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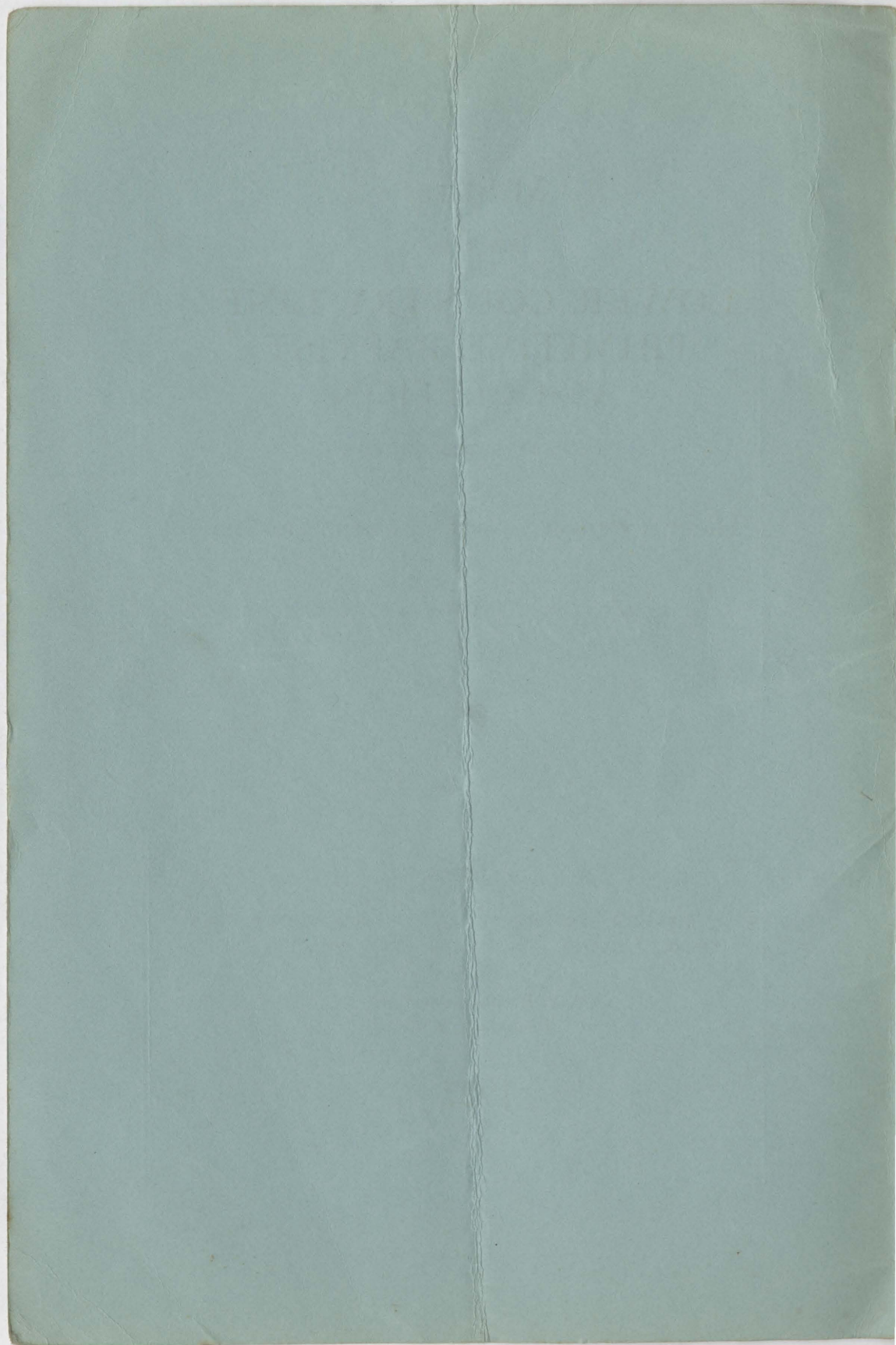
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PROCEEDINGS

SATURDAY MORNING JULY 16, 1927

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. A. Herndon from 1 Peter 2:7, 8 and 9. "Unto you therefore which believe he is precious" etc.

1. After an intermission of one and one half hours, the Messengers from the several Churches met in the meeting house, where the Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder N. H. Harrison from Kehukee Association, after which the Association proceeded to business.

On motion brother W. A. Warren was chosen Moderator, brother J. H. Gooch, Clerk, and brother C. T. Hall, Assistant Clerk.

2. Petitionary letters called for, none presented.

3. Messengers and visitors from sister Associations were invited to seats with us, whereupon, the following were received:

From Abbotts Creek, Elder H. S. Williams and brother C. B. Owens.

From Black Creek, Elders H. F. Hutchins and J. W. Wyatt, and brethren W. H. and J. D. Burch.

From Contentnea, brother H. L. Brake.

From Fishers River, Minutes.

From Kehukee, Elder N. H. Harrison and brethren H. L. Adcock and J. A. Ward.

From Little River, Elder E. C. Jones and brethren J. F. Adams, W. F. Young and J. P. Temple.

From Mayo Elders J. F. and D. V. Spangler, and brother J. Lewis.

From Mill Branch, Minutes.

From New River, Minutes.

From Salem, Elder C. A. Davis and brother Lee Smith.

From Smith's River, Minutes.

From Staunton River, brother J. H. Butcher.

From Upper Country Line, Elders B. F. McKinney, W. C. King and M. B. Martin, and brethren W. P. Warren, W. D.

Blalock and I. E. Neal.

From White Oak, Elder Isaac Jones.

From Zion, Minutes.

Elder J. M. Adams with file of minutes, from Oconee Association of Georgia.

Elder L. H. Hardy, from Hunting Quarter Church, of Atlantic, N. C.

Brother W. F. Adams, from Yellow River Association, Georgia.

4. The Messengers from Helena Church with the Moderator and Clerk were chosen a committee of arrangements, and brethren J. M. O'Briant and Lester Williford, a committee of finance.

5. Elders J. F. Spangler and H. F. Hutchins were appointed to preach at the stand this afternoon.

6. Letters from the several Churches were read and their standing recorded in the statistical table hereto annexed.

7. Circular letter called for, presented, and referred to the committee of arrangements.

8. On motion the Association adjourned to meet Monday morning July 18th, at 9:00 o'clock.

MONDAY MORNING JULY 18, 1927

The Association met according to arrangements, and after praise and prayer by Elder Isaac Jones from White Oak Association, proceeded to business.

9. The Committee of finance reported as follows:

Cash in the hands of the clerk from 1926.....	\$ 15.00
Received from the Churches.....	277.25
Received from Friends.....	23.45
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Total	\$315.70

EXPENDITURES

For printing Minutes and postage on same.....	\$ 50.00
For ice and water.....	32.83
Allowed clerk for his services.....	10.00
Given visiting Ministers.....	170.00
Given to home Ministers.....	30.00
Amount paid for incidental expenses labor, etc.....	12.00
Balance in hands of J. M. O'Briant chairman of Finance committee	10.87
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Total	\$315.70

The report received and the committee discharged.

10. The report of the committee of arrangements received and approved, and the committee discharged.

11. Messengers appointed to visit Associations at our last session, called upon to make their report.

Reports were satisfactory, those failing to attend were excused.

12. Circular letter, read and approved, and ordered to be recorded in our Minutes.

13. Messengers appointed to visit sister Associations as follows:

Abbotts Creek, Elder C. B. Hall and brother J. W. Terry.
Black Creek, Elder C. B. Hall.
Contentnea, Minutes.
Fishers River, Minutes.
Kehukee, Minutes.
Little River, Dr. H. E. Satterfield and J. D. Dupree.
Mayo, Minutes.
Mill Branch, Minutes.
New River, Minutes.
Salem, Brother J. W. Terry.
Seven Miles, brother J. D. Dupree.
Smith's River, Minutes.
Staunton River, Minutes.
Upper Country Line, W. A. Warren, J. H. Gooch and Dr. H. E. Satterfield.
White Oak, Dr. H. E. Satterfield.
Zion, Minutes.

14. As no brother from this Association has taken appointments to several of the associations with whom we correspond, and being desirous that we be represented by some personal representative sent direct by us, we hereby authorize and instruct Elders L. H. Hardy, Isaac Jones and B. F. McKinney, when no member of this Association is present, to represent us at any of the Associations with whom we correspond, that they may attend.

15. Brother J. M. O'briant was chosen to write the circular letter to be read at our next annual session.

16. Agreed that our next annual session be held with the Church at Stories Creek, five miles West of Roxboro, Person County, N. C. on Saturday before the third Sunday in July 1928 and continue three days, and that Elder C. B. Hall preach the introductory sermon and Elder J. J. Hall alternate.

17. Ordered that our clerk have one thousand minutes of our proceedings printed and distributed with the Churches and Associations with whom we correspond.

18. On account of the noisy, worldly crowd attending our Associations, and its interference with the solemnity of the worship, and knowing that some of our Churches prefer holding the sessions in the week, a motion was introduced by Elder C. B. Hall, and seconded by brother C. T. Hall, that in future the Church entertaining the Association be allowed the privilege of having the Association meet with them, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday before the Third Sunday in July, or on Saturday, Third Sunday and Monday as now held. The Messengers not knowing the wishes of their

Churches, the same was referred to the Churches, with request that their Messengers to our next Session be instructed to express their preference in the matter.

19. Believing that we have been blessed and favored by the presence of many able ministers of Christ (as we trust,) from different states, but all preaching the same glorious doctrine of salvation by grace for time and eternity given in Christ from the foundation of the world for his bride, (the Church): Therefore be it

Resolved. First, that we return thanks to God for this and all other blessings.

Second, that we extend to the brethren, sisters and friends of this Church and neighborhood, our thanks and appreciation for their many acts of kindness and generous hospitality in helping us entertain this Association. Especially do we wish to thank the Sheriff of Person County and his deputies for their presence in helping us maintain order, which has been as good as we could expect with such a vast crowd.

Also to Mr. J. Garland Chambers for lumber furnished for seats and stand, and all others who rendered any assistance in helping care for the Association.

Third, that this Association discountenances and forbids, any and all kinds of trading and trafficking, and any other misbehavior, on or near the Church grounds, when and where the same is being held, and will endeavor to punish such by special act of the General Assembly of North Carolina.

The above proceedings were read by the clerk, after which we adjourned to meet again at the time and place appointed for our next annual session.

W. A. WARREN, *Moderator*,
J. H. GOOCH, *Clerk*,
C. T. HALL, *Asst. Clerk*.

SERVICES

SATURDAY AFTERNOON JULY 16, 1927 2:00 O'CLOCK

Preaching at the stand by Elder J. F. Spangler, from 1 Cor. 15:12, 13, 14 and 15: "Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead" etc. closed by Elder H. F. Hutchins, from I Chron. 28:6: "And he said unto me, Solomon thy son, he shall build my house and my courts" etc.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON 5:00 O'CLOCK

Services again at the stand by Elder E. C. Jones from 2 Timothy 2:19: "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal," etc.

SATURDAY EVENING 8:00 O'CLOCK

Services at the stand by Elder J. M. Adams, from Psalms 90:1: "Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations."

SUNDAY MORNING 10:00 O'CLOCK JULY 17, 1927

Services at the stand by Elder N. H. Harrison, from Romans 8:28 and 29: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God," etc. closed by Elder Isaac Jones, from Romans 1:16: "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, 1:00 O'CLOCK

Services again at the stand by Elder H. S. Williams, from John 5:25-28: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming and now is," etc. followed by Elder L. H. Hardy from Heb. 8:9-13: "Not according to the covenant that I made with their Fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt," etc. closed by Elder D. V. Spangler, from Heb. 6:17-19: "Wherein God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel," etc.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON 5:00 O'CLOCK

Services at the stand by Elder C. A. Davis, from Luke 10:25: "And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

SUNDAY EVENING 8:00 O'CLOCK

Services at the stand by Elder J. W. Wyatt, from Isaiah 26:1: "In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah," etc.

MONDAY MORNING JULY 18, 1927 10:00 O'CLOCK

Services were opened at the stand by Elder B. F. McKinney, from Isaiah 53:5-9: "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities," etc. followed by Elder M. B. Martin, from Songs of Solomon 8:8: "We have a little sister," etc. Closed by Elder C. B. Hall, from Isaiah 40:1: "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, sayeth your God." After which we were dismissed by Elder L. H. Hardy.

The crowd was large, near twelve thousand attending on Sunday, the behavior as good as could be expected, the weather excellent except warm. We do not recall ever having more able preaching from the introductory sermon, to the close, entirely free from the conditional "do and live" system or any form of Arminianism, with perfect union and harmony, for which we desire to thank the God of heaven.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the Brethren and Sisters that may compose the Lower Country Line Association, now in session with the Church at Helena, Person County, North Carolina.

Dear Brethren: The time has come for me to address you according to your choice, yet I feel unworthy to comply with your request.

"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

Light came according to the word of God, and according to the purpose of God. He brought us into that light. God is not unrighteous to forget our work and labor of love, which we have showed towards his name. The woman spoken of in the scripture manifested that work and labor of love, when she was moved by faith to go to Christ, feeling confident she would be healed, thus showing her love for him, and receiving the grace that was treasured for her according to the will of God, and virtue in Christ. So God was not unrighteous to forget her work and labor of love. May God manifest love and grace in our hearts, that we may manifest that love towards each other, and show forth his praise. May the God of all grace work in our hearts "to will and to do of his good pleasure."

Trusting that you may bear with me in my imperfections, and throw the mantle of charity over me, and forgive me of all my trespasses, is the prayer of your unworthy brother I hope.

May God bless us all for Christ's sake.

(Elder) J. J. HALL,
Roxboro, N. C., Route 5.

DISTRIBUTIONS OF MINUTES TO ASSOCIATIONS

Abbotts Creek—A. L. Owens, Salisbury, N. C. Rt. 2.....	13
Black Creek—Elder Ernest Cobb, Wilson, N. C.....	18
Contentnea—H. L. Brake, Rocky Mount, N. C.....	25
Fishers River—Elder F. P. Stone, Francisco, N. C. Rt. 1....	30
Kehukey—Elder B. S. Cowin, Williamston, N. C.....	30
Little River—J. Willis Creech, Benson, N. C.....	20
Mayo—S. G. Dobyns, Claudville, Va.....	20
Mill Branch—C. W. Brown, Tabor, N. C.....	17
New River—Elder J. M. Dickerson, Floyd, Va.....	20
Salem—J. H. Mc. Kaughan, Kernersville, N. C.....	18
Smith's River—Elder Q. D. Weeks, Rt. 2, Willis, Va.....	18
Staunton River—Elder W. R. Dodd, Whitmell, Va.....	18
Upper Country Line—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C..	20
White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones, Maple Hill, N. C.....	22
Zion—H. F. Branscome, Fancy Gap, Va.....	20

ORDAINED MINISTERS IN LOWER COUNTRY LINE ASSOCIATION AND THEIR POSTOFFICES

Elder T. Y. Monk.....	Durham, N. C.
Elder J. J. Hall.....	Roxboro, N. C.
Elder J. A. Herndon.....	Durham, N. C.
Elder E. C. Oakes.....	Semora, N. C.
Elder C. B. Hall.....	Hillsboro, N. C., R. F. D.
Elder A. L. Holloway.....	Durham, N. C.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

We, the messengers of the several churches composing the Lower Country Line Association, agree, for the satisfaction of our brethren and friends, to publish an abstract of the principles of faith upon which we unite and will endeavor with the help of the Lord, to maintain.

1. We believe in the being of 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 character of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. 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 man. The same is comprehended or contained in the books of the Old and New Testament.

3. 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 unconditional on the creature's part.

4. We believe that when God made man he was good and upright, but by his own transgressions he fell from that good and upright state, and being the head representative of the whole human race, they being his natural offspring, he involved all of them in the same ruined state with himself, and they were part-takers of, and exposed to, the miseries which sprang from his disobedience.

5. We believe that it is utterly out of the power of man as a fallen creature to keep the law of God perfectly, or to truly repent of his sins, or believe in Christ, except he be drawn by the Holy Spirit.

6. We believe in God's own appointed time and way the elect will be called, justified, pardoned and sanctified, and that it is impossible that they can utterly refuse the call; but shall be willing by divine grace to receive mercy.

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

8. We believe that God's elect will be converted and born again by the effectual work of the Holy Spirit.

9. We believe that those who are called by grace and born again will persevere in holiness and never fall finally away.

10. We believe it to be a duty incumbent on all God's people to walk religiously in all God's 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 principal of love.

11. We believe baptism by immersion, and the Lord's supper are gospel ordinances, both belonging to the converted or true believer.

12. We believe that every church is independent in matters of discipline and that associations, councils and conferences of ministers or churches, are not to impose on the church, the keeping, holding or maintaining of any principal or practice contrary to the church's judgment.

13. We believe in the general resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and final judgment.

14. We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

15. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances unless called and comes under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

FORM OF GOVERNMENT

1. The association shall be composed of members chosen by the churches in the Lower Country Line Association, who shall be members supposed to be the best qualified for that purpose, and those producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment shall be entitled to seats in the association provided the church is in peace at the time appointment is made.

2. In the letters from the churches shall be expressed the number of members in full fellowship, the number received by experience and baptism, the number received by letter, the number dismissed by letter, and the number excommunicated, and the number of those who died since the last association was held.

3. Members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the United Primitive Baptist, known as the Lower Country Line Association, being composed of churches in the counties of Alamance, Durham, Granville and Person, North Carolina, and Halifax County, Va., which shall have no power to lord it over the churches composing it; nor shall it have any power over any church or infringe upon the rights of any church in the union.

4. The association when convened, shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

5. The association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by members composing it. The moderator to be chosen annually at each association; the clerk to continue in office during his pleasure, or the pleasure of the association.

6. New churches may be admitted into the union by a written petition presented by messengers with letter, and upon examination if found orthodox and orderly, it may be manifested by the moderator giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the association, but shall have only three messengers from each church.

8. Every query presented by any messenger in the association shall be read and before it shall be debated the moderator shall put it to a vote as to whether or not it shall be debated, and if a majority votes for debating, the query shall be debated, otherwise the query must be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made by any messenger which receives a second shall be considered by the association, unless it be withdrawn by the messenger offering it.

10. The association shall furnish the churches in the union with minutes of its proceedings.

11. We believe it to be absolutely necessary to have a fund for defraying the necessary expenses of the association, and recommend that each church composing it voluntarily contribute such sum as they think proper, and send by their messenger to the association, which money shall be placed in the hands of the clerk who shall account for the same, and pay it out as directed by the association.

12. The clerk shall have a book wherein shall be recorded the proceedings of each association, as well as a record of the dates of each association, and when associations are held at the different churches in the union, for which he shall receive a yearly compensation.

13. The association shall provide for the general union of churches, and shall preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the same. Shall give churches all necessary advice when called upon to do so; shall inquire into the cause of failure on the part of any church not represented at each association; shall appropriate the money contributed by the churches for association fund to any purpose it deems proper; may appoint any member or members by and with their consent to transact any business connected with the association; shall have power to withdraw from any church composing the union which violates the rules of the association or deviates from the orthodox principles of our faith.

14. Visiting brethren may be invited to assist in the association in every way except to vote.

15. Amendments may be made to this form of government at any time by a majority vote.

16. The minutes of the association shall be read and approved and signed by the Moderator and clerk before adjournment.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the moderator in beginning his speech.

3. Every brother speaking shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration and shall in no way reflect on any other brother.

4. No messenger shall absent himself from the association while in conference, without permission.

5. No messenger shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission from the association.

6. Messengers shall keep strict order while the business of the association is being transacted.

7. No messenger shall be interrupted while speaking unless he violates the rules of decorum.

8. No messenger shall address another in other term or appellation than the title of brother.

9. The names of the members composing the association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the association requires.

10. The moderator shall not speak on any question before the association until all the other messengers are through speaking, when he may give his views, after which any messenger having a right to speak, may reply to any new matter introduced by the moderator.

11. Any member who shall violate any rule of the association shall be dealt with by the association as it deems proper.

TABLE OF CHURCHES, CLERKS, POST OFFICES, TIMES OF MEETINGS, WHERE ASSOCIATIONS LAST HELD AND NUMBER OF MINUTES

Churches and Clerks	Postoffices	Pastors, Time of Meeting, Association last held, No. of Minutes
Camp Creek—E. M. Bowles	Durham, N. C.	Elder J. A. Herndon, 2nd Sunday and Saturday before 1914 22
Dutchville—Miss Bettie Green	Northside, N. C.	Elder J. A. Herndon, 4th Sunday and Saturday before 1920 25
Durham—M. G. Markham	Durham, N. C.	Elder C. B. Hall, 3rd Sunday and Saturday before 1912 100
Ebnezer—S. M. Pulliam	Leasburg, N. C.	Elder J. A. Herndon, 4th Sunday night
Eno—J. T. Rogers	Durham, N. C., Rt. 2	Elder A. L. Holloway, 1st Sunday night
Flat River—W. R. Blalock	Roxboro, N. C., Rt. 1	Elder E. C. Oakes, 1st Sunday and Saturday before 1924 18
Helena—L. J. Chandler	Timberlake, N. C., Rt. 1	Elder C. L. Woods, 4th Sunday and Saturday before 1918 20
Mebane—J. C. Corbitt	Corbett, N. C.	Elder A. L. Holloway, 4th Sunday and Saturday before 1916 40
Memorial—J. H. Gooch	Stem, N. C.	Elder J. J. Hall, 1st Sunday and Saturday before 1927 50
Mt. Lebanon—B. H. Hill	Durham, N. C., Rt. 2	Elder C. B. Hall, 1st Sunday and Saturday before 1925 25
Roxboro—F. D. Long	Virgilina, Va., Rt. 3	Elder B. F. McKinney, 1st Sunday and Saturday before 1926 20
Shiloh—R. D. Bailey	Roxboro, N. C., Rt. 3	No Pastor, 1st Sunday and Saturday before 1915 15
Stories Creek—W. D. Yarboro	Woodsdale, N. C.	* W. R. Monk, 2nd Sunday and Saturday before 1921 15
Surl—J. E. Dean	Roxboro, N. C.	Elder J. A. Herndon, 1st Sunday and Saturday before 1913 70
Tar River—D. T. Adcock	Moriah, N. C.	Elder J. A. Herndon, 3rd Sunday and Saturday before 1919 12
Wheeler—W. A. Warren	Hurdle Mills, N. C., RFD.	Elder J. J. Hall, 3rd Sunday and Saturday before 1911 30
		Elder J. J. Hall, 4th Sunday and Saturday before 1923 60
		Elder B. F. McKinney, 3rd Sunday and Saturday before 1922 22
		Elder J. J. Hall, 2nd Sunday and Saturday before 1917 80

*Licentiate

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Names of Messengers	Rec. by Baptism	Rec. by letter	Restored	Dis. by letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contributions
Camp Creek	E. M. Bowles, A. J. Hill and I. C. Chambers	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	\$ 6.75
Dutchville	Frank Wheeler, J. P. Beck and Lucius Perry	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	6.50
Durham	J. D. Dupree, M. G. Markham and B. J. Blalock	3	5	0	0	1	5	138	72.00
Ebenezer	Elder E. C. Oakes, S. M. Pulliam and H. C. Hackney	1	0	0	0	0	0	19	2.50
Eno	J. W. Ferrell, T. M. Carrigan and Robt. Y. Rigsbee	2	0	0	0	0	1	19	6.00
Flat River	W. R. Blalock, Davie Allen and W. A. Whitfield	0	1	0	1	0	1	37	13.10
Helena	J. M. Clayton, L. J. Chandler and Thomas Aiken	6	1	0	0	0	3	47	11.55
Mebane	Elder C. B. Hall, W. A. Hawkins and J. F. Hurst	3	0	0	0	1	0	25	22.00
Memorial	W. B. Horner, L. A. Bullock and J. H. Gooch	0	0	0	0	0	2	16	10.00
Mt. Lebanon	J. W. Terry, J. N. Horner and Bedford Hill	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	7.50
Mt. Zion	C. C. Hite, J. E. Davis and R. C. Overby	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	2.50
Roxboro	Dr. H. E. Satterfield, J. M. O'Brian and F. D. Long	2	1	0	0	0	1	55	45.50
Shiloh	C. T. Hall, S. F. Harris and R. D. Bailey	1	0	0	0	0	0	10	10.00
Stories Creek	W. D. Yarboro, Ed. Clayton and Alpheus Clayton	0	2	0	0	0	1	27	6.00
Surl	John Peed, Grover Pulliam and J. E. Dean	2	0	0	0	0	0	59	10.50
Tar River	Lester Williford, Frank Dean and D. T. Adcock	0	0	0	0	0	2	18	10.00
Wheeters	G. P. Allen, R. T. Bowes and W. A. Warren	0	0	0	2	0	3	78	34.85
		21	10	0	4	2	21	612	277.25

