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The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder M. H. Lester, from John the 10th chapter and 16th verse: "*And other Sheep I have which are not of this Fold, etc.*" After a short intermission the delegates assembled in the meeting-house, and were brought to order by singing and prayer. Prayer by Elder S. C. Caudal.

Then read the letters from the several churches and minuted the foregoing table.

Then organized by appointing Elder Basil Hatfield, Moderator, W. J. May, Clerk, Treasurer and Secretary, and proceeded to business in the following order:

FIRST—Called for newly constituted churches: None responded.

SECOND—Corresponding letter called for, and handed in as follows: Washington, by the hand of Jasper Skeen. New Salem, by the hands of John Compton and Lee Compton. Elkhorn, by the hands of M. H. Lester and C. Blankenship. Zion, by the hand of Elias Stepp. Sand Lick, by the hands of S. C. Caudal and J. H. Craft. Three Forks of Powell's River, by the hands of Wilson Church and W. Robinet. All the above Correspondents received the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator, took seats with us and aided in counsel.

THIRD—Transient ministers called for. Elders P. Coleman, J. Adkins, W. G. Sparks and D. A. Maynard accepted.

FOURTH—Corresponding letters were written as follows: Washington, to be held with the St. Clair's Bottom Church, Smyth County, Va., to commence Friday before the second Sabbath in September, 1885. New Salem, to be held with the New Salem Church, Floyd County, Ky., to commence Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1885. Elders James Williamson and Brothers John McCoy, T. J. Muncey and T. J. Bevins, Delegates. Elkhorn, to be held with the Guyandotte Church, Wyoming County, West Va., to commence Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1885. Elders A. M. Toler and H. Hall Delegates.

Sand Lick, to be held with the Sand Lick Church, Letcher County, Ky., to commence Friday before the first Saturday in October, 1885. Elders W. W. Fields, James Williamson, J. D. Riffe, Delegates. Three Forks of Powell's River, to be held with the Bull Run Church, Wise County, Va., to commence Friday before the fourth Saturday in October, 1886. Elders B. Hatfield, A. Hatfield, W. W. Fields, A. M. Toler, D. Riffe, and Brothers D. A. Maynard, T. J. Bevins, T. J.

| Names of Churches. | Names of Delegates. | Saturday of Meeting. | By Exp. and Baptism. | Rec. by Letter. | Dis. by Letter. | Restored. | Excluded. | Deceased. | Total. | Contributions. |
|--------------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|----------------|
| Louisa | J. M. Justice | 2 | 1 | | | | | | 27 | \$2 60 |
| Big Creek . . | B. Hatfield, G. Pinson, J. M. May | 3 | 1 | | | | | | 50 | 2 95 |
| Pond Creek . | M. B. May | 2 | 1 | | | | | | 23 | 2 45 |
| Enon | S. Trout, A. Hatfield, J. Ruth- ford, S. Farley, Eli Williamson. | 1 | | | | | | | 52 | 2 26 |
| Sardis | A. M. Toler, R. Hatfield, F. Hat- field. | 2 | 1 | | | | | | 35 | 60 |
| Brushy Fork . | G. W. Maynard, W. A. Farley, H. Varney, T. Harris | 4 | 2 | | | | | | 41 | 2 00 |
| Raccoon . . . | W. W. Fields, J. Williamson, J. Burruss, T. J. Muncy, O. Lowe | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 22 | 1 00 |
| Sulphur Spring | J. Kindrick | 4 | | | | | | | 68 | 1 75 |
| Peter Creek . | J. H. Charles | 4 | | | | | | | 30 | 2 25 |
| Big Branch . . | James May | 4 | | | | | | | 15 | 1 00 |
| Philadelphia . | Letter but no Delegate | 5 | | | | | | | 14 | |
| Little Hope . | Not represented | 1 | | | | | | | 26 | 2 75 |
| New Hope . . | W. J. May, W. A. Varney, R. T. Hackney, H. May | 3 | 1 | | | | | | 24 | 75 |
| Cedar Fork . . | H. Hall | 2 | 1 | | | | | | 14 | 1 00 |
| Zion | H. Davis, M. Chapman, N. Fred- ric, J. Fredric | 4 | 3 | | | | | | 17 | 95 |
| Laurel Bottom | J. D. Riffe, T. J. Bevins, A. Mar- riss, W. Marriss | | | | | | | | 32 | |
| Sand Lick | Not represented | | | | | | | | 16 | |
| 17 Churches. | 38 Delegates. | 10 | 4 | 2 | 1 | | 5 | 15 | 526 | \$24 31 |

Muncey and James Fredric, Delegates. Zion to be held with the Fairmount Church, Wayne County, West Va., to commence Friday before the second Sabbath in September, 1885. Elders Joseph Smith, and Bro. W. Mariss, Delegates. The Clerk wrote all the corresponding letters.

FIFTH—A member from each Church was appointed with the members of the Old Pond Creek Church, to arrange the preaching at the stand, who reported for Saturday. First, Stephen Trout; Second, S. C. Caudal; Third, Elias Stepp; Fourth, Wilson Church.

SIXTH—Committee of arrangements were appointed as follows: Elders J. Williamson, A. Hatfield, A. M. Toler, J. M. Justice, H. Hall, with the Moderator and Clerk. Correspondents and Transient Ministers were invited to sit with them.

Adjourned till Saturday Morning 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 5, 1885.

The Association met according to adjournment, and after prayer by Elder Wilson Church, proceeded to business in the following order:

FIRST—Delegates names called.

SECOND—Committee of arrangements reported and were discharged.

THIRD—Constitution and Rules of Decorum read.

FOURTH—W. W. Fields, A. Hatfield and T. J. Bevins were appointed Finance Committee.

FIFTH—Those appointed to Sister Associations and Union meetings, made their report, which was satisfactory.

SIXTH—Union meetings were appointed as follows: Little Hope, to commence Friday before the first Saturday in July, 1886. Elders James May, James M. Justice and B. Hatfield attend. Enon, to commence Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1886. Elders A. Hatfield, B. Hatfield and W. W. Fields attend. Louisa, to commence Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1886. Elders W. W. Fields, A. Hatfield and W. J. May attend. Cedar Fork, to commence Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1886. Elders H. Hall, James Williamson and A. M. Toler attend.

SEVENTH—Committee on Ministry for Sabbath reported as follows: First, William Robinet; second, Wilson Church; third, Jasper Skein; fourth, M. H. Lester.

EIGHTH—Committee on Finance reported, \$24.31.

NINTH—W. J. May is appointed to superintend the printing of Minutes, 500 in number, and distribute the same among

and he is allowed out of the contribution, \$6.00, for his services as Clerk, Treasurer and Secretary.

TENTH—Corresponding letters read and received.

ELEVENTH—By order of the Association, the Bee Branch Church is granted a letter of Dismission.

TWELFTH—Those appointed to visit the Bee Branch and Big Branch Churches, reported satisfactorily.

THIRTEENTH—We, as advisory counsel, say again to Raccoon Church, to call on Elder John Conaway to return his Church letter, and if you fail so to do, the result may be *excommunication*.

FOURTEENTH—As advisory counsel, we say to all the Churches in our Union, to neither receive nor retain any member, or members in their fellowship, who is having two living companions. Those retaining such must exclude them, or expect this body to withdraw from them.

FIFTEENTH—Our next Association is appointed with the Big Creek Church, Pike County, Ky., to commence Friday before the first Sabbath in September, 1886, and that Elder J. D. Riffe preach the introductory Sermon; Elder W. J. May his alternate.

SIXTEENTH—*Resolved*, That this Association tender its thanks to the people of this vicinity, who, for miles around, opened their doors and kindly and freely entertained the people who attended, also to all those on the way who opened their doors and were not forgetful to entertain strangers. Lord bless each and all of them, according to Thine own will.

BASIL HATFIELD, MODERATOR.

W. J. MAY, CLERK.

SABBATH MORNING.

A large and extra well ordered congregation assembled at the stand. Elder S. C. Caudal opened the services by prayer, then W. Robinet preached from Psalms 108 chapter and 12 verse: "Give us Help from Trouble, &c.:" W. Church from Isaiah the 56 chapter and last clause of 5 verse: "I will give them an everlasting name, &c.:" Jasper Skein from 1st Epistle of John 3 chapter and 7 verse: "Little children let no man deceive you." M. H. Lester from Psalms 25 chapter 14 verse. "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him, &c.:" The preaching was strictly all of a peace. "SALVATION BY GRACE ALONE." It was heart thrilling and soul cheering indeed. May the Lord bless them, and bless their labors according to His own will and purpose, Amen.

W. J. MAY, Clerk

