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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION OF THE OLD REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST FRIDAY SESSION

In session with the Little Jewel Church, Ashland, Boyd Co., Ky. August 4th, 5th, 6th, 1961. After singing several of the old songs of Zion, Elder Sollie Miller came to the stand and introduced the services followed by a wonderful prayer. Elder Parris Tackitt preached the introductory sermon taking for a text the following scripture. "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink." John 7:37. Brother Tackitt was greatly blessed with the mighty power of God, which enabled him to expound the mighty power of the Gospel in demonstration of God's word and power. Those who were hungry and thirsty were joyfully filled.

Following the introductory sermon the delegates were dismissed and invited to assemble themselves at the meeting house for the purpose of transacting the business of the Association. After singing one of Zions songs, Elder John B. Hamilton of the New Salem Association was chosen to introduce the services. He was blessed with the spirit of exhortation and love. His council was timely and flavored with the old time sweetness of salvation which comes by Grace through Faith. His prayer gave witness that the old time Baptist had not strayed from the paths of the fathers which were before us. After prayer, our beloved Moderator came forward and announced that the fourth annual ses-

sion of the Northern New Salem Association was now ready to work, and proceeded to do business in the following manner aided very ably by our beloved Assistant Moderator.

1. Letters called for and correctly noted. By move and second the letter from the Little Jewel Church was read and found in order. Her letter and delegates, together with the letters and delegates from our sister churches were joyfully received and seated in order. By the same motion all queries and requests were referred to the committee on arrangements.

2. The Association then organized by electing Elder Baxter Osborne Moderator, Elder H. N. Vanderpool Assistant Moderator, Elder Roy B. Akers Clerk and Elder Claude Ousley Assistant Clerk.

3. Called for newly organized churches desiring to join our union, and received the following: Little Zion Church, Pontiac, Michigan, and Little Pilgrims Home Church, Ruggles, Ohio. Their letters and petitions were read and examined and found to be in harmony with our faith and practice, and order. By move and second they were joyfully received into our union by the right hand of fellowship and invited to be seated with us.

4. Called for churches holding letters of admission from churches of our same faith and order, and received none.

5. By move and second the reading of the articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum, and the Constitution were omitted.

6. Called for letters from our corresponding Associations and received the following: (a) NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION: Represented by the following delegates. Brothers: Mitchel Chaffins, Mack

McCloud, John B. Hamilton, Homer Combs, Herbert Bates, Hager Watts, M. C. Wright, Jerry Hall Sr., M. V. Burkes, Burton Howard, Joby Cooley, Lee King, Raymond Howard, Hershel Hamilton, Hiram Adkins, Freil Tackitt, Charlie Adkins, Henry Little, Hershell Huff, and Henry Blair. Letter in the hands of Elder Mitchell Chaffins.

(b) UNION ASSOCIATION. Represented by the following delegates. Brothers: Delmon Newsome, Rufus Perrigan, Raymond Mullins, J. H. Mitchall, Evans Bailey, Basil Bailey, Clifford Colly, John M. Mullins, John Hass, Dewey Sexton, Charley Gibson, W. F. Hubbard, Boyd Smallwood, Elmer Church George Perrigan, Teddy Parker, Andy Bates, Willie Bates, and Roy Mullins. Letter in the hands of Brother John M. Mullins. (c) SARDIS ASSOCIATION. Represented by the following delegates. Brothers: Harvey Lowe, Emmitt Case, B. H. Bevins, Ester Hopkins, Mike Young, Mike Shepherd, Chester Combs, Newton Walters, Willard Young, Landon Taylor, Leslie Blanton, Harold Varney, and Jim Bevins. Letter in the hands of Elder Emmitt Case. (d) MUD RIVER ASSOCIATION. Represented by the following Delegate. Brother: Ernest Breedlove. Letter was received by mail prior to the convening of the Association, with brother Breedlove answering in person to the roll call Saturday morning. (e) PHILADELPHIA ASSOCIATION. Represented by the following delegates. Brothers: David Gilliam, Elmer Rayburn, Ralph Reed, Tom Johnson, Shady Smith, Perry Johnson, and others. Letter in the hands of brother Elmer Rayburn. (f) INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION. Represented by the following delegates. Brothers: Olas Baldridge, Henry Eldridge, Hershell Baldridge,

Alonzo Allen, Lloyd Eldridge, Manis Isom. Millard Seals, J. W. Pratt, and J. B. Eversole. Letter in the hands of Alonzo Allen. All the letters and delegates were received in orderly fashion by a move and second. Our moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to them and cordially invited them to seat with us and aid us in council.

7. Called for Associations desiring to take up a Godly correspondence with us and received one to wit: THORNTON UNION ASSOCIATION. Their letter was read, and the delegates were examined and were found to be of our same faith and order. They were represented by the following delegates. Brothers: Raymond Collins, Kerby Isom, Charles Cornett, and James Wright. Letter in the hands of Elder Raymond Collins. By a move and second their letter was received and the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to them and welcomed them to seat with us and aid us in council.

8. Called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and received the following: Brothers; Tip Collins, Paris Tackitt, Sidney Hudson, Steve Osborne, H. N. Vanderpool, Willie Collins, Roy Hamilton, John Wicker, Harrison Triplet, Berchell Mosley, of the Northern New Salem Association. Jonah Tackitt, Jesse Osborne, of the New Salem Association. Earl Deskins, Demmie Lowe, Carl Fields, Marion Young, of the Sardis Association. John Ison, Clarence Smith, Robert Walker, J. W. Griffith, Fred Akers, of the Philadelphia Association. And Nelson Seals, of the Union Association.

9. By a move and second the Moderator was chosen to make all temporary appointments.

10. Appointed a committee on ministry consisting of one delegate from each church together with the entire delegation from the Little Jewel Church to arrange preaching for Friday Night and Saturday, who reported the following to wit: (1) Elders: Hershell Huff, (2) Mack McCloud, (3) Emmitt Case, (4) Basil Bailey. For Saturday, Elders: (1) Ester Hopkins, (2) Jerry Hall, Sr., (3) Elmer Church, (4) Burton Howard.

11. By a move and second Elder Roy B. Akers was chosen to write letters of correspondence to the following associations. NEW SALEM, UNION, INDIAN BOTTOM, SARDIS, PHILADELPHIA, MUD RIVER, and THORNTON UNION.

12. Appointed a committee on arrangements consisting of one delegate from each Church, together with the Moderator and clerk of the Northern New Salem Association, together with the delegates and transients from our sister Associations to arrange business for Saturday.

13. By move and second the Association adjourned until 9:00 o'clock A.M. Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING

Met pursuant to adjournment. After singing one of Zions old songs Elder John Hess of the Union Association was chosen to introduce the services. His instructions were timely and needful, and his council was flavored with old time love. In prayer he was blessed with a full measure of life and salvation that warmed the hearts of everyone. This was a witness that God was well pleased with our coming together. Our beloved Moderator came to the stand and called the Association to order.

1. Called the roll and marked the absentees.

2. Read the bill of arrangements and discharged

the committee.

3. The Circular letter written by Elder Joshua Hicks was read by him. It was received and ordered printed in our minutes. By the same motion Elder Baxter Osborne was chosen to write a circular letter for consideration at our next Association in 1962.

4. Appointed Elders, Sidney Hudson and Bob Hunter as a committee on finance who reported the sum of \$395.00 contributed by the several churches.

5. Called on the treasurer to file his report who reported as follows:

Total money on hand August 6, 1960.....	\$110.25
Total contributions from the churches, 1960..	345.00
Money received for pictures in 1960.....	20.00
Grand total	\$475.25

Disbursements

Cost of printing (2000) copies	
of our minutes.....	\$296.13
Treasurer and clerks fee.....	50.00
Total disbursements	\$346.13

Balance in the treasury August 4, 1961.....	\$129.12
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6. By a move and second the treasurers report was accepted.

7. By a move and second Elder Roy B. Akers was chosen to serve as secretary and treasurer, and is to receive \$50.00 for his services.

8. By move and second the clerk was appointed to supervise the printing and distribution of the minutes. He shall have (2500) copies printed. By the same motion the printers fee is to appear on the outer cover of the minutes. Church addresses, names of their officers, names of all ordained ministers, and the names of all delegates of the

Northern New Salem Association is to appear in proper order in our minutes.

9. By move and second obituaries of deceased members of our Association of Churches are to be printed in our minutes. Pictures can be had by the member desiring them at his expense.

10. Resolved that requests for union meetings, and the communion time of each Church be noted in our minutes.

11. Called on brethren who were appointed to attend union meetings, and sister Associations to file their report. By move and second the faithful were commended, and the failures were excused.

12. By move and second the following brethren volunteered to attend Sister Associations this year 1961. (a) New Salem Association: Brethren; John Elliott, Anthony Hamilton, Sidney Hudson, Roy Hudson, Homer Elliott, Joshua Hicks, Jubel Music, Carl Fields, Roy B. Akers, Baxter Osborne, Bill Collins, Dave Fullum, Savel Combs, Covis Tackitt, Ray Hoover, H. N. Vanderpool, Roy Hamilton, Ray Hamilton, Bob Hunter, Ferrell Ratliff, Steve Osborne, letter in the hands of Elder Sidney Hudson. (b) Union Association: Brethren: Ray Hamilton, Jubel Music, Homer Elliott, Sidney Hudson, John Mullins, Shade Meeks, McKinley Rowe, Anthony Hamilton, Joshua Hicks, Covis Tackitt, Steve Osborne, Roy B. Akers, Baxter Osborne, Bart Potter, Forest Osborne. Letter in the hands of Elder Steve Osborne. (c) Sardis Association. Brethren: Roy B. Akers, Baxter Osborne, Steve Osborne, Forest Osborne, H. N. Vanderpool, Willie Collins, Claude Ousley, Banner Collins, Tip Collins, Anthony Hamilton, John Elliott, Paris Tackitt, Shade Meeks, John Mullins, John B. Hale, Homer Elliott, Sidney

Hudson. Letter in the hands of Elder Baxter Osborne. (d) Mud River Association. Brethren: Baxter Osborne, Steve Osborne, Paris Tackitt, Ray Hamilton, McKinley Rowe, Jubel Music. Letter in the hands of Elder Baxter Osborne. (e) Philadelphia Association. Brethren: Alonzo Tackitt, Jubel Music, Paris Tackitt, Baxter Osborne, Steve Osborne, Forest Osborne, Claude Ousley, H. N. Vanderpool, Anthony Hamilton, Roy B. Akers, Joshua Hicks, Shade Meeks, John Mullins. Letter in the hands of Elder Paris Tackitt. (f) Indian Bottom Association. Brethren: Roy B. Akers, Baxter Osborne, Jubel Music, Steve Osborne, Homer Elliott, Sidney Hudson, Banner Collins, Tip Collins, Dave Fullum, Bill Collins, Savel Combs, Jack Wakefield, Forest Osborne. Letter in the hands of Roy B. Akers. (g) Thornton Union Association. Steve Osborne, Forest Osborne, Homer Elliott, Sidney Hudson, Jack Wakefield, Roy Hudson, Baxter Osborne, and Roy B. Akers. Letter in the hands of Forest Osborne.

13. Appointed the same committee on ministry as performed yesterday, to arrange preaching for Saturday night, and Sunday. For Saturday night, (1) Elder Hiram Adkins, (2) Alonzo Allen, (3) Elder Evan Bailey, (4) Elder Mitchell Chaffins. For Sunday. Elders: (1) John Moore, (2) Mart V. Burkes, (3) Elmer Church, (4) Clifford Collie, and our beloved Moderator to close.

14. We as an advisory council wish to say to all of the Churches that compose the Northern New Salem Association to not receive any member from the Frank Fugate Side of the Indian Bottom Association. But rather, advise any member that might come to your church by letter or recom-

mendation, to first go to the Jim Pratt side, which has provided an orderly method whereby members can obtain fellowship. Orderly churches that wish to comply with the committee report appearing in the minutes of the Jim Pratt side can obtain fellowship by the same method. Those that may come to you, treat them with brotherly kindness, and council them in the spirit of brotherly love.

15. By a move and second it was agreed to defer a decision on the changing of the articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum, and Constitution. The delegates felt that enough time had not been devoted to the study of them.

16. By move and second the names of the officers of the Northern New Salem Association, Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and Assistant Clerk appear on the outer front cover of our minutes.

17. Resolved that our next Association be held with the Little Memory Church, Sunman, Indiana. Beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August 1962 and continuing the two following days. Elder Sid Hudson is to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Woodroe Fuller is to be his alternate. Saturday's work was closed by prayer by Sid Hudson after remarks that animated and brought a full measure of joy to the hearts of the faithful delegates had been made by Elder Homer Elliott.

18. Resolved that we extend our humble thanks to the members and officers of the Little Jewel Church for their tireless efforts to make this the fourth annual session of the Northern New Salem Association one among the most successful that we have known. For their kindness and hospitality toward our delegates and visiting brethren and sisters from corresponding Associations. We also wish to thank the brethren and sisters of the Philadelphia Association that so willingly opened the

doors of their homes, welcoming delegates and visitors to spend the nights with them. May God be mindful of their sacrifices and restore them forefold. To our many friends that aided us in any manner we hope that God will be merciful toward them, and reward them accordingly as it is written. To Mr. Jim Crawford who willingly gave us the use of his property for three days we are indeed most thankful. It is friends like him that help to lighten the burden of those that are charged with the responsibility of providing best facilities that can be had that our Association may be a success. May the God of all grace remember the owner of the land, and bless him with an abundance of mercy, and prosper him according to his needs. We shall never forget the good sisters and friends that sacrificed their time to prepare the good food that was served on the grounds at the close of the Association. Anyone that has ever spent long tiresome hours around a hot cook stove must know the sacrifice these beloved sisters made. We remember that Moses' sister aided him, and we want to acknowledge that without the help of faithful sisters in this day, we would not be able to discharge our duties with so much ease. May God bless and comfort them with blessings they cannot contain, is our unworthy prayers.

SABBATH MORNING, AUGUST 6, 1961

As the mid-summer's sun began to make its appearance over the eastern horizon, brethren and sisters and friends began arriving on the grounds and assembling themselves together at the spot where a stand had already been prepared by the members of the Little Jewel Church. As it has always been the custom of Old Regular Baptist to

line the songs they sing, from a hymn book, with the members and congregation following, Heaven surely must have been pleased with the joyful sound of these songs as they began to break forth in righteous melodies, signifying that the hour had arrived when we should be about our "Father's business".

The Moderator came to the stand and announced that it was time for the worship of God to begin. He called the names of those that had been chosen to preach for the day. Elder John Moore of the Philadelphia Association was absent, and the Moderator invited Elder Boone Arnett of the same Association to come to the stand and introduce the services. Brother Arnett, being afflicted with arthritis which hindered him from moving around freely, obediently submitted himself into the hands of God to do His will. After a few worthy remarks in which Brother Arnett reminded the brethren to remember the morsel of meat, the cake and water that the angel brought from Heaven and bade Elijah to eat, giving him strength for forty days and nights as he traveled into the mountains of Horab, the mt. of God. Elder Roy B. Akers offered prayer, and was blessed beyond measure.

Elder M. V. Burke followed the opening. Although his head was covered over with hair that had silvered marking forty five years of faithfulness in the ministry as a member of the New Salem Association, his voice and power of explanation was equal to that of a man forty years younger. He chose his text from the 28th Chapter of Isaiah and the 16th verse. "Therefore thus sayeth the Lord God, behold, I lay in ZION for a foundation a stone, etc."

From this point on there was never any doubt but what the Holy Spirit of deliverance guided him through the vivid word picture of how, and why God Himself chose the name Baptist to take the place of disobedient Israel, and revealed His plan to the prophets of old. The only person that could not understand, is the one that did not want to understand.

Elder Clifford Collie of the Union Association followed and chose for his text the 24th chapter of Genesis and the 27th verse. "I being in the way, the Lord led me to the house of my masters brethren, etc.," As the sun climbed to its height, sending forth its beautiful rays of light, the fields of grass and vegetation strived to look gay as they simmered under the scorching heat. So it was with the congregation as they listened to the beautiful word picture of the way of the Lord as it was revealed unto Brother Collie. The most skeptical would have to agree that surely this was a man of God marching in the good old way.

Elder Baxter Osborne, Moderator of The Northern New Salem Association who had been inactive for almost six weeks because of a serious operation, came to the stand to preach and close. He arose singing, "I wonder if my children will be on that train." Zion began to move in, shouting praises unto our God with joys yet untold. He chose for his text Ephesians 5:14. "Wherefore he sayeth, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." His long weeks of sickness had not dimmed his view of the resurrection, nor had it diminished his strength, or hindered his power of delivery. In closing, both saint and sinners flocked toward the stand to shake

his hand as a token of their love for him. Thus the fourth annual session of the Northern New Salem Association closed amidst singing and shouting the praises of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. This will be remembered as one among the most joyful Associations we have ever had.

Humbly yours in that sweet hope

Roy B. Akers, Clerk

UNION MEETINGS

APRIL

LITTLE JEWEL—4th Saturday and Sunday 1962. Elders: Emmitt Case, Clifford Collie, Banner Manns, Elmer Church, Milford Adams, Homer Elliott and Sidney Hudson to attend.

MAY

LITTLE MEMORY—2nd Saturday and Sunday in May 1962. Elders: Homer Elliott, Sid Hudson, Paris Tackitt, Baxter Osborne, Anthony Hamilton.

LITTLE RUTH—2nd Saturday and Sunday in May 1962. Elders: Hiram Adkins, Roy B. Akers, Baxter Osborne, Clifford Collie, and the Moderator to attend.

LITTLE FLOSSIE—3rd Saturday and Sunday in May 1962. Elders: Sollie Miller, Burton Howard, Mitchall Chaffins, Walter Parker, and the Moderator to attend.

LITTLE EDNA—4th Saturday and Sunday in May 1962. Elders: Roy B. Akers, Rich Griffie, Sidney Hudson, Marion Sword, Homer Elliott, and Moderator to attend.

LITTLE IDA—1st Saturday and Sunday in May 1962. Elders: Roy B. Akers, Hiram Adkins, Willie Collins, Paris Tackitt, Baxter Osborne, Bob Hunter, Walter Parker, to attend.

JUNE

LITTLE MAUDIE—1st Saturday and Sunday in June 1962. Elders: Banner Manns, H. N. Vanderpool, Baxter Osborne, Paris Tackitt, and Moderator and Assistant Moderator to attend.

LITTLE PILGRIMS HOME—2nd Saturday and Sunday in June 1962. Elders: Paris Tackitt, Anthony Hamilton, Sid Hudson, H. N. Vanderpool, Roy Hudson, and Moderator to attend.

LITTLE ZION—3rd Saturday and Sunday in June 1962. Elders: Walter Parker, Ray Hamilton, Bob Hunter, Roy Hudson, Covis Tackitt, Homer Elliott, and Moderator to attend.

MAGGIE HOME—4th Saturday and Sunday in June 1962. Elders: Sid Hudson, Homer Elliott, Orville Tackitt, Ivory Sowerds, James Wright, Wm. P. Deel, Alonzo Allen, and Moderator to attend.

LITTLE REBECCA—3rd Saturday and Sunday in June 1962. Elders: Emmitt Case, Elmer Church, John Hess, Burton Howard, Roy B. Akers, Baxter Osborne, and Clifford Collie to attend.

LITTLE POLLY—2nd Saturday and Sunday in June 1962. Elders: R. B. Akers, Baxter Osborne, Mitchall Chaffins, Bob Hunter, and Savel Combs to attend.

JULY

LITTLE FLOCK—3rd Saturday and Sunday in July 1962. Elders: Bob Hunter, Rich Griffie, Covis Tackitt, Steve Osborne, Delmar Williams, Ivory Sowerds, Mitchall Chaffins, Hiram Adkins, and James B. Rowe, to attend.

CONSTITUTION

From a long series of experiences, we the OLD REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST, being baptized upon a profession of faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of Churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us and keep the order and rules of an Association according to the following plan of government:

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and sent to represent them in the Association and upon their producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat.

2. In the letters shall be expressed their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, and deceased since our last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord anything 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 the union.

4. The Association, when convened, shall be ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk chosen by the members present.

6. New churches may be admitted into this Union, who shall petition by letter and delegates, and if found, upon examination, to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received and every church in the Union shall be entitled to a representative in the Association.

7. Every query presented by the church to the

Association, being first debated in their own churches, shall be taken up by the Association.

8. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except when withdrawn by the one who made it.

9. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the church with Minutes of the Association.

10. We think it necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying expenses of the same. We think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute such sums as they think proper, and send it by their delegates to the Association, and such sums to be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer chosen by the Association, who shall be accountable for the money paid out according to the Association.

11. There shall be an Association book kept wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be recorded by a Secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a compensation for his services.

12. The Minutes of the Association shall be read, and corrected if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises unless the same is dispensed with.

13. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made by a majority of the Union, if deemed necessary.

14. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by will of a majority of the delegates present, except in receiving and dismissing churches and Association which shall be by a unanimous vote.

15. The Association shall have the power for the general union of the churches; to preserve inviol-

able a chain of communion among the churches; to give churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; to inquire into the cause of the churches failing to represent themselves at any time in the Association, to appropriate the money contributed by the churches for the Association fund, to any purpose they may think proper; to appoint any member, by their consent to transact any business which they see necessary, and they shall have power to withdraw from any church in the Union, which shall violate the rules of the Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; to admit any orderly minister of our order to a seat with us. The Association shall have the right to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost, and these three are one, equal in power, essence and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written words of God and the only rules of faith and practices.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace, for by grace are ye saved through faith.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, and of man's inability to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, therefore the Saviour is needed for our redemption.

5. We believe that sinners are called to repentance and believe in the Gospel and regeneration of the soul and sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, and none such shall fall away and be lost.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of JESUS CHRIST.

7. We believe that baptism is the ordinance of God's church on earth and the mode of IMMERSION back foremost so as to cover all over.

8. We believe that the Lord's Supper is the command of the Saviour and that by the use of bread and wine, and feet-washing should be kept up until His second coming by His believers.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

10. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances and commands of the gospel except such as regularly ordained and baptized, and that by immersion by a legal administrator of the Gospel comes under the hands of a regularly chosen presbytery of the church.

11. We believe it to be the duty of all church members to contribute for defraying all reasonable expenses of the church, never forgetting the poor according to their several abilities.

12. We believe that every doctrine that goes to encourage or indulge people in their sins or cause them to settle down on anything short of saving faith in Christ for salvation is erroneous and such doctrine will be rejected by us.

13. We believe that the Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful believers in Christ who have obtained fellowship with the Lord and with one another, and have given themselves to the Lord and have agreed to keep up a Godly discipline, according to the rules of the Gospel.

14. We believe that Jesus Christ is the head of the church and the government thereof is upon his shoulders.

15. None of the above articles shall be considered as to hold with particular election and reprobation so as to make God partial directly or indirectly, nor to injure any of the children of men; nor shall any of these articles be altered without legal notice and free consent.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present.

3. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and obtain consent from the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator until he is through.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who has spoken so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the cause as nearly as he can so as to convey his ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly absent himself from the Association without leave of the Association.

7. No person shall speak more than three times on any subject without leave of the Association.

8. No person shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same nor whisper in time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address

another in any other term or appellation than that of "Brother".

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt or prohibit any member from speaking until he gives his light on any subject unless he violates the rules of the decorum.

11. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall have the same right of speech as any other member provided the chair be filled. And he shall have no right to vote unless the Association be equally divided, then he may give the deciding vote.

13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly violate any of the decorum shall be reprovved by the Association as they think proper.

CIRCULAR LETTER

By

Elder Joshua Hicks

Dear Brethren and Sisters,

The meeting time of our Association being less than a week away, I will now proceed with a feeling of fear and unworthiness to write a letter for your inspection. I trust the Lord will lead me in the spirit of Faith and beside the rivers of understanding and endow me with enough wisdom to write a letter that will be edifying to the Churches and safe for all men to follow.

God being my helper, I will try to follow this verse of Scripture. Read II Corinthians, Chapter 4, Verse 13: "We, having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed and therefore have I spoken; we also believe and therefore

peak;"

I believe that every child of God has that same spirit of faith that was once delivered unto the Saints. I believe this same faith reaches our children and all generations to come, teaching them that, denying ungodliness and worldly lust, they should live soberly, righteously and godly, in this present world. Looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour, Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for them, that he might redeem them from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. We also find in the Book of Job, "That there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the almighty giveth them understanding." The Apostle Paul being another witness, saying, "That no man should think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think soberly and according as God hath dealt to every man a measure of faith."

It is my belief, Brethren, that God teaches sinners everywhere, gives them enough faith to believe upon His Son, Jesus, and the inspiration of obedience. If a man or woman goes down to the lake, it's because they failed, not God. The choice is left to man to accept the Lord and live or reject the Lord and receive damnation to himself. The Lord declared plainly, "That it is not His will that any should perish but that all should come into repentance and live." God doesn't get glory out of the ones that go down to hell. They go down because they knew God and failed to glorify Him as God.

We have Brethren in our correspondence preaching that a man or woman doesn't have anything to do with the saving of their soul. I must

admit that we could not do enough works with our hands to save us. We couldn't give enough to the poor to save us; we couldn't do enough sacrifice to save us. But understand this; a dead faith won't save us either. The Apostle James declares, "That faith without works is dead being alone." The world, my Brethren, is full of that kind of faith. "But as God gives us the inspiration of understanding that the faith once delivered unto the Saints is alive through works of obedience to the spirit and it's by grace through this lively faith are ye saved that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not according to the works of the law, lest any man should boast, for we are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Works without faith are just as dead as faith is without works."

Ever since God has called me into the ministry and gave me a never dying love for all mankind, I have faith to believe that He has blessed me with his witnessing spirit to beg sinners to do something about the welfare of their souls, while His extended mercies are still given unto them. Knowing the terror of the Lord, I trust I'll have the knowledge to know if it be the Lord's will, that I have helped persuade some poor soul to fall out with sin.

This bring back remembrance when I was a sinner boy walking down the steps of time traveling a road that lead down to destruction and despair. Although I had heard his voice call me many times, it seemed that I had gotten so far down in that wilderness of sin, and had defiled my conscience until they had become an unsafe guide to go by. When God opened the understanding of my

heart and I found that I was lost, it seemed that my whole life had been a mistake. I was the most ashamed boy over the way I had conducted my life, I had ever known. I began to hide and pray. I did every righteous act I knew how. The very next time I heard that voice, I was hid praying. I believe I was just like Adam and Eve in the garden. I believe those righteous doings was the fig leaves that Adam and Eve made to cover their nakedness before the Lord. But when he called, it seemed, that every thing I had done was for nothing. I could only cry, "I'm guilty Lord, I'm guilty. It would be just for me to go down. But, oh Lord, have mercy upon a sinner boy." My righteousness had become as filthy rags before God. Then one night, laying under the stars of Heaven, I believe the Lord blessed me to pray a prayer like this. "O Lord, I've done all I know to do. I've said all I know to say. If I go down to Hell I'll still be begging You to have mercy on me. O Lord, if You will just save my soul, You can have my body to do with as it pleases You. I'll go where You want me to go. I'll stay where You want me to stay. I'll say what You will have me to say."

I have faith to believe with all my heart that God looked down upon me and said, "Son, we'll take our abode up in him. We shall take his sins which are many and cast them in the sea of forgetfulness to never be remembered against him any more. We will wash his soul in Your blood and make it white. We will put a robe of Your righteousness upon him. We will take the stony, and give him a heart of flesh with Our love. We will put a new song in his mouth. We will order his steps, and We'll lead him to the house of his

masters Brethren. We will put upon his head a helmet of Salvation. We will give him a breast plate of faith. We will shoe him with the preparation of thy Gospel, and then We will give him the sword of Our spirit. Because he has given himself unto us for thy sake; his faith has stood the test of fire and he has gone through the flaming sword that we placed around the tree of life in the Garden. For at this time I have made him an heir of Mine and a joint heir with Thee. We will place a cross upon him to bear. We will place Your yoke upon him, for Your yoke is easy and Your burden is light. We will give him rest in his soul. You have bought his body with the price of your blood, and he shall be your bought servant all the days of his life. Then in the last day when You go down to collect Our Jewels, We will raise him with a body liken unto Yours and give him a crown of bright glory that will never fade away and bring him home to live forever." Oh Brethren, I'm happy while I write. If I didn't have faith that this kind of operation was performed upon me, I would not have written this letter. For the foundation of the Lord stands sure, the Lord knows them that are His.

There are Lord's many and God's many. But unto us there is only one true and living God. When the Lord spoke that life giving word in my soul I was made to cry out, "Salvation is of the Lord." As Solomon said, "I'm His and He is mine, Glory and Honor to the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords, King Jesus is the captain of my salvation. Brethren lift up your heads with courage bold, for our redemption draweth nigh, it's nearer than it was before. Shun not to declare the whole

council of God, and with patience, run the race that is set before us, ever looking unto Jesus, who is the author and finisher of our faith," because there are religion peddlers going from house to house and on almost every street corner trying to sell and are selling our children and neighbor's six hundred and sixty six brands of tickets on that swift train that leads down to hell. We have no time for petting or stubbornness Brethren, because the evil days are already upon us. But I trust, "that by having love one toward the other" that all men may know we are the disciples of the Lord. May God ever bless us to dwell together in unity with all lowliness and meekness, with long suffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace, (as continued in the Apostle Paul's writing). There is one body and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling one Lord, one faith and one baptism and by the one Spirit are ye all baptized into the body and there is only one way for the children of God to travel, and Isaiah said, "It shall be called the way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it, but it shall be for those; the wayfaring men, though fools not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there; and the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: They shall obtain joy and gladness and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. There is only one way for sinners to reach the eternal gates of Glory, and this is through God's dear son, for Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth and the life,

if you believe in me though you were dead yet shall ye live." That means those that are dead in trespass and sin, Brethren: The Apostle James says, "Therefore submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands ye sinners; and purify your hearts ye double minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up." I do believe, Brethren, "a sinner can draw nigh to God" by breaking off from their sins to righteousness. I do believe he can cleanse his hands by laying down everything contrary to the will of God. I believe he can purify his heart by obedience and prayer to the Lord. I believe he can humble himself under the mighty hand of God. That is the travail before the birth. If the sinner holds out faithful to the end of the fiery trials of that faith which is more precious than silver or gold, he has the promise of one that can't lie, "The same shall be saved."

We don't believe the Old Regular Baptist Church is a place to save people, but a home for the saved, a place where they can work out a common or time salvation, and enjoy the fruits of their labor. We believe Jesus was speaking to His own when He said, "As My Heavenly Father has appointed unto me a Kingdom, I will also appoint unto you, that ye may eat and drink at my table, in my kingdom."

We believe the Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful believers in Christ who have obtained fellowship with the Lord and with one another. They have given themselves to the Lord,

and have agreed to keep up a godly discipline according to the rules of the Gospel. Although we understand that there are some among us, and have membership with us, that didn't do any digging at all, but built their house upon the sand. But these lazy builders will have to stand the same test that the digging builders stood and their houses will fall and great will be the fall of them. Some say they fell with grace, but they never did reach grace, because grace was down on that rock, which was Christ and these lazy builders built before they ever got there.

We have some in our correspondence that say they don't know where the Church is. These must be lazy builders too. For Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world, a city set on a hill that cannot be hid. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me, and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my father's hand." When my brethren are blessed to sing, preach, or pray or when my sisters are blessed to shout the praises of God, their voices bear witness with the same voice I heard when I was lost down in the wilderness of sin. Brethren, I believe that voice is the only voice that can penetrate the heart of man.

When we can meet in love and in the spirit and power of our God, I believe the prophecy of Solomon comes to pass when he said, "The voice of my beloved! Behold, he cometh leaping upon the mountains skipping upon the hills. My beloved is like a roe or a young hart: behold, he standeth behind our wall he looketh forth at the windows,

showing Himself through the lattice. My beloved spake and said unto me, Rise up my love, my fair one and come away. For Lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of the birds is come; and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land."

Brethren and sisters what more beautiful sight, what more enjoyment, what more blessing can we expect to receive in this life than to see our children, our mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters; who without a doubt in mind are the most beautiful flowers in the garden of the Lord in that dove like spirit leaping upon the exalted mountains, skipping upon the holy hills, shouting, singing, and praising the name of our King in the voice of the turtle dove. The only time we can read where the spirit was ever seen, it was seen in the bodily shape of a dove by John the Baptist abiding upon our Lord.

Solomon goes on to say, "Oh my dove, that are in the clefts of the rocks, in the secret places of the stars, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice: for sweet is thy voice and thy countenance is comely. The sweetest music I have ever heard, is when God blesses his children.

Isaiah wrote like this. "In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; we have a strong city: salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks, open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in. If we keep the truth Brethren, which I believe we do, and if we have the faith, which I believe we have, then our city is so strong that all the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

I must close this letter lest it get too lengthy. I beg to say in closing let us remember the last

testament of our Lord which says: I, Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the Churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. And the Spirit and the Bride say come. And let him that heareth say, Come, And whoever will, let him take the water of life freely. This water is free to everyone if they will only come to Christ.

"Having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken." I believe the God of All grace has helped me. Farewell, be of one mind and one accord, be of good cheer.

Your unworthy brother in Christ
Elder Joshua Hicks

Obituaries



It is with much sadness that we try to write an obituary of our beloved mother Letha Stevens who has gone on to Heaevn. She was born in McGoffin Co., Ky. September 15, 1896. She was the daughter of John and Polly Howard. She departed this life July 17, 1961 at the age of 64 years, 10 months, and two days. She was united in marriage to Edward Stevens, December 18, 1916 and to this union was born 11 children. One proceeded her in death. Surviving her are: Dorcus, Frank, Sylvia, Goldie, Martha, Hamley, Loretta, Lee Edwards, Claude, and

Clayton. Also 31 grandchildren. She was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church, joined and was baptized April 1, 1951.

Mother was a faithful member fulfilling all her christian duties as health permitted. Although she was afflicted for several years, her faith in God never weakened. Her only concern was to leave her husband and children. However, this did not dim her faith, and she always looked forward to that journey into Heaven's land. She told us all many times that when she left this world that there was a better home awaiting her in never ending bliss and rest. The blessed assurance of the Holy Spirit made her rejoice in the hope of a glorious resurrection. She told us often of how she had prayed that God would let her live long enough to raise her family and said that God had given her more time than she had asked for. Dad and the children are left to mourn the loss of a faithful wife and a loving mother. Although we did all that we could to keep her with us, there was one that did much more than we, which was Jesus Christ who gave her a home in Heaven and eternal life that will last forever and forever.

Mother has gone where there will be no more pains nor heartaches to bear. Let us all remember the sweet council that she gave to us about Heaven. May God help us all to fall out with sin, and resolve to serve the true and living God who holds the brittle thread of life in His hands.

Memorial services of mother will be conducted at the Old Regular Baptist Church House, McGuffy, Ohio the Fourth Saturday and Sunday in July 1962. All ministers of her faith are invited to attend. Written by a broken hearted husband and children.



In much sadness, we will try by the help of God to write an obituary of our dear beloved brother and father, Newton William Osborne. He was the son of Grover Cleveland and Rebecca Tackitt Osborne. He was born April 18, 1911, and departed this life September 22, 1960. He was married to Elvina Burke September 13, 1926. To this union was born 13 children, eight of them preceeded him in death. He leaves a lonely companion, five children, five grandchildren, eight brothers, four sisters, a father and mother with a host of friends to mourn his loss. The addresses of his children are: Mrs. Naoma Stanley, Mr. James Osborne, Colum-

bus, Ohio. Georgia Ann, Newton William, Jr. and Baxter of 121 Lundy Alley Col. Ohio. His brothers and sisters are: Stephen, a twin brother, and Emmitt of Portsmouth, Ohio. Forrest of New Albany, Ohio, Baxter, and Mrs. Flossie Burke, Ashland, Ky. Grover Cleveland Jr., Lexington, Ky., David, and Hiram, Col. Ohio. Robert of Waverly, Ohio, Lavona Mullins, Jenkins, Ky., Ethel Wicker, Portsmouth, Ohio, and Mary Waggoner, Waverly, Ohio. Two sisters and one brother preceeded him in death.

Brother Newton joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in June 1960 and lived a faithful life until death. He was loved by all that knew him, and we know that his presence will be missed very much here on earth. But we feel according to the testimony that he left with us, and on the authority of God's Holy word that our loss is Heaven's gain. God be with us all until we meet again.

Written by his brother Forrest, and son James E. Osborne.



It is with much sadness and heaviness of heart that I try to write a short obituary of my very dear and sweet father, and brother in Christ and I believe that the Lord will guide me in this feeble attempt. Brother Carew Smith was born January 20, 1897, and departed this life January 17, 1961 making his stay here on earth 63 years, 11 months, and 27 days.

He was married to Leavinnie Wallen June 9, 1921 and unto this union was born (8) girls and (5) boys. One girl and one boy preceeded him in death. A dear companion, (7) girls and (4) boys, (31) grandchildren together with a host of friends are left to mourn his loss. But according to our hope I believe that our loss is Heaven's gain. Brother Carew joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at Stockbridge, Michigan. His companion

also belonged to the same church. Little Polly Church. I thank God that I feel that I am ready to meet my father some day and dwell with him where parting will be no more.

Let me say to all the children that have no hope, if you ever want to see father again you will have to fall out with sin and take up the cross and follow Jesus Christ. You all know very well the promise that you made to meet him in Heaven. But not long after he was buried, it seemed that the burden was passed causing you to forget your promise to him. Please children, let me beg you to mend your ways and fall out with sin and get ready for the home coming with father in that sweet day. I joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at Duke Lake the second Sunday in July 1957. The happiest time of all my life was when I felt that God had forgiven all my sins. In spite of father's sickness he tried to fill his seat in church as often as he could. It is said that time heals all sorrow, but for me it only reminds me of how much I still miss him. I could never tell all the things of my wonderful father and how I loved him. The names of his children are: Clarence Smith and Fannie Castle, Stockbridge, Michigan. Joe Smith, Goldie Wager, and Magdelene Hyden of Jackson, Michigan. James Smith, Rosie Blair, Patty May, Bonnie Smith and Doris of Munith, Michigan and Carew Smith, Jr., of Leslie, Michigan.

Written by a broken hearted son,
Clarence Smith

It is with a sad and aching heart that we try to write an obituary of my beloved brother and son, and above all, I believe, a brother in hope of eternal life. Brother Woodroe Deel was born March 2, 1918, making his stay on earth 43 years, 4 months and 11 days. He was the son of Willoughby and Marida Deel. He was married to Dorothy Potter in 1936 and unto this union was born two children: one son, James E. Deel, Columbus, Ohio, and a daughter, Carmie Ruth Sartic, also of Columbus, Ohio. In 1954 he married Omie Eileen Forr who also survives him. Two children, two stepsons, four brothers, eight sisters, and one grandmother, Emily Deel, and many friends are left to mourn his loss. But we believe that our loss is Heaven's gain.

He was sick for about two years, and bore his sickness and pains with much patience. I thank God that he left a sweet hope in Christ. He told some members of the family that he had a better home to go to. On the third Sunday in June 1961 the family went to visit him in the hospital, he asked us to sing some of the old songs of Zion, and requested that Elder Clifford Collie hold prayer. After prayer he told his father and mother, Elders Clifford Collie and Wm. P. Deel, Flossie Deel, James and Malicia Pyles, and his wife Eileen that he felt that the Lord had forgiven him of all his sins, and that he was satisfied that a better home was awaiting him. On the fourth Sunday in June 1961, Brother Woodroe went to church, and at the close of the meeting he came forward and gave his hand confessing his hope in Christ and eternal life. He was gladly received by the singing of a beautiful old song, and given the right hand of fellowship and welcomed to a seat with us. He requested that

Elders Clifford Collie and Wm. P. Deel baptize him on the second Saturday in July 1961. He was so happy that it seemed that he was ready to move on and say, "Farewell vain world, I'm going home." He wanted to be baptized the day that he joined the church, but promised his wife that he would wait until she could go with him to church. Due to his sickness he could not be baptized on the day that he joined the church.

When the ambulance started back to the Hospital with him, he said, "Goodbye, I will not be back to this place again." On Sunday he desired to be baptized, and I believe with all my heart that the Lord blessed him to endure the pain and go through the meeting. I also believe that God came to his bed side in the hospital and baptized him, because he looked at his mother and said, "Mom, wipe the water from my face." He asked that Thursday was a special day, and mother asked why. "What is special about Thursday? He answered by saying, that Thursday was his day. Thursday was the day, July 13, 1961, that he moved into his new home. Before he left this world he opened his eyes and looked around, and then fell into a deep sleep never to awake again until the morning of the glorious resurrection. Let me say to his wife, his children, his brothers and sisters and friends that are without a hope in Christ, that if you ever expect to see Brother Woodroe again you must repent and be born again. Take heed to the light that shines down in your heart that teaches you what you must do. I beg you all to heed that low still voice, obey, and it will lead you to fountains of living water. I believe with all my heart that some of the family is prepared to meet Brother Woodroe around the

great throne of God, where pain and sorrow will all be done away with, and Jesus will wipe all tears from our eyes. Brother Woodroe is now at rest in a land of endless peace, and I'm sure he would want us all to come and live eternally with him. He told of that beautiful home as he gave his feeble hand to one of his sisters. We feel and believe that we will meet him some sweet day.

Written by his mother and sister, Marida C. Deel and Elltha Colley.

His memorial will be preached the second Saturday and Sunday in July 1962 at the Little Ruth Church. Ministers called: Elders: Clifford Colley, Roy B. Akers, Claude Ousley, H. N. Vanderpool, Wm. P. Deel, and Hiram Adkins.



She was sick the last eight years of her stay here on earth, and always bore her afflictions with patience trusting in the Lord. She was faithful toward her duties as a Christian, and filled her seat in the church as long as she was able to go. After she became unable to attend church, her desire was for the brethren to sing and hold prayer in her humble home. You could see the fruit of the divine Spirit shining from her face when the brethren fulfilled her request. We loved her, and we will miss her but God loved her much better and called her home to Glory where all her sufferings has now ceased. We who knew her believe that her soul is now basking in the sunlight of God's eternal love. I want to say to Jess and Wilma and her grandchildren, Sister Sallie cannot come back to you, but by the grace of God and his pardoning mercy you can go to her. You must believe in the same God that she believed in, repent of your sins, and be born again. This was her desire as long as she lived. So, dear friends, farewell and may God bless and save you all.

Susie Wright Hicks was born in Floyd County, Ky., March 24, 1904. She was the daughter of Malcolm and Nancy Wright. She departed this life May 15, 1961 at the age of 57 years, one month and 15 days.

She was united in marriage to Dan Hicks November 8th, 1923 and to this union was born 14 children, 4 of them preceeded her in death. Surviving children are: Curtis, Willie, Nancy, Glenn, Carl, Ruth, Rita, and Jackie. She is also survived by 16 grandchildren.

She was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church, to which she remained devout and faithful, fulfilling her Christian duties as health and opportunity afforded. She was afflicted for several years from the crippling, and paralyzing effects of high blood pressure, which preyed upon her weakening body. This Christian mother never wavered in her faith in the promises of God, that she had a home in Heaven, and that when this life was over, she could lay down the old cross, and be among the angels, and joyfully behold the glory of that better and upper land of never ending bliss and rest. The blessed assurance of the Holy Spirit of understanding often made her rejoice in the hope of a glorious resurrection.

So, children, if you ever want or expect to meet your mother again, you must amend your ways and repent of your sins and be born again. Come unto the Lord who is rich in mercy and will abundantly pardon. I know that your mother will want to meet you all around the great white throne of God, there to never part again. Written by her sister.

Mrs. Lillie Case



In this hour of great sadness, I will try to write a short sketch of the life of my dear mother. She was the daughter of Mr. Timand Rilda Wallen Tracy. She was born in Knott Co., Kentucky, May 6, 1889, and died February 15, 1960, making her stay here on earth 71 years, 8 months, and 9 days.

In May 1905, she was married to Enoch Bolen, and unto this union was born 12 children, 8 boys and 4 girls. Four children preceeded her in death, leaving 5 boys and 3 girls, together with a loving husband, to mourn her death. Papa was bedfast with cancer when mother died, and soon followed her in death.

Mother joined the Old Regular Baptist Church about 47 years ago, living a faithful and obedient life thereafter for the cause of Christ. Her conversations were always about the church, and the goodness of God. She manifested a great love and affection for her brothers and sisters in the faith. Her Christian life was never questioned, and the church never experienced any trouble because of her. Her membership was with the old Stone Coal Church until a few years ago. She asked for, and was granted a letter of dismissal. She laid her letter in the Little Rebecca Church of the same faith and order at Plymouth, Ohio. Mother always gave good Christian council to her children and to her neighbor's children. Many times both in her home and at church she was heard to shout the praises of God, telling how great things the Lord had done for her. She never tired begging and pleading with her children and neighbors to turn from the pathways of sin, and be born again. She wanted them to prepare to meet her in Heaven where a better home was waiting for her.

Papa had been sick for some time before mother passed on. We were expecting the death angel to come for him, and mother stood by his bed side administering unto him, praying that the Lord would be pleased to let her die first. The Lord surely answered her prayer, and it pleased Him to call mother from this vale of tears just a few months before papa died.

She had said many times that she did not want to see him die first. Papa professed a hope in Christ just before mother died. No doubt this brought great relief to her weary soul. Mother's family was all gone when she died except one

sister, Mrs. Dave Conley. Mother's request was that we take her body back to old Stone Coal Church to which she belonged to so long, and to bury her in the New Heaven Cemetery close by there to let her body rest in peace until that great day of th Lord when he shall descend from Heaven with a shout, and with the voice of the archangel and the trump of God. I believe that mother and papa will both arise to meet Him midway in the air, and their shouting and praising His great name will just begin.

In closing let me say a few words to all the children of her flesh. Will you heed the warning? Why will you not hear? Turn to the Lord before it is everlastingly too late. You must be born again. God holds all power in Heaven and on earth, and you cannot escape His righteous judgment. If you ever expect to meet mother and papa again you must get ready in this world, for there is no redemption the other side of the grave. I believe that mother and papa fell asleep in Jesus, and are now resting from all their troubles, heartaches and pains. No more will sickness bother them, and all their tears have been wiped from their eyes. May God bless you children to be good to one another, and prepare to meet mama and papa in that upper and better world.

Written by her daughter, Mrs. Hester Hicks.
Aided by Elder Willie Collins.

CHURCH ADDRESSES

Little Rebecca.....	Plymouth, Ohio
Little Jewel.....	209 Wheatley Road, Ashland, Ky.
Maggie Home.....	McArthur, Ohio
Little Ruth.....	Delaware, Ohio
Little Polly.....	Stockbridge, Mich.
Little Maudie.....	McGuffie, Ohio
Little Flock.....	Jackson, Ohio
Little Memory.....	Sunman, Ind.
Little Edna.....	Lorain, Ohio
Little Ida.....	Ecorse, Mich.
Little Flossie.....	Fort Wayne, Ind.
Little Pilgrims Home.....	Ruggles, Ohio
Little Zion.....	199, Auburn St., Pontiac, Mich.

CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Little Rebecca—	Banner Collins, 103 East Main St., Plymouth, Ohio.
Little Jewel—	Alonzo Tackitt, 160 McKnight St., Ashland, Ky.
Maggie Home—	John M. Mullins, Rt. #1, Box 166, Hamden, Ohio.
Little Ruth—	William P. Deel, Box #113, Delaware, Ohio.
Little Polly—	James Bartley, Rt. #2, Eaton, Mich- igan.
Little Maudie—	E. L. Combs, Rt. #1, Alger, Ohio.
Little Flock—	McKinley Rowe, Hamden, Ohio.
Little Memory—	Howard Collins, Rt. #3, Osgood, Indiana.
Little Edna—	Sherman Wright, 4390 Laurel Ave., Lorain, Ohio.
Little Ida—	Jack Casebolt, 6108 Banner St., Detroit, Michigan.
Little Flossie—	Harrison Triplett, 1038 Town St., Kindallville, Indiana.
Little Pilgrims Home—	Frank Harvey, Rt. #2, Wakeman, Ohio.
Little Zion—	James Compton, 729 Calder St., Ypsi- lanti, Michigan.

Little Rebecca—Banner Collins, Delmar Williams,
and Cloude Ousley.

Little Jewel—Jubel Music, Alonzo Tackitt, and
Forrest Osborne.

Maggie Home—Joshua Hicks, Shade Meeks, and
John Mullins.

Little Ruth—Farrell Ratliff, Woodroe Fuller, Wm.
P. Deel.

Little Polly—James Bartley, Hillard Castle, and
George Castle.

Little Maudie—H. Robeson, Bob Griffey, and Estil
Thornsberry.

Little Flock—McKinley Rowe, Roy Hamilton, and
Anthony Hamilton.

Little Memory—V. B. Hall, Millard Collins, and
Howard Collins.

Little Edna—Levi Swords, Walter Parker, and Bart
Potter.

Little Ida—Homer Elliott, Covis Tackitt, and Roy
Hudson.

Little Flossie—John Wicker, Berchel Mosley, and
Harrison Triplett.

Little Pilgrims Home—Bob Hunter, Ray Hoover,
and Frank Harvey.

Little Zion—John Elliott, James G. Hobson, and
Robert Young.

Little Rebecca.....	Third Sunday in July
Little Jewel.....	Fourth Sunday in June
Maggie Home.....	Fourth Sunday in July
Little Ruth.....	Second Sunday in June

Little Polly.....	Second Sunday in July
Little Maude.....	First Sunday in July
Little Flock.....	Third Sunday in August
Little Memory.....	Second Sunday in July
Little Edna.....	Fourth Sunday in June
Little Ida.....	First Sunday in June
Little Pilgrims Home.....	Second Sunday in July
Little Zion.....	Third Sunday in June

Elder H. N. Vanderpool.....	Plymouth, Ohio
Elder Willie Collins.....	Tiro, Ohio
Elder Claude Ousley.....	Plymouth, Ohio
Elder Delmar Williams.....	Rt. #2, Shilo, Ohio
Elder Savel Combs.....	Plymouth, Ohio
Elder Baxter Osborne.....	Rt. #1, Box 346, Ashland, Ky.
Elder Steve Osborne.....	Rt. #1, Box #430 Portsmouth, Ohio
Elder Roy B. Akers.....	408 Christopher Pl. Louisville 14, Ky.
Elder B. J. Moore.....	12th St, Ashland, Ky.
Elder Joshua Hicks.....	Rt. #4, Jackson, Ohio
Elder Paris Tackitt.....	Rt. #1, Beaver, Ohio
Elder Woodroe Fuller.....	Rt. #3, Marysville, Ohio
Elder Wryle Tuttle.....	Rt. #2, Willard Ohio
Elder George Hamilton.....	872 Summit St. Columbus, Ohio
Elder Wm. P. Deel.....	240 Vernon Ave. Delaware, Ohio
Elder Clark Damron.....	Tekomsha, Michigan
Elder Richard Griffith.....	River Rouge, Detroit, Mich.
Elder Virgil Wicker.....	208 North Park Ave. Kindallville, Ind.
Elder Anthony Hamilton.....	Rt. # 2, Vinton, Ohio

Elder Roy Hamilton.....3840 Second St.
Wayne, Michigan
Elder Granville Combs.....Rt. #1, Box #1131
Palm Harbor, Fla.
Elder Walker Parker.....3952½ Dunton Rd.
Lorain, Ohio
Elder James B. Rowe.....1868 East 37th St.
Lorain, Ohio
Elder Sidney Hudson.....1306 Marion St.
Lincoln Park, Michigan
Elder Roy Hudson.....92 East Ciette St.
River Rouge, Michigan
Elder Homer Elliott.....4420 Detroit St.
Dearborn, Michigan
Elder Covis Tackitt.....4309 11th St., Ecorse, Mich.
Elder James Whitaker.....4938 Syracuse St.
Dearbrn, Michigan
Elder H. B. Ray.....300 East Grand Blvd.
Detroit, Michigan
Elder Bob Hunter.....Rt. #2, Monroeville, Ohio
Elder Ellis Kincer.....1101 Hunter Ave.
Ypsilanti, Michigan

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Recommendation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Money Contributed
Little Rebecca	14	1	0	0	3	0	2	70	3	\$ 50.00
Little Jewel	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	4	50.00
Maggie Home	4	8	0	0	0	0	1	37	4	50.00
Little Ruth	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	18	2	25.00
Little Polly	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	29	2	25.00
Little Maudie	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	1	15.00
Little Flock	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	10	3	20.00
Little Memory	0	5	0	0	3	0	1	26	2	50.00
Little Edna	12	7	0	0	7	0	0	28	4	25.00
Little Ida	23	6	0	0	2	3	0	145	1	50.00
Little Flossie	3	2	0	0	5	0	0	14	3	10.00
Little Pilgrims										
Home	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	17	2	25.00
Little Zion	5	0	0	0	1	1	0	10	3	10.00
Total money collected										
for pictures										30.00
Grand Total	81	33	0	0	24	5	6	484		425.00

