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MINUTES

OF THE

BETHEL ASSOCIATION.

*Held at the Baptist Church, on Jamey's Creek, Spartanburg County,
South-Carolina, begun on Saturday, August 11th, 1792.*

1. **T**WO first days spent in public devotion.

MONDAY, August 13.

2. Rev. Saunders Walker delivered an introductory discourse from
1 Sam. 4. 3.

3. Letters from 24 churches being read, the names of their delegates
were enrolled.

4. Rev. James Fowler, was elected moderator, and Mr. William Ford,
clerk.

5. The delegates of the Charleston Association not attending, the letter
and minutes of their last meeting, together with the letter and minutes of
the General Committee of Baptists in Virginia, and a letter from the Rev.
Oliver Hart, of Hopewell, New-Jersey, (handed by the Rev. J. Fowler)
were severally read, and gave general satisfaction.

6. The letter and minutes of the Georgia Association, delivered by the
Rev. Saunders Walker, being severally read; he was, as the messenger,
received into union and communion with us, and took his seat accordingly.

7. Five churches applied for admission into this association, and satis-
factory information being given by their delegates, of their faith and good
order, they were received into our union.

8. The committee appointed last meeting, to visit the church on Middle
Fork, Saluda, reported, that the grievances there, are happily removed.

A motion made at our last meeting respecting the ordination of
ministers, was now taken into consideration. It is held as most adviseable,
that the churches be careful not to admit any one to that office, but such as
manifest

manifest real piety and promising gifts, and shall use every prudent measure for improvement in gospel knowledge. And that in order to their ordination, we advise, the church to which the candidate for the ministry belongs, to call the assistance of three (or at least two) of such ministers in union, as they esteem men of repute and ministerial ability for such a business.

[Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow.]

T U R S D A Y, 9 o'clock.

10. The Association took into consideration the case of Jacob Roberts and his church (at their own request) and proposed to hear all things they alleged against the churches of our union; provided, that they would subject themselves to the determination of the Association respecting them. They refused. We then called upon those members of our churches that had the most perfect knowledge of the transactions of the said Roberts and his church, to give a full relation thereof; upon which information, we approve of the conduct of our churches with them, and consider them in a state of disorder.

11. Agreed, that Rev Messrs. Joseph Camp, John Hightower, William Woodward, and Joseph Logan, and Messrs. Abraham Hargis and William Murphey, or any three of them, be a committee to settle a difference subsisting between Genesie and Shackle-ferry churches; and make report of their proceedings at our next meeting.

12. Reedy Fork Church extinct.

13. Agreed, that Rev. Mr. Fowler write to Mr. Hart, Mr. Alexander M'Dougal to the Georgia Association, Mr. Baylis Earle to the Charleiton Association; also, on motion of the moderator, that Mr. Richard Shackelford abridge Mr. Hart's letter, and that it be our circular letter for this time; and that Rev. David Lilly write to the general committee of Virginia.

14. Being informed that a certain Jos. Williams is preaching as a Baptist minister in our vicinity: We warn all our churches to discourage him as a disorderly person.

15. Mr. John Webb applied for restoration to the ministry; but could not be admitted.

16. Quere. Can persons excommunicated by one church, be admitted with propriety into fellowship with any other, before they have given satisfaction to that particular church, which they, as members thereof, have offended?

Ans. In case of two great distance from that particular church, to apply for re-admission; we think they may be admitted, on a confession of true repentance and sorrow for their offence: though we advise, that information be particularly given to the church from which they have been excommunicated.

17. The

17. The letter to Mr. Hart, together with the letters to the different Associations, and the circular letter, were brought forward, read and approved.

18. That the Rev. James Fowler be our messenger to the Charleston Association, to be held at Coofawhatchie on the Saturday before the first Sunday in November; and the Rev. Messrs. William Woodward and John Chaistain, be our messengers to the Georgia Association, to be held the 3d Sunday in October.

19. Supplies. Cedar Spring, discretionally, Alexander M Dougal and Richard Wood. Bill's Creek, John Hightower, Richard Newport, Perimeter Morgan. Turkey Creek, Richard Shackleford, David Lilly, George Tilghman. Paget's Creek, discretionally, William Woodward, Reuben Rowland.

20. Money was collected for printing the minutes. Rev James Fowler appointed to superintend the business, and distribute them when printed.

21. That our next Association be held at the place of our present meeting, to begin the second Saturday in August.

Adjourned.

JAMES FOWLER, *Moderator.*
WILLIAM FORD, *Clerk.*

THE PRESENT STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Ministers names in capitals; licensed preachers in Italics; churches marked with an asterisk * we had no account from, their numbers stand as last year; a dash — d. notes a vacancy.

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.	1868	1869	1870	1871	1872	1873	1874
Buffalo,	J ^S SEPH CAMP, Joseph Collins	5	7	2				69
Tyger River,	William McDaniel, William Ford	1	2	2	1			48
White Oak, N. C.*	<i>Edward Williams</i>	5	9			1		82
Bill's Creek,	Joel Shelton, John Overby				1			33
Buck Creek,	JOHN HIGHTOWER							
	William Griet, Sampson Bethel	7	1					72
Head Enoree,	THOMAS MUSICK							
	John Tubb	45	5	2	2			122
Sandy Run,	Alexander Davidson, Wm. Street	22	9	2	1			92
Fairforest,	ISAAC EDWARDS							
	William Buchanan		5	1	1			32
Paget's Creek,	John Putman, William Woolbanks							
	Thomas Greer	6	1	1				66
Mountain Creek,	PERMINTER MORGAN							
	West Walker	44	1	2	1			106
Big Creek,	MOSES HOLLAND							
	John Nicholson	1	1	1	1			41
Genesie,	JAMES CHASTAIN							
	James Edens	1	3					30
Horle Creek,	Thomas Camp and Jeffe Ford			2				26
Cedar Spring,	Joroyal Barnett, Charles Smith							19
Upper Duncan's Creek,	John Brown, sen. Jeffe Holder							21
Pacolet,	RICHARD WOOD							
	Samuel M. Cray							39
Lower Duncan's Creek,	MICAJAH BENNETT							
	<i>Reuben Rowland</i>	1	4	2				55
Jalney's Creek,	RICHARD SHACKLEFORD							
	DAVID LILLY	28	3		3	3		204
	Joseph Woodruff							

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CHURCHES	MESSENGERS.	1871	1872	1873	1874	1875	1876	1877	1878	1879	1880
Brought forward		169	92	56	16	81	64				
Sandy River,	{ JAMES F. WELER.										
	{ WILLIAM WOODWARD	5			1	1					84
Bull River,*	{ JOHN COLE	6									80
Sironna,	{ <i>William Martin, Jos. Price</i>				2	1					16
Rocky Creek, Catawba,*	{ EDWARD PING										26
Reedy River,	{ EDMUND BEARDEN										
	{ Robert Smith	11	11	2		1					55
Big Branch, Enoree.	{ DRUAY SIMS										
	{ Huston Berry,				4						19
Green River,	{ Samuel M'Bryer, John Blackwell	2		5		1					66
Middle Saluda,	{ JOHN CHAS. BIN										
	{ Benjamin Stuart										
	{ Joseph Harden										119
	{ Bartholomew Wood										
Little River,	{ JOHN TILGHMAN										
	{ John Graham		11	4	2	2					28
Enoree,	{ JACOB KING										
	{ Edward Kelly Malone										80
French Broad,	{ RICHARD NEAPORT	1	1								18
Rocky Creek,	{ _____										
	{ Henry Robertson & Tho. Burns										77
Turkey Creek,	{ _____										
	{ Ben. Northcut & Arthur Durham										50
Increase since last year 521.		[307] [121] [76] [18] [12] [188]									

C I R C U L A R L E T T E R.

The B. Abel Association, convened the 11th of August, 1792, to the several churches we are connected with, greeting.

DEAR BRETHREN,

WE have by divine providence had a comfortable interview for a few days past in much love and harmony; we have considered what came before us which appeared necessary at this time respecting the cause of Christ in general, especially the churches we represent. You will find an account of those things in our minutes; we are happy to find that peace and harmony subsist in our churches in general.

We

