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One Hundred and Forty-Third
Annual Session

OF THE

**Kehukee Primitive Baptist
Association**

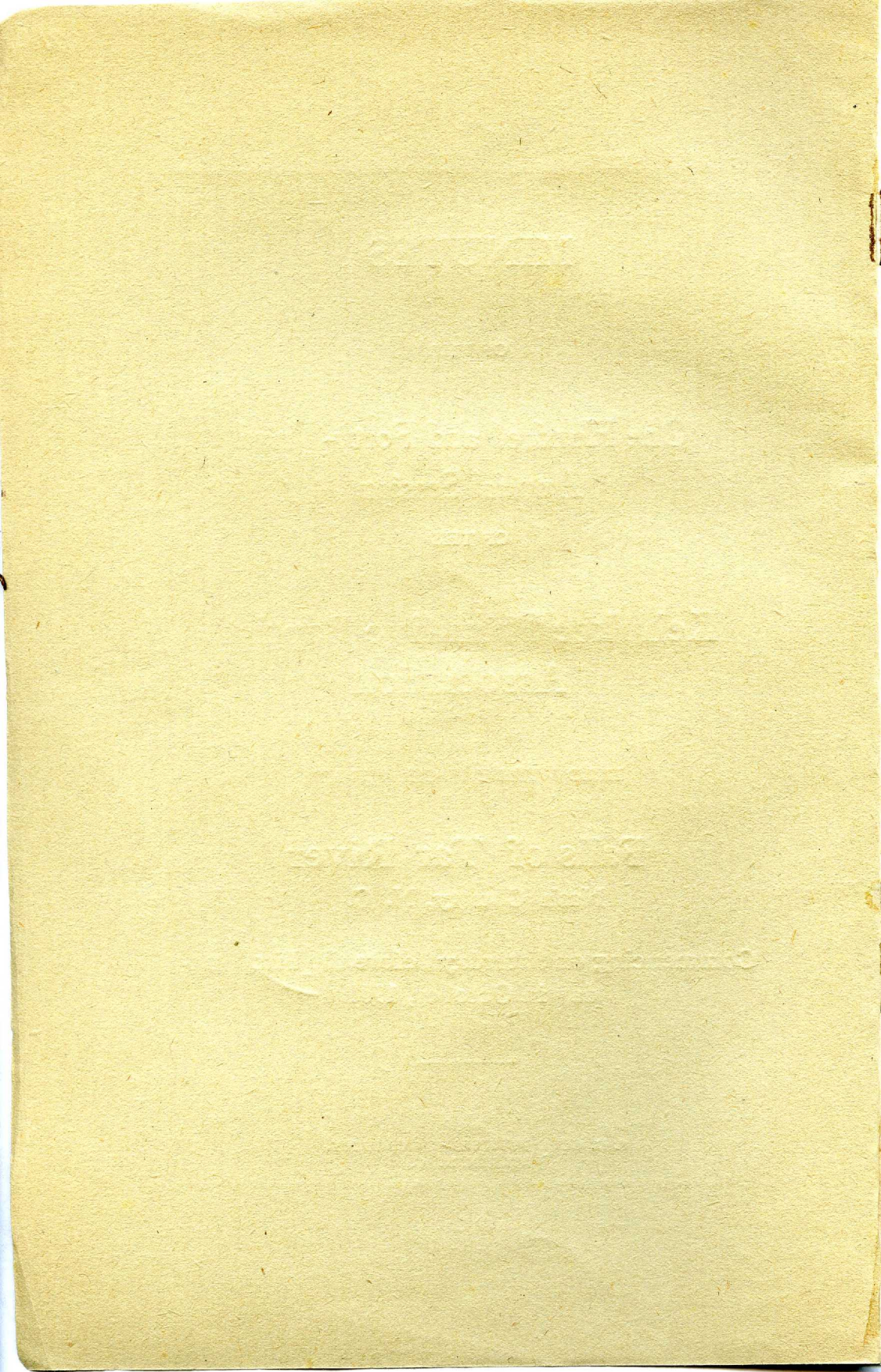
HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Falls of Tar River
Nash County, N. C.

Commencing on Saturday before the First Sun-
day in October, 1908.

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PROCEEDINGS

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder S. Hassell from Jude 3.

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

The following committees were appointed: On arrangements of preaching, moderator, clerk, Brethren Abrams and Deal.

On finance, Brethren B. I. Allsbrook and J. C. Roberson.

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

Elders Monsees and Corbett preached at the stand today.

Letter from 41 churches were received, and read, and names of messengers and standing of churches enrolled in table of churches.

Called for correspondence when the following were received:

White Oak—Elders Jones and Lundy and minutes.

Contentnea—J. D. Brake, Henry Brake, Elder J. W. Gardiner and others, and minutes.

Upper Country Line—Minutes.

Lower Country Line—G. C. Farthing and minutes.

Black Creek—J. T. Lamb, D. W. Boswell, W. M. Boykin, Elder P. D. Gold, Elder Wm. Woodard.

Little River—Minutes, Moses Adams.

Center District—Minutes.

Mayo—Minutes.

Baltimore—Elder J. T. Rowe.

Mountain District—Minutes.

Mill Branch—Minutes.

Upatoie—Minutes.

New River—Minutes.

Corresponding Va.

Abbotts Creek—Elder W. M. Monsees and Minutes.

Warwick—Elder S. H. Durand and minutes.
Salisbury—Elder S. H. Durand and minutes.
Deleware—Elder S. H. Durand and minutes.
Delaware River—Elder S. H. Durand and Minutes.
Seven Mile—Minutes.
Etcheconnee—Minutes.
Staunton River—Minutes.
Fisher's River—Minutes.
Primitive Ebenezer—Minutes.
Mill Branch—Minutes.

Elder A. J. Moore, was appointed to write a corresponding letter to be attached to these minutes.

Elder J. H. Oliphant from Crawfordsville, Ind., received and Elder J. A. Norton from Kettocton association were present as visitors.

Petitionary letters called for, one from the newly constituted church at Norfolk, was received and \$1.50 for minutes.

Resolved that our next association be held with the church at Kehukee, Halifax county, and that Elder M. T. Lawrence preach the introductory sermon and Elder Jno. N. Rogerson be his alternate. Worship to begin at 11 o'clock. Then adjourned until 9 o'clock Monday, worship to begin at 10 o'clock tomorrow.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 4, 1908.

Elder Isaac Jores introduced the service with singing and prayer.

Elder J. A. Norton followed and preached Romans 8:1, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the spirit."

Elder J. H. Oliphant from Ephesians 1:6, "To the praise of his grace wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved."

After an intermission of an hour Elder S. H. Durand continued the service, and preached from Phillipians 2:12-13, "Wherefore my beloved as ye have always obeyed not as in presence only; but much more in my absence work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you to will and to do of his

own good pleasure.”

Elder J. T. Rowe preached the concluding sermon from John 11:26, Martha saith unto him I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

MONDAY OCTOBER 4, 1908.

The association assembled and was opened with praise and prayer by Elder S. H. Durand and proceeded to business.

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

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

The committee on finance reported as follows:

In hand of clerk at the close of this association	\$ 62.90
Paid For Printing Minute Letters and Postage	35.00
Clerk Fees	15.00
Balance on Hand	13.80
Received From the Churches of This Association	49.10
In Hand of Clerk at Close of this Association	\$ 62.90

Report received and committee discharged.

The following brethren were appointed messengers to sister associations.

Upper Country Line—Minutes.

Lower Country Line—Minutes.

Baltimore—Minutes.

Contentnea—Elder G. D. Roberson and Brother I. W. Bass, minutes.

White Oak—Minutes.

Black Creek—C. H. Spivey, I. W. Bass, minutes.

Abbotts Creek—Minutes.

Little River—Minutes.

Agreed to correspond by minutes with the following: Delaware, Delaware River, corresponding Va., Mountain District, Warwick, Salisbury, Mill Branch, Fisher's River, Upatoie, Ocmulgee, Mayo, Etcheconnee, Primitive Ebenezer, Senter District and New River.

The following brethren agreed to preach for the church at South Quay this year. Elder S. Hassell, July.

It is agreed that the biography of Elder Henry Peel

published in the Gospel Messenger be attached to these minutes.

It is agreed that any member of this association visiting the associations with whom we correspond be authorized to represent the association.

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

Resolved 2. That the Kehukee association in session with the church at the Falls of Tar River, tenders its thanks to the Presbyterian church of Rocky Mount, for the use of their house for transaction of the business. And to Mr. C. C. Cooper, for the use of his tobacco warehouse with water and lights. We appreciate the same as he did it at a sacrifice to himself. And we ask the paper of Rocky Mount, to publish the same.

Resolved 3. That this association discountenances, condemns and forbids all kinds of trading and misbehavior, on or around the association grounds, while in session and will endeavor in the future to 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 the church have 2,500 copies of these minutes printed and distributed among the churches and the associations with whom we correspond and that he be allowed \$15.00 for his services.

SYLVESTER HASSELL, Moderator,

M. T. LAWRENCE, Clerk,

W. H. DANIEL,

J. C. MOORE,

Assistant Clerks,

Elders J. W. Gardner and William Woodard preached on Saturday night, and Elder Isaac Jones on Sunday night. The business of the association was all transacted in love and harmony. The churches all reported themselves in peace.

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.
 James H. Latham, Pine Town, N. C.
 M. T. Lawrence, Hamilton, N. C.
 *M. D. Twiford, East Lake, N. C.
 *W. H. Pead, Williamston, N. C.
 L. J. DeBerry, Bath, N. C.
 Charles Mead, Elizabeth City, N. C., R. F. D., No. 2.
 Elder John S. Meads, Kehukee, 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.

Licentiates marked *

NAMES OF CHURCHES, CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

Bath Creek—L. J. DeBerry, Bath, N. C.
 Bear Grass—J. H. D. Peal, Williamston, N. C.
 Bethlehem, (Tyrell)—C. H. Davenport, Columbia, N. C.
 Bethlehem (Pasquotank)—H. C. Boyd, Elizabeth City, N. C.
 Beulah—J. W. Lupton, Sladesville N. C.
 Briery Swamp—D. N. Warren, Whichard, N. C.
 Conetoe—D. W. Cobb, Tarboro, N. C.
 Concord—A. W. Ambrose, Cressville, N. C., R. F. D., No. 2.
 Conoho—N. M. Worsley, Oak City, N. C.
 Coinjock—Pierce Hampton, Water Lilly, N. C.
 Cross Road—Wm. W. Ward, Bethel, N. C.
 Cypress Grove—B. K. Davis, Leachville, N. C.
 Deep Creek—J. N. Phelps, Scotland Neck, N. C.
 Elim—H. W. Scarborough, Harbinger, N. C.
 Falls, Tar River—Jesse Brake, Medora, N. C.

Flat Swamp—J. C. Andrews, Robersonville, N. C.
 Flatty Creek—W. W. Eves, Weeksville, N. C.
 Great Swamp—E. S. Phelps, Greenville, N. C.
 Hopeland, J. C. Moore, Whitakers, N. C.
 Hamilton—Jessie Johnson, Hamilton, N. C.
 Jamesville—J. B. Allen, Jamesville, N. C.
 Kehukee—B. I. Allsbrook, Scotland Neck, N. C.
 Lawrence's—A. Strickland, Scotland Neck, N. C.
 Lebanon—Wilson B. Harrell, East Lake, N. C.
 Morrattock—David Sallinger, Plymouth, N. C.
 Mount Zion—J. H. Savage, Speed, N. C.
 North Creek—J. C. Smith, Bath, N. C., R. F. D., No. 1.
 Providence—Fred Perry, Kitty Hawk, N. C.
 Pungo—John Carter, Pungo, N. C.
 Rocky Swamp—J. H. Warren, Heathville, N. C.
 Sandy Grove—Mack Brantly, Spring Hope, N. C.
 Singleton—D. T. Ross, Washington, N. C.
 Skewarky—Eli Taylor, Williamston, N. C.
 South Matamuskeet—C. F. Benson, Swan Quarter, N. C.
 South Quay—G. A. Johnson, Franklin, Va.
 Sparta—J. A. Cobb, Conetoe, N. C.
 Smithwick's Creek—W. H. Daniels, Jamesville, N. C.
 Spring Green—S. L. Grimes, Robersonville, N. C.
 Salem—B. B. Ricks, Avention, N. C.
 Tarboro—D. T. Billups, Tarboro, N. C.
 Williams—W. W. Vick, Battleboro, N. C.
 White Plains—H. N. Waters, Pine Town, N. C.
 Norfolk—Mrs. Mary J. Price, 530 Fort street, Norfolk, Va.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The 143d Annual Session of the Kehukee Association, now convened with the church at the Falls of Tar River, near Rocky Mount, Nash county, N. C., to the churches composing this association and to the associations with whom we correspond, and to all of like precious faith sends greetings:

Dearly Beloved of the Lord—Through the mercy of our covenant Keeping God, and his abounding, rich, and reigning grace our poor unworthy lives are spared, and we have the sweet privilege of meeting again in peace and in joy. We are met to rejoice in the goodness of our God, who has blessed us with health and the heaven born desire to meet in unity of the spirit and the bond of peace.

The work of the spirit of our God seemed to show itself in lighting up the countenance and radiating in the eyes of the brethren as they met each other with a hearty hand shake, and manifested not only that God reigned, but that his love was in each heart, all indicating what was in store for our poor, hungry souls, which we all felt and realized when our brother S. Hassell spoke forcibly upon the exhortation of Jude for us to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered unto the saints. The glorious gospel of Jesus having thus in the beginning lifted us on high, we were kept mounted on white horses as the Lord spoke through each succeeding servant up to the close, and we have been made to feel that surely God is come to his holy temple, and we hope that never will there be any more strange fire in Israel, and that division, envy, malice, guile, and evil speaking, and all things that offend are done away with, and that peace, union, and love will abound in all the churches of the saints. Out of the 43 churches, all but two were represented. The Lord has blessed us with good and favorable weather, and the thousands in and around the warehouse were as orderly as could be expected. We had from a distance, Elder J. H. Cliphant, of Indiana; Elder S. H. Durand, of Pennsylvania; Elder A. J. Norton, of Washington, D. C.; and Elder J. T. Rowe, of Maryland. How beautiful are the feet of those who proclaim the glad tidings, and how blessed are they that know the gospel sound!

Our next session is appointed to meet with the church at Kehukee, Halifax county, N. C., on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1909, where we all hope to meet again in the name of our glorious redeemer.

S. HASSELL, Moderator,
M. T. LAWRENCE, Clerk.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."—Revelations xiv. 13.

ELDER HENRY PEEL.

By the request of the church at Smithwick's Creek in conference, Saturday before the fourth Sunday in June, 1908, we attempt to write a short sketch of the life of our beloved brother and highly esteemed pastor, Elder Henry Peel, who was born in Martin county, N. C., January 11, 1829. His father and mother were Henry and

Prudence Peel. His father died when he was only 9 years old, and his mother died some years before his father. Brother Peel having been left a poor orphan boy, had to live with his uncle, Thomas Peel, until he was able to care for himself.

When he was about 22 years old, the Lord saw fit to arrest him from his wild career. After having undergone considerable trouble on account of his sins, he was somewhat comforted in a dream or vision of the night. He saw a beautiful spring or stream of water, clear as crystal, which to his mind was the water of life. He knelt down to drink thereof, but could not remember having drunk any of the water that was so beautiful to him. This to him was a mixture of joy and sorrow. It was a joy to him to see the water of life and a sorrow not to remember having drunk thereof. This seemed to leave room for doubts; thus his joy was not complete. It brings us into fellowship with the apostle where he says, "For we know in part and prophesy in part, but when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away."

Brother Peel united with the church at Smithwick's Creek, Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1852, and was baptized the following day with Brethren Noah Peel and William Tice.

CALL TO THE MINISTRY.

Brother Peel saw in a dream a large field of wheat which had many briars and bushes among the wheat. A deep-felt sorrow came into his heart, for those who had to reap the wheat. This to his mind represented the wheat that Jesus says he will gather into his garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire. The reapers were the ministers of the gospel, and his mind was then deeply impressed with the duty of preaching the gospel, which gave him more trouble than he was able to express. He meditated on this great and all-important matter, and after having thought much about it, he was forced to the conclusion that it was something that he could not do. This he said, was the concluding thought. But in this he was again brought in sweet fellowship with Jesus—"Though he were a son yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered. So he suffered on the account of this duty until he was made willing to preach the gospel of Jesus, which he did to the glory of God and to the comfort of his people.

In June, 1860, the church, seeing that Brother Peel had a gift, liberated him to exercise his gift, within the bounds of the church.

By September of the same year his preaching had proven so satisfactory that the church gave him written license to exercise his ministerial gift where he might feel impressed to travel. Elder Peel was ordained to administer all the ordinances of the church of Christ in March, 1864, by Elders C. B. Hassell and William B. Perry. After the death of Elder W. Whitaker in 1874, he was chosen, jointly with Elder Levi Rodgers, to the pastoral care of the church at Smithwick's Creek. He remained pastor until his death, which occurred May 23, 1908. He served the church very faithfully, laying a worthy example for a gospel minister. He was always on time, never waiting for the congregation, saying that the appointed time had come to begin worship. He often exhorted the brethren to do their duty. He traveled and preached in twenty counties in this state, with power and demonstration of the spirit to the satisfaction of the brethren, where he went. He also traveled and preached in the state of Tennessee.

The church at Jamesville called him as their pastor Saturday before the first Sunday in June, 1886, and he resigned the care of the church Saturday before the first Sunday in July, 1898, on account of his advancing age and infirmities.

His diary shows that he baptized 113 persons, married 165 couples, and preached 350 funerals, traveling for the last one purpose alone 3,240 miles, never charging anything for any of his ministerial labors, holding the services of Christ to be above price. Like Paul, he labored with his own hands to support himself and those depending on him.

Elder Peel was married three times. About the year 1852 he was united in marriage to Mary Ada Ann Perry, a member of the church. They lived happily together until her death, June, 1854. After the death of his wife he decided that he would never marry again, and sold his home and went to school, but would never take any part in debate and speech making, saying that he never intended to make a public speech. On December 16, 1856, he was united in marriage to Armiza Lilley. Unto this union were born ten children, but only one survives him. After the death of his second wife, in 1877, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth F. Godard, unto whom one son was born. This wife and son still survive him.

Some time in January, 1908, he was taken with the la grippee. Owing to his advanced age, he was never able to leave home any more. Although too weak to sit up all the time he would be glad to have the brethren and friends visit him, and would talk and

expound the scriptures to them. One of the last texts from which he spoke while on the bed of affliction may be found in Zechariah, first chapter and first verse: "And he showed me Joshua, the high priest, standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him." He was very much comforted, knowing that no one was able to remove this filthy garment except a higher power than man.

To show his love for the church and his friends, we here copy a letter written by his own hand, to wit:

"Brethren, Sisters and Friends—I this morning have taken my pencil in hand to try to mark down a few words to try to express the joy and comfort that I have had with you in your coming to see me while down in my affliction, and also the comfortable conversations that we have had together have been a source of joy and comfort to me. And also to see the great care and respect that you have had for me in supplying me the whole time with the very best provisions that could be had and a plenty left on the table for several more times. I do not think that there ever have been any children that could have had any more care or respect for their own father than you, brethren, sisters and friends, have had for me. I cannot express the joy, comfort and consolation that it gives me to think of these things. Farewell, brethren, sisters and friends. May the Lord be with you and bless you, is my desire, for Jesus' sake.

HENRY PEEL.

"April 28, 1908."

On Saturday night, the 23d of May, 1908, Elder Peel gently fell asleep, as we believe in Jesus. On the next day, Sunday afternoon, his funeral was conducted by Elders John N. Rogerson, A. D. Mizzell, and Brother W. H. Peel. A very large congregation of brethren, relatives and friends met to pay their last respects and see him laid to rest in the tomb, there to wait until the morning of the resurrection.

W. H. DANIEL Clerk,
S. PEEL, Assistant.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Monthly Meetings	Rec'd by Bap.	Rec'd by Letter	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Restored	Total Number in Fellowship	Contributions
Bath Creek	Beaufort	Elder L. J. Deberry, G. R. Williams	4					1		4	50
Bear Grass	Martin	Elder J. N. Rogerson, J. H. D. Peele	4	4		1				57	\$1.50
Bethlehem	Tyrrell	Micaga Phelps*, C. H. Davenport	3		2			1		25	1.00
Bethlehem	Pasquotank	C. C. Adlett, Andrew Davenport	1	1				1		12	50
Bethlehem	Hyde	By Letter	4							17	1.00
Briery Swamp	Hyde	Nelson Warren, Alkeron Whichard	4	1						27	1.00
Concord	Washington	N. W. Ambrose, A. W. Ambrose	3	3				3		40	1.00
Concho	Martin	J. J. Long*, A. M. Worsley	3	3						69	1.00
Coinfoe	Edgemcombe	D. W. Cobb, Elder G. D. Roberson	3	1						12	1.00
Coinfoe	Curtis Creek	No Intelligence	3							10
Cross Roads	Hyde	No Intelligence	3							12	50
Cypress Grove	Edgemcombe	Elder Hanson, W. H. Ward	2					3		10
Deep Creek	Halifax	No Intelligence	2	1						10
Elm	Halifax	Elder H. I. Leggett*, J. N. Phelps	2		1			2		21	1.00
Falls Tar River	Halifax	C. G. Dowdy*, H. W. Abrams	2		3					10	50
Flatty Creek	Curtis Creek	Reub'n Deal, G. W. House	2	6		1		13		159	3.00
Flatty Creek	Nash	J. C. Andrews, R. A. House	2	6		1		12		82	1.50
Great Swamp	Martin	Elder Charles Medes, Wm. Lowrey	1							16	1.00
Hamilton	Pasquotank	E. S. Phelps, Osman Fleming*	1							16	1.00
Hopeland	Martin	Elder W. T. Lawrence, Whit Davis	4							21	75
Hopeland	Halifax	H. L. Adcock, Julia C. Moore	1	6	2			4		69	1.50
Jarvisville	Halifax	Elder A. D. Mizelle, J. B. Aiken*	1							29	1.00
Kelsoe	Halifax	B. I. Alshbrook, W. R. House	3		3					32	2.00
Lebanon	Edgemcombe	Elder W. F. Stator, E. Stator	3	2						13	50
Lebanon	Bare	M. D. Twiford, W. L. Twiford	4							17	1.00
Lebanon	Halifax	Elder W. B. Strickland*, G. B. Bryan	2							67	1.50
Montek	Washington	B. Bateman, Elder A. L. Harrison	3	4		1		2		18	1.00
North Creek	Beaufort	J. C. Smith*, M. Carawan*	3	1						18	1.00
Providence	Curtis Creek	Elder E. E. Lundy	4	2						70	2.35
Pungo	Beaufort	Daniel Paul, Jas. W. Paul	2							28	1.00

STATISTICAL TABLE Continued.

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Monthly Meeting	Received by Bap.	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Restored	Number in Fellowship	Contribution
Rocky Swamp	Halifax	Charlie Smith, * J. H. Warren	2	2				3		21	1.00
Sandy Grove	Nash	H. O. Brickland, Mack Brantley	4	4	1			1		20	1.50
Singleton	Beaufort	J. D. Ward, D. T. Ross	2	1	2	1		2	1	18	1.50
Skewarkey	Martin	Elder S. Hassell, Eli Taylor	2	1	1	1		2		57	2.00
S. Mattamuskeet	Hyde	Elder E. E. Lundy	1							60	1.50
Salem	Nash	R. B. Kicks, J. M. Melton	2	2						13	.50
South Quay	S. Hampton, Va.	Mrs. M. J. Kaws	1							15
Sparta	Edgecombe	J. E. Moore	4	1						20	1.00
Southwick's Ck	Martin	Rader Lilly, W. H. Daniel	4	2				2		88	2.00
Spring Green	Martin	Elder G. D. Roberson, S. L. Grimes	4		2	1		3		60	1.50
Tarboro	Edgecombe	W. H. Bradley, D. T. Billups	4			1		3	1	49	1.50
White Plains	Beaufort	Raymond Walters, Elder James H. Latham	1	1				1		50	1.00
Williams	Edgecombe	W. W. Vick, C. H. Spivey	1					1		20	1.00
Norfolk	Norfolk, Va.	By Letter	8					1		14	1.50
		Churches not represented as last reported.									
		Absentees marked with star									
		Totals								1480	49.10

