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OF THE
BAPTIST MIDDLE DISTRICT
ASSOCIATION,

HOLDEN AT
CEDAR CREEK Meeting House,
IN
Lunenburg County,

—The Second SATURDAY in October, 1861.—

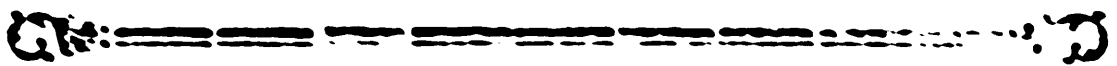
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ATan association holden at Cedar-creek Meeting-House, in Lunenburg county, the second Saturday in October 1801.

Brother James Saunders preached the introductory sermon, from Luke 15 & 16.

After divine service, proceeded to read the letters to see who composed the association.

Members that were not present have * affixed to their names.

CHURCHES.

MESSENGERS.

1. Reedy Creek,	} James Shelborne, sen. James Shelborne, jun.
2. Mountain-creek,	
3. Powhatan,	*Geo. Smith, John Woolbridge.
4. Spring-creek,	Francis Hancock.
5. Union,	Jacob L. Abraham.
6. Nottoway,	John B. G. Giles Nance.
7. Ammattox,	Jones Saunders, Philip Matthews
8. Tomahawk,	William Fournoy.
9. Salt-creek,	John Smith, Simon Walton.
10. Sindy creek,	*John Scurry, Thomas Green.
11. Dinwiddie,	Peter Wynne, John Chidoin.
12. Siquarter,	Chas. Forsee, Wm. H. Pittman.
13. Tull-kiah,	William Ellis, Joel Johns.
14. Chesserfield,	*Eliazer Clay. *Thomas Barfoot.
15. Providence,	Letter.—No messenger.
16. Buckingham	*Rane Chaston, Stephen Woodson
17. Cabb-creek,	Bernard Todd, John Berkley.
18. Cedar-creek,	Stephen Jones, William Sydnor.
19. Muddy creek,	Samuel Woodfin.

Agreeable to rule, chose brother James Saunders, Moderator, who chose brother Bernard Todd Clerk, and brother Willi-

Amson H. Pittman, assistant.

Brother Walthall Robertson being present, was invited to a seat.

Agreed, that the following brethren arrange the business of the association, James Shelborne, sen. the Moderator, Clerk, and assistant, and to make report on Monday morning.

On motion, it is agreed, that the Clerk and his assistant prepare a circular letter, and make report.

Brethren Field Clarke John Smith and Simeon Walton were appointed to receive the churches bounty, settle with the Treasurer, and make report.

Brethren James Saunders, James Shelborne, sen. and Henry Lester, chosen to preach on the Lord's day; worship to begin at 11 o'clock, A. M. Then adjourned to Monday morning nine o'clock.

The LORD'S DAY was spent in public worship, a large audience attended the ministry of the word, and we trust there were evidences of the divine approbation.

MONDAY MORNING, October 12, 1801.

Met according to adjournment, and after divine service proceeded to business.

The committee appointed to arrange the business of the association, do make the following report, viz.

1. The committee appointed to attend the general meeting of correspondence, to make report.

2. The committee appointed to visit Nettoway church, to make report.

3. A request from the Baptist general convention, requesting the associations to express their opinions, to the next meeting of the convention, respecting the utility thereof.

4. The committee chosen to write the circular letter, to report.

5. The committee chosen to receive the churches bounty, and settle with the treasurer, to make report.

6. Query from Chesterfield church: *What steps do you advise to be taken by any that are grieved with an association.*

7. Brethren, to be chosen to attend the next general meeting of correspondence in May 1802.

8. The time and place of the next association.

The report being read, was received, and committee discharged.

Neither of the brethren who were chosen to attend the general convention, being present to make report of the proceedings of said meeting, but being furnished with the minutes, we think them sufficient to re-report. Brother James Saunders who was

appointed to attend the above said meeting, not being able to attend, offered his reasons for the same, which were satisfactory.

The brethren appointed to visit Nottoway church, reported, and having given satisfactory account of the good standing of said church, were discharged.

Respecting the request of the the general convention to the several associations, to express their opinions with regard to the utility of the constitution proposed : After debating thereon, agreed, that messengers be sent to their next meeting, who are George Smith, James Saunders, Benjamin Watkins and Rane Chastain.

The committee appointed to write the circular letter, reported, and being received, were discharged.

The committee chosen to receive the churches bounty, and settle with the treasurer, reported, that they find in the hands of the treasurer, the sum of

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Received at the present association, the sum

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The above report being made, was received, and the committee discharged.

With regard to the query from Chesterfield church, answered thus--that James Shelborne, sen. Abner Watkins, James Saunders, George Smith, Rane Chastain, Benjamin Watkins and Bernard Todd, are a committee chosen to attend the said church

at Clay's meeting-house, the day before the second Sunday in December, in order to solve the said query.

Agreed, that brother Ranc Chastain be allowed the sum of four dollars, for attending the general meeting of correspondence. Also agreed, that brother Bernard Todd, be paid one dollar for his services during the present association.

Ordered, that the minutes be printed under the same direction as last session.

The next association to be holden at Mountain creek meeting-house, in the county of Prince-Edward, the second Saturday in May next.

After divine service, were dismissed.

JAMES SAUNDERS, Moderator.
BERNARD TODD, Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

BELOVED BRETHREN,

Once more through the divine favor, we have been permitted to meet in association, and have received letters from nineteen Churches, wherein we have been comforted with refreshing news from several of them; (as well as from our sister associations abroad) that the work of the Lord

is spreading amongst them: most gloriously; which brightens our expectations, that Zions cords are lengthening, and her stakes strengthening, the Redeemer's Kingdom increasing, and the power of darkness vanishing. Let us endeavour to unite our prayers for a greater spread of that blessed **W'ORK**, until the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the face of the whole Earth, as the waters do the channel of the great deep.

We have had several days comfortable preaching, and hope we have not been without the divine presence of God amongst us. And now Brethren suffer us to remind you of the Apostles exhortation, Be ye, therefore followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour.

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