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MINUTES

OF THE

SALEM ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT COX'S CREEK MEETING-HOUSE, NELSON COUNTY,
OCTOBER THE FIRST AND SECOND, 1862.

THE introductory Sermon was preached by Brother John Taylor, from the 5th verse of the 3rd chapter of PAUL'S Second Epistle to the Corinthians, "And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God."

Brother William Taylor, chosen Moderator; and Brother William May, Clerk.

Letters from the different Churches in the Union were read, and the Messengers' names enrolled.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	Enrolled.	By Letter.	Received.	Reluctant.	Kept by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total.
Cedar Creek,	Joshua Morris, Anthony Fetter, Atkinson Hill.	5	51	2	1	8	2	2	111	
Beargrass,	George Hicks, James Fountain.	1	7	4				1	2	67
Cox's Creek,	William Taylor, William May, Joseph Lewis.	1	29	6	1	15	4	2	163	
Brashears's creek,	{ James McQuaid, David Standford, Isaac Elliot, Daniel Colgan.		11		2	12	7		151	
Hardin's Creek,	James Rutter, Thomas Phillips.		25		1	5				
Simpson's creek,	Warrin Cash, Walter Stallard, Benjamin Cooper.		68	7	1	7			122	
Chinoweth's Run,	William Taylor, Bartlet Aker, Edward Tyler.		2			15			41	
Fox Run,	Moses Eoon, William Ford.								29	
Back & Elk creek,	Reuben Smith, Eliab Cooper, Thomas Spencer.	1	9	4		3			123	
Ann creek,	John Butler, James ...		59							
Beech Creek,	Moses Scott, Samuel ...		2	7		10	3		46	
Harrod's Creek,	{ William Keller, John ... Farr, Thomas White.		6	6		5	1	3	145	
Long Run,	Joseph Collins, Benjamin Hughes, Benjamin Bridges.		2	3		8	8	1	117	
Salt River,	{ John Penney, Edmund Walter, Martin Utter- back, Hardy Holman.	1	24	3	1	8	6	1	137	
Ridge,	Josiah Herbert, Isaac Edwards.								12	
Tick Creek,	Philip Webber, Edmund ...			4		6	5		59	
Fourteen Mile ck.	Elisha Carr, James McCoy.		17	5	5	4	1		42	
Plumb Creek,	William McCoy, George Waller.	2	3	3		7	4		38	
Six Mile creek,	William Tool, Seth Cook.		3	6		6	5	1	107	
Eighteen Mile ck.	John Coons.		1	16		1	6		73	
Corn Creek,	John Taylor, Profey Gray, William King.		18	12	1				60	
Rock Lick,	William Jones, Robert Loudon, Ralph Cotton.		5	15	1				40	
Burk's Branch,	James Mullican, William Mullican.		2	4	2			1	23	
Floyd's Fork,	Jonathan Stark.	1	10	4				1	42	
Cane and Back Run,	{ James Anderson, Jesse Drake, Jesse Jones, George Maxwell.		9	21	1	5	1		61	
Little Mount,	Stephen Ashoy, Daniel Wise.		4	4	2		2		59	
Sulphur Fork,	William Langore, William Fore.			1		1			16	
Lick Creek,	William Kinball, Joseph Brown.	2	17	8	3	2			31	
Wilson's Creek,	Edmund Polk, William Chinoweth.		13	11	1	5			36	
Salem,	Daniel White, Robert Middleton, Hinton Hobbs.			17					45	
Hite's Run.	Thomas Piety, Peter Cummins.		1	3					33	
Rock Creek,	Morris Brady.		24	1					32	
Lick Branch,	Halley Head, George Bohannon.			5	1			1	28	
Rolling Fork.	Samuel Miller, William Coy.		71			5	2		77	
Cedar Creek, Salt River.	{ William Overall, Samuel Simmonds.	1	1						16	
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The following churches, viz. Wilson's creek, Salem, Hite's run, Rock creek, Lick branch, and Rolling fork, were received into this Union.

Received the minutes and particular letter from the Green river Association; and her messenger took his seat.

Brothers Joshua Morris, William Ford, and William May, appointed a committee to arrange the business of the ensuing day. And then the Association adjourned till to-morrow 2 o'clock.

SATURDAY.

Met according to adjournment;—when the corresponding letter from the Elk-horn Association, together with her minutes and circular letter, were received; and her messenger, Brother Reese, invited to a seat with us.

Attended to the Query, referred by the last Association to the present; "Is it consistent with good order for a Minister within the bounds of a Church, to hear Experiences and baptize Persons, without the consent of such Church?" Answered in the negative.

The circular letter was read and approved.

Query from Cedar creek Church, "Are Members of Sister Churches, invited to a seat in time of Church Business, intitled to a vote?" Answered in the negative.

Query from Hardin's creek Church, "Is it advisable to receive the evidence of a credible person in the world, against a Member who might publicly transgress, and yet deny it?" All things considered, we think it not advisable.

Agreed to unite with the South District, and Tate's creek Associations, on the terms they united with the Elk-horn Association; whereupon Brethren John Rice and Jeremiah Vardiman, Messengers from the South District, and Brother Reading from Tate's creek, were invited to their seats.

Agreed to receive the Church at Cedar creek (waters of Salt river) into this union.

Agreed that the Churches on the North side of Salt river, have liberty to form themselves into an Association, to be held at Long Run Meeting House, on the third Friday in September next; to bear the name of "Long Run Association:" Brother William Taylor to preach the introductory sermon; in case of failure, Brother John Taylor to be prepared.

Brethren Joshua Morris, Walter Stallard, and William May, appointed to write to the different Associations; Brother Penny and Brother John Taylor to be our Messengers to the Elk-horn; Brother Cash, the Tate's creek; Brother Penny, the South District; Brethren Morris and Stallard, the Green river; and Brother William Taylor, the Long Run Association.

Brethren Joshua Morris and Joseph Lewis, to prepare the circular letter for the ensuing year.

The next Association to be held at Cedar creek, on the first Friday in October next. Brother Morris to preach the introductory Sermon; in case of failure, Brother Cash to be prepared.

Quarterly meetings to be held the ensuing year, the first at Mill creek on the fourth Saturday in November; to be attended by Brethren Stallard and Pierson—the second at Lick creek, on the fourth Saturday in April; to be attended by Brethren William Taylor and Joshua Morris—the third at Cedar creek (Salt river), to be attended by Brethren Morris and Cash, on the fourth Saturday in July.

Agreed to appoint Quarterly Meetings on the North side of Salt river; the first at Sniphet fork, to be attended by Brethren Keller and McQuaid, on the fourth Saturday in November—the second at Bear-grass,

on the fourth Saturday in April; to be attended by Brethren John Taylor and Reuben Smith—the third at Clear creek, on the fourth Saturday in July; to be attended by Brethren Webber and Kellar.

Brethren Lewis and May to superintend the printing our minutes and circular letter, and distribute them among the Churches.

Query from Floyd's fork, "What is the use and authority of an Association?" Answer—An Association is only an Advisory Council.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, *Moderator.*

WILLIAM MAY, *Clerk.*

CIRCULAR LETTER.

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TO THE CHURCHES WITH WHOM WE ARE IN UNION.

DEAR BRETHREN,

THROUGH the Goodness of God, we have been favoured with another Meeting; and in token of our love to you, shall recommend to your serious consideration, a few Hints on the important Subject of Watchfulness.

In the first place, watch against a spirit of dogmatical Arrogance and Bigotry; remember you are far from infallibility or perfection in Knowledge; and others have an equal share of private Judgment with yourselves. Watch against a spirit of needless Curiosity, and a fond love of Novelty; remember you are not to affect to be Wise above what is written, or to intrude into Things that are unseen; but watch against every Indifference to a proper acquaintance with the Things of God; and remember that the Bible contains an inexhausted Mine of religious Knowledge, which you have not fully explored. Watch against all Notions which flatter human Pride and that encourage the Idea of Merit in a Sinner; and ever remember that the Design of God in the Gospel, is to abase all the Haughtiness of Man, that his free Grace may be exalted as the only Source of a Sinner's Salvation; and watch equally against Sentiments which tend to encourage Licentiousness or Sloth; remember it is Christ's Design to bring apostate Creatures back to God. Watch against all Sentiments that oppose God's moral Government, and make void his Law, either as representing the unregenerate, as fallen below all Obligations to any Thing spiritually Good, or the regenerate, as raised above every Idea of Duty; remember that the Law of God is too Holy, Just, and Good, to admit of any Abrogation or Abatement. While we warn you against every Thought that would impeach the Equity of the Divine Government; we would equally caution you to reject every Idea that militates against the sovereign Freeness of Grace. Watch against degrading Ideas of the person of Christ; remember he is the only foundation of a Sinner's Hope; and the efficacy of his atoning Sacrifice, depends on the Dignity of his Person as God over all blessed forever. Watch against the Denial of the Personality, Divinity, and effectual Operations of the Holy Spirit; remember that the foundation which God hath laid, is adapted to sustain an Holy Temple, & no other kind

D. C. S.

