

MINUTES

—OF THE—

COUNTRY LINE

**Primitive Baptist Association**

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

**BUSH ARBOR,**

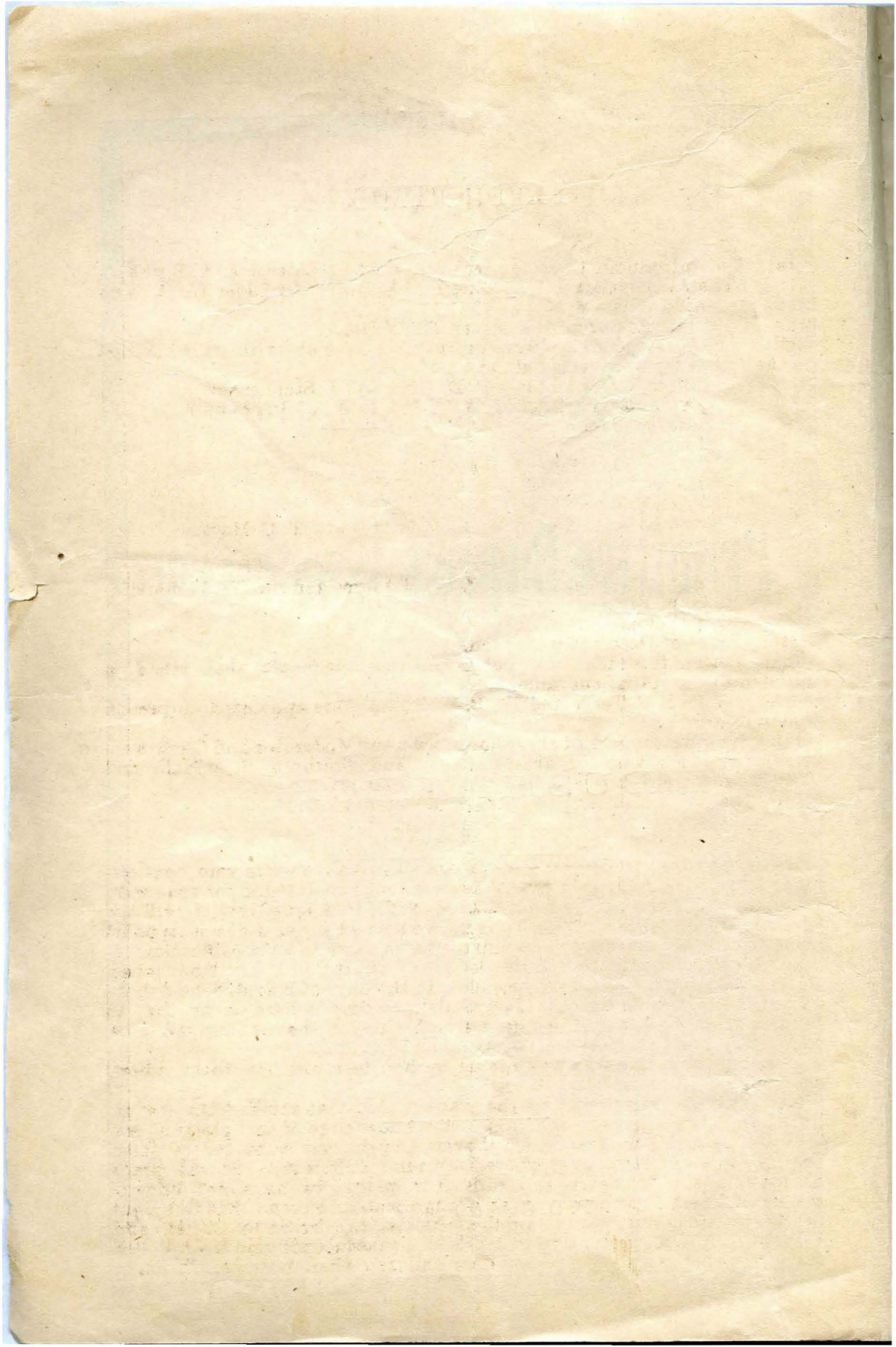
CASWELL COUNTY, N. C.

—ON—

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## PROCEEDINGS.

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- 1st. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Jas. A. Burch.
- 2nd. The Association convened, and after prayer by Elder W. B. Williams proceeded to business.
- 3rd. Elder Jas. A. Burch was chosen Moderator.
- 4th. The correspondence were invited to take seats with us, whereupon the following were received:
  - From Black Creek: Elders P. D. Gold, W. J. Stephenson.
  - “ Little River: Elders J. A. T. Jones, W. J. Stephenson.
  - “ Fisher River—
  - “ Pigg River—
  - “ White Oak: Elder I. Jones.
  - “ Mayo—
  - “ Eno: Elder S. P. Terry.
  - “ Contentnea: Elders W. B. Williams and T. C. Hart.
  - “ Staunton River—
  - “ Yellow River—
  - “ Abbott's Creek: Elder P. W. Williams and Bro. W. L. Bouldin.
  - “ New River—
  - “ Kehukee—
- 5th. Rules of Decorum were read.
- 6th. Letters from the several churches were read; and their standing minuted in the statistical table.
- 7th. Elders S. P. Terry and W. B. Williams were appointed to preach to-day (Saturday.)
- 8th. The Messengers of this church with the Moderator and Clerk were chosen a committee of arrangement, and brethren S. J. Hall and J. H. Combs were chosen a committee of finance.
- 9th. The circular letter was read and received.

### CIRCULAR LETTER.

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST. As you appointed me to write your next circular letter to be read at our next Association, appointed to convene with the church at Arbor, in Caswell county, N. C., in August 1902, I will try to comply with your request; though I wonder why you did not appoint some worthy brother that could have written more to your edification.

I will call your attention to the Scripture; Matt., ii; 1, 2, “Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of Herod, behold there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem saying: where is he that is born King of the Jews, for we have seen his star in the east and are come to worship him.”

Dear brethren, this star was a lamp to their feet, and led them where the young child was.

Methinks this star prefigures the grace of God that shines from heaven unto our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glorious Son of God. “And lo, the star which they saw in the east went before them until it came and stood over where the young child was.” So the grace of God shines in our hearts and leads us in paths we have not known, makes darkness light before us, and rough places smooth. But this light or the star stood over Jesus. So the wise men are drawn to Christ, and they worship him, presenting gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh, setting forth all the praises of God's dear children when drawn to Christ.

Thus we see this child Jesus is born a king, and reigns a king and has power on earth to forgive us our sins. He healed all our diseases. He dies for our offences, rises again for our justification, and is set down at his Father's right hand, and says, "I am he that once was dead, but am alive for evermore. I hold the keys of hell and death. I open and none can shut, work and none can hinder." Thus we desire to join in with the wise men, and with all the saints of God and with all the angels of God in praising Him who is the King of kings and Lord of lords. For He has done great things for us whereof we are glad.

So the love of God constrains us to assemble together to talk of His goodness and speak of His power. The wise men said, we have come to worship him; Oh great Jehovah! Thou mighty God! grant that we may have Thy spirit to worship Thee within this vale of tears, and when our faltering tongues shall cease to speak and we breathe on earth no more, may we sing sweetly around Thy throne, and may Christ be our song. So we love to meet together and hear the wonderful salvation of Jesus preached unto us by our brethren. So I believe our Association will continue until the last child of God be washed in the Redeemer's blood: and when time is to be no longer, then all of God's elect will be gathered from the four winds of heaven, from the east and west, north and south, to sit down with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of God. Then we shall meet and no more part, and heaven shall ring with praises and every note and every heart shall tune the song free grace. Then we shall ever be together, and join in one harmonious song with all the angels and harps of heaven in praising Father, Son and Holy Ghost world without end. Amen.

Your unworthy brother,

B. B. MCKINNY.

10th. Adjourned the business of the Association until Monday morning at 9 o'clock:

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SUNDAY MORNING, 10 O'CLOCK

11th. Elder P. D. Gold opened the morning service from John 10:27-30 and Elder J. A. T. Jones closed from I. John iii.1, 2 and Elder P. W. - Williard opened the evening service from Num. xvi.48, which was closed by Elder I. Jones from Psalms lxxxix 15.

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MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

12th. The Association met according to adjournment, and after prayer by Elder S. P. Terry proceeded to business.

13th. The committee of arrangements and finance reported and their reports were received, and the committees discharged.

14th. Messengers were appointed to visit sister Associations as follows:

To Mayo, Elder James A Burch and Brethren T. F. Ward and B. B. McKinny.

To Kehukee, Elder James A. Burch.

To Little River, Elders L. H. Hardy, J. A. Burch, F. L. Oakly and W. C. Jones.

To Contentnea, Elder James A. Burch.

To Staunton River, Elder J. A. Burch and Brothers B. B. McKinney and C. A. Howard.

To White Oak, Elder J. A. Burch and Bros. John. O'Brient, D. R. Clayton.

To Black Creek, Elder Jas. A. Burch.

To Abbotts Creek, Bros. J. S. Ward and A. J. Tillman.

To Fisher's River, Elder Jas. A. Burch.

To Pigg River, Bro. W. J. Dix.

To Eno, Elder L. H. Hardy.

15th, Elders F. L. Oakley, W. C. Jones and J. A. Burch were chosen to attend a section meeting at Flat River, commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in April 1903 and to continue three days and Elders L. H. Hardy, F. L. Oakley and Jas. A. Burch were appointed to attend another at Country Line meeting house, commencing on Friday before the 1st Sunday in April 1903.

16th Elder A. Blalock was requested to write a circular letter to be read at the next Association on Saturday.

17th. The Finance Committee reported as follows:

Received from the churches .....	\$27 15	
Already in hands of the Clerk.....	4 37	\$31 52
Clerk's fee.....	\$10 00	
For printing of the minutes.....	16 00	\$26 00
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Balance in the hands of the Clerk.....	\$5 52	

The following Elders preached after 9 o'clock Monday, W. J. Stephenson T. C. Hart and P. D. Gold.

18th. Agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Big Meadows in Chatham County, N. C., commencing on Saturday before the third Sunday in August, 1903. Elder A. Blalock was chosen to preach the introductory sermon, Elder F. L. Oakley his alternate

JAMES A. BURCH, Moderator.

C. A. HOWARD, Clerk.

The church at Pleasant Grove petitions for a Presbytery to inquire for and examine the qualifications of Bro. B. B. McKinny and if found orthodox set him apart to the full work of the Ministry. On motion the matter was referred back to the church to act for herself and that in future each church act for herself in matters of this kind without referring the matter to the Association.

Resolved, That we extend to the neighborhood our thanks for the kind and faithful manner in which they have entertained us during our stay with them and to the Sheriff of Caswell County for his faithful service in preserving order so that our worship has not been disturbed during the meeting.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICES.	
Arbor.....	J E Simmons.....	Milesvile,	N. C.
Big Meadow.....	Eli Buckner.....	Gravel Springs,	"
Camp Creek.....	H Blalock.....	Lyndover,	"
Country Line.....	T H Rudd.....	Fitch,	"
McCray.....	Johnathan Brooks.....	McRay,	"
Dan River.....	T F Ward.....	Mayfield,	"
Ebenezer.....	Elder J W Peed.....	Surl,	"
Flat River.....	W R Blalock.....	Roseville,	"
Gilliams.....	J W Gilliam.....	Morton's Store,	"
Harmony.....	Elder S P Terry.....	South Lowell,	"
Lynch's Creek.....	W R Hawkins.....	Carr,	"
Lick Fork.....	C J Terry.....	Reidsville,	"
Mount Zion.....	H F Wilkins.....	Red Bank,	Va.
Moon's Creek.....	J R Travis.....	Gatewood,	N. C.
Prospect Hill.....	Dr J R Hester.....	Prospect, Hill	"
Pleasant Grove.....	T A Stanfield.....	Lenox Castle,	"
Roxboro.....	G T Burch.....	Roxboro.	"
Stories Creek.....	J A B Walters.....	Roxboro,	"
Surl.....	J K Duncan.....	Surl,	"
Tar River.....	R L Newton.....	Berea,	"
Wheelers.....	John L Phelps.....	Bushy Fork,	"
Wolf Island.....	R T Williams.....	Reidsville,	"
Burlington.....	J S Ward.....	Burlington,	"

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Baptized.	Received by Letter	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded.	Deceased.	No. Fellowship.	Contributions.
Arbor.....	Elder Y I Chaudler, Brethren J E Simmons and S T Simmons .....				1		5	68	\$ 1 25
Big Meadow.....	Elder W C Jones, Brethren J F Buckner and Levi Haith.....						1	21	1 00
Burlington.....	Brethren A J Tillman and J S Ward.....							7	75
Camp Creek.....	Elder A Blalock, Brethren J H Gooch and W J Chambers.....	3	1	1				50	1 50
Country Line.....	Brethren T H Rudd and Thomas Dabs.....						1	15	50
McCray.....	Brethren Jonathan Brooks and Robert Neathery.....						1	11	
Dan River.....	Brethren J T Martin, W G Dix and T F Ward.....	1	1			1		32	1 00
Ebenezer.....								14	
Flat River.....	Brethren D A Hicks, J D Burch and W R Blalock.....	9			1		1	61	1 50
Gillia ms.....	Elder F L Oakley, Brethren W T Bowles and John W Gilliam.....							16	75
Harmony.....								16	
Lynch's Creek.....	Brethren W R Hawkins and William Warren.....							17	90
Lick Fork.....	Elder L H Hardy, Brethren C J Terry and C A Howard.....	2			1		3	73	2 50
Mount Zion.....	George B. Hite and H F Wilkins.....					1	1	9	50
Moon's Creek.....	Brethren J R Travis and J W Neal.....			2		1	2	16	75
Prospect Hill.....	Brethren S J Hall, W D Blalock and John Riggs.....	1					3	41	1 25
Pleasant Grove.....	Brethren J H Combs, B B McKinney and T A Stanfield.....						1	37	1 50
Roxboro.....	Brethren J A Carver, J J Perkins and G T Burch.....	6	2	1	4			38	1 50
Stories Creek.....	Brethren J H Clayton, John O'Briant and J A B Walters.....	2			1			29	1 25
Surl.....	Elder J W Peed, Brethren D R Clayton and John S Clayton .....	2			1			45	2 00
Tar River.....	Brethren R L Newton and C L Wood.....						1	25	75
Wheeler's.....	Elder James A Burch, Brethren W A Warren and A V Moore.....	4						88	2 00
Wolf Island.....	Brethren G W Carter, G. M Trent and R T Williams.....	3					1	71	2 00
Total.....		33	6	2	9	3	21	850	\$25 15

