

stay did not deter his ministry. He baptized thirty-four in his first year, and Elder John Britton joined him in October of 1836 to help him for the rest of his tenure.

The Meherrin Association changed its name to Concord in 1833, and in doing so revised its constitution. This change prevented Fountain Creek from uniting with this new named body. Article four of its constitution was the problem. It stated, "it shall be the object of this association to inquire into the state of the churches; to conceive measures for their mutual prosperity." This offended the church and Thomas Fox, a delegate to the annual meeting, requested an "alter of eraser" of the article. The request was accepted and Fountain Creek gave its support to the group. Robert Murrell, the other delegate from the church during this meeting backed up Fox and his assessment. This year Fountain Creek reported four baptisms, two dismissals, and eighty members in good standing.

On July 26, 1835, the group met at Fountain Creek. Delegates Jonathan Robinson, George Shehorne, and Samuel Lenupucket reported. \$1.50 was given to the association, and records showed membership to be seventy-nine. In August of 1835, Piney Grove Church of Mecklenburg County held the annual meeting. Daniel Robinson and Edward Webb were the delegates. According to records four people were baptized, two came by letter, three dismissed, and one one excluded. The church membership consisted of one hundred members. \$2.00 was given to associational missions.

Two interesting things happened this year. Snow reported on a twelve day revival at the church. In his words, the "saints were rejoicing and the sinners were weeping." Also, a temperance society had been organized at the church to "exert (a) happy influence on all classes of society."

William Snow spent his two years at Fountain Creek in an active role in association. He preached the annual sermon with the text II Corinthians 5:14, and titled his sermon "The Love of Christ constraineth Us". He was chairman of committee for the purpose of dividing the association into sections for the convenience of the members. The association also had the privilege of ordaining ministers. Delegates from Fountain Creek, John Delbridge, Thomas L. Allen, and Mark W. Collie, reported with thirty-eight baptisms, two dismissals. One was excused. Members reported that there were one hundred and thirty-four. In addition, Thomas L. Allen and Mark W. Collie reported that seven were baptized by letter, one died, and the church had thirty-three members.

In April of this same year, John Delbridge became pastor to stay at Fountain Creek for six months. He soon left to be called as a missionary for Virginia's State Convention. Regretfully, soon afterwards, the church disbanded on October 2, 1838, for lack of members.

On July 21, 1838, at the Concord Association Meeting, delegates Henry Allen and John Delbridge reported that twelve had been excused, one died, and one hundred and thirty-four members were on roll. \$2.00 had been given to the association. This was also a time of great trial for the church. Gowing, the church clerk, said that the church had been greatly affected by the condition of the church, which was in a state of decay.

...we can only say, that the church is in a state of decay, having no pastor, and much of the property is in a state of decay. Some of the members are leaving the church, and the association to assist us as much as possible. We hope that ere long, all of the members will be restored to the church.