

MINUTES

PILGRIM

HOLINESS

CHURCH

ONTARIO

DISTRICT

JULY 12, 1954

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OFFICIAL DIRECTORY

General Superintendent.	- Rev. L.W. Sturk, 230 East Ohio St., Indianapolis, Ind.
General Secretary	- Rev. R.A. Beltz, 230 East Ohio St., Indianapolis, Ind.
Dist. Superintendent.	- Rev. A.L. Jackson; Lion's Head, R.R. 2, Ontario.
Assist. Dist. Supt.	- Rev. H. W. Hobbs, 244 Athol St. East, Oshawa, Ontario.
District Secretary	- Rev. Clyde Winger, Proton Station, Ontario.
District Treasurer	- Rev. M.E. Dowson, 355 Atlas St., Toronto, Ontario.
Advisory Members of District Council	- Rev. J. W. Bray, Shelburne, Ont., Rev. J.W. Lashbrook, 616 Pine St., Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., L.B. Reese, Housey's Rapids, Ontario.
Educational and Examining Board	- Rev. J.W. Bray - 3 yrs., Rev. A.L. Jackson - 3 yr., Rev. L.B. Reese - 2 yr., Rev. C. B. Grassie - 2 yr., Rev. J. W. Lashbrook - 1 year.
Committee on Resolutions	- Rev. J.W. Lashbrook, Rev. C.B. Grassie, Rev. A. Muir
Committee on Ways and Means	- The District Council.
Committee on Editing Conference Journal	- Rev. C. Winger, Rev. A. E. Muir, Rev. A.L. Jackson.
Camp Meeting Board	- District Executive Council.
Committee on Church Extension	- District Executive Council.
District Youth Executive	- Rev. Earl Bray, Northern Zone; Rev. A.E. Muir, Middle Zone; Rev. H.W. Hobbs, Southern Zone.
Dist. Statistician	- Rev. H. W. Hobbs.
Sunday School Promotional Secretary	- Rev. A. L. Jackson.
Delegates to Canadian Holiness Federation	- ex-officio, Rev. A. L. Jackson, Dist. Superintendent.

MINISTERIAL DIRECTORY

Ordained

- Beltz, R. A. - 230 East Ohio St., Indianapolis,
Indiana, U.S.A.
- Bray, J. W. - Shelburne, Ontario.
- Bray, W. Earl - Massey, Ontario.
- Dowson, M. E. - 355 Atlas, Toronto 10, Ontario.
- Grassie, C. B. - Box 6, Thessalon, Ontario.
- Hobbs, A. A. - Massey, Ontario.
- Hobbs, Mrs. C. - 244 Athol St. E., Oshawa, Ont.
- Hobbs, H. W. - 244 Athol St. E., Oshawa, Ont.
- Jackson, A. L. - Lion's Head, Ontario.
- Lashbrook, J. W. - 616 Pine St., Sault Ste. Marie.
- Reese, L. B. - Housey's Rapids, Ontario.
- Shaw, Gertrude - Lion's Head, Ontario.
- Short, Annie - Massey, Ontario.
- Short, S. D. - Massey, Ontario.
- Sturk, L. W. - 230 East Ohio St., Indianapolis,
Indiana, U.S.A.
- Wagner, Fred - Box 501, Hillsboro, Wisconsin.
- White, Florence - Proton Station, Ontario.
- White, Gladys - Proton Station, Ontario.
- Winger, Clyde - Proton Station, Ontario.

ORDAINED DEACONESSES

- Baker, Eileen - 30 Alhambra St., Toronto, Ont.
- Bray, June - Massey, Ontario.
- Cornfield, May - 341 Gibbon St., Oshawa, Ont.
- Wagner, Viola - Box 501, Hillsboro, Wisconsin.
- Watson, Myrtle - Proton, Ontario.

LICENSED DEACONESSES

Second Year

- Baker, Elena - Proton, Ontario.
- Bray, Mrs. J. W. - Shelburne, Ontario.
- Bridge, Annie - Lion's Head, Ontario.
- Cole, Audrey - 29 Granby St., Toronto, Ont.
- Hoath, Julia - Lion's Head, Ontario.
- Hobbs, Mrs. A. A. - Massey, Ontario.
- Pollard, Marjorie - 341 Gibbon St., Oshawa, Ont.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Third Year

- Newton, Viva - R.D.#1, Howard, Penna., U.S.A.

Second Year

- Muir, Albert - Durham, Ontario.

LAY DELEGATES

Bruce Mines -
Durham - Mrs. Russell Jackson.
Lion's Head -
Massey - Lois Short
Oshawa - Mrs. J. W. Lashbrook.
Proton Station - Mrs. Vernon Atkinson.
Sault Ste. Marie -
Toronto - Mrs. Ed. Rossiter.

LOCATION OF CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Bruce Mines --
Located on Highway 17, west end of village.
Pastor - Rev. C. B. Grassie, Thessalon,
Box 6, Ontario.

Durham --
Located on Mill Street.
Pastor - Rev. A. Muir, Durham, Ontario.

Dyer's Bay --
Located at Dyer's Bay.
Pastor - Rev. L. L. Jackson, Lion's Head,
R. R. 2, Ontario.

Massey --
Located on Castle Street.
Pastor - Rev. W. Earl Bray, Massey, Ont.

Oshawa --
Located at 455 Richmond St., Oshawa, Ont.
Pastor - Rev. H. W. Hobbs, 244 Athol St. E.,
Oshawa, Ontario.

Proton --
Located at Proton Station, Ontario.
Pastor - Rev. Clyde Winger, Proton Sta-
tion, Ontario.

Sault Ste. Marie --
Located at 371 Pim Street, Sault Ste. Marie.
Pastor - Rev. J. W. Lashbrook, 616 Pine St.,
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

Toronto --
Located at 312 Oakwood Ave., Toronto, Ont.
Pastor - Rev. M. E. Dowson, 355 Atlas St.,
Toronto 10, Ontario.

Thessalon --
Located on Park Street.
Pastor - Rev. C. B. Grassie, Thessalon,
Box 6, Ontario.

CONFERENCE JOURNAL

The Twenty-ninth Annual Conference of the Ontario District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church convened at 9:00 A.M., in the new Tabernacle at Proton, Ontario, Monday, July 12, 1954.

Rev. Earl Bray led the assembly in singing, "Blessed Assurance". Rev. Harold Hobbs then led in prayer. A duet was rendered by Mrs. Dowson and Mrs. Rossiter, entitled "He Comes To Me".

Rev. Jackson read a letter from Rev. Sturk expressing his regret that it was impossible for him to be present to preside over the Conference and that Rev. Paul Thomas, a General official in the Church, would preside in his stead. Rev. Sturk also expressed his interest in the Ontario District as a part of our Church, and desired that it shall go forward under God's blessings to greater victories in the days to come. Rev. Jackson presented Rev. Thomas as chairman of the Conference.

The following ordained ministers responded to their name as the roll was called: J. W. Bray, Earl Bray, M. E. Dowson, Harold Hobbs, Alvin Jackson, J. W. Lashbrook, L. B. Reese, Clyde Winger, Gertrude Shaw.

Ordained Deaconesses: Lileen Baker, June Bray.

Licensed Ministers: None.

Lay Delegates present were as follows: Durham, Mrs. Russell Jackson; Lion's Head, Miss Julia Hoath; Massey, Miss Lois Short; Oakawa, Mrs. J. W. Lashbrook; Proton, Mrs. Vernon Atkinson; Toronto, Mrs. E. Rossiter.

The Conference bar was then set as the first three rows in the tabernacle.

The motion carried that the Conference time be set from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon, and to continue again at 1:30 P.M.

The Welcoming Committee presented Dr. W. L. Surrook, President of the Owosso Bible College, and Rev. and Mrs. Silvers, field representatives of the Owosso Bible College. They in return greeted the Conference with their testimonies.

The Welcoming Committee came forward again to

present Rev. and Mrs. Harold Hobbs who both expressed appreciation of being received back into the Pilgrim Church.

The report of the District Superintendent was then read and accepted by the Conference.

The Assistant Superintendent gave an oral report which was accepted by a motion.

The Auditing Committee reported that the District Treasurer's books were audited and found to be correct.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

The District Statistician was not present.

It was moved that we accept the report sent and refer it to the Editing Committee for completion and publishing. Carried.

The Resolutions Committee gave their report. It was decided that the resolutions be considered individually, as follows:

1. Be it resolved that the Camp Meeting Committee act as a planning board to draft a complete plan of the Camp Ground as to roads, landscaping, location of buildings, and that they provide a building code to prevent the erection of buildings of an inferior appearance.

2. Be it resolved that the Ontario District Council not act on the retro-active principle relative to the General Conference decision with respect to inactive ministers of the District, but that the District Council inform its ministers of the ruling of the General Conference and request a written expression in order to guide them in fixing the active and inactive roll of the District Conference. This was adopted.

3. This Resolution was recommended by the District Council. Be it resolved that this Conference accept the proposed plan of reorganization offered by the Directors of Owosso Bible College and that we elect a representative from this District to that Board. Moved and adopted.

There was an adjournment due to expiration of time.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session convened at 1:30 P.M. After singing and prayer, the Conference heard the report from the Ways and Means Committee,

whose recommendations were moved and adopted.

The Educational and Examining Board recommended that Marjorie Pollard, Viva Newton, and Albert Muir shall have a renewal of their licenses.

The report of the Committee on Memoirs was read by Gladys White.

A motion carried that the next order of business be the election of officers.

The District Superintendent, A. L. Jackson, appointed Mr. and Mrs. Sam Short as tellers.

Rev. A. L. Jackson was elected District Superintendent.

Ballots were then cast and Rev. Harold Hobbs was elected Assistant District Superintendent, and Clyde Winger was elected Secretary.

Rev. M. E. Dowson was elected District Treasurer.

The following additional members were elected to the District Council: Rev. J. W. Bray, Rev. J. W. Lashbrook, and Rev. L. B. Reese.

Rev. Harold Hobbs was elected to represent our District at the Board of Directors of Owosso Bible College.

The Conference approved the appointment of the various committees by the Superintendent.

The District Council brought forth the nominations for the vacancies on the Educational and Examining Board: J. W. Bray and A. L. Jackson. They were accepted for terms of three years.

The Chairman, Rev. Paul Thomas, spoke by challenging us as a District to go into populated centres. He also expressed his appreciation of the high caliber of the District ministry and spiritual devotion of its people. Rev. Thomas said that organization was only the scaffold on which we stand to build the spiritual house. We must give ourselves to the work.

The Conference adjourned at 4:00 P.M., by standing and singing, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds".

THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the Twenty-ninth Annual Conference of the Ontario District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church,
Greetings!

Another year has gone into history--a year to give an account not only to you, but also to the great Judge of all the earth. It has been a year of much activity throughout the District. Most of the objectives which we had in mind for this year have been realized. The church at Oshawa has been built and sufficiently finished inside so that the basement has been used by the congregation for a place of worship since March of this year. The Toronto church has been greatly strengthened both as to an increase in attendance and finances. They have been able to proceed with a new church building and personage in a way that was not thought possible a year ago. The Dyer's Bay people have succeeded in obtaining the material for a new building and are now anxious to proceed.

The project that was of special interest to the District has been realized,--namely, the building of the tabernacle. This is just one big step in the development of the camp grounds here at Proton. I hope that more needed improvements will be made during the coming year.

The membership report this year will show a slight loss due to the fact of some moving away from the area of our influence, and that our replacements have not kept up with our losses. The decline is not sufficient to indicate that the churches are on the decline. In fact, I personally know that a number of churches have had an increase in souls saved during this year. This will not be reflected in the statistical report until next year.

The Sunday School attendance has shown a steady increase throughout the year. This is the result of the constant and persistent efforts on the part of the pastors, Sunday School superintendents and teachers. For all that has been accomplished during the year let us give the glory to Jesus and all who have been faithful to work, pray, and believe God.

Now what of the future? This is a question that only God can fully answer. But we as His workmen must plan and work along the lines we know He can bless. The one great project for the

coming year is to help the church at Sault Ste. Marie to grow into a strong healthy spiritual centre. The opportunity and need is there. Bro. Fred Wagner felt his work was accomplished there and has moved on to another place of service for the Master. Bro. Lashbrook volunteered to go fill this vacancy. The church there is able to pay only ten dollars a week toward the pastor's salary. This fact makes it evident that we as a District should give assistance so that he will be able to devote his time to pastoral work in this needy field. The amount of assistance proposed will not give him a sumptuous salary, but only enough to get by with for the time. There will still be plenty of things for which it will be necessary to exercise the power of faith. I trust we shall all rally around this project with our prayers, love and gifts until we shall see a definite increase in souls saved and brought into the fellowship of the Pilgrim Church.

Further we should not forget to pray for the other weaker churches. The problems are often very difficult to solve in them. But let us pray that the very help they need to enable them to go forward will be realized this year. Also, all our churches should seek to continue to extend the field of their usefulness. Each Pilgrim should be a forceful witness for the Lord. Each one of us should lead at least one soul to Jesus and into membership in the church. Would it not be a scriptural motto for us to adopt for the coming year, "Let each Christian win another"? May God grant that we shall.

In my labours as District Superintendent I have travelled 8520 miles; visited all the churches twice, some three times, besides conducting six annual meetings; attended the Superintendents' meeting at Indianapolis, the General Conference at Winona Lake, and a Bible School meeting at Owosso; held two District Council meetings in the interest of church extension; preached 10 times; received as salary \$690.00; travelling expenses \$321.19.

Respectfully submitted,
A. L. Jackson.

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

There are many encouraging signs about this part of our work, and also some weak places. It is very encouraging that we still have a district gain in spite of the fact that five of our schools show losses for the year while only three show gains. The Certificate is being forwarded for Dyer's Bay, for the award for having the highest numerical gain for the quadrennium just closed at the General Conference. The "Soo" Church has won the certificates for the highest average numerical gain for the year and the highest percentage gain for the year, and will be presented to them personally when the new pastor arrives.

Respectfully submitted,
Colin B. Grassie.

REPORT OF THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

1. We recommend that the District Treasurer be instructed to handle all pension funds.
2. We recommend that the contingent fund be transferred to General Conference funds.
3. Be it resolved that Resolution No. 4 read as follows: The District budget shall be \$6.00 per member; \$3.50 of which shall be for Church Extension, \$1.50 for District Administration, and \$1.00 for General Conference expense.
4. Be it resolved that a remuneration of \$25.00 shall be paid to the District Treasurer, \$10.00 to the District Secretary, and \$10.00 to the District Statistician.
5. Be it resolved that the District Superintendent's salary be set by the District Council after election.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS

We present our heart-felt praise to God for His blessings, material and spiritual, upon our churches during this Conference year. We do praise Him for the movings of His Spirit in spiritual awakening and increased interest resulting in the

necessity of an enlarged building program throughout the District. We thank Him for the new tabernacle, the result of the sacrificial labors of the brethren and the fine liberality of the Lord's people.

We are deeply thankful for the Lord's goodness in the 1954 Camp Meeting; for the anointed preaching and passion for souls of our beloved evangelist, Rev. Paul Thomas; also for Mrs. Paul Thomas who acted in capacity of Camp pianist; for the ministry of Rev. L.B. Reese; for our singers Rev. and Mrs. Earl Bray; for the many who sought and found in Christ their heart's need, and for the edification of all the saints.

We are grateful to Rev. L.W. Sturk for his kind greetings by letter to the Conference, and for the presence of his able representative, Rev. Paul Thomas, one of the General officials of the church, who presided over the Conference.

We desire to express appreciation to our District Superintendent, Rev. A.L. Jackson, the Assistant Superintendent, Rev. J.W. Lashbrook, and the other members of the Executive Council for their faithful labours during the year and their efficient promotion of the Camp Meeting.

We express our thanks to the representatives of Owosso Bible School, Rev. and Mrs. W.L. Surbrook, and Rev. and Mrs. Silvers. Rev. Surbrook explained to the Conference the incorporation of the Owosso Bible School as an accredited Bible School, and the new set-up of the Board which will give each District representation according to Church membership.

To our auditing committee and to the Statistician, for the careful and painstaking work, we express our gratitude.

To the cooks of our camp meeting, Miss Eileen Baker and Mrs. Herschel Jackson, to Mrs. Alvin Jackson, camp matron, and to all the camp help who laboured so efficiently and so cheerfully, we desire to show our gratitude by a sincere, "God bless you".

For the use of the auditorium of the Proton Church for the Children's Meetings and also for the use of the piano for the Camp Meeting, we

give to you a hearty, "Thank you."

In loving remembrance of Brother Henry Oliver, who entered into rest September, 1953. Brother Oliver is remembered as a godly Indian brother who loved the Lord and who served in the capacity of a faithful local minister and missionary among his own people in Northern Ontario who shall ever revere his memory.

In loving memory of Brother Gordon Vesey of the Durham congregation, who was born in 1920 and entered into rest December, 1953. Brother Gordon will ever be remembered as a young man who was a devoted Christian and a bright example of joyful patience in affliction.

In loving memory of Sister Richard McMullen of the Proton Church, who was born in 1872 and entered into rest June 2nd, 1954. Sister McMullen is remembered for her sweet humility and faithful, consistent witness for Christ in the church, in her home and in her community. May her works follow her in the salvation of souls for whom she prayed.

In loving memory of Brother Thomas Blakey of the Proton Church, who was born in 1865 and who went to his eternal home June 22nd, 1954. Brother Blakey is remembered as a bright trophy of transforming grace, picked up from a godless and worldly background, and by an instantaneous conversion started on a new life of joyful and uncompromising testimony for Jesus, for whose coming he eagerly watched.

In loving memory of Sister Mark McClement, a member of the Durham church, who was born in 1882 and who went to be with her Lord June 19th, 1954. Sister McClement was a triumphant Christian whose bright testimonies and shouts of praise still linger in our memory. Even in her last illness her bright and earnest testimony won a Catholic lady, a fellow patient, to the Lord. May the Lord endue others to take the places of these saints who from their labours rest.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolved that all stationed preachers come, send someone, or pay the equivalent of two days' labour for the preparation for the District Camp and Conference, when called by the District Superintendent.

2. Resolved that each local church supply the parsonage with adequate cooking and heating equipment.

3. Resolved, that all money raised for District funds, be forwarded to the District Treasurer at the end of each month, and that each local church close their books after the last Sunday of each month.

4. Resolved, that the District Treasurer forward to the District paper a monthly report revealing each church's standing regarding their payment on District and General interests.

5. Resolved, that the District Superintendent appoint a Camp Meeting Board each year and it shall be responsible to the District Council for the over-all management of the Camp.

6. Resolved, that each pastor and the District Superintendent be granted a two-week vacation (including two Sundays) with pay. Pastors who are not on a stated salary shall receive their vacation pay and Camp Meeting Sunday offerings equivalent to their average weekly offering.

7. Where's the Manual, page 108, Section 2, reads as follows: "The annual conference shall reject any recommendation for licensing of any minister who does not tithe and teach tithing into the Pilgrim Holiness Church", therefore, be it resolved, (1) that each month the local treasurer shall forward the pastor's and evangelists' tithes to the District Treasurer, and (2) that all un-stationed or inactive ministerial members shall support their own denomination and local church financially.

8. Resolved, that one hundred and fifty copies of the Conference Journal be printed and sold for 25¢ each.

9. Resolved, that the District Council appoint

an Editor of the District paper and that one page of this paper be devoted to Sunday School and Youth promotional work.

10. In the light of a laxity which appears to be growing among our people relative to standards of attire, be it resolved that our preachers call attention of our people to this danger by giving clear exposition of the Scripture pertaining to this matter.

11. We recommend that all our people co-operate with the General Program of Evangelism as adopted by the General Conference. We urge our pastors and people to fasting and prayer on Friday of each week for the promotion of revivals in each church, and the opening of a new church during the year.

12. Inasmuch as several of our schools have correspondence courses to meet the Manual requirements for ministerial candidates, be it resolved that we urge our licensed ministers to use the same in pursuing the study course.

13. Be it resolved that the Executive members of the Council be the District Church Extension Committee, and that the committee have full authority to appoint home missionary pastors and build and select new locations.

14. Be it resolved that the District Superintendent shall appoint the Committees which are to function under the District Council for the ensuing year.

15. Be it resolved that the District Camp Meeting date be set as beginning the first Thursday in July through the two following Sundays.

16. As experience has proved that moving furniture in ordinary trucks has proved costly for the pastors involved, we recommend that in the future our pastors' furniture be moved in regular moving vans.

17. Be it resolved that each pastor shall receive pledges from his local church prior to the District Camp, for district church extension during the coming year.

18. Be it resolved that the District Council take steps to provide a bookroom for the sale of holiness literature at the District Camp.

19. Resolved, that recognizing the past practice of our Conference, we adopt the present manual of the Pilgrim Holiness Church of America and as it may be amended, to be the manual and by-laws of the Pilgrim Holiness Church of Canada.

20. Resolved that the District Superintendent sign local church property deeds along with local church trustees.

21. Resolved that the District Treasurer shall close his books for the year as of June 30th, and that pastors and local church treasurers shall have a grace period of five days in which to insure that all monies receivable in the Conference year shall be in the District Treasurer's hands to be credited as receivable at that date.

22. Resolved, that the General Superintendent and General Secretary plus the Ontario District Council constitute the Board of Directors of the Pilgrim Holiness Church of Canada.

23. Resolved, that the Board of Directors of the Pilgrim Holiness Church of Canada constitute the Board of Trustees for the District.

24. Resolved, that the Camp Meeting Committee act as a planning board to draft a complete plan of the Camp Ground as to roads, landscaping, location of buildings, and that they provide a building code to prevent the erection of buildings of an inferior appearance.

25. Resolved, that the Ontario District Council not act on the retro-active principle relative to the General Conference decision with respect to inactive ministers of the District, but that they inform its ministers of this ruling and request a written expression from them in order to guide them in fixing the active and inactive roll of the District Conference.

26. Resolved, that the Conference accept the proposed plan of reorganization offered by the Board of Directors of Gwosso Bible College and that we elect a representative from this District to that Board.