

MINUTES

OF THE

DELAWARE \* OLD \* SCHOOL \* BAPTIST  
ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

SALEM CHURCH,

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,

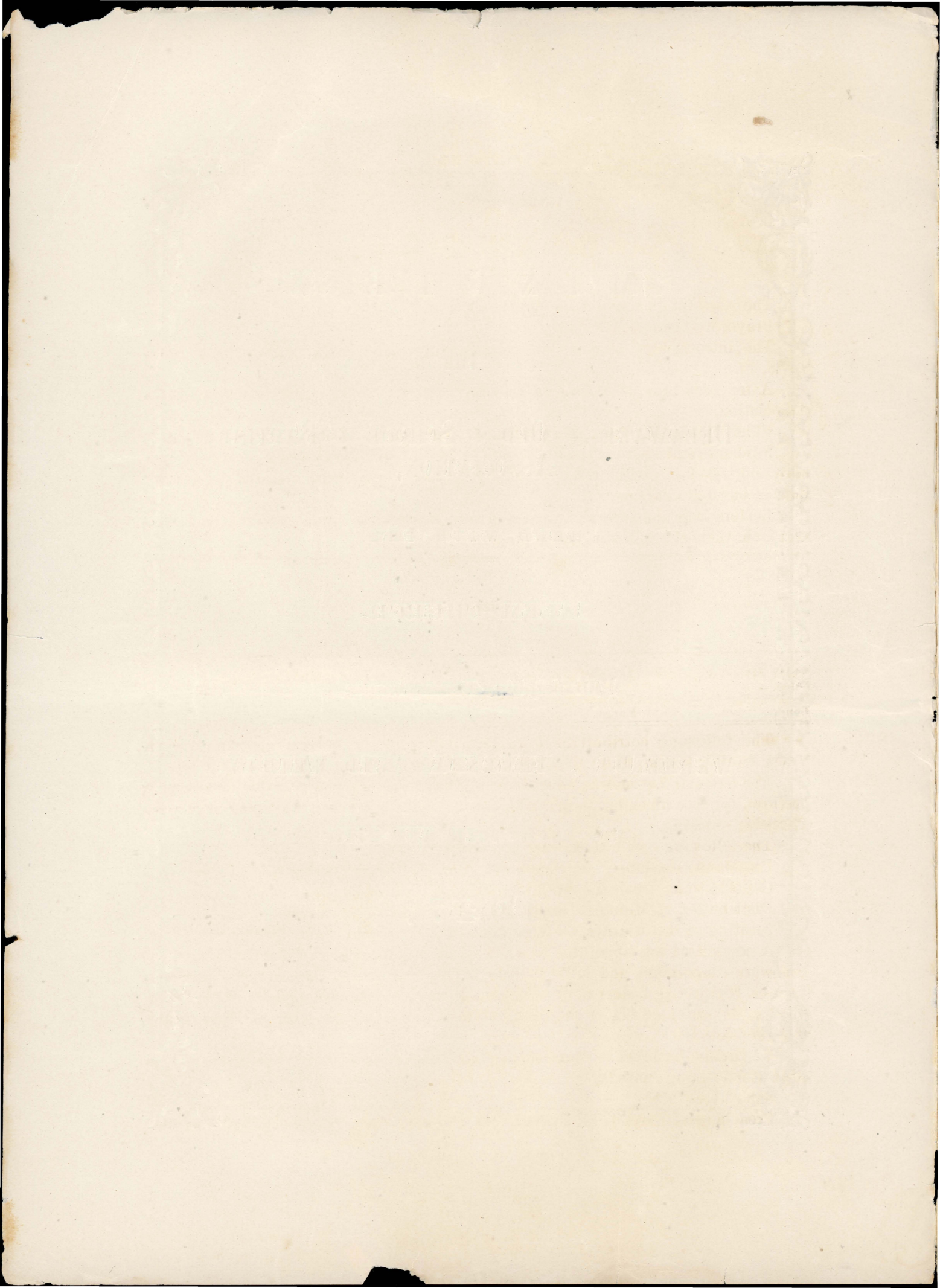
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY,

MAY 25TH, 26TH AND 27TH,

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# M I N U T E S .

WEDNESDAY, May 25, 1927.

The Association convened at 11 o'clock a. m.

Prayer by Elder L. H. Hardy.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder L. H. Hardy, text, Matt. xi. 28, 29.

After preaching, the Association organized for the general business of the Association.

Elder Charles W. Vaughn was elected Moderator and John B. Miller Clerk.

Ministers and visiting brethren from churches and associations in correspondence and fellowship with us were cordially invited to seats with us, and to participate in our deliberations.

Letters from the several churches in our Association were received and read, and from them the following table prepared :

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS' NAMES.	Dis. by letter.	Died	Members
Welsh Tract .....	Elder H. H. Lefferts, Deacon P. M. Sherwood, brother J. B. Miller .....		1	10
Salem .....	Elder Charles W. Vaughn, Deacon John S. Yerkes .....	1		17
Rock Springs .....	Sister Margaret Moon, sister Jackson .....			8
London Tract .....	Sister Margaret Cabbage .....			1

The following cotributions were received from the several churches: Welsh Tract, \$40.00; Salem, \$7.00; Rock Springs, \$12.00; London Tract, \$4.00.

The Circular Letter was referred to a committee composed of the ministering brethren for recommendation and adoption to this Association, the report to be made Thursday morning.

The following committees were appointed :

Preaching, Deacons P. M. Sherwood, John S. Yerkes, brother J. B. Miller.

Contributions, Deacon John S. Yerkes, J. B. Miller.

Distribution of Minutes, Deacon P. M. Sherwood, J. B. Miller.

Printing of the Minutes, Ordered done by J. E. Beebe & Co., Middletown, N. Y.

A committee was appointed to write a memorial on Elders John G. Eubanks, of Delaware Association, and J. B. Slauson, of the Particular Covenanted Church of Canada, comprising Elders C. W. Vaughn, H. H. Lefferts and Deacon P. M. Sherwood to be presented before the Association Thursday morning for recommendation and adoption.

No further business to transact, the business session adjourned at 12:10 p. m. to meet at 9:30 a. m. Thursday.

Sang hymn 178.

Preaching by Elder T. W. Walker, text, Psalms xxv. 14. (12:15 p. m. to 12:25 p. m.)

Preaching by Elder H. H. Lefferts, text, read the third chapter of second Corinthians. (12:30 p. m.)

Adjourned 1:10 p. m. Sang hymn 142. Luncheon.

Afternoon session convened at 1:45 p. m.

Sang hymn 188.

Preaching by Elder H. O. Nash, text, Mark viii. 24, 25.

Sang hymn 575.

Preaching by Elder J. M. Adams, text, 1 John iii.

Adjourned at 4:10 p. m. Sang hymn 609.

THURSDAY, May 26, 1927.

Business session continued from Wednesday, convened at 10 o'clock a. m.

The committee on Circular Letter recommended the reception of the Letter to this Association and the adoption of the same, which was ordered by unanimous vote of the Association.

The Circular Letter for next year was considered, and a motion made and seconded that Elder H. H. Lefferts write the same for this Association.

The Corresponding Letter for this year was considered, and upon motion, it was the unanimous voice of the Association that Deacon P. M. Sherwood write the Letter for the Association.

The report of the Memorial Committee was deferred until Friday morning.

Communications received from sister associations as follows:

Baltimore—Minutes. Brother J. L. Thompson.

Salisbury—Minutes. Elders H. C. Ker, C. W. Vaughn, brethren Wm. S. Bond and J. B. Miller.

Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes. Elders H. C. Ker, C. W. Vaughn, H. H. Lefferts, Deacon John Oliver.

Delaware River—Minutes. Elders C. W. Vaughn, H. C. Ker, Deacons David M. Blackwell, Wm. S. Bond, David M. Voorhees, brethren F. S. Terry, Wm. Hobensack, Oliver Kugler, Geo. M. Connor.

Warwick—Minutes. Elders T. W. Walker, H. C. Ker, C. W. Vaughn, brethren David M. Voorhees and Geo. M. Connor.

Lexington-Roxbury—Minutes. Elders T. W. Walker, H. H. Lefferts.

Maine—Minutes.

Kehukee—Minutes.

Black Creek—No representation.

Contentnea—Minutes.

Yellow River—Elders L. H. Hardy, J. M. Adams and H. O. Nash.

The Particular Covenanted Church of Canada—Elder C. W. Vaughn and the "Signs of the Times."

Direct Correspondence between Delaware Association and Oconee Association of Georgia was herewith opened, heretofore being represented by visitors, and Elder James M. Adams being present, and being a member of the said Association, was received by acclamation, who also presented a Minute of the Oconee Association.

Welsh Tract Church having recently called Elder H. H. Lefferts as pastor, after

such announcement being made by Deacon P. M. Sherwood, he was gladly and unanimously received as a member of this Association, as was also Elder C. W. Vaughn, in the same manner, as pastor of Salem Church.

Visitors received: Elder L. H. Hardy, Hunting Quarters Church, North Carolina, Elder T. W. Walker, Staunton River Association.

On motion, agreed that any member of this Association, or any brother whose name appears on our Minutes as a messenger, be authorized to act as our messenger to any of the associations with which we correspond.

On motion, the next session of this Association was appointed to be held with the Welsh Tract Church, Newark, Delaware, usual time, in May, 1928.

No other business, this meeting adjourned until 9:30 a. m. Friday. Sang hymn 670. (10:15 a. m.)

Preaching at 10:20 a. m. by Elder L. H. Hardy, text, John vi. 37-39.

Preaching at 10:50 a. m. by Elder H. C. Ker, text, Eccl. vii. 1, first clause.

Preaching at 11:30 a. m. by Elder T. W. Walker, text, Matt. viii. 18-22.

Sang hymn 631.

Adjourned for social association and luncheon at 12:10 p. m. Doxology.

Afternoon session convened at 2:30 p. m.

Preaching by Elder H. H. Lefferts, text, Matt. xxv. 14-30.

Preaching by Elder H. O. Nash. No text.

Preaching by Elder C. W. Vaughn. No text.

Adjourned at 4:45 p. m.

FRIDAY, May 27, 1927.

Business meeting convened at 10 a. m. Singing.

Prayer by Elder James M. Adams.

Committee on distribution of Minutes reported work completed.

The Corresponding Letter was read, received and adopted.

The Memorial committee reported their work completed, and the Memorial prepared by them on Elders John G. Eubanks and J. B. Slauson was read by the Chairman to the Association. It was received and adopted, and ordered spread upon the Minutes of this Association.

The yearly meeting appointments were as follows:

The afternoon of the third Saturday, and all day the following Sunday, in October, at the Welsh Tract Church, Newark, Delaware.

The Minutes of this Association were read and adopted.

All business of this Association being concluded, on motion, adjourned to meet with the Welsh Tract Church, at Newark, Delaware, in May, 1928, the Lord willing.

Adjournment at 10:30 a. m. Sang hymn 413.

Preaching by licentiate Deacon Wm. S. Bond, text, Luke x. 25. (10:35 a. m. to 11:40 a. m.)

A conference meeting began at 11:45 a. m. and the Moderator called upon the following preachers and brethren for a short talk from each: Elders L. H. Hardy, James M. Adams, T. W. Walker, H. H. Lefferts, H. O. Nash, Deacons John Oliver, P. M. Sherwood, brethren Franklin S. Terry, Wm. Hobensack, Deacon John S.

Yerkes, brother George M. Connor, who all spoke feelingly and comfortably to all present, and it was as the oil that David rejoiced in when he said, Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over. It made us feel and to exclaim with David, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard; that went down to the skirts of his garments." When that "oil," the Holy Spirit permeates us as it did this day, we can say with Jacob, "Surely the Lord is in this place." The general summary of the whole meeting, preached so beautifully by brother C. W. Vaughn, thus ending a pleasant and profitable Association, makes me to remember the words of Newton, a sinner saved by grace,

" May the grace of Christ, our Savior,  
And the Father's boundless love,  
With the Holy Spirit's favor,  
Rest upon us from above.  
Thus may we abide in union  
With each other and the Lord,  
And possess, in sweet communion,  
Joys which earth cannot afford."

After singing several hymns, which was evidence of the presence of the Spirit of Christ, for all desired a hymn of their choice, which nothing short of the Spirit could cause this demonstration of power in their hearts, the meeting was finally adjourned by benediction.

CHARLES W. VAUGHN, Moderator.

JOHN B. MILLER, Clerk.

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### MEMORIALS

WHEREAS, it has pleased our sovereign God in his all-wise providence to remove from their labors in his vineyard our very dear and highly esteemed brethren, **Elders John G. Eubanks and J. B. Slauson**, and

Whereas, these brethren were faithful and able ministers of the New Testament, standing firmly at all times for the faith of God's elect and for the good order of his house, therefore be it

Resolved, that this Association extend its sincere love and sympathy to the churches which our brethren served as pastors, and to all who are bereaved, and that we bow in humble submission to the will of our heavenly Father, praying him to give us grace to stand as faithfully in our lot as they.

H. H. LEFFERTS.  
C. W. VAUGHN.  
P. M. SHERWOOD.

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## CIRCULAR LETTER.

*The Delaware Old School Baptist Association, now in session with the Salem Church of Philadelphia, Pa., May 25th, 26th and 27th, 1927, to the churches composing the same, sendeth greetings.*

DEAR BRETHREN:—Once more we have the blessing of meeting in a yearly association, coming together to worship the true and living God, whom to know is life eternal. In presenting some parts of the Scriptures and a few thoughts as an attempt to write a Circular Letter, I hope I do it in fear and love of our God through Jesus Christ, for only as the Spirit of Christ is in us do we know the things of God, which things come to us by revelation. That this is so, is plainly and frequently set forth in the Scriptures. Very forcibly this appears to us when the apostles were asked by the Savior whom they said he was. Peter, answering for the apostles, said he was the Christ, the Son of the living God. The Savior told him that flesh and blood had not revealed it to him, but the Father, who is in heaven, and so it is with us, only as we see Christ as Peter saw him can we enter into the knowledge of the glory of God, whom to know is life eternal. Paul in writing to the church in Corinth, said, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God." This is the way the children of God know the heavenly things, which are freely given them of God by the Spirit that dwelleth in them. Paul, in another letter, said the gospel preached of me is not after man, for I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the

revelation of Jesus Christ. He also says, When it pleased God to reveal his Son in me, immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood. And from that time on he preached Christ, whom he once persecuted. Only when all our confidence in self and in the power of man has been destroyed does God give his children faith to trust in him. They are accepted in Christ and walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. What a great comfort it is to know that our destiny is in the hands of God, who is almighty, who rules in the army of heaven and among the inhabitants of earth and none can stay his hand. There is no power but of God. He leads his people and instructs them. The Lord knoweth them that are his. "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me," and to them Jesus says, "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." He called them a little flock. As in those days so it is to-day. They are few in number and scattered. The great multitude of the world know not God, nor his Son, because, as the Scripture says, the carnal mind is enmity against God; is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him, neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But concerning his own peculiar people says the Lord, I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts; and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people. I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me. To them there is no more comforting truth than that their eternal destiny is not affected by what

they do, or not do, while here on earth. Their works can never save them. Christ did it all. He saved his children and enabled them to walk in the straight and narrow path, in the strength of the Lord. When not knowing whether to turn to the right or to the left they hear the blessed voice from behind, saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it." They walk in

Christ and abide in him, because they were created in him. This is the way the vulture's eye hath not seen, nor the lion's whelp trodden.

May the Lord bless his children in all conditions of life and grant them grace to serve him acceptably.

CHARLES W. VAUGHN, Mod.

JOHN B. MILLER, Clerk.

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CORRESPONDING LETTER.

*The Delaware Old School Baptist Association, in session with the Salem Church, May 25th, 26th and 27th, 1927, to our sister associations and churches, with whom we correspond.*

DEAR BRETHREN:—The Lord has greatly favored us again with an enjoyable meeting with your ministers and messengers in an associate capacity, and the preaching has been with much power, to the comfort of those who were present and love the pure gospel of the Son of God. We ask a continuance of your correspondence, and as messengers and min-

isters those commendable and in gospel order in striving for peace and harmony.

In addition, we are glad to report we have received the Oconee Association as a body into our Delaware Association, and have opened direct correspondence with them beginning with this meeting.

The next session of the Association is appointed to be held with the Welsh Tract Church, Newark, Delaware, in May, 1928.

C. W. VAUGHN, Mod.

JOHN B. MILLER, Clerk.