

MINUTES

— OF THE —

COUNTRY LINE

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

— HELD WITH —

ENO CHURCH

Durham Co., N. C.

August 18th, 19th and 20th, 1888.



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PROCEEDINGS.

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1st. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder D. R. Moore, from Luke 14:16-24.

2nd. The Association convened and after prayer by Elder Wm. Lundy proceeded to business.

3rd. Elder James A. Burch was chosen Moderator.

4th. The Rules of Decorum were read.

5th. The Letters from the several churches were read and their standing minuted in the statistical table. (See Table).

6th. Correspondents were invited to take seats with us, whereupon the following were received :

From Kehukee—ELDERS S. HASSELL, J. E. ADAMS and W. A. ROSS. (Visitor).

From Black Creek—ELDERS WM. WOODARD, P. D. GOLD, BROTHER J. HOWELL, D. A. SCOTT. (Visitors.)

From Mountain—ELDER WM. LUNDY.

From Little River—BROTHER JOHN STEPHENSON, W. A. PIERCE, J. B. HARDEE, JAMES R. YOUNG T. H. WILSON. (Visitors).

From Mayo—BROTHER GEORGE CARTER.

From White Oak—ELDERS B. H. WOOTEN, L. H. HARDY and I. JONES. (Visitors.)

From Contentnea—ELDERS T. B. LANCASTER, J. W. GARDNER, BROTHER, L. J. H. MEWBORN and S. GRAY. (Visitor.)

From Toisnot—ELDER D. A. MEWBORN. (Visitor.)

7th. Brethren C. A. Howard, J. H. Combs, and J. H. Hall with the moderator and clerk were chosen a committee of arrangements and C. J. Terry, J. W. Neal a committee of finance.

8th. Elders L. H. Hardy and W. Lundy were appointed to preach in the afternoon.

9th. Adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

10th. Sunday morning 10 o'clock, Elder Wm. Woodward preached from Heb. 12:28; Elder S. Hassell closed the morning services from Dent. 34:1-4; Elder S. Jones opened the afternoon services from first Sam'l. 18:45; Elder P. D. Gold closed the afternoon service from first Cor. 15:46.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

11th. The Association met according to adjournment and after prayer by Elder S. Hassell proceeded to business.

12th. Committees of Arrangements and Finance reported. Their reports were received and they were discharged.

13th. Messengers appointed last year to visit Sister Association and section meetings generally attended, and those who did not were excused.

14th. Messengers were appointed to visit Sisters Associations

To Mayo—ELDER D. R. MOORE, BROTHERS J. H. HALL, WM. BROOKS, W. G. DIX, R. H. PRUITT, J. COMBS, ELDER J. M. HARRIS.

To Kehukee—ELDER D. R. MOORE, BROTHERS S. J. HALL, WM. A. LEA.

To Little River—ELDERS D. R. MOORE, JAMES S. DAMERON, T. Y. MONK, BROTHERS, S. J. HALL, WM. FARTHING, JOHN HALL.

To Contentnea—ELDER JAMES S. DAMERON.

To Staunton River—ELDERS D. R. MOORE, JAMES S. DAMERON, BROTHERS C. A. HOWARD, J. W. NEAL, W. A. LEA, R. H. PRUITT, J. M. HARRIS.

To White Oak—ELDERS JAMES S. DAMERON, D. R. MOORE, S. P. TERRY, J. M. HARRIS.

To Abbotts Creek—ELDERS J. A. BURCH, J. M. HARRIS.

To Pigg River—ELDERS D. R. MOORE, J. M. HARRIS.

To Black Creek—ELDERS J. M. HARRIS, JAMES S. DAMERON.

To Mountain—ELDERS D. R. MOORE T. Y. MONK, JAMES A. BURCH.

15th. Agreed to send files of Minutes to Upatoie, Fisher's River, Smith River, New River, and Mill Branch Associations.

16th. Elders S. P. Terry, A. Blalock, James S. Dameron were appointed to attend a Section Meeting at Gilliam's, commencing on Friday before first Sunday in April 1889, and Elders A. N. Hall, A. Blalock, James S. Dameron were appointed to attend another at Dutchville, commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in April 1889.

17th. The Circular Letter prepared by Elder James A. Burch was read and adopted.

18th. Brother S. J. Hall was appointed to write a Circular Letter for next year.

19th. Elders James A. Burch, T. Y. Monk, Y. I. Chandler were appointed as a Presbytery to attend to the request of Big Meadow church to inquire into the qualifications of Brother W. C. Jones as Minister of the Gospel, and if they think proper to set him apart to said work.

20th. We the Country Line Association forbid every species of traffic and all other disorder within legal bounds of our Association during the entire meeting, and offenders may expect to be prosecuted to the extent of the laws of North Carolina.

21st. The Finance Committee reported as follows:

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| Received from the churches. | \$30.30. |
| Balance in Clerk's hand..... | 24.80. |
| Total..... | <u>\$55.10.</u> |

EXPENDITURES.

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| Clerk's fee..... | \$10.00. |
| Paid for printing 1,300 copies of these minutes | 16.00. |
| Total..... | <u>\$26.00.</u> |
| Balance in Clerk's hands..... | 29.10. |

22nd. This Association tenders their thanks to the community for their hospitality and to the civil offices for their vigilance in trying to keep order.

23rd. Elders Ross, Mewborn and Lancaster were appointed to preach to-day, Monday.

24th. Agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Lynches Creek, about twelve miles north of Mebaneville, in Caswell Co., N. C. commencing on Saturday before third Sunday in August 1889, and that Elder James A. Burch will preach the introductory sermon. Elder James S. Dameron his Alternate.

JAMES A. BURCH, Moderator.

JAMES S. DAMERON, Clerk.

C. A. HOWARD, Assitant Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

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In obedience to the brethren composing the Country Line Baptist Association held with the church at Lickfork, Rockingham county, N. C., August 1887, as it was their mind to appoint me to write a Circular Letter to be inspected by them at their next meeting, and if found worthy, give it a place in their Minutes, while I feel myself insufficient for the task, yet in my weakness I will make the attempt. The subject that appears to my mind for the occasion is, "One Lord, one faith, one baptism;" Ephesians 4:5. The Apostle was addressing the church of God, in which he declares himself to be an Apostle of Jesus Christ in all the letters that he wrote to the Church, situated at Rome, Corinth, Galatia, Ephesus, Philippi,

Colosse, Thessalonica, also to Timothy, Titus, and Philemon, saying grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. We see very plainly that there was only one Lord, one faith, one baptism taught by the Apostle to all the saints of God above named. He taught them in the name and doctrine of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost to endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace, teaching them there is one body, and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling. He did not teach them lords many, faiths many and baptisms many, as the religious world had them then, and as they have them now. The Primitive Saints believed and practised our text in the ages in which they lived, and from that time down through all ages to the present do they believe the same thing, because they have all been called by the the same power, and they all live in one hope of their calling, while others may trust in the wisdom, prudence, and all the high exalted institutions of human origin, and of human authority, hold to them and carry them with them into their organizations, and by them the power of God is denied. Yet to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him, and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him. Now brethren, the religious world think it strange that the old order of Baptists will not hold in their fellowship the good institutions of the world, that are of such great benefit to mankind, while living in the world that they can enjoy so well, and boast of so much, but we can only say this in reply, that while we obey the teaching of our text, we cannot obey lords many, faiths many and baptisms many; so we can only say to all, as we would that all men's hearts were right in the sight of God, if according to his will, and that according to the word of God. By as much of the ways of the world, its institutions, conventions, societies, missions, or any thing of human origin or from human authority that we profess to carry into the kingdom of God, as the church of the true and loving God, the pillar and ground of the truth, by so much do we say to God, by our acts, that he is not

able, without these things, to do all his pleasure, that his power is limited and dependent to a certain extent upon the acts of the creature; so we would rob him of his glory by contending that his power or Spirit is not sufficient to rule his kingdom, and bring to himself all the father gave to him. Then brethren, let us stick to the text.

Never let it once be told that truth by us was ever sold. May the God of Heaven enable us so to live in this life that we may love and fear him so as never to distrust his name, and that we through his name may fight the good fight of faith, and lay hold on eternal life which is the gift of God; and we hope to be able to feel that when the time of our departure is at hand that there is a crown of righteousness laid up for us that the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to us at that day, and not to us only, but to them also that love his appearing. Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he hath saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and the renewing of the Holy Ghost. May the God of all grace sustain and uphold all his, in all their afflictions and temptations, and his name receive all the praise. Peace be unto you. Amen.

JAMES A. BURCH.

Names of Ministers and Their Post-office Addresses.

- A. N. HALL, Woodsdale, Person County, N. C.
 A. BLALOCK, Mt. Tirzah, Person County, N. C.
 D. R. MOORE, Surle, Person County, N. C.
 F. L. OAKLEY, Anderson's Store, Caswell County N. C.
 JAMES S. DAMERON, Ruffin, Rockingham County, N. C.
 JAMES A. BURCH, Burlington, Alamance Co., N. C.
 J. M. HARRISS, Reidsville, Rockingham County, N. C.
 Y. I. CHANDLER, Fitch's Store, Caswell County, N. C.
 S. P. TERRY, South Lowell, Durham County, N. C.
 T. Y. MONK, South Lowell, Durham County, N. C.
 J. C. HUDGINS, Tally Ho, Granville County, N. C.

Statistical Table.

| NAMES OF CHURCHES. | NAMES OF MESSENGERS. | POST OFFICES. | FINANCES. |
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| Arpor..... | *Y. I. Chandler, J. D. Smith, S. T. Simmons | Anderson's Store, N. C. | Baptized..... |
| Big Meadow..... | *W. C. Jones, W. J. Buckner *Eli Buckner | Gravill Springs, | Received by Letter..... |
| Camp Creek..... | *A. Blalock, *J. C. Hudgens, Jos. Akin | Mount Tirzah, | Restored..... |
| County Lane..... | By Letter (Y. I. Chandler.) | Fitches' Store, | Gained by Error..... |
| Deep Creek..... | J. Brooks | Johi, | Dismissed by Letter..... |
| Duchville..... | S. D. Coley, M. H. Swift, James M. Becl | Duchville, | Excluded..... |
| Dan River..... | T. F. Ward, W. G. Dix, R. H. Priett | Mayfield, | Deceased..... |
| Durham..... | W. A. Lee, W. G. Vickers, I. S. Forsyth | Durham, | Fellowship..... |
| Eno..... | John Hall, John Proctor, W. Farthing | Durham, | Finances..... |
| Ebenezer..... | C. T. Hudgens | Hwyotee, | |
| Flat River..... | *D. R. Moore, D. R. Clayton, J. K. Durcan | Smyl, | |
| Gilliams..... | W. L. Brooks, J. W. Gilliam | Morton's Store, | |
| Harmony..... | G. W. Brooks | Cedar Grove, | |
| Lynche's Creek..... | By Letter | Corbett, | |
| Lick Fork..... | C. J. Terry, W. B. Wright, C. A. Howard | Ruffin, | |
| Mt. Zion..... | Not Represented | Hyco, | |
| Mt. Lebanon..... | *S. P. Lerry, J. M. Monk, C. P. Warren | South, | |
| Moan's Creek..... | *James S. Dameron, J. W. Neal, *J. R. Tarver | Danville, Lowell, | |
| Prospect Hill..... | J. R. Hester, S. J. Hall, John Ward | Prospect Hill, | |
| Pleasant Grove..... | E. L. Apple, A. B. McKinney, *W. C. Apple | Ashtand, | |
| Storics Creek..... | J. H. Clayton, John O'Brian, J. A. B. Walters | Woodsboro, | |
| Shiloh..... | *A. N. Hall, W. Jones, G. Bell | Beren, | |
| Tar River..... | R. Newton, W. H. Gordon, S. D. Williford | Gordonton, | |
| U. S. Hyco..... | *S. Orphant, *J. A. Burch, J. T. Daniel | Reidsville, | |
| Wolf Island..... | J. H. Hall, R. I. Cornan, *G. W. Carter | | |
| | | Total..... | |

* Ordained Ministers † Absentees. ‡ Licentiates.

Total.....

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