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OF THE

LAUREL RIVER ASSOCIATION

OF

UNITED BAPTISTS,

HELD AT

CANE-CREEK MEETING HOUSE,

LAUREL COUNTY, KENTUCKY;

COMMENCING ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1868.

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- 1 Hosannah to the Prince of light
That cloth'd himself in clay;
Enter'd the iron gates of death,
And tore the bars away.

- 2 Death is no more the King of dread!—
Since Christ our Lord arose;
He took the Tyrant Sting away,
And spoil'd our Hellish Foes.

- 3 See!—how the Conqueror mounts aloft!
And to his Father flies—
With scars of honor in his flesh,
And triumph in his eyes.

- 4 There!—our exalted Saviour reigns,
And scatters blessings down;
Our Jesus fills the right hand seat
Of the Celestial Throne.



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MINUTES.

Laurel County, Ky., October 2nd. 1868.

The Delegates of the Laurel River Association, convened at Cane Creek Meeting House.

Elder G. B. Foley delivered the annual sermon, from 1st. Peter, 5th. chapter, 1st. and 2nd. verses.—

The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:

2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

Eld. H. D. Harman, Moderator of the last session, was present and called the meeting to order; and J. C. Westerfield (secretary of last session) being present, proceeded to enroll the names of delegates, and record statistics of the different Churches: which are as follows:

STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.

DELEGATES

CHURCHES.	By Baptism.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	CONTRIBUTED.
								Cts.
London,	Eld. Z. Sutton, S. M. Jackson, Wm. L. Hankleroad, J. H. Jackson, M. Jackson, and S. A. Brock,	4	1	1	1	1	35	100
Providence,	Eld. E. Williams, S. Taylor, J. Sasser, J. Cobb, Thomas Jones, and William Yager.	45	2	12	6	5	156	260
Rough Creek,	Elds. Geo. Brock, and R. D. Goin; Bros. J. M. Yaden, L. Jackson, Wm. Brock, & D. Williams. J. Philpot.	1	8	3	2	1	138	270
Little Goose,	Eld. E. J. Odell, J. Weaver, William Lickliter, G. Weaver, P. Tuttle, and J. C. Weaver.	15	6	23	3	1	66	110
Union,	J. J. Barrett, B. O. Coleman, J. Nicks, E. Combs, S. Adams, and J. McFadden.	14	3	1	1	1	54	
Sinking Creek,	Wm. Green. D. D. Elam, J. Crofford, R. H. Lewis, E. Turner, and B. F. Catching.	1	1				25	75
Cane Creek,	Eld. H. D. Harman, J. M. Jones, J. L. Smith, J. H. Pemberton, and S. Jones.	2				2	87	

Richland,	J. D. Farris, Wm. Troser, J. Runnels, and L. A. Wright.	2	4	1	24				
Lynn Camp,	Eld. H. Revel, F. T. Hodges, E. Norvell, George Early, and J. Hainmons.	13	6	1	2	75			
Liberty,	J. Mason, A. B. Belvin, W. T. Bryant, R. Wilburn, and P. G. Bryant.	10	2	1	2	61	125		
Robinsons Creek,	Eld. J. M. Jackson, W. J. Stansberry, E. B. Jones, S. C. Jackson, and William H. Jones. . .	7	1	5	4	3	79		
Pine Creek,	E. Barton, H. Slone, and I. Davis.	15	1	1	1	60	160		
New Bethel,	S. Jones, and H. Moore.	4	3	6	1	38			
Bethlehem,	Eld. W. K. Davis, William Tye, and F. Seers. .	3	1	1	1	37	75		
Slate Lick,	J. McCarty, and J. McCarty.	7	1	2	2	118	105		
Salem,	G. W. Peters, C. Carrier, and J. Deese.	10	7	2	33				
Friendship,	J. B. Jones, and I. H. Broughton.								
Indian Creek,	Eld. G. B. Foley, J. C. Westerfield, C. S. Brown, I. W. Thompson, and Martin Engle.	20	2	2	1	34			
Union Rockcastle,	James Cobb,								
Hawk Creek,	J. Green, A. G. Whitt, M. Whitt, and J. Z. Crane.	26	6	3	48				
Mt. Olivet,	P. J. Ernest, W. Blackburn, J. Humfleet, sr. S. Kirby, and J. Humfleet, jr.	1			20				
Totals		193	39	19	72	21	23	1263	1380

The Association then organized, by choosing Eld. H. D. Harman, Moderator; and J. C. Westerfield, Clerk.

ERRATUM.—On page 5, second line from bottom of Art. 3; and in Committee of Arrangement, on page 7; for "Eld. John Brock," read "Eld. George Brock." *There are a few more typographical errors, but they are not material.*

PROCEEDINGS.

PRAYER—By Eld. Z. Sutton.

1. The privilege was extended for the reception of Churches into the Association.

Received Union Rockcastle Church, Hawk Creek Church, and Mt. Olivet Church; each of which were admitted into full fellowship, and their Delegates invited to seats.

2. Letters from corresponding Associations were read and received:—1st. from Cumberland River, by her messenger, J. Woodall. Their next Association will be held with Freedom Church, Rockcastle County, Ky., on Friday before the 1st. Saturday in September, 1869.

2nd. From South Union, by her delegates Eld. G. W. Sego, and A. S. Hart. Their next Association will be held with Zion Church, Scott County, Tennessee, on Friday before the 4th. Saturday in September, 1869.

3rd. From North Concord,—no Letter. Eld. J. N. Maddox being present was invited to a seat. Their next Association will be held with Liberty Church, Brush Creek, Knox County, Ky., on Friday before the 1st. Saturday in September, 1869.

3. Ordered:—That Brethren S. C. Jackson, Gipson Weaver, J. M. Yaden, and David Williams, be a committee of correspondence; and Levi Jackson, J. M. Jones, and Eld. John Brock, with the Moderator and Clerk, be a Committee of Arrangement.

4. Ordered:—That our beloved brother, Eld. J. O. Southerland, be invited to a seat with us.

Adjourned untill Saturday morning, 9 1-2 o'clock.

Saturday, 9 1-2 o'clock, A. M.

PRAYER—By Eld. G. B. Foley.

5. Report of committee on arrangements was read and received.

6. Elders J. Woodall, J. N. Maddox, and G. W. Sego, are requested to preach to-day, and Elds. Z. Sutton, W. K. Davis, J. O. Southerland, and H. D. Harman, are requested to preach on Sabbath.

7. Ordered:—That this Association be divided, for convenience, into two Associations; and that a committee of one from each church be appointed by the Moderator to make and report the division. (See report on page 7.)

8. Our next Association will be held with Slate Lick Church, Laurel County, Ky., on Friday before the 1st. Saturday in October, 1869: and the following brethren are appointed to bear Letters to corresponding Associations.—To North Concord, Eld. J. Gunn, B. F. Catching, and S. Brock.—To Cumberland River, Andrew Deboard, W. T. Bryant, Jessee McFadden, M. Whitt, and E. Barton.—To South Union, Paschal Bryant, B. F. Catching, R. Wilburn, Eld. J. Gunn, J. J. Barrett, & J. Nicks.

9. Ordered:—That Eld. Z. Sutton preach the next Introductory Sermon, & Hiram Johnson be his alternate.

10. Report of committee on division of Association was received and unanimously adopted.

11. Resolved:—That we re-affirm our former Resolution, in tendering our thanks to the General Association, for sending Brother John O. Southerland, as Evangelic Labourer in the Mountains, and we cordially receive him, and recommend the brethren Churches and friends, to contribute liberally to his support.

12. Ordered:—That David Williams & Levi Jackson, be a Committee of Finance, and superintend the printing of the Minutes; and that they get 400 copies printed.

13. Ordered:—That Eld. George Brock be appointed Chairman, and Levi Jackson, Secretary, to organize the next Association.

14. Resolved:—That we tender our thanks to the Sisters, Brethren and Friends, in this vicinity who have, with Christian hospitality and friendship, entertained us during our present Session.

15. Ordered:—That we now adjourn till our next annual Association.

J. C. WESTERFIELD, Sec.
Barbourville, Ky.

H. D. HARMAN, Mod.
Rockholt, Ky.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON A DIVISION OF LAUREL RIVER ASSOCIATION.

A Committee of one from each Church comprising this Association, being appointed, together with Rev. G. B. Foley, and George Brock, to agree upon friendly terms of a division of said association; organized by appointing Rev. G. B. Foley Chairman, and Levi Jackson Clerk.—After fully considering the proposition for a division, they respectfully ask leave to make the following Report.

1st. It is ordered that Laurel River be designated, and established, as the dividing line between the two Associations.

2nd. It is ordered that the several Churches on the north side of said river, shall compose and constitute the Laurel River Association.

3rd. It is ordered that any Church, or Churches, belonging to the original Laurel River Association, be, and the same is at liberty to join either Association, when organized; at their first session, with or without letters of dismissal.

4th. It is ordered that the several Churches on the south side of Laurel River, and within the bounds of the original Laurel River Association, meet in convention on Friday before the 1st. Saturday in November, next, with Lynn Camp Church, Knox County, Ky., for the purpose of organizing and constituting themselves into an Association; and, that they hereby invite the Ministerial aid of Laurel River Association to meet with them in convention.

G. B. Foley, *Chairman,*

Levi Jackson, *Secretary.*

EVANGELIST:

Rev. John O. Southerland.

COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE:

S. C. Jackson, Gipson Weaver, J. M. Yeaden, David Williams,

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENT:

Levi Jackson, J. M. Jones, Eld. John Brock,
Eld. H. D. Harman, J. C. Westerfield.

DAVID WILLIAMS, }
LEVI JACKSON. } *Committee of Finance,*

ELD. H. D. HARMAN, *Moderator,*

J. C. WESTERFIELD, *Secretary,*

