works; not in the Old Covenant way of seeking life and the favor of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from a principle of love.

VII. We believe Baptism and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinances, both belonging to the converted or true believers; and that persons who are sprinkled or dipped while in unbelief were not regularly baptized according to God's word, and that such ought to be baptized after they are savingly converted into the faith of Christ.

XIII. We believe that every church is independent in matters of discipline; and that Associations, Councils, and Conferences, of several ministers or churches, are not to impose on the churches the keeping, holding or maintaining any principle or practice contrary to the church's judgment.

XIV. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust, and a general judgment.

XV. We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting, and the joys of the righteous are eternal.

XVI. We believe that no minister has a right to administration of the ordinances, only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

XVII. Lastly, we do believe that, for the mutual comfort, union and satisfaction of the several churches of the aforesaid faith and order, we ought to meet in an Association way, where in each church ought to represent their case by their delegates and attend as often as is necessary to advise with the several churches in conference; and that the decision of matters in such Associations are not to be imposed, or in anywise binding, on the churches without their consent, but only to sit and act as an advisory council.

RULES OF DECORUM

Preamble. From a long series of experiences we the Church of Christ, are convinced of the necessity of coming together as often as may be in order to hold conference, and to discharge our duty in watching over each other as Christ has commanded.

Ordered therefore that the following decorum be a rule for the church to conduct herself by in her future conferences. We

will not forsake the house of God or the assembling of ourselves together. Neh. X. 39. Heb. X. 25.

Article I. The conference shall be composed of the members of this church, together with any member of sister churches that are present in fellowship, of the same faith and order, who have liberty to seats with us. Acts IV. 23; XV. 6.

Article II. Conference shall be opened and closed with prayer to Almighty God. 1st Timothy 11:1 1st Thes. V. 17, 18.

Article III. One shall be chosen to preside, who shall be addressed under the appellation of Bro. Moderator, and to whom every speech shall be particularly addressed. 1st Cor. XIV. 26-40.

Article IV. The members' names, being regularly enrolled, shall by the clerk be regularly called over, and a significant mark put to the names of all absent members. Acts, 1, 15, Neh. 11, 18; IV, 20.

Article V. A door shall be opened (when thought necessary) for the admission of new members into the church; but none shall be admitted but by unanimous consent, and who shall first verbally relate their experience, or give an account of the work of God on their souls; and secondly, of their faith and principles (if the church shall require it) and thirdly the church shall make diligent inquiry respecting their moral conduct, and when full satisfaction shall be obtained, the Pastor, Deacon or Moderator shall manifest the same by giving them the right hand of fellowship, thereby receiving them in form, 1st Peter 3:15 Gal. 2:19.

Article VI. No complaint shall be brought into conference against transgressing brethren respecting of a private nature, until the aggrieved party has complied with the directions given by our Lord in Matthew XVII, 15-17.

Article VII. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of conference unless withdrawn by the member who made it. 1st Cor. XIV, 40.

Article VIII. Every query presented shall be thrice read, and before it is received, the Moderator shall take a vote, and accordingly as there is a majority for or against debating it, it shall be answered or not, but the querist may withdraw it at any time, provided also that no intricate query shall be imposed or asked.

Article IX. If the minority be grieved, at any time, at the determination of the majority, they are directed to make the same known immediately to the church; and if satisfaction cannot be obtained, it may be necessary in that case to call for help from sister churches.

Article X. All the business of conference shall be recorded by the clerk, and before conference rises, the same shall be distinctly read if need be.

Section 1. Any member refusing to attend conference, the same is disorder.

Section 2. Any member absenting himself or herself from conference, without leave, the same is disorder.

Section 3. Any member whispering or laughing in time

of public speech, the same is disorder.

Section 4. If two or more shall speak at one time, or any member speak without rising up and addressing the Moderator, the same is disorder.

Section 5. Any member speaking more than three times on one subject without leave obtained, the same is disorder.

Section 6. Any member being grieved at anything done in conference, and shall hold his or her peace, and shall not let the same be known until conference rises, and shall afterwards speak of it, as it manifestly tends to confusion, it is hereby deemed disorder.

Section 8. If the Moderator shall neglect to plainly and timely reprove any member transgressing any of these rules, or in behaving in any manner irreverently in time of conference, the same is disorder in him, and himself is for the same liable to be reprov'd.

Section 9. The woman hath not right by the law of Christ to usurp authority over the man, and therefore ought not to speak only in case of conscience, or in such particular circumstances that the nature of the thing may require it.

Section 10. Amendments to these rules may be made at any time when conference shall deem it necessary.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	County	Name of Messengers	Mo. Meeting	Baptised	Rec'd-Letter	Dis. by Letter	Restored	Excluded	Deceased	Total	Contributions	
Bear Grass	Martin	Eld. J. N. Rogerson, B. S. Cowin	3	1	1	1	1	2	2	65	8.00	
Bethlehem	Tyrell	J. B. Holladia, C. C. Reynolds	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	29	7.00	
Bethlah	Hyde	D. D. Spencer, W. B. Harrington	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	30	3.00	
Briery Swamp	Pitt	L. S. Barnhill, C. L. James	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	44	10.00	
Concord	Washington	J. A. Furlaw, A. W. Ambrose	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	20	6.00	
Conoho	Martin	J. S. Johnson, B. L. Johnson	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	22	5.00	
Conetoe	Edgewcombe	C. C. Dawson	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	5.00	
Cross Roads	Edgewcombe	Bennie Snell, Rosena Bulluck	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	6	2.25	
Deep Creek	Halifax	Bennett Moore	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	5	1.50	
Falls Tar River	Nash	Joseph D. Fly, M. D. Cohoon	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	124	12.00	
Flatty Creek	Pasquotank	Mrs. W. W. Eves	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	39	12.00	
Flat Swamp	Martin	Z. D. F. White, Lester House	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	34	12.00	
Great Swamp	Pitt	Marcellus Fleming, J. I. Allen	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	2.50	
Hamilton	Martin	W. E. Grimes, Jesse Johnson	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	47	5.00	
Hopeland	Nash	H. L. Adcock, W. L. Armstrong	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	2.50	
Jamesville	Martin	W. O. Lee	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	26	8.00	
Kehukee	Halifax	J. W. Butts, W. H. Weeks	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	5.00	
Lawrence	Edgewcombe	A. Staton, Eld. W. E. Staton	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	5.00	
Lebanon	Dare	Thos. Bland, W. K. Hymon	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3.00	
Mt. Zion	Halifax	W. B. Clifton, M. J. Mizell	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	31	5.00
Moratock	Washington	J. C. Smith, G. T. Slade	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	22	3.00	
North Creek	Beaufort	J. C. Cutrell, Kate Johnson	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	16	5.00	
Norfolk	Norfolk, Va.	B. F. Ferry, W. R. Perry	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	14	2.00	
Providence	Currituck	Jas. W. Paul, I. J. Harris	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	14	2.00	
Pungo	Beaufort	R. A. Bailey, Sally Jones	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	48	10.00	
Robersonville	Martin	T. J. Smith, J. W. Brown	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	18	1.50	
Rocky Swamp	Halifax	J. D. Ward, Sarah Alligood	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	16	5.00	
Singleton	Beaufort	W. B. Harrington, Martha A. Credle	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	50	5.00	
South Matamuskeel	Hyde	Sylvester Hassell, John H. Mizell	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	22	5.00	
South Quay	Southampton Co. Va.	W. R. Abrams, E. F. Williamson	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	17	2.00	
Sewarkey	Martin	Kader Lilley, W. B. Harrington	4	4	2	1	1	1	1	98	20.00	
Sparta	Edgewcombe	S. L. Grimes, O. R. Roberson	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	3	46	10.00
Smithwick's Creek	Martin	G. C. West, W. D. Brown	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	29	5.00	
Spring Green	Martin	W. M. Stubbs, Rufus Boyd	1	1	6	6	6	6	6	31	5.00	
Tarboro	Edgewcombe	C. H. Spivey, Van B. Vick	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	31	5.00	
White Plains	Beaufort		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	31	5.00	
Williams	Edgewcombe		3	3	1	1	1	1	1	31	5.00	

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