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## PROCEEDINGS.

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The introductory sermon was preached by Elder P. W. Williard, of the Salem Primitive Baptist Association from Hebrews 10:9.

After a short intermission the Association came together and was organized by appointing Elder S. Hassell, Moderator and Elder 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 and Clerk and Brethren H. D. Jenkins and B. A. House.

On Finance, B. I. Allsbrook and J. C. Robertson.

Elders Hart, Corbitt and Stokes preached at the stand today.

Letters 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—Elder E. E. Lundy and Minutes.

Contentnea—Frank Brown and Others and Minutes.

Upper Country Line—Elder L. H. Hardy, Bro. J. W. Gilliam and Minutes.

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

Black Creek—Elder P. D. Gold.

Little River—Minutes.

Baltimore—Elder J. T. Rowe and Minutes.

Senter District—Minutes.

Mayo—Minutes.

Mountain District—Minutes.

Mill Branch—Minutes.

Upatoie—Minutes.

New River—Minutes.

Corresponding, Va.—Minutes.

Abbotts Creek—Minutes.

Warwick—Minutes.

Salisbury—Minutes.

Delaware—Elder J. T. Rowe and Minutes.

Delaware River—Elder J. T. Rowe and Minutes.  
Seven Mile—Minutes.  
Salem—Elder Williard and Minutes.  
Etcheconne—Minutes.  
Stanton River—Minutes.  
Fishers River—Minutes.  
Primitive Ebenezer—Minutes.  
Brother Levi T. Harris was present from the church  
at Greensboro.  
Petitionary Letters called for, none received.  
Bro. Justus Everett was appointed to write the Corresponding Letter.  
Resolved that our next Association be held with the church at Norfolk, Va., and Elder S. Hassel preach the introductory sermon and that Elder M. T. Lawrence be his alternate, worship to begin at 11 o'clock. Then adjourned to meet again at nine o'clock Monday A. M., worship to begin at 10 o'clock tomorrow.

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1911.**

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Elder L. H. Hardy introduced the services with singing and prayer and preached from Ephesians 2:18-22 inclusive.  
Elder J. T. Rowe followed from John 17:1-3.  
Elder P. D. Gold from John 17:24-26.  
The preaching was sound and able and may the divine blessing follow.

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**MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1911.**

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The Association met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer and praise by Elder E. E. Lundy and proceeded to business.

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

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

The committee on Finance reported as follows:

In hand of Clerk at close of last Association                      \$66.65

Paid for printing minutes and postage	\$32.50	
Clerk's Fees	\$15.00	
	<u>\$47.50</u>	<u>          </u>
Leaving a balance of		\$19.15
Received from churches this time		\$50.60
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In hand of Clerk at close of this Association		\$68.55

Report received and Committee discharged.  
The following brethren agreed to visit sister Associations  
as Messengers:

- Upper Country Line—Minutes.
- Lower Country Line—J. C. Andrews and Minutes.
- Baltimore—Minutes.
- Contentnea—Elders Hassell, Lawrence, Meads and J. C. Robertson and W. H. Daniel.
- White Oak—Minutes.
- Black Creek—I. W. Bass and Jesse Brake.
- Abbott's Creek—Minutes.
- Little River—Justus Everett and 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, Etcheconne, Primitive Ebenezer, Sener District, New River, Salem by Minutes.

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

Elder S. Hassell was appointed to write an obituary of Elder G. D. Roberson and Elder Charles Meads of Elder John Meads and brother W. H. Daniel of brother W. H. Peal deceased.

It is agreed that any member of this Association being present at any of the Associations with whom we correspond be authorized to represent this Association.

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

Resolved, 2nd. 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 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 worship incorporated and protected against lawlessness.

It was ordered that the clerk have five hundred Association Letters printed in proper form and distributed to the different churches with the minutes.

Agreed that our clerk have 2,500 copies of these minutes printed and distributed among the churches and Associations with whom we correspond and that he record a copy on our records and that he be allowed \$15.00 for his services.

There being no other business before the body it adjourned to the time and place appointed with singing and benediction by the Moderator.

M. T. LAWRENCE, Clerk.

S. HASSELL,  
Moderator.

J. C. MOORE, W. H. DANIEL, Asst. Clerks.

#### **LIST OF MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESS.**

- Elder J. I. Ambrose—Cresswell, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2.  
Elder J. C. Moore, Whitakers, N. C.  
Elder C. G. Dowdy, Harginger, N. C.  
Elder N. H. Harrison, Plymouth, N. C.  
Elder Sylvester Hassell, Williamston, N. C.  
Elder J. W. Johnson, Whitakers, N. C.  
Elder M. T. Lawrence, Robersonville, N. C.  
\* M. D. Twiford, East Lake, N. C.  
Elder L. J. Deberry, Bath, N. C.  
Elder Me. P. Smith, Robersonville, N. C.  
Elder G. W. Abrams, Nashville, N. C.  
\* H. D. Jenkins, Robersonville, N. C.  
Elder Charles Meads, Weeksville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1.  
Elder W. F. Staton, Scotland Neck, N. C.  
Elder W. B. Strickland, Scotland Neck, N. C.  
Elder D. W. Topping, Pantego, N. C.  
Elder A. D. Mizell, Jamesville, N. C.  
Elder J. N. Rogerson, Williamston, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2.  
Elder A. L. Harrison, Plymouth, N. C.  
Elder A. J. Moore, Whitakers, N. C.  
Elder John A. Shaw, Elizabeth City, N. C.

Elder B. S. Cowan, Williamston, N. C.  
\* J. W. Atkins, Heathville, N. C.  
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### CORRESPONDING LETTER.

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The 146th Annual Session of the Kehukee Primitive Baptist Association now in session with the church at Flat Swamp, Martin County, N. C., to the Associations with whom she corresponds, sendeth greeting:

Dear Brethren:—We are now enjoying the presence of the many Messengers and Brethren and Sisters who have met with us in our association capacity. It has thus far been a pleasant session with us. Our churches heard from have all reported themselves in peace, and though not very prosperous are holding on their way and contending for the faith of Jesus the Apostles and Prophets unmoved by the new and disturbing innovations troubling our beloved Zion in some sections. The precious heralds of the cross who have come among us, have come laden with the good news of full and complete redemption and salvation through the electing love of the Father, the redeeming love of the Son and the quickening and sanctifying love of the Holy Spirit alone. We have had pleasant weather, a great gathering and much interest in the preached word. The next session of our body is appointed to be held with the church in Norfolk, Va., where we hope to have your presence and receive your messages of correspondence and love.

S. HASSELL, Moderator.

M. T. LAWRENCE, Clerk.

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### LIST OF CLERKS TO BE ATTACHED TO THE MINUTES

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By oversight part of the list of churches and clerks of the Kehukee Association was omitted in the minutes. It appears as follows:

Bath Creek—L. J. DeBerry, Bath, N. C., Bear Grass—J. H. D. Peal, Williamston, N. C., Bethlehem, (Tyrrell)—C. H. Davenport, Columbia, N. C., R. F. D. No 1, Bethlehem—Pasquotank—W. H. Keaton, Elizabeth City, N. C., Beulah—J. W. Lupton, Scranton, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1, Briery Swamp—G. N. Warren, Whichard, N. C., Conetoe—D. W. Cobb, Tar-

boro, 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 Roads—Wm. H. Ward, Bethel, N. C., Cypress Grove—B. K. Davis, Leachville, N. C., Deep Creek—J. N. Phelps, Scotland Neck, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2, Elim—H. W. Scarboro, Harbinger, N. C., Falls, Tar River—I. W. Bass, Rocky Mount, N. C., Flat Swamp, J. Guilford Andrews, Bethel, N. C., Flatty Creek—W. W. Eves, Weeksville, N. C., Great Swamp—E. S. Phelps, Greenville, N. C., Hopeland—Jarrett White, 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., Morattock—A. J. Allen, R. F. D. No. 1, 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—S. C. Williams, Stanhope, N. C., Singleton—D. T. Ross, Washington, N. C., Skewarkey—Eli Taylor, Williamston, N. C., South Mattamuskeet—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, Whitakers, N. C., R. F. D. No. 5, Tarboro—D. T. Billups, Tarboro, N. C., Williams—W. W. Vick, Battleboro, N. C., White Plains—H. N. Waters, Pine Town, N. C., Norfolk—L. M. Hamilton, R. F. D. No. 1, Norfolk, Va., Robersonville—J. C. Robertson, Robersonville, N. C.

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### OBITUARY OF ELDER JOHN L. ROSS.

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Elder John L. Ross died at his home near Stokes, Pitt County, N. C., October 5, 1911. He was the son of William Ross and Rebecca, his wife and was born October 21st, 1825. He joined the church at Flat Swamp and the year and who baptized him is unknown to the writer, but he remained a member of that church for a number of years and was ordained to the work of the ministry while a member there. When the church at Briery Swamp was organized,

he took a letter of dismission there of which church he died a loving and consistent member. He did not preach for several years previous to his death as his health was so he got about but very little. After the Association at Briery Swamp his health seemed to improve and it was much pleasure to him to visit his brethren again and on one occasion in the absence of his pastor, spoke very feelingly to the church at Briery Swamp and was much enjoyed by those present. He was married to Talitha Keel and had several children, who together with his wife, all preceded him in death. He suffered much before he died, but in death he passed away gently and those present could hardly tell when he died. We feel sure he is resting from his labors and sufferings and safe in the arms of the Saviour. He leaves one brother and a large family of relatives to mourn their loss. His grandson and wife and children with whom he spent his last days and who were faithful and dear to him, miss him much.

May the Lord comfort all the bereaved ones and may they be together with him, partakers of the better resurrection.

M. T. LAWRENCE.

Robersonville, N. C., Oct. 11th, 1911.

#### OBITUARY OF ELDER G. D. ROBERSON.

Elder George Daniel Roberson, son of Henry Baker Roberson and his wife, Gatsey A. Rogers, was born near Robersonville, Martin County, N. C., Nov. 13, 1843, and died at his home in that town June 10, 1911, being the first born of twelve children, and reared on a farm, he grew up at hard labor, without much education. He lived on a farm near Everett's, N. C., several years, and then removed to Robersonville, where he engaged in merchandising. He was very industrious and economical and successful in business, and accumulated a competency, and built a very comfortable and convenient home. On Oct. 6, 1870, he married Miss Margaret L. Smith, and to this union were born five children, Mary Allena (wife of J. C. Robertson,) Alonzo, Ira Daniel, Leona Adalaide (wife of R. E. Grimes,) and George Malachi. Of these all are living except Alonzo, who died in 1894. Their mother died Aug. 29, 1887. On Jan. 23, 1889, Elder Roberson married Miss Sarah J. Smith, who has had no children,

She was paralyzed March 23, 1907, and is still living.

He joined the Primitive Baptist church at Spring Green, in 1869, and was baptized by the pastor, Elder C. B. Hassell, who died in 1880, and in the latter year he was ordained by Elders A. N. Hall, R. H. Harris, and Levi Rogerson, and served Spring Green, Flat Swamp, Conetoe, and Farmville churches faithfully, and baptized many members at Spring Green and Flat Swamp. He also attended other churches, and a union meeting nearly every fifth Sunday, and his own (the Kehukee) and other Associations. He made preaching tours from the mountains to the sea in North Carolina, and from Georgia to New Jersey. He had an original and fruitful mind, and a good command of language and illustration, and was a deep and clear expounder of the Scriptures, and applied their spiritual meaning very comfortingly to christian experience, and was not at all carried away by modern speculations, but contended earnestly and ably, in private and in public, for the faith once for all delivered unto the saints, and the doctrine of salvation by grace, according to the purpose of the Divine Father, by the atoning blood of the Divine Son, and the renewing power of the Divine Spirit. As a minister of the gospel, he was highly esteemed by all who loved the truth and heard him. He was calm and deliberate in address; and he was very hospitable to all who visited him. He served the Lord, not for earthly reward, but because he loved Him and His truth and people. He maintained that true religion makes a real and beneficial change in the heart and life of a believer. In May and June, 1911, he attended the Baltimore, Delaware, and Delaware River Old School Baptist Associations in Maryland, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and returned home Monday, June 5, in apparently good health. But on Thursday morning, June 8, he was attacked with paralysis of the spinal cord, which affected his muscles, and made him helpless Friday and Saturday. He was rational, and could speak, but could not move, and had no pain. He became unconscious about 7 p. m. Saturday, and gently fell asleep, as we believe, in Jesus, about 9:30 p. m. At 4 p. m. on Sunday, June 11, his remains were interred, as he had requested, near those of his first wife and his son Alonzo, in the cemetery of Spring Green Church, in Martin County, N. C. A large concourse of people were present. I held a short burial service at the

open grave. We feel assured that our gifted and faithful brother has entered into eternal rest.

SYLVESTER HASSELL.

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### OBITUARY OF WILLIAM H. PEEL.

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Brother Wm. H. Peel, son of Noah and Sallie Peel, was born May the 4th, 1848, in Martin County, N. C. After receiving a sweet hope in Christ, he united with the church at Skewarky, Saturday before the second Sunday in July, 1874, and was baptized Sunday in Roanoke River by Elder C. B. Hassell. In May, 1883, he took a letter from Skewarky to join the church at Smithwick's Creek, Martin County, N. C. The church believing that the Lord had blessed him with a gift, gave him liberty to exercise that gift Saturday before the fourth Sunday in November, 1893. His gift proved very satisfactory to his church and to all the churches that he visited. He never took any tours preaching but would visit those who could not attend church when requested and hold meetings, sing and preach to their comfort.

He married Miss Martha Godard by whom he had nine children, six of whom with the widow still survive him.

Brother Peel was in very feeble health the whole of the year 1910, and in August went to St. Vincent Hospital at Norfolk, Va., where he underwent an operation for a bladder trouble, but was only temporarily helped. In October he returned home only to wait, as he often said, "for the change to come."

Those who visited him during the whole eleven months of suffering can truly say they never saw a more patient person. He would often say he dreaded nothing after death but only the sting of death which came on Monday morning, July 24, 1911.

As requested by him Elder John N. Rodgerson and Elder A. D. Mizell, held a short burial service at the grave to a large congregation, where we saw him laid to rest to awake in the glorious likeness of the Lord his Saviour.

W. H. DANIEL.

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### OBITUARY OF ELDER J. S. MEADS.

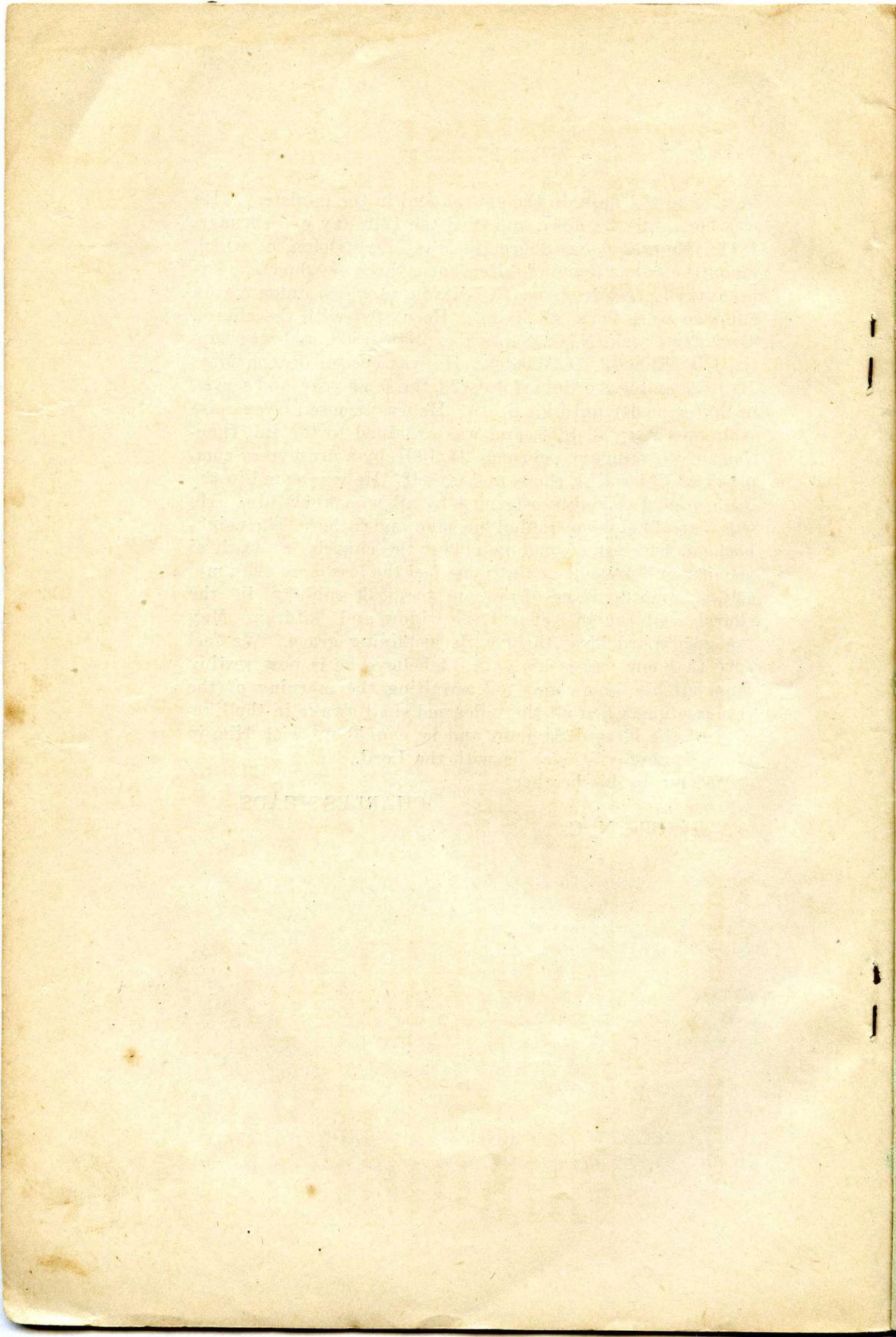
It becomes my sad duty to chronicle the death of my

brother in the flesh, in the church and in the ministry. He was born July 26, 1847, and died the 12th day of February, 1911. He was married first to Miss Mary Delon, of which union there was seven children born, three of whom are living; second to Miss Lyda M. Brinson, to which union eleven children were born, all living. He united with the church at Flatty Creek, N. C., September 27th, 1868, and was baptized by Elder J. D. Wicker. He was chosen deacon May, 27, 1876, and was ordained July 23, the same year, and served in that capacity until his death. He was licensed to exercise in public May 23, 1885, and was ordained to the full functions of the ministry February 24, 1907, by a presbytery composed of Elder J. A. Shaw and myself. He was sound in the faith, and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. He was a good neighbor, a kind husband and father. The neighborhood has lost a good neighbor, the church a faithful member and preacher. But none feel the loss more than myself, as I am deprived of any one to speak publicly in the church. Of course I except the widow and children. May the good Lord bless them with sustaining grace. We feel sure that our loss is his gain. I believe he is now resting from all his labors and toil, awaiting the morning of the resurrection, when all the redeemed shall awake in the likeness of the blessed Saviour, and be caught up with Him in glory so they will ever be with the Lord.

Written by his brother,

CHARLES MEADS.

Weeksville, N. C.



# STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	MESENTERS	Mon. Meetings.	Baptized	Rec. by Letter	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Restored	No. Members	Contributions
Bath Creek	Beaufort	By Letter	4							3	35
Bear Grass	Martin	Elders Jno. N. Rogerson, B. S. Cowan.	3	2			1	3		64	1.50
Bethlehem	Tyrrell	Micajah Phelps, C. H. Davenport.	3							28	1.00
Bethlehem	Pasquotank	Andrew Davenport, C. C. Aydlott*	1				1			10	50
Beulah	Hyde	Elder E. E. Lundy	4		1					18	1.00
Briery Swamp	Pitt	Algerron Whichard, G. N. Warren	2	1				3	1	25	1.00
Concord	Washington	J. B. Ambrose, N. W. Ambrose	4		1					34	1.00
Conoho	Martin	N. M. Worsley, Jessie Johnson	3		1			2		62	1.00
Conetoe	Edgecombe	Elder S. Hassell, D. W. Cobb	3	1						12	1.00
Coinjock	Currituck	No intelligence	2							10	
Cross Roads	Edgecombe	Eld. A. L. Harrison, W. H. Ward	2							13	50
Cypress Grove	Hyde	No intelligence	2							10	
Deep Creek	Halifax	J. N. Phelps, W. T. Strickland	2					3		17	1.00
Elim	Currituck	By Letter	2							9	50
Falls, Tar River	Nash	Jessie Brake, I. W. Bass	2	2					1	145	4.00
Flat Swamp	Martin	B. A. House, H. D. Jenkins	1		2			8		45	1.50
Flatty Creek	Pasquotank	Elder Chas. Medes, Wm. Lowry	4				2	1		29	1.00
Great Swamp	Pitt	E. S. Phelps, Osman Fleming	4	3						21	1.50
Hamilton	Martin	Justus Everett, Jesse Johnson	1		1			1		16	75
Hopeland	Nash	Elders A. J. Moore, J. C. Moore	1	2				4		63	1.50
Jamesville	Martin	Elder A. D. Mizelle, J. B. Allen	1				1			25	1.00
Kehukee	Halifax	T. L. House, B. I. Allsbrook	3					2		47	2.00
Lawrences	Edgecombe	Elder W. F. Staton, A. Strickland	4					1		33	2.00
Lebanon	Dare	Elder E. E. Lundy	2				1			12	1.00

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CHURCHES	COUNTIES	MESSENGRS	Mon. Meetings.	Baptized	Rec. by Letter	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Restored	No. Members	Contributions	
Mt. Zion	Halifax	Elder W. B. Strickland, W. K. Hyman	1			1			1	25	1.00	
Morattock	Washington	J. W. Harrison, W. B. Clifton	3	2		1	4	1	1	57	1.50	
North Creek	Beaufort	W. B. Carrowan, * H. B. Brinn	3				1			23	1.00	
Norfolk	Norfolk, Va.	L. M. Hamilton	3	1		2		3		17	1.50	
Providence	Currituck	Elder E. F. Lundy	4							64	1.00	
Pungo	Beaufort	Daniel Paul, J. W. Paul	2			1				23	1.00	
Robersonville	Martin	R. A. Bailey, J. C. Roberson	4	9				3		31	1.00	
Rocky Swamp	Halifax	B. Letter	2	2			2			25	1.00	
Sandy Grove	Nash	Elder G. W. Abrams	1				1			16	1.00	
Singleton	Beaufort	S. C. Williams, Jno. Ward	2							15	1.50	
Skewarky	Martin	Elder S. Hassell, Eli Taylor	2	2		1		2		51	2.00	
So. Mattamuskeet	Hyde	Elder E. F. Lundy, C. F. Benson	1	1	1			1	2	55	1.50	
Salem	Nash	B. B. Ricks, D. H. Melton	3		2			2		8	1.00	
South Quay	So. Hampton, Va.		1					1		4		
Sparta	Edgecombe	C. A. Stancil, * Jno. E. Moore	4							19	1.00	
Smithwicks Creek	Martin	Kader Lilly, W. H. Daniel	4	3			1	3		86	2.00	
Spring Green	Martin	J. L. Taylor, S. L. Grimes	4	5	1	1				60	1.50	
Tarboro	Edgecombe	W. H. Bradley, D. T. Billups	1	4			2	1		58	1.50	
White Plains	Beaufort	H. C. Boyd, W. W. Bowen	1							54	1.00	
Williams	Edgecombe	W. W. Vick, C. H. Spivey	3	2	1			1		40	1.00	
Totals.....											1455	50.60

Absentees marked \*