

Thirty Second Annual
Conference Journal

— THE —
Pilgrim Holiness Church
(Ontario District)



Proton, Ontario
July 12-13, 1957

PILGRIM HOLINESS CHURCH
(ONTARIO DISTRICT)

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY

General Superintendent	Rev. W. H. Neff, 230 E. Ohio St., Indianapolis, Ind.
General Secretary	Rev. R. A. Beltz, Indianapolis, Ind.
District Superintendent	Rev. H. W. Hobbs, Box 356, Durham, Ontario.
Assist. Dist. Supt.	Rev. J. W. Bray 249 - 13th St., Owen Sound, Ont.
District Secretary	Rev. R. T. Holton, R.R.#2, Lion's Head, Ont.
District Treasurer	Rev. J. P. Keith, 312 Oakwood Ave., Toronto, Ont.
Advisory Members of District Council	Rev. F. A. Hobbs, Rev. Chas. Jackson, Mr. E. G. Rossiter.

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Education and
Examining Board

Rev. H. W. Hobbs, 1 year
Rev. F. A. Hobbs, 2 years
Rev. G. White, 2 years
Rev. J. W. Bray, 3 years
Rev. F. White, 3 years

Committee on
Resolutions

District Council

Ways and Means

District Council

Editing Committee

Rev. R. T. Holton
Mrs. R. T. Holton

Camp Meeting Board

Rev. H. W. Hobbs
Rev. J. W. Bray
Rev. Chas. Jackson
Mr. Russell Jackson
Mr. Clarence Watson

Church Extension
Loan Fund

Executive Council
Members

District Youth
Secretary

Rev. R. T. Holton

Sunday School
Promotional Sec.

Rev. John P. Keith

District Statistician

Rev. G. White

Editor of the
Canadian Pilgrim

Rev. John P. Keith

MINISTERIAL DIRECTORY

Ordained

Beltz, R. A.	230 E. Ohio St., Indianapolis, Ind.
Bray, J. W.	Owen Sound, Ont.
Hobbs, F. A.	Massey, Ont.
Hobbs, H. W.	Durham, Ont.
Holton, R. T.	Lion's Head, Ont.
Keith, J. P.	Toronto, Ont.
Lashbrook, J. W.	Barbados, B. W. I.
Neff, W. H.	Indianapolis, Ind.
White, F.	Bruce Mines, Ont.
White, G.	Bruce Mines, Ont.

Ordained Deaconesses

Baker, Eileen	Toronto, Ont.
Bray, June	Toronto, Ont.
Cornfield, Mae	Oshawa, Ont.
Hobbs, Mrs. F.	Massey, Ont.
Hobbs, Mrs. H.	Durham, Ont.
Lashbrook, Mrs. J.	Barbados, B. W. I.
Shaw, Gertie	Lion's Head, Ont.
Short, Annie	Massey, Ont.
McMillan, Mrs. M.	Proton Station, Ont.

Licensed Deaconesses

Bridge, Anne	Lion's Head, Ont.
Cole, Audrey	Toronto, Ont.

Licensed Ministers

Henschen, Fred	307 Pim St., Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.
Jackson, Chas.	Durham, Ont.

Dundas College Library

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

Bruce Mines		W. Main Street
	Pastor	Rev. G. White
	Delegate	None
Durham		Mill Street
	Pastor	Rev. H. W. Hobbs
	Delegate	Mr. Arthur Watson
Dyer's Bay		Rural
	Pastor	Rev. R. T. Holton
	Delegate	Mrs. R. T. Holton
Lion's Head		Ferndale
	Pastor	Rev. R. T. Holton
	Delegate	Mr. James Shaw
Massey		Castle Street
	Pastor	Rev. F. A. Hobbs
	Delegate	Miss Lois Short
Proton		Proton Station
	Pastor	Rev. H. W. Hobbs
	Delegate	Mrs. A. Baker
Sault Ste. Marie		367 Pim Street
	Pastor	Rev. F. Henschen
	Delegate	None
Toronto		312 Oakwood Ave.
	Pastor	Rev. J. P. Keith
	Delegate	Mrs. E. G. Rossiter

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

First Session

The Thirty-Second Annual Conference of the Ontario District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church of Canada convened on Friday, July 12th, 1957, at 2:30 P.M., in the Camp tabernacle at Proton, Ontario. Rev. Hostetler led the assembly in singing "Victory in Jesus". Rev. J. W. Bray led in prayer. The Hostetler family then sang "The Coronation Day."

Rev. H. W. Hobbs introduced Rev. Melvin H. Snyder, First Assistant General Superintendent, and Director of the Forward Movement as President of the Conference.

Rev. Snyder then addressed the Conference basing his remarks on John 16:8 "And when He is come". The theme entitled, "The Meaning, the Method, and the Measures of the Spirit's Coming," was delivered under the anointing of the Spirit, and thrilled the hearts of all. He dwelt upon the Holy Spirit's presence as, (1) An Eternal Companion, (2) A Life Abundant, (3) An Unerring Teacher, (4) The Secret of Answered Prayer, (5) A Life of Unfathomed Peace, (6) An Unanswerable Testimony, and finally, (7) The Miracle Working Companion of the Church and the Christian.

The Roll was called by the District Secretary and was answered by fifteen ministers, deaconesses, and lay delegates.

By motion the Conference bar was set at the first five rows of seats in the centre section of the tabernacle. The Conference bar was cleared and the voting members were invited to take their seats within the same.

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The District Superintendent then introduced the name of Rev. John Keith, the new pastor at Toronto, who had transferred from the East Ohio Conference to this District. On motion he was seated within the Conference bar. The Superintendent further introduced Rev. R.T. Holton, who on motion was seated within the bar.

On motion it was ordered that the present sitting adjourn at 5 P.M. to reconvene on Saturday at 2 P. M. and that the presiding officer address the Camp on Saturday at 10:30 A. M.

The District Superintendent gave his report and on motion it was received with appreciation.

The Assistant Superintendent then gave an oral report and on motion his report was received.

Since the Auditor's report was not available, the Chairman requested that it be given later.

The District Treasurer's report was presented by Miss Eileen Baker and on motion was accepted as read.

The District Statistician gave her report which represented a prodigious effort involving a great deal of work. After favourable comments by the Chairman, the report was on motion received with a rising vote of thanks.

Conference adjourned by expiration of time.

Rev. H. W. Hobbs dismissed with prayer.

Second Session

The Second sitting of the Conference convened in the tabernacle at Proton, Ont., on Saturday, July 13th, 1957.

The Conference was called to order at 2 P. M. by the singing of "Standing on the Promises of God." Rev. R. T. Holton led in prayer.

On motion the calling of the roll was dispensed with, except for including and seating the delegate from Dyer's Bay, Mrs. Muriel Holton.

The Chairman of the Reception Committee, Rev. J. W. Bray presented to the conference Rev. and Mrs. John Keith of the East Ohio District, Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Holton, and Rev. Fred Henschen of Cincinnati, Ohio.

The minutes of the former sitting were read, corrected and approved.

By common consent it was decided to have the District Council audit or arrange for the audit of the Treasurer's books.

The Youth Executive Secretary gave an oral report of his work during the year. He visualized a good future for the Youth work of Ontario, and on motion his report was accepted.

The District Sunday School Promotional Secretary, Rev. R. T. Holton, reported orally on his work in this connection and on motion this report was received.

The report of the Educational and Examining Board was given by Rev. Gladys White, and on motion this report was received.

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Rev. H. W. Hobbs then made some remarks concerning the appointment of the new ministerial candidate, Rev. F. Henschen as pastor of the Sault Ste. Marie Church.

The Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, Rev. J.W. Bray, reported, and the following resolutions after being considered separately were adopted.

Resolution #1 -- That standing resolutions #3, #16, #17, and #18 be deleted.

Resolution #2 -- Whereas there is money accruing to the District from the sale of the Oshawa property; be it resolved we allocate \$5,000.00 of the same to a District Loan Fund, said fund to be made available for loans to local churches desiring to build. These loans to be subject to the approval of the District Council.

Resolution #3 -- Resolved that the District Council be authorized to underwrite loans of the local churches from the General Church Pension Funds.

Resolution #4 -- Resolved that the District Council shall not act as the District Loan Board, and shall appoint a Sec.-Treas. and make the necessary laws regarding interest rates and repayment of loans.

Rev. H. W. Hobbs having been granted authority by the Council to act as Trustee in the sale of the Oshawa Church property, presented the following report. "The church property has been sold to the Christian and Missionary Alliance at a price of \$18,000.00; and the parsonage property has been sold to Mr. Roy Halsted of Oshawa at a price of \$10,900." On Motion this report was received as read.

The District Council presented a resolution that had come to them from the Toronto Church.

"During the construction of the new Oshawa church, the work came to a halt for want of funds. The East Toronto congregation made a contribution of \$3,000.00 to assist with the building program.

This company of believers were identified with the Oakwood Ave. Church at the time. They now feel that following the sale of the Oshawa property, it would be a right gesture on the part of the District to place the amount in question at the disposal of the congregation of which they form a part to apply on the indebtedness of said church. This being accomplished, the Toronto congregation would then be in a position to make a larger contribution towards the extension of the Kingdom in the Ontario district.

Therefore, be it resolved; that the \$3,000.00 given by the East Toronto group for the building of the Oshawa Church, now sold, be refunded as a redress to the Oakwood Ave. Church, since the East Toronto congregation is now amalgamated with the Oakwood Ave. congregation."

On motion, the resolution was received, and the fund granted.

A motion to recess was granted.

After recess Conference reconvened at the call of the chairman.

The Committee on Memorials to the General Conference reported by presenting the following memorials: --

Memorial #1 -- That section 85, paragraph 4, part 1, be amended to read "Active members shall be persons between the ages of 12 and 35 who are Christians and desirous of being affiliated with the society. Such

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members shall have the right to vote in business meetings of the Youth Society, and are eligible for office if they are members of the Pilgrim Holiness Church. Such members shall be urged to place their tithe in the local church."

On motion this memorial was adopted.

Memorial #2 -- To amend part 2 of aforesaid paragraph was lost.

Memorial #3 -- "We the Ontario District recommend that a Year Book be published by the Pilgrim Publishing House in Indianapolis, combining the minutes of annual conferences, and directories of churches and pastors of the several districts and Mission fields throughout the denomination. We further recommend that the cost per page of such a book be computed by the publishing house, and that each district purchase the number of pages it deems necessary for its needs."

On motion this memorial was adopted.

The Chairman now called for the election of officers, and requested the District Superintendent to appoint tellers. Five tellers were appointed, namely: John Keith, Chas. Jackson, Fred Henschen, S. McMillan, and E. G. Rossiter.

On the first ballot cast, Rev. H.W. Hobbs was elected District Superintendent.

On the first ballot cast, Rev. J. W. Bray was elected Assistant District Superintendent.

Of the two names nominated by the District Council for the office of District Secretary, Rev. R.T. Holton was elected.

Of the two names nominated by the District Council for the office of District Treasurer, Rev. John P. Keith was elected.

On the first ballot the following were elected as advisory members to the District Council; F. A. Hobbs, Charles Jackson, and E. G. Rossiter.

By motion from the conference floor Rev. R. T. Holton was appointed as Youth Director.

By motion Rev. John P. Keith was appointed Sunday School Promotional Secretary.

On motion it was decided that a plurality vote would decide the election of General Conference delegates.

On the first ballot Rev. F.A. Hobbs was elected as ministerial delegate with Rev. Gladys White as alternate.

On the first ballot Vern Atkinson was elected as lay delegate, with E. G. Rossiter as alternate.

On motion Rev. J.W. Bray and Rev. F. White were elected to succeed themselves to fill the vacancies in the Examining and Education Board.

The Ways and Means Committee made their report as follows:

Recommendation #1 -- That the interest accruing from the mortgages on the Oshawa church and parsonage property be used for District Church Extension Administration and that the payments on principals be deposited in the District Loan Fund.

Recommendation #2 -- That Rev. F. Henschen be appointed to the Soo as pastor and that the District guarantee him a support of \$25.00 per week plus utilities.

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On separate motions these recommendations were adopted.

The Committee on Memoirs presented their report and on motion it was received by a rising vote of thanks and pausing for a moment of silent respect, concluded with a prayer by Brother Snyder.

On motion the District Council was ordered to take care of any unfinished business, and to read and approve the minutes of the last sitting.

A motion to adjourn was carried after which the benediction was pronounced.

REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

To the Annual Session of the Ontario Conference -- Greetings.

We stand today in sober retrospect of another year of labours for God and the Church. The early part of this conference year as the assistant we were acting Superintendent. In mid-December the District Council, after being informed that no one was available as a nominee by the Executive Council, requested that we take the District supervision for the balance of the year. This we endeavoured to do along with the work of evangelism. In this report we consider first, Our Problems; secondly, Our Prospects; and finally, Our Proposals.

1. Our Problems

There have been some retrenchments made this year on our District that have filled all our hearts with deep concern. The Oshawa Church has been closed and all our

holdings there have been sold to the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church. Post mortems are gruesome and we attempt no analysis. We only assure you, that as a council, we tried to weigh all the facts and act in the best interest of all.

Our Soo work, also without pastoral leadership, has been temporarily closed since January. We have kept in touch with our people there and have sought to safeguard our property holdings, looking forward to the hour when we might secure a pastor and launch a real effort to save and build the work. We have promise of a pastor, and to this conference will be presented a project to enable us to reopen the Soo work and move forward.

2. Our Prospects

Anyone who makes close contacts with our churches, pastors, and laymen, are made to sense their deep loyalty and earnest desire for God and growth, and as a result I cannot help but feel we have a real future as a district. There are many untouched fields in this great Dominion to challenge us, and it is true the opening of new work here in Canada demands several years of hard work and sacrifice. However, the hand of God upon us even in our struggles evidences the fact that God has a place and purpose for us, if we can but rise and meet the challenge.

The Youth work this year, under the direction of Rev. Holton, has shown encouraging growth of interest.

A conference organization has been effected and our young people are showing real enthusiasm as evidenced by the fine attendance at the Youth Camp the last weekend.

3. Our Proposals

(1) That our project this year in church extension be the reopening of the Soo work. Let us back this effort with our prayers and support. Let us remember that our church and parsonage is well located in this city of 45,000 in a new sub-division with hundreds of new homes around it.

(2) Let us continue to diligently promote our Youth hour and pray that God will lay His hand on more of our young folk.

(3) In the field of Sunday Schools, let us push our Sunday School attendance so as to show a fine gain next year.

(4) We should seriously endeavour to promote one good revival effort at least, if not two, in every church.

(5) We further propose to publish again our monthly bulletin, "The Canadian Pilgrim"

(6) Finally that we dedicate ourselves anew to God and the church constantly bearing one another up in prayer.

In conclusion we briefly summarize our labours. We have travelled 5,750 miles in District work, held 14 business meetings, and all the annual church meetings. We received \$875.00 for support plus mileage allowance.

Respectfully submitted,
H. W. Hobbs.

Memoirs Committee Report

Bessie White (Mrs. Roy)

In loving memory of Sister Bessie White, member of the Proton Church, who entered into rest on October 8, 1956 in her fifty-first year. Sister White's memory is hallowed for the sweetness of her Christian spirit through the years, and the trusting faith that kept her triumphant in the midst of fiery trials.

Sarah Jane Stewart (Mrs. John)

In loving memory of Sister Sarah Jane Stewart, member of the Ferndale Church, who departed to be with her Lord on January 19, 1957 in her eighty-eighth year. For her patient and kind Christian spirit and her unselfish service for others. Sister Stewart was beloved by friends far and wide.

Jennie Atkey (Mrs. Frank)

In loving memory of Sister Jennie Atkey, member of the Pilgrim Holiness Mission at Warton in former years, who was called home on March 5th, 1957 in her seventy-second year. Sister Atkey's staunch devotion to the Lord and His cause, and her bright and lively Christian spirit will continue to inspire all who knew her.

Mrs. Thomas Humphries

In loving memory of Sister Humphries, member of the Bruce Mines Pilgrim Holiness Church, who suddenly left without saying good-bye and departed to be with Christ in April 1957. Though weak in body, Sister Humphries ever showed a quiet devoted love for Christ and for His people which will cause her to be always gratefully remembered.

For all these redeemed ones safely gathered home, we give thanks unto the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
 Florence Hobbs,
 Gladys White.

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Education and Examining Board Report

We, the Education and Examining Board, present the following recommendations:

Second Year Ministerial License

Albert Muir
Charles Jackson
Fred Henschen

Licensed Deaconess Renewal

Anne Bridge
Audrey Cole
Julia Hoath

Standing Resolutions

1. That all stationed preachers come, send some one, or pay the equivalent of two days labour for the preparation for the District Camp and Conference when called by the District Superintendent.
2. That each local church supply the parsonage with adequate heating and cooking equipment.
3. That each pastor and the District Superintendent be granted a two week vacation including two Sundays with pay. Pastors who are not on stated salaries shall receive their vacation pay and Camp-meeting Sunday offerings equal to their average weekly offering.
4. Whereas the Manual, Paragraph 84, Section 2, reads as follows: The Annual Conference shall reject any recommendation for licensing of any minister who does not practice or teach tithing into the Pilgrim Holiness Church, therefore, be it resolved:
 - (1) That each month the local treasurer shall forward the pastor's and Evangelist's tithe to the District Treasurer.

- (2) That all unstationed or inactive ministers shall support their own denomination and local church financially.
5. That one hundred and fifty copies of the Journal shall be printed and distributed at cost.
6. In the light of laxity which appears to be growing among our people relative to standards of attire, be it resolved that our preachers call the attention of our people to the danger by giving clear exposition of the Scriptures pertaining to the matter, and by calling attention to the manual relative to the same.
7. In as much as several of our schools have correspondence courses to meet the requirements of our ministerial candidates, be it resolved that we urge our licensed ministers to make use of the same in pursuing the course of study.
8. That the District Council act as a District Church Extension Committee and have full authority to appoint Home Missionary pastors, select and build on new locations.
9. Be it resolved that the District Superintendent shall appoint the committees that are to function during the ensuing year.
10. As experience has proven that moving furniture by ordinary truck is costly to the pastor, be it resolved that moving be done by regular moving van.
11. That the District Council take steps to provide a bookroom for the sale of holiness literature at the District Camp.
12. That we recognize the past practice of our Confer -

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ence in adopting the present Manual of the Pilgrim Holiness Church of America and amending it to be the Manual and by-laws of the Pilgrim Holiness Church of Canada.

13. That the District Superintendent sign local church property deeds along with the local trustees.

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

DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT

	BALANCE FORWARDED	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE ON HAND	ACCOUNTS OVERDRAWN
DIST. ADMINISTRATION		1541.54	1715.66		174.12
DIST. CH. EXTENSION	600.29	2110.55	1866.52	844.32	
FOREIGN MISSIONS	172.83	1667.82	1840.65		
SPECIAL OFFERINGS	52.39	276.54	328.93		
NOTES PAYABLE	670.65		312.79	357.86	
GEN. CONF. FUND	110.96			110.96	
CAMP FUND	-613.40	998.86	938.09		552.63
GENERAL CH. BUDGET		30.55	181.13		150.58
OWOSSO COLLEGE	65.19	36.00	101.19		
PENSION FUND	15.00	195.40	210.40		
TOTALS	1073.91	6857.26	7495.36	1313.14	877.33

CHURCH TREASURER'S REPORT

	CASH BROUGHT FORWARD	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAID TO DISTRICT TREASURER	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	BALANCE ON HAND
BRUCE MINES	32.05	1632.08	311.62	1625.88	6.20
DURHAM	67.31	2186.36	325.03	2063.69	122.67
DYER'S BAY		1074.56	60.10	930.90	143.66
LION'S HEAD	17.23	4409.51	612.05	4005.72	403.79
MASSEY	446.88	3870.56	472.08	3187.98	682.58
PROTON	.05	4205.28	741.63	4142.33	62.95
TORONTO	115.86	7009.30	801.46	6780.13	229.17
TOTALS	679.38	24387.65	3323.97	22736.63	1651.02

PASTOR'S REPORT

	TOTAL SERVICES CONDUCTED	TOTAL PASTORAL CALLS	TOTAL SEEKERS	SEEKERS FOR REGENERATION	TOTAL SUPPORT
BRUCE MINES	119	373	5	4	1167.06
DURHAM	125	15	-	-	1375.00
DYER'S BAY	90	54	5	3	581.37
LION'S HEAD	102	104	6	5	2002.00
MASSEY	142	39	7	7	1220.00
PROTON	182	260	2	2	2348.00
TORONTO	129	-	-	-	2405.00
TOTAL	889	845	25	21	11098.43

CHURCH STATISTICAL REPORT

	MEMBERS LAST REPORT	MEMBERS THIS REPORT	MEMBERS TRANSFERRED	ADDITIONS BY FAITH	DEATHS
BRUCE MINES	10	10	1	2	1
DURHAM	18	19	1		
DYER'S BAY	6	6			
LION'S HEAD	24	23			1
MASSEY	21	21			
PROTON	50	47	2		1
TORONTO	31	33	2		
TOTAL	160	159	6	2	3

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

	NUMBER OF TEACHERS AND OFFICERS	AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE LAST REPORT	AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE THIS REPORT	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL EXPENDITURES
BRUCE MINES	4	16	15	\$ 109.57	\$ 103.78
DURHAM	6	16	19	171.56	147.14
DYER'S BAY	6	30	29	138.68	110.03
LION'S HEAD	8	63	75	711.71	573.17
MASSEY	9	53	64	328.96	246.08
PROTON	9	45	48	369.70	320.72
TORONTO	10	56	55	620.64	567.47
TOTAL	52	279	305	2450.82	2068.39

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY REPORT

	MEMBERS LAST REPORT	MEMBERS THIS REPORT	MEETINGS HELD	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL EXPENDITURES
BRUCE MINES	::	::	::	::	::
DURHAM	::	::	::	::	::
DYER'S BAY	::	::	::	17.50	11.50
LION'S HEAD	::	::	::	::	::
MASSEY	::	::	::	::	::
PROTON	41	33	::	76.32	63.80
TORONTO	::	::	::	69.09	33.51
TOTAL	41	33	::	162.91	108.81

PROPERTY STATEMENT

	CHURCH VALUE	CHURCH DEBT	PARSONAGE VALUE	PARSONAGE DEBT	TOTAL EQUITY
BRUCE MINES	\$ 3750.00	nil	nil	nil	3750.00
DURHAM	\$ 6000.00	1000.00	nil	nil	5000.00
DYER'S BAY	\$ 2000.00	nil	nil	nil	2000.00
LION'S HEAD	\$ 2500.00	nil	3500.00	600.00	5400.00
MASSEY	\$ 2275.00	nil	2000.00	nil	4275.00
PROTON	\$ 3500.00	nil	3000.00	150.00	6350.00
TORONTO	\$32735.00	3128.64	8250.00	4400.00	33456.36
TOTAL	\$52760.00	4128.64	16750.00	5150.00	60231.36

Camp Meeting

July 4 to 13, 1958

REV. PHILIP DOYLE, Evangelist
WESLEY AND VIRGINIA CHETFIELD, Singers

District Conference

July 11-12, 1958
