

Minutes of the

Eighty-eighth Annual Session

Of the

Mates Creek Association

(Organized in 1849)

Of Primitive Baptists

Held with Big Creek Church, Canada, Pike Co.,
Kentucky, Friday, Saturday and Sunday,
Aug. 30, 31, Sept. 1, 1940

OFFICERS

Elder W. H. Thacker, Moderator Fish Trap, Kentucky
Elder T. M. Mounts, Clerk Majestic, Kentucky

IS THIS NOT FAIR?

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C. H. Cayce.

Thornton, Ark.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MATES CREEK ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 1940

The Association called to order by Moderator W. H. Thacker. Singing and prayer by Elder W. H. Thacker. The introductory was preached by Elder W. M. Stanley. His subject was 2 Tim. ii. 19.

Ministers left on the stand Friday: Elders G. B. Sutherland, E. O. Lilly, Arvel Caudill and Isaac Caudill.

Messengers assembled in Big Creek church house and were brought to order by Moderator W. H. Thacker. Prayer by Elder E. S. Stevens.

Letters from several churches were read from which the following table was prepared:

Louisa Church and delegates: Elders A. P. Justice, W. H. Thacker, M. C. Slone, and Brother Jerry Justice.

Sardis Church: Not represented.

Pond Creek Church and delegates: Elder A. J. Ball, Brethren C. J. Mickey, Anderson Farley, and W. J. Hatfield.

Big Creek Church and delegates: Elders W. M. Stanley, Joe Thacker, Brethren Albert Blackburn and Benton Smith.

Brushy Fork Church: Not represented.

Raccoon Church and delegates: Brethren Milton Coleman and Joel Thacker.

Sulphur Springs Church and delegates: Brethren S. K. Smith and M. B. May.

Peter Creek Church and delegates: Elder G. W. Smith, Brethren Phillip Dotson and Roland Dotson.

Little Hope Church and delegates: Elders M. H. Ball, B. M. Fields, Brethren Allen May, and J. H. Blackburn.

Joppa Church and delegates: Brother G. W. Stepp.

Grapevine Church and delegates: Elder J. W. Slone, Brethren Hillar Justice, Steward Justice, and J. T. Justice.

Samaria Church and delegates: Elder Teddy Ball, Brethren C. C. Dotson, Bud Hager, and Bob Dotson.

Little Union Church and delegates: Elder W. H. Prater and Brother Harve Fuller.

Pilgrim's Rest Church and delegates: Brother F. M. Akers.

John's Church and delegates: Elders W. M. Dotson, Paris Coleman, and Brother Jackson Coleman.

Antioch Church and delegates: Elder T. M. Mounts, Brethren L. C. Chapman, and Albert Casey.

CHURCHES	Rec by Exp & Exp	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Membership	Sunday of Meeting	Contribution
Louisa	2	2				2	60	2	8 45
Pond Creek	3	1				1	41	2	5 00
Sardis							25	1	1 00
Big Creek							24	3	8 01
Raccoon	3					2	14	4	3 13
Sulphur Springs							11	1	1 00
Peter Creek	4		2	2	3	1	76	4	5 00
Little Hope	2					1	28	3	6 25
Joppa							5	4	1 00
Grapevine	4					1	19	3	3 38
Samaria		2	1	1			31	3	3 50
Little Union							10	3	1 75
Pilgrim's Rest							12	4	
Antioch	1						47	3	2 00
John's Creek							15	1	2 35
Totals	19	5	3	3	3	8	418		51 82

Organization: The Association was then organized by appointing Elder W. H. Thacker, moderator, Elder A. P. Justice, assistant moderator; and Elder T. M. Mounts, clerk, secretary, and treasurer.

1. Newly constituted churches called for. None.
2. Abstracts of Principles, Rules of Decorum and Constitution read, and are to be printed in these minutes.

3. Correspondence from sister associations received as follows:
Washington Association—Delegates: Elders E. S. Stevens, Monty Miller. Transient: Elders A. R. Singleton and G. B. Sutherland.

Indian Creek Association—Delegates: Elders E. O. Lilly, Lowell Lilly. Transient: Elder U. G. Nichols, Brethren Martin Lester and Wilburn Lilly.

Union Association—Delegates: Elders Charlie Compton and Sam Newsom.

Rock Spring Association—Delegates: Elders Isaac Caudill,

Arvel Caudill, and R. A. Bolander. Visitor: Brother Albert Hamilton.

Center Association—Delegates: Elder W. W. Davis was received and given the right hand of fellowship and given a seat with us. Our Association agreed to take up correspondence with the Center Association and send messengers.

Powell's Valley Association—Delegates: Elder Lee Hanks was received and given the right hand of fellowship and a seat with us. Our Association agreed to take up correspondence with the Powell's Valley Association and send messengers.

4. The moderator is to make all temporary arrangements.

5. A member from each church, with all the messengers from this church, are appointed to arrange for the preaching at the stand. They reported: Saturday, Elders Lowell Lilly, R. A. Bolander, Monty Miller, and Lee Hanks.

6. Moved and seconded that the moderator appoint a committee of three to appoint delegates to go to the sister associations. Motion carried. Moderator appointed Elders A. P. Justice, W. M. Dotson, and Brother C. C. Dotson.

7. Delegates appointed to visit sister associations are as follows:

Washington Association: Elders A. P. Justice and W. H. Thacker.

Indian Creek Association: Elders A. P. Justice and Teddy Ball.

Union Association: Elders T. M. Mounts and W. H. Thacker.

Rock Spring Association: Elders T. M. Mounts and W. H. Thacker.

Center Association: Elders Joe Thacker and Teddy Ball.

Powell's Valley Association: Elders T. M. Mounts and W. M. Dotson.

8. Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows: Elders G. W. Smith, A. P. Justice and Brother Albert Blackburn.

9. Committee on Finance was appointed as follows: Brethren Anse Farley, Martin Ball and C. J. Mickey.

Association adjourned until 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 1940

The Association was called to order by Moderator W. H. Thacker. Prayer by Elder G. B. Sutherland.

1. Roll called and the absentees marked.

2. Committee on Arrangements reported and discharged.
3. Finance Committee reported \$50.82.
4. Delegates appointed last year to visit sister associations reported. Those unable to fill their appointments were excused.
5. The following preachers were on the stand Saturday: Elders Monty Miller, R. A. Bolander, Lowell Lilly, and Lee Hanks.
6. Committee on Preaching for Sunday reported as follows: Elders Sam Newsom, W. W. Davis, U. G. Nichols, and A. R. Singleton.

7. Union meetings as follows:

Louisa Church and delegates: Meets Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1941. Elders T. M. Mounts, Teddy Ball, Joe Thacker, and H. W. Prater.

Sardis Church: No delegates.

Pond Creek Church and delegates: Meets Friday before the second Saturday in July, 1941. Elders Teddy Ball, Paris Coleman, W. H. Thacker, and Joe Thacker.

Big Creek Church and delegates: Meets Friday before the third Sunday in August, 1941. Elders Paris Coleman, Teddy Ball, and A. P. Justice.

Brushy Fork Church: No delegates.

Raccoon Church and delegates: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 1941. Elders T. M. Mounts, W. H. Thacker, Paris Coleman, Lonnie Worrix and M. C. Slone.

Sulphur Springs Church and delegates: Meets Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1941. Elders A. P. Justice, A. J. Ball, and H. W. Prater.

Peter Creek Church and delegates: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 1941. Elders Paris Coleman, A. P. Justice, W. M. Dotson, Teddy Ball, and Joe Thacker.

Little Hope Church: The Association will meet with this church at McAndrews, Pike County, Kentucky, on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1941.

Joppa Church: No delegates.

Grapevine Church and delegates: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in July, 1941. Elders W. H. Thacker, M. H. Ball, Teddy Ball, and H. W. Prater.

Samaria Church and delegates: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 1941. Elders W. H. Thacker and Paris Coleman.

Little Union Church: No delegates.

Pilgrim's Rest Church: No delegates.

Antioch Church and delegates: Meets Friday before the third

Saturday in June, 1941. Elders T. M. Mounts, W. M. Dotson, B. M. Fields, and Joe Thacker.

John's Creek Church and delegates: Meets the first Sunday and Saturday before in July, 1941. Elders Teddy Ball, Joe Thacker, and G. W. Smith.

8. Rock Spring Association is to be held with Popular Grove Church, Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1941, one-half mile west of Morehead, Ky.

9. Indian Creek Association is to be held at Mt. Pleasant, in Greenbrier County, near Williamsburg, W. Va. Go to Beckley, to Hinton, and to Alderson, turn left to Route 60, go about three miles and turn right on little hard road to Williamsburg and inquire for Front Valley.

10. Powell's Valley Association is to be held with Barren Clinch, near Tazewell, Tenn., on Friday before the third Sunday in August, 1941.

11. Secretary reports all work up. Cash left on hand \$50.82.

12. Circular Letter called for and read, and ordered to be printed in these minutes. Elder G. W. Smith was selected to prepare the letter for next year.

13. The clerk was authorized to superintend the printing of the minutes (1,000 in number), and distribute them among the churches. He shall be allowed \$10.00 for his services as secretary and treasurer, and \$30.00 for the printing of the minutes. The balance, \$10.82, left in the treasury; \$10.82 was given to delegates to go to the associations. None left in the treasury.

14. Our next Association is appointed to meet with Little Hope Church, McAndrews, Pike County, Kentucky, commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1941. Elder W. H. Thacker is to preach the introductory, and Elder A. P. Justice is to be his alternate.

15. This Association tenders its heartfelt thanks to the brethren and sisters and many friends who so bountifully entertained us during this session. May God add His sweet blessings to them while here on earth and take them in the resurrection morning with Him to the glory land forever to stay with Him.

Closed by prayer by Elder I. N. Caudill. Then adjourned until the time and place of our next Association.

Done and signed by order of the Association.

ELDER W. H. THACKER, Moderator.

ELDER A. P. JUSTICE, Asst. Moderator.

ELDER T. M. MOUNTS, Clerk.

SUNDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 1, 1940

Singing and prayer by Elder Sam Newson. Elders on the stand: First, Elder W. W. Davis, from Center Association; text, Matt. xix. 15; second, Elder U. G. Nichols, from Indian Creek Association; text, Acts xiv. 17; third, Elder A. R. Singleton, from Washington Association; text, "By grace are ye saved."

The preaching was harmonious, God-honoring, salvation by grace and grace alone. The poor little children of God were fed a spiritual feast, and God was glorified.

ELDER T. M. MOUNTS, Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the ministers and messengers that compose the Mates Creek Association:

It being my humble duty, as I feel it to be, to write a Circular Letter, I will call your attention to a portion of Scripture found in Mark ix. 50, "Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his saltiness, wherewith will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another." So, my brethren, my subject is peace, and I pray God that all the people of God might live in peace one with another, willing to forgive each other their wrongs, for we are all faulty and none perfect. In the Holy Writ, we find where it says, "Let the peace of God rule in your hearts." So, we must have the Spirit of God to be able to let the peace rule in our hearts and to be in peace one with another is the fruit of righteousness. Let me beg you to live in peace with all men as much as possible.

There is no peace for the wicked, but God says in His holy Word, "If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you." Then the dear people of God have been chosen of God out of this world and have received a hope through His Spirit that we are no more of the world. Let us work for that which makes for peace. Paul, when on his way down to Damascus, was not at peace, but had letters to bind them that called on the name of the Lord. But God stopped him just like he stopped you and me, as we humbly trust. Did Paul do what he intended to do? I say, nay. But he did the will of God, the will of the Spirit. He became fearful. He feared God because, when he was smitten to the ground, he heard a voice saying, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" Then, Paul, being a changed man, did the will of God.

I did not write on this subject because I thought there might not be peace, but this subject has been lingering with me for some time. So again, let me appeal to you, the people of God, to live in love and peace, and let us pray God to keep us in the way of peace. Dear brethren, I have no doubt about God's little ones. My doubt is in myself. I get so low down in the valley that I almost give it up for lost. But like the song,

When He doth again appear
And I lament my folly,
Then I do after glory run,
And still my Jesus follow.

To the dear old Mates Creek Association, I have written this in love to you.
I hope that I have not said anything that will wound the feelings of anyone. Your
little brother, if one at all,

ELDER B. M. FIELDS.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Elder W. M. Stanley, Ransom, Ky.
Elder A. J. Blackburn, Ira, Va.
Elder Jason Raines, Lenora, W. Va.
Elder W. H. Thacker, Fish Trap, Ky.
Elder W. E. Thacker, Millard, Ky.
Elder A. P. Justice, Raystore, Ky.
Elder G. W. Smith, Coleman, Ky.
Elder J. W. Slone, Fish Trap, Ky.
Elder M. C. Slone, Fish Trap, Ky.
Elder Noah Smith, Coleman, Ky.
Elder T. M. Mounts, Majestic, Ky.
Elder Teddy Ball, Ransom, Ky.
Elder B. M. Fields, McAndrews, Ky.
Elder W. M. Dotson, Stone, Ky.
Elder D. B. Smith, Coleman, Ky.
Elder Paris Coleman, Coleman, Ky.
Elder W. N. Smith, Coleman, Ky.
Elder A. J. Ball, Rawl, W. Va.
Elder Anse Casey, Coleman, Ky.
Elder H. W. Prater, Ransom, Ky.
Elder Joe Thacker, Canada, Ky.
Elder M. H. Ball, McAndrews, Ky.
Elder John Fuller, Canada, Ky.
Elder Anderson Justice, Fish Trap, Ky.
Elder Lonnie Worrix, Goody, Ky.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHURCH CLERKS AND NUMBER MINUTES

Louisa—Elder M. C. Slone, Fish Trap, Ky.	80
Pond Creek—C. J. Mickey, Belfry, Ky.	100
Sardis—Ira Simpkins, Hench, W. Va.	25
Big Creek—Albert Blackburn, Canada, Ky.	95
Brushy Fork—G. W. Lowe, White Post, Ky.	10
Raccoon—Milton Coleman, Raccoon, Ky.	75
Sulphur Springs—J. B. May, Ira, Va.	30
Peter Creek—Roland Dotson, Stone, Ky.	100
Little Hope—Elder B. M. Fields, McAndrews, Ky.	95
Joppa—G. M. Stepp, White Post, Ky.	10
Grapevine—Elder J. W. Slone, Fish Trap, Ky.	25
Little Union—J. H. Fuller, Feds Creek, Ky.	20
Pilgrim's Rest—F. M. Akers, Dana, Ky.	30

Antioch—L. C. Chapman, Woodman, Ky.	20
Samaria—Elder Teddy Ball, Ransom, Ky.	50
John's Creek—Jackson Coleman, Simmers, Ky.	40
Indian Creek Association—J. I. Bowling, Beckley, W. Va.	25
Washington Association—Elder G. B. Sutherland, Haysi, Va.	25

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES

Article I. This Association shall be called Mates Creek District Old Regular or Primitive Baptist Association.

Article II. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

Article III. In the letters from the different churches, shall be expressed their membership in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, restored, excluded and deceased since the last Association.

Article IV. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.

Article V. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper Decorum.

Article VI. The Association shall have a moderator, clerk, and treasurer, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Article VII. Newly constituted churches may be admitted into the union who shall petition by letter and messenger, and (if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly) shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Article VIII. Every church in the union shall be entitled to a representation in the Association.

Article IX. Every query presented by any church to the Association, being first debated in their own church, shall be taken up by the Association.

Article X. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Article XI. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association, the best way and method for effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of future associations.

Article XII. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums voluntarily as they think proper, and send it by the hands of their messenger to the Association, and those moneys thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of the treasurer, who shall be accountable to the Association for all the moneys received by him, and pay out of the same according to the direction of the Association.

Article XIII. There shall be an Association book kept, wherein the proceed-

ings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by the secretary chosen for that purpose, who shall receive compensation for his trouble.

Article XIV. The minutes of the Association shall be read (and corrected if need be) and signed by the moderator and clerk before the Association rises.

Article XV. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when they may deem it necessary.

Article XVI. The Association shall have power: (1) To provide for the general union of the churches. (2) To preserve an inviolate chain of communication among the churches. (3) To give the churches necessary advice in matters of church difficulty. (4) To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association. (5) To appropriate those moneys by the churches contributed for an Association fund to any purpose they may think proper. (6) To appoint any member or members, by and with their consent, to transact any business they may see necessary. (7) The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in this union which shall violate the rules of this Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion. (8) To admit any orderly ministers of our faith and order to a seat in the Association. (9) The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches of the Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

I. We believe in one true and living God, who is the Creator, Upholder and righteous Disposer of all things; and that He is self-existent, independent, omnipotent and eternal.

II. We believe that Jesus Christ existed in His mediatorial person, as the head and life of His body, the church, from everlasting.

III. We believe in the doctrine of eternal, personal and unconditional election; that the elect, or church, is, and was, and shall forever remain, His body and fullness, and their spiritual life is hid with Christ in God.

IV. We believe in the doctrine of total depravity of human nature, and that recovery from that condition is wholly and exclusively by the sovereign, free and unmerited grace of God.

V. We believe the atonement made by Christ was full and complete, and exclusively for the elect, or heirs of promise.

VI. We believe the doctrine of God's predestination, in every sense as the Bible teaches it.

VII. We believe that all the elect vessels of mercy, chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world, shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the regenerating power of God's grace, and shall ultimately enjoy heaven and immortal glory.

VIII. We believe there will be a resurrection of the bodies, both of the just and unjust, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

IX. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the subjects, and the true mode of baptism is immersion, and foot-washing is an example.

X. We believe the Scriptures of the Old Testament and New Testament, as translated under the reign of King James, are a revelation from God, inspired by

the Holy Ghost, and that the New Testament is the standard of faith, and the only authorized rule of practice to the church of God under the gospel dispensation. We therefore consider ourselves solemnly bound by our allegiance to the King of Zion to reject, disclaim and disfellowship all modern and ancient religious institutions or societies of which we have neither precept nor example in the New Testament.

RULES OF DECORUM

- I. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
- II. A moderator and clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
- III. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the moderator when he is about to speak.
- IV. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted by any, except the moderator, until he is done speaking.
- V. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings and imperfections, but fairly state the case and matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his ideas.
- VI. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.
- VII. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.
- VIII. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whispering in time of public speech.
- IX. No member of the Association shall address another in any other term or appellation but the title of brother.
- X. The moderator shall not interrupt any member in a speech, or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except they break the Rules of Decorum.
- XI. Names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called over as many times as the Association may require.
- XII. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as another member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall have no vote except the Association be equally divided, in that event he shall give the casting vote.
- XIII. That any members who shall willfully violate any of these rules shall be reprov'd by the Association as they think proper.

OBITUARIES

W. C. WORRIX

The death angel visited the room of William Worrix, known to his friends as Uncle Bill Worrix, on February 21, 1937, and conveyed his spirit home to the great fair beyond. His body was carried to the cemetery and was followed by a host of friends. He was born on February 19, 1865 and died February 21, 1937, making his stay on earth 72 years, and 2 days. He was married to Elizabeth

Adkins on September 12, 1888, and to this union were born ten children, seven of whom are left to mourn the loss of a dear father. He united with the Primitive Baptist Church more than forty years ago. The children have lost a dear father and the church has lost a faithful member, but we feel that our loss is his eternal gain. The last words he spoke were in asking God to take him home, and then in a moment he was gone. He believed the grace of God would stand forever. So may God bless the children to meet him up yonder. Written by his loving son.

TOMMIE WORRIX.

MRS. ELIZABETH WORRIX

The death angel visited the room of Mrs. Elizabeth Worrix, known to her many friends as Aunt Betty Worrix, on January 24, 1929, and conveyed her spirit home to the great fair beyond. Her body was carried to the cemetery and was followed by a host of friends of about two hundred and fifty persons. She was born May 24, 1866, and died January 24, 1929, making her stay on earth 62 years and 8 months. She was married to W. C. Worrix on September 12, 1888, and to this union were born ten children, seven of whom are left to mourn the loss of a dear mother, with her bereaved husband. She united with the Primitive Baptist Church on the second Saturday in October, 1912, and was baptized on the following day by Elder Thomas Conway. The husband has lost a good wife; the children have lost a good mother, but we feel that our loss is her eternal gain. We wish to render our many heartfelt thanks for the attention that many friends gave her. She was loved by many friends. Humbly yours, W. C. WORRIX.

NICHOLAS VARNEY

Nicholas Varney, son of Andy and Nancy Rutherford Varney, was born March 23, 1857; deceased July 19, 1940. He was united in marriage to Tildy Williamson September 8, 1881. To this union were born four children—one girl, Ida, one boy, Ira, living; Freddie F. and an infant daughter, deceased. He leaves his dear companion, the two children, two sisters, and a large number of other relatives and friends to mourn for him. His companion has lost a good husband and the children a good father, one who lived a quiet and peaceful life and gave good counsel to his family and friends. He joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Pond Creek, July 10, 1898 and was baptized by Elder W. J. May. The Pond Creek Church has lost a good member. He was faithful and active in his church affairs, and the church will miss his counsel. We feel our loss is his eternal gain. Funeral services were conducted by Elders W. M. Stanley, W. H. Thacker, and Teddy Ball. He was laid to rest in the family cemetery near his home. The song he wanted sung in the opening of the services was, "I love thy kingdom Lord," also, "A home in heaven," as the grave was being filled. By C. J. MICKEY.

ABNER E. JUSTICE

In loving remembrance of a dear father, Abner E. Justice, of Fish Trap, Ky., was born June 15, 1860 and departed this life January 14, 1940, making his stay here on earth 79 years, 6 months and 29 days. He was married twice, first to Virginia Justice on May 19, 1881. To this union were born three children, one girl and two boys. His wife and two of the children preceded him in death, leav-

ing one son, W. H. Justice, of Huddy, Ky. Later he was married to Vicy Hatfield, daughter of Elder Anderson Hatfield, and to this union were born eleven children, three boys and eight girls. One son and two daughters preceded him in death, leaving his wife and nine children and a host of friends to mourn. He was a faithful believer in Christ and his doors were always open to the Baptist people for fifty years, but he did not profess a hope until his later days when he joined the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church and remained a member until death. He had such a wonderful experience. We so often think of his cheerful countenance and godly conversation, which won for him a multitude of friends. He bore his affliction with patience, and often said that God's will must be done, and often called for the brethren to come in and preach and sing for him. His companion has lost a good husband and his children a good father, but we are glad to say that we feel that our loss is his eternal gain.

Oh, who could doubt his resting place,
When they beheld his peaceful face,
Now lying thus so cold and still,
But asleep in Jesus at His will.

Written by

ELDER A. P. JUSTICE AND WIFE.

BERNIE H. JUSTICE

Sister Bernie H. Justice was born August 29, 1882; departed this life April 10, 1940, making her stay here on earth 58 years, 4 months, 19 days. She was united in marriage to G. A. Justice on October 23, 1910. To this union were born thirteen children, seven boys and six girls. Five children and her husband preceded her in death. Eight children survive to mourn their loss. Sister Bernie joined the Primitive Baptist Church on June 11, 1939. She lived a faithful member until God called her home.

A blessed one from us is gone;
A voice we loved is still;
A place is vacant in our home
That never can be filled.

We believe our loss is her eternal gain. Your unworthy brother,

M. C. SLONE.

EDITORIAL WRITINGS

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