

1913

PROCEEDINGS
Of the Eighteenth Annual Session of the Indian
Bottom Association

The Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptist Churches of Jesus Christ convened with the Hurricane Gap Church, Gordon, Letcher County, Kentucky, October 3, 4 and 5, 1913.

After singing and prayer by Elder Charles Blair, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder James D. Caudill.

1. The delegates then assembled at the school house. After singing and prayer by Elder W. R. Boggs, the moderator being absent, on account of sickness of his family, on motion and second, Elder D. M. Maggard was chosen moderator pro tem.

The moderator called for the letters from the churches that compose the association which were read and received, (except the Kentucky Church, of Goodloe, Mo., which was not represented,) and delegates seated as shown in table of statistics.

3. The association then completed its organization by selecting Elder D. M. Maggard, moderator, and Elder J. D. Caudill, assistant moderator, and Elder W. R. Boggs, clerk and Elder Willie Francis, assistant clerk.

4. Called for newly constituted churches of same faith and order and received letter and delegates from Doty Creek Church and also from Little Dove Church, also received letter and delegates from Sand Lick Church which was not a newly constituted church asking admittance into this association, letters read and received and delegates seated as shown in table of statistics.

5. Called for corresponding letters from sister associations, and received one from the Union association together with the file of minutes by the hands of her messengers, Elders Joseph Hall, Ira Mullins and Ben Adams, the letters read and received, and the messengers received the right hand of fellowship and took seats with us, also received letter and delegate from New Salem Association with file of minutes by the hands of her messenger, Elder E. V. Hopkins, letter read and received, messenger received the right hand of fellowship and took seat with us.

6. Called for transient ministers and members, received Elder R. H. Fields and Brother R. B. Young.

7. The moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments.

8. Appointed a committee on arrangements consisting of one member from each church represented together with the moderator and clerk; correspondents and transients invited.

9. Appointed a committee to arrange the ministry for Saturday which reported as follows: 1. Elder Arch Lucas. 2. Elder Noah Adams. 3. Elder E. V. Hopkins. 4. Elder Ira Mullins. 5. Elder Charles Blair. 6. Elder W. G. Combs.

10. Appointed the clerk and assistant clerk to write the corresponding letters to our Sisters of New Salem and Union Associations.

11. Adjourned till nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

SECOND DAY--SATURDAY.

Met pursuant to adjournment and opened with a song, and prayer by Elder J. D. Caudill.

1. Called the roll and marked the absentees.

2. Committee on arrangement reported; report received and committee discharged.

3. Called for transients but received none.

4. Appointed a committee on finance consisting of brethren J. J. Mullins, W. G. Caudill and Issac W. Fields who received the contributions from the several churches as shown in table of statistics, amounting to \$34.44, which was turned over to Elder W. R. Boggs, treasurer.

5. Same committee appointed yesterday reported the following arrangement of the ministry for tomorrow: 1. Elder R. H. Fields. 2. Elder Willie Francis. 3. Elder Joseph Hall. 4. Elder J. H. Metcalf. 5. Elder D. M. Maggard.

6. On motion and second, Elder W. R. Boggs was selected treasurer and to superintend the printing of the minutes, and that he be allowed five dollars for his services. He will have two thousand copies printed, reserve two hundred copies for our Sister Associations, and distribute the rest among the several churches, each church to receive as many minutes as there is members in same.

7. Received the following report of W. R. Boggs, treasurer of Indian Bottom Association, viz:

Amount in Union Bank as shown by J. P. Adams	\$20.23
Amount contributed by churches in 1912	33.05
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Total amount for which clerk is liable	\$53.28

By printing bill, for the year 1912	\$17.50
Postage and register fees	3.88
For typewriting manuscript	1.50
Total expenditures for the year 1912	<u>\$22.88</u>
Balance in hands of treasurer, for 1912	\$30.40
Amount received from churches in 1913	34.44
Amount in hands of treasurer in 1913	<u>\$64.84</u>

8. Called on brethren appointed to write corresponding letters to Sister Associations, letters read and received, and appointed Elders D. M. Maggard, W. R. Boggs, G. C. Riddle and Willie Francis, and Brethren W. G. Caudill, Hiram Raleigh, J. M. Fields, Joe Day, F. H. Whitaker, W. M. Creech, A. M. Stamper and W. H. Sumpter to attend the Union Association when convened with Little Hope church, Dickenson county, Va., to commence on Friday before the third Saturday and Sunday in September, 1914; letter in the hands of Elder D. M. Maggard. Appointed Elders Willie Francis, W. R. Boggs, J. D. Caudill and G. C. Riddle, and Brethren S. R. Blair, J. M. Creech, W. G. Caudill, J. J. Mullins, Sam Mullins, N. G. Sturgill, Sam Francis, A. M. Stamper and Joe Day to attend the New Salem Association when convened with the Island Creek church, Pike county, Ky., beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September 1914; letter in the hands of Elder Willie Francis.

9. Called on brethren appointed last year to attend Sister Associations, and union meetings to report reports made and failures excused.

10. On motion and second, this association says to the churches that compose this association we believe it to be right to change the work RECANTATION to RESTORATION in extending a privilege for the restoring to fellowship the members that have been excluded. See Galatians, 6:1.

11. On motion and second it is ordered by the association that the clerk buy a new record book, and pay for it out of the money that is in his hands.

12. Appointed union meetings and brethren to attend same as follows: 1. Sand Lick church, third Saturday and Sunday in July, 1914, and appointed Elders D. M. Maggard, J. D. Caudill, Willie Francis, G. C. Riddle to attend the same. 2. Little Zion church, first Saturday and Sunday in August, 1914, and appointed Elders G. C. Riddle and W. R. Boggs to attend the same. 3. Mallet Fork church, first Saturday and Sunday in May, 1915, and appointed Elders D. M. Maggard, W. R. Boggs and J. M. Creech to attend the same.

13. *Resolved*, 1. That the clerk supply all omissions that may have been made by oversight.

2. That the articles of faith, constitution and rules of decorum and form of letter to association be printed in our minutes.

3. That we hereby extend our sincere thanks to the brethren and citizens of this community for their extreme kindness in caring for us, and the people during this meeting.

4. That our next association be held with Little Dove church, Knott county, Ky., to begin on Friday before the first Saturday in October, 1914, and that Elder Ira Combs preach the introductory sermon, and Elder W. G. Combs be his alternate. Elder J. H. Medcalf led in the closing prayer.

Adjourned to the time and place of our next association.

Elder D. M. Maggard, Moderator.

W. R. Boggs, Clerk.

SUNDAY.

The brethren appointed to the stand preached in the order of appointment as follows: 1. Elder R. H. Fields, 2. Elder Willie Francis 1 John 3-1; "Behold what manner of love etc." 3. Eld. Jos. Hall, Acts 1, 7-8, "And he said unto them, it is not for you to know etc." The day being far spent, the others appointed withheld from discourse but merely gave their texts of scripture, viz: J. H. Medcalf, Job 14:14, "If a man die, shall he live again?" Elder D. M. Maggard, Rev. 21:5, "And He that sat upon the throne etc." Conclusion was then brought by singing by the congregation. The brethren who were appointed upon the stand during the entire association seemed to be wonderfully blessed with messages from on high. Peace, union and love did abound during the entire association.

We hope the truths declared on the occasion may be as the bread cast upon the waters. With hearts overflowing with love, the parting hand was given and our association passed into history.

THE CLERK.

Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith.

CONSTITUTION ADOPTED 1907

Having, by unanimous voice, changed our organization from an Annual Union Meeting to an Association, we therefore propose to keep the order and rules of an Association, ac.

ording to the following form of government:

1 The Association shall be called Indian Bottom Association.

2 The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union and duly sent to represent them in the Association,

TABLE OF STATISTICS 1913.

CHURCHES	DELEGATES	Restored	Rec. by Exp. & Bapt.	Rec. by Letter	Rec. by Application	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total at Present	Sat. of Meeting	Contributions
Carra's Fork	Willie Francis, Sam Mullins, S. R. Blair, C. W. Richardson, Sam Francis.		23	1		28	2	4	110	4	\$ 5 15
Poor Fork	Wm. Creech, Ambros Dixon, Wm. Scott, Adron Dixon, Ben Dixon.		1	1				2	38	3	1 50
Big Cowan	D. M. Maggard, L. W. Fields, W. H. Sumpter, M. C. Fields.		15			2		2	139	4	2 00
Clear Creek	John M. Creech, Isaiah Creech.		2	1		17		1	69	3	1 00
Oven Fork	Chas. Blair, W. R. Boggs, Hiram Raleigh, J. J. Lewis, Charles Maggard.		7			1		5	108	2	2 10
Mallet Fork	N. G. Sturgill.	1			4	12			29	2	2 00
Big Leatherwood	Boon Cornet, G. C. Riddle, A. M. Stamper.		13			3	6		103	2	2 00
Indian Bottom	J. D. Caudill, Sam Cornet, Ike Caudill.	1	5			17		1	77	1	2 60
Clover Fork	J. H. Metcalf, H. H. Dixon.		1						34	1	1 25
Kentucky (Mo.)	Not represented.										
Little Zion	Hiram Combs, Wm. Wells.		4			4	1	2	47	1	2 00
New Home	Jasper Pratt.		15		1				46	2	2 50
Little Home (Col)	Noah Adams, Joseph Hagins, Ben Hagins.		2	1				1	17		1 00
Hurricane Gap	W. M. Cornet, E. H. Whitaker, J. M. Fields.	9	3						55	3	2 15
Sand Lick	W. G. Caudill.		4			2		5	18	3	2 15
Little Dove	W. G. Combs, J. J. Mullins, W. P. Cody, Nathaniel Smith.		1	17					32	3	2 50
Doty Creek	Ison Caudill, Ison Hampton.			2					19	2	1 64
Totals		11	98	30	5	86	10	23	906		\$34 44