

MINUTES

OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE

ELKHORN ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS,

Held at Silas, Bourbon County, Ky. commencing on Saturday the 14th day of August, 1830.

Eld. G. GATES preached the Introductory Sermon. Jno. XIII, 35.

Letters were received and read, and the Messengers' names enrolled from the churches composing the Association, as follows:

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS' NAMES.	Rec'd. By ex. & bap.	Restored By Letter	Dis'm'd by lett.	Excluded	Deceased	Present No.
SOUTH ELKHORN.*	S. H. Craig, William Gist, <i>Josephus Hewitt</i> , William Sullivan, R. C. Graves, J. Higbee, A. Bowman, jr. W. L. Todd, J. Faulconer, jr. & J. Ryman.		2 1	6 1	2		161
CLEAR CR.	J. Lancaster, L. Arnold, & R. Jesse.	2 1	1	3 13	3		171
GREAT GROSSINGS.	Wm. Suggett, Jno. Payne, S. True, G. Long, A. Johnson, J. I. Johnson, and J. Peak.	4 2		38 5	8		588
BRYAN'S.	Asa Thomson, C. Thomson, S. M. Patterson, and B. A. Hicks.	2 1	2	7 2	3		284
STAMPING GROUND, SILAS.	J. Lucas, M. Duvall, J. D. Black, & A. Brooking.	3 3		11 2	3		291
	A. Shropshire, J. Chinn, sr. and <i>James E. Duvall</i> .	7 2		12 1	2		174
N. ELKH'N.	J. Graves, C. Tarlton & N. Smith.			9 1	1		119
N. FORK.	J. McDonald, S. W. Boehm, & J. W. Holloway.		2 1	8		1	107
DAVID'S FORK.	J. Vardeman, E. Darnaby, H. Ellis, J. Withers, W. Wilson, J. Berryman, & A. Wilson.	4 1		20 34	2		505
MOUNT PLEASANT,	<i>Edmund Waller</i> , Peter Withers, T. Lyne, & M. Singleton.			6 1	4		272
LONG LICK.	H. Kelly and J. Tinder.	9 1		10 2			50
BIG SPRING	<i>George Blackburn</i> & Tho. Sutor.	5 4		8	1		73
Versailles.*	<i>Jacob Creath</i> , Sr. Tho. Bullock, Jas. Sullivan, S. Nuckols, T. P. Menzies, J. B. Jesse, W. Peters, Jas. M'Gill, T. J. Sullivan & N. Haden.	13 6		11 1	2		116
Carried over,		48 26	5	149 63	22		2911

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	<i>Brought over,</i>	48	26	5	14	63	32
BETHLEHEM	J. Forman & J. King.	9	1	1	2	2	54
GEO. TOWN	John Bryce, Robert Read, & Uriel B. Chambers.		2		5	3	1
HARTWOOD	P. Short & Geo. Berry.				2	1	18
Provid'nce	Jacob Creath, Jr. William Y. Bryant, L. Singleton, A. Farra, O. Farra, B. Arnett, J. Stevens, J. Shoots, E. Higbee, and J. Robb.						
1st BAP. CH. IN LEX'N.	M. Hoagland, B. Pilcher & B. P. Drake.	3		13	2	4	153
AFRICAN C. IN LEX'N.	Under the care of the First Baptist Church at Lexington.	6		22	2	2	140
PARIS.	G. Gates, W. S. Bryan, L. Warfield, H. Bledsoe, & S. Rule.	11	4		3	7	4
CANE RUN. PLEASANT GREEN.	R. Quarles & A. S. Higgins.	4	5	1	12	6	1
MOUNTAIN ISLAND.	Enoch Johnson & F. Wood.	2	3		3	1	51
	Rob't Y. True, & Lewis White.	1			2		18
		11	4				20
TOTAL.		66	53	7	21	38	43
		86	53	7	21	38	43

Preachers' names in *Italics*.

NOTE.—The churches at Versailles and Providence having been dropped by the Association, their numbers (269) must be deducted from the above, which will leave a total of 4022 at present in the Association.

The Association proceeded to the election of Moderator and Clerk; whereupon brother WILLIAM SUGGETT was appointed Moderator, and brother URIEL B. CHAMBERS, Clerk.

Letters from corresponding Associations were received, and the messengers' names enrolled as follows:

*The churches at South Elkhorn, Providence, and Versailles, in violation of a resolution of the Association, made in 1829, sent ten messengers each, when, according to the ratio fixed on by the Association, they were entitled to only three each. This state of things, on opening the business of the Association, occasioned for a short time, a degree of confusion, little creditable to the party insisting on measures so unreasonable. Their own friends, however, becoming ashamed of their conduct, publicly remonstrated against it, when, with much seeming reluctance, they finally yielded, and agreed to be governed by the ratio fixed on by the Association, and the three first named only, from each of those churches, were permitted to vote. This explanation is thought necessary to a fair understanding of the above enrolment of names; it having been entered before the present clerk was appointed.

FROM BRACKEN—R. L. G. Edwards, John Calerman,* bell,* and Jos. Coons.*

TATE'S CREEK—T. S. Bronceton, Jos. Bond,* P. Phelps, S. Harris,* J. Burnam,* Jos. Collins,* Josiah Collins, and Wallis Estill.

FRANKLIN—B. Taylor, Isaac Wilson, Jas. Gibbs,* Stephen Bryant,* John Taylor, Silas M. Noel, and W. W. Ford.

SALEM—S. Clack W. H. Holmes* and W. Davis.

SOUTH DISTRICT—Dillon* and Thomas Downton.

LONG RUN Geo. Bridges* Geo. Waller* and W. Hulsey.*

BOON'S CREEK—J. Simms, J. M. Cogswell, John M. Johnson, N. L. Lindsay, T. M. Parish, G. Kelly,* B. E. Allen,* and G. Watts.

LICKING—Tho. P. Dudley, W. Rash,* Thomas Threlkeld, R. T. Dillard, and Joel Morehead.

NORTH BEND—Wm. Spencer and G. F. Northcut.—Letter not received—forgotten.

UNION—Thomas Veatch, G. Riely, B. L. Abernathy, A. Morrow, and M. Winn.

CONCORD—C. Duvall, W. Tandy,* S. Suter,* S. K. Milton,* W. Suter, and C. Wingate.*

BAPTIST—R. D. Shipp, G. Minter, and B. Davis.

SULPHUR FORK—W. Ransdale, J. H. Oliver,* A. T. Berry, J. Foster,* and J. A. McGuire.

The star (*) denotes those who did not attend.

Brethren John Payne, Edmund Waller, with the Moderator and Clerk, were appointed to arrange the business of the Association, and report on Monday next.

Elder John Bryce was appointed to write a Circular Letter, and report on Monday next.

Brethren M. Duvall, R. Read, J. D. Black, Geo. Blackburn, and John Graves, were appointed a committee to write letters to corresponding Associations, and report on Monday next.

Six Ministers were appointed to preach on Sunday as follows:

Elders Walter Warder, Wm. Vaughn, and Tho. P. Dudley, at the stand.

Elders R. T. Dillard, S. M. Noel, and S. Clack, in the meeting house.

Adjourned till Monday morning 8 o'clock.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15.—The brethren appointed for the purpose, preached to crowded and attentive congregations.

MONDAY, AUGUST 16.—The Association met according to adjournment, and the business of the day was introduced by singing and prayer, offered by Elder John Rice.

The committee appointed to arrange the business of the Association, made their report, which was read and adopted, and the business taken up accordingly.

On complaint of the church at Clear Creek, and of the Franklin Association, against the church at Versailles, that she has held in

membership, preachers who have taken part in constituting minorities of churches, that have departed from the faith and constitution of this body—on motion of Elder Jeremiah Vardeman,

Resolved, That the church at Versailles be dropped from further correspondence with this Association. Ayes 42, Noes 14.*

Resolved, That the church at Providence be dropped from further correspondence with this Association, for non-conformity to the rules of the Association, and for receiving into her membership, a preacher, (JACOB CREATH, Jr.) who has, in faith and practice, departed from her constitution; and who has taken a part in constituting minorities, who have also thus departed.

On motion, *Voted*, That a committee be appointed to confer with the church at South Elkhorn, relative to certain grievances entertained against her, for having departed from the faith and constitution of this Association; and for having disregarded her rule, relative to an equal apportionment of representation in this body:—Whereupon the following brethren were appointed said committee, with directions to report at the next session of this Association, to wit: William Suggett, Mason Singleton, John Bryce, John Payne, Jas. D. Black, Clifton Thomson, and Abner Wilson.

In answer to the suggestion of the letters from several of the churches, and from the Baptist Association, as to the expediency of dropping further correspondence with those churches and Associations, that hold to certain doctrines of Mr. ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, contrary to the faith and constitution of this body—

Resolved, That we will do so, whenever occasion, in our judgment, may require it.

It appearing that two communications from North District, have been sent to this Association showing that a split has taken place in that body:

Resolved, therefore, That the ten churches who met in council at Goshen meeting-house, on the 4th Saturday in June, 1830, and in their Minutes declare that the balance of the churches have departed from her constitution, in faith and practice, be recognized as the North District Association; and that our correspondence be continued with her as heretofore.

Elder John Bryce reported a Circular Letter, which was read and unanimously adopted.

The next Association to be held at Great Crossings, Scott County, commencing on the 2d Saturday in August, 1831.

Elder James D. Black appointed to write a Circular Letter for the Association at her next meeting, and to report the same at that time.

Elder Edmund Waller appointed to preach the Introductory Ser-

*Six of the fourteen were from those two churches that have been dropped, leaving a minority of eight only in the Association, who voted against the measure.

mon, at the next meeting of the Association; and in case of failure, Elder James D. Black.

Letters to corresponding Associations were reported, read, and messengers appointed to bear them, as follows:

TO BRACKEN ASSOCIATION—Uriel B. Chambers, & Jas. E. Duvall.

TO TATE'S CREEK—James E. Duvall.

FRANKLIN—John Bryce, Robert Read, Gabriel Long, Simeon True, John M'Donald, and George Blackburn.

SALEM—Uriel B. Chambers.

SOUTH DISTRICT—George Blackburn, Robert Read, Mason Singleton, Peter Withers, Edmund Waller and John Payne.

LONG RUN—George Blackburn.

BOON'S CREEK—James E. Duvall.

LICKING—Edward Darnaby, Simeon True, John I. Johnson, and John Bryce.

NORTH BEND—John I. Johnson.

UNION—Abner Shropshire, James D. Black, John Bryce, and James E. Duvall.

CONCORD—Abner D. Landrum.

BAPTIST—Edmund Waller, John Bryce, George Blackburn and John Lancaster.

SULPHUR FORK—John I. Johnson.

NORTH DISTRICT—Uriel B. Chambers.

Brother Uriel B. Chambers appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes of this session of the Association.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM SUGGETT, *Moderator.*

URIEL B. CHAMBERS, *Clerk.*

CIRCULAR LETTER.

The Elkhorn Association sendeth Christian salutation to the churches composing this body.

DEAR BRETHREN: Through the indulgence of divine goodness, we have had another association season, which furnishes us an opportunity of again addressing a Circular Letter to the churches. We have selected the subject of *Brotherly Love*, as the topic of this letter. It is assuredly, brethren, one of much importance, and cannot be too often and too earnestly urged on the *disciples* of the dear Redeemer; nor be too ardently and assiduously cultivated by every child of God. "A new commandment," said Jesus, "I give unto you, that ye love one another;" and he enforces it in these words "As I have loved you, see that ye also love one another."

At this distressing crisis in the Zion of God, it is, in our es-

timation, highly necessary that we strive to love one another as brethren; children of the same Father, and heirs of the same glory. The sacred volume gives us distinctly to know, that if we love not our brethren, whom we have seen, we assuredly do not love God, whom we have not seen. It teaches us that "By this we shall know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren." Oh what a heavenly principle! How it assimilates the disciple to the likeness of his Lord! Brethren, if we know that He loved us, we ought also to love one another. "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor;" it is the sacred cement of the Christian community. If abounding in the heart and life, it will operate as a powerful preventative to discord, disunion, and distress amongst the dear disciples of the ever blessed Jesus. It will destroy all those forbidden and hateful passions of envy, and malice, and hatred, and those unchristian practices of evil speaking and backbiting, too often, alas! indulged in by many who *profess* the religion of *Christ*.

Brotherly love will keep alive, in our hearts, a holy jealousy for the character and reputation of each other; whilst it will cause us to walk together in love as dear children, constraining us to esteem each other better than ourselves. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is, for brethren to dwell together in unity;" but without love there can be no union.

"Our stubborn sins will fight and reign,

"If love be absent there."

The word of God is profuse in its commands on this interesting subject. Suffer then, dear brethren, the word of exhortation, "Let love be without dissimulation;" seeing that ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the *spirit* unto unfeigned love of the brethren; see that ye love one another with pure hearts fervently. It is one of the blessed fruits of the holy *Spirit*. By it shall all men know that we are his disciples. May the God of all Grace cause the abounding of this heaven-born and God-like principle more and more amongst the family of his Saints.

Are we asked, who are we to love as brethren? We answer, all those who evidence by their walk and conversation, that they have been born of the holy *Spirit* of *God*; and who manifest that they love our Lord Jesus Christ by keeping his commandments.

For information on the business transacted by the Association at her present session, we refer you to the minutes.

And now, dear brethren, be ye steadfast and immovable, at

ways abounding in the work of the Lord: and be not carried about with every wind of doctrine; for it is a good thing that the heart be established with *grace*. Live in peace; and may the God of peace be with and bless you, with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

Your brethren in gospel bonds.

WILLIAM SUGGETT, *Moderator*.

ERIEL B. CHAMBERS, *Clerk*.