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OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

- District Superintendent:—Rev. R. G. Flexon, Shackelfords, Va.
Assistant District Superintendent:—Rev. J. W. Covington, Roanoke, Va.
- Secretary and Treasurer:—Rev. W. M. Phillippe, Shackelfords, Va.
- Additional Members of District Council:—Rev. C. A. Brown, Staunton, Va.; Rev. W. H. Biller, Streets, Va.; Rev. C. H. Flexon, Richmond, Va.; Mr. E. M. Phillippe, Staunton, Va.
- Home and Foreign Missionary Board:—Rev. R. G. Flexon, Rev. W. H. Biller, Miss Lottie Gibson.
- Board of Education and Examination:—R. G. Flexon, J. W. Covington, W. M. Phillippe.
- District Camp Meeting Board:—R. G. Flexon, J. W. Covington, Ira Parker, D. B. Driver, C. A. Brown.
- Board of Directors of District Bible School:—R. G. Flexon, J. W. Covington, E. M. Phillippe, D. V. Driver, J. H. Milby, R. T. Wilson, J. S. Harlow.
- Board of District Trustees:—J. W. Covington, R. T. Wilson, R. G. Flexon.
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PROCEEDINGS.

The Second Annual Assembly of the Virginia District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church convened at Staunton, Virginia, October 16, 1923, with the District Superintendent, R. G. Flexon, in the chair. The one hundred and thirty-third Psalm was read, after which prayer was offered by Mrs. J. F. Bogan.

The chairman introduced the General Superintendent, Rev. W. R. Cox, who was invited to take the chair.

A timely address was given by the General Superintendent.

The Secretary being absent, Rev. C. A. Brown was elected as secretary pro tempore.

The ministers and delegates were enrolled as follows:

MINISTERS.

W. R. Cox, 712 Silver Ave., Greensboro, N. C.
R. G. Flexon, Shacklefords, Va.
Ira Parker, Mineral, Va.
C. H. Flexon, 418 W. 14th St., South Richmon
Mrs. W. C. Kirkman, Streets, Va.
W. E. Fitchett, Warner, Va.
W. C. Kirkman, Streets, Va.
Miss Lottie Gibson, Warm Springs, Va.
J. W. Covington, 1128 5th Ave, N. W., Roanoke, Va.
W. H. Biller, Shacklefords, Va.
C. A. Brown, 811 Sudbury St., Staunton, Va.
W. F. Jones, Brandywine, Va.

DELEGATES.

Luciel Purnell, Richmond, Va.
Burnice Stone, Mineral, Va.
Nannie Mason, Richmond, Va.
Mrs. J. W. Covington, Roanoke, Va.
Mrs. M. E. Tyre, Roanoke, Va.
C. J. Knapp, Mineral, Va.
J. G. Hensley, East Radford, Va.
J. H. Milby, Shacklefords, Va.
L. M. Milby, Shacklefords, Va.
W. S. Massey, Shacklefords, Va.
G. H. Knopp, Staunton, Va.
D. B. Driver, Staunton, Va.
C. H. Wickham, Copper Hill, Va.
J. F. Bogan, Warm Springs, Va.
Mrs. J. F. Bogan, Warm Springs, Va.

The Assembly bar was appointed by the District Superintendent, after which the following committees were appointed; first:

Resolutions:—J. W. Covington, Ira Parker, C. H. Flexon, W. H. Biller and G. H. Knopp.

Statistical:—Lottie Gibson and Burnice Stone.

Publication:— W. S. Massey and C. J. Knapp.

Auditing:—D. B. Driver and C. J. Knapp.

Entertainment:—W. C. Kirkman and J. G. Hensley.

Nominating:—D. B. Driver, W. H. Biller and C. J. Knapp.

Motion carried that the rules in our Manual governing our General Assembly be adopted to govern this Assembly.

Motion carried that the morning session begin at 9:00 A. M. and close at 11:00; the afternoon session to begin at 2:00 and close at 4:00 P. M.

Motion carried that Rev. W. M. Phillippe be made an honorary member of this Assembly.

Reports were read from the following churches: Bulah, South Richmond; Bent Mountain, Hemlock, East Radford, Billers Crest and Warm Springs.

The following Sunday School reports were read: South Richmond, Mineral, Staunton, East Radford, Warm Springs, Billers Crest, Roanoke, and Sulphur Mines.

Motion to adjourn.

Wednesday, 9:00 A. M.

After devotional exercises conducted by Rev. W. R. Cox, the roll was called and the minutes of previous session were read and approved.

Motion carried that we elect officers at the 2:00 P. M. session.

The reading of church reports was resumed. The following churches reported: Streets, Brandywine, Staunton, Roanoke and Mineral.

The following Sunday School reports were read: Beulah, Brandywine and Streets.

The Ministers reports being called for, the following Ministers reported: R. G. Flexon, J. W. Covington, W. H. Biller, C. H. Flexon, Ira Parker, W. F. Jones, W. C. Kirkman, Mrs. W. C. Kirkman, Miss Lottie Gibson, W. E. Fitchett. The reports of J. V. Roberts and B. B. Bulla were read by the District Superintendent.

The meeting adjourned.

Wednesday, 2:00 P. M.

After devotional exercises conducted by Rev. W. R. Cox, the minutes of the morning session were read and approved. After the roll call the chairman called the Assembly to special prayer for Divine guidance in the election of officers.

The Nominating Committee reported as follows:

District Superintendent—R. G. Flexon, J. W. Covington.

Secretary-Treasurer—C. A. Brown, W. M. Phillippe.

Assistant District Superintendent—W. H. Biller, C. A. Brown.

District Council—C. H. Flexon, Ira Parker, E. M. Phillippe, W. C. Kirkman, W. M. Neff, J. H. Milby, L. M. Milby and D. V. Driver.

Home and Foreign Mission Board—Miss Lottie Gibson, W. H. Biller and C. A. Brown.

Board of Education and Examination—R. G. Flexon, J. W. Covington, C. A. Phillippe.

Board of District Trustees—R. G. Flexon, R. T. Wilson, J. H. Milby, and W. H. Biller.

Board of District Camp Meeting—R. G. Flexon, D. B. Driver, J. W. Covington, C. A. Brown, C. L. Polf, C. H. Flexon, and Geo. Knopp.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Rev. R. G. Flexon, District Superintendent.

Rev. J. W. Covington, Assistant District Superintendent.

Rev. W. M. Phillippe, Secretary-Treasurer.

Rev. C. A. Brown, Rev. C. H. Flexon, Rev. W. H. Biller, and E. M. Phillippe, District Council.

Rev. W. H. Biller, Miss Lottie Gibson and Rev. R. G. Flexon, Home and Foreign Missionary Board.

Motion carried that the business session be extended to 5:30.

Motion carried that we have a recess of five minutes.

House called to order by the chairman and business resumed.

Rev. R. G. Flexon, Rev. J. W. Covington and Rev. W. M. Phillippe, Board of Education.

Motion carried that we elect three trustees to serve until they should become disqualified.

Motion carried that they be chosen from the previous trustees.

The following were elected: R. G. Flexon, R. T. Wilson and J. W. Covington.

The Board of Directors for the District Camp were as follows: R. G. Flexon, D. B. Driver, Ira Parker, C. A. Brown, and J. W. Covington.

Motion carried that we dispense with the morning preaching service and continue the business session to 12:00.

Thursday, 9:00 A. M.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. R. Cox.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved, after which the roll was called.

Motion carried that we elect seven men on the Board of Directors for Beulah Bible School. The following were elected: R. G. Flexon, E. M. Phillippe, J. S. Harlow, R. T. Wilson, J. H. Milby, D. B. Driver, and J. W. Covington

Motion carried that this board elect from its members an executive board to look after minor matters that might need immediate attention

Motion carried that the church extension work be placed under the supervision of the Home and Foreign Missionary Board.

Motion made and supported that the resolutions of the last Assembly be adopted by this assembly, and be made permanent until revoked by the conference. An amendment was made to include the Resolutions made at this Assembly. On motion, the amendment was carried, then the original motion as amended was put and carried.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved: That the District Superintendent visit each church at least twice during the Assembly year, and when possible hold evangelistic services during at least one of his visits.

Resolved: That no Minister be received into this District from another District without first presenting the Superintendent with a favorable recommendation from the District Superintendent of which he belonged. Moved and carried that this be referred back to the committee

Resolved: That this Assembly elect a District evangelist and let the churches recognize him as such.

Resolved: That no church in this district call or retain a pastor or call an evangelist that is not in sympathy and unity with the church and its Doctrines.

Resolved: That no minister of this District shall enter the field of another minister of the same for the purpose of holding a meeting or meetings until he has consulted the minister on that field, and if said minister objects, the minister can only enter the field by consent of the District Superintendent and three members of the District Council. If said minister fails to get consent to hold meeting or meetings, and proceeds to hold same, let him be notified by the District Superintendent to meet the District Council and give reason or reasons for his procedure.

Resolved: That seven per cent of general church offerings and offerings of unstationed ministers be sent to the District treasury—except money raised for building and improvement; five per cent of same to go to the District Superintendent and two per cent to go to general home work.

Resolved: That the Virginia District be divided into three divisions

and each division to hold a Quarterly Conference with the District Superintendent presiding at each conference. The churches of Roanoke, East Radford, Bent Mountain and Hemlock constituting the Western Division; Staunton, Billers Crest, and Warm Springs, the Central Division; Beulah, South Richmond, Streets, Brandywine, and Mineral, the Eastern Division; each church in the Division to send two delegates, and each church in the District to send a written report to be read to the conference.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Thursday, 2:00 P. M.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. R. Cox.

The roll was called and the minutes of the previous business session were read, and with some corrections, approved.

Resolved: That a committee be appointed to advance the interest of the Sunday School work of the District.

Resolved: That no minister shall be received into this District from any other District of our church or any other church or from any other denomination without a written recommendation from his or her District Superintendent or Presiding Elder of the District or denomination to which they belong, also pass examination by the District Council.

Resolved: That we, as an Assembly, express our sorrow over the loss of our sister, Mrs. W. H. Biller, who left our ranks and passed on to her reward last June. She was a faithful preacher, a good wife and a kind mother. We also express our sympathy to the bereaved husband and the children and pray God's blessing upon them.

Motion carried that we have recess for one half hour.

The Assembly was called to order after the recess by the chairman.

Motion carried that we extend the time one-half hour.

The auditing committee submitted their report. On motion, this report was turned over to the District Council for correction.

The following churches extended an invitation to the Assembly to come to them for the next year: Roanoke, Staunton, and South Richmond. Motion carried that we accept invitation from South Richmond.

Motion carried that the time of the next Assembly be left to the decision of the District Council.

Motion carried unanimously that a rising vote of thanks be given the people of Staunton for their kind hospitality in entertaining the Assembly.

Motion carried that the District Superintendent be elected as District Evangelist.

The District Council requested the Assembly to recall the credentials of J. Herbert Norton and wife on the grounds that they were not members of our Church and did not care to become such, neither to work in conjunction with our Church. On motion the Assembly unanimously granted the request.

The Board of Examination recommended Ira Parker and Mrs. W. C. Kirkman for Ordination; W. M. Phillippe for license; also that we give to Rev. C. H. Flexon the same standing with us he held with the church from which he came. On motion the recommendations were accepted.

Motion carried that we have ordination service Thursday night, 8:00 o'clock.

APPOINTMENTS.

Billers Crest	Lottie Gibson
Brandywine	W. F. Jones
Beulah	R. G. Flexon
Christo and Hemlock	W. C. Kirkman and wife
East Radford	W. B. Neff
Mineral	Ira Parker
Roanoke	To be supplied
Staunton	C. A. Brown
Streets	W. H. Biller
South Richmond	C. H. Flexon
Warm Springs	To be supplied
Walton Mission	To be supplied
Evangelist	J. W. Covington

On motion the Assembly adjourned.

REV. R. G. FLEXON, District Superintendent.
W. M. PHILLIPPE, District Secretary.

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Resolved: That our young people who are in Bible Schools shall, on their vacations, work with or be used by the Home and Foreign Missionary Board.

Resolved: That a committee be appointed to have report blanks printed suitable for this District.

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SUMMARY OF PREACHERS REPORTS.

	Sermons preached.	Calls	Revivals	Professions	Anointed for healing.	Baptisms	Subs. to Church Paper.	Marriages	Funerals	Received
Bulla, B. B.	86	162								\$ 661.52
Covington, J. W. ..	176	95	3	127	20	7	45	7	2	1,200.00
Billier, W. H.	48	81	2	27			3		2	
Billier, Mrs. W. H. ..	16	35								306.66
Flexon, C. H.	146	48	2	38	13	17			1	400.00
Flexon, R. G.	258	49	7	390	33		40	3		2,046.66
Fitchett, W. E.	87	171	8	27	1					628.68
Gibson, Lottie	155	344		19	12					160.85
Kirkman, W. C.	85	165	1							495.23
Kirkman, Mrs. W. C.	54	25	2	3	3					60.37
Norton, J. H.										
Norton, Mrs. J. H. ..										
Parker, Ira	68	43	3	10	8					157.40
Roberts, J. V.		275	5	230	14		11		2	
Jones, W. F.			10		39				1	900.00

SUMMARY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS.

	Enrollment	Average Attendance	Regular Offering	Missionary Offerings
Billers Crest	54	19	8.43	
Brandywine	40	30	42.00	
Beulah	82	45	32.82	8.25
East Radford	28	20	39.37	
Mineral	24	17	24.25	28.05
Roanoke	61	34	85.36	
Richmond	35	35	59.56	
Staunton	75	59	110.80	55.11
Sulphur Springs	24	11	8.97	
Streets	30	15	25.00	
Warm Springs	20	12	3.39	11.63

SUMMARY OF CHURCH REPORTS.

	Members	Services	Prayer Meetings	Revivals	Pastoral Offerings	Revival Expenses	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Building Fund	Bible School	District Supt.	General Supt.	Gen. Church Work	Incidental	Value of Church Property
Billers Crest	15	62	22	2	125.24	20.85		12.00	132.85		12.65	3.00			3,000
Brandywine															
Beulah	31	92	12	1	315.51	144.00	96.00	10.36		1,338.31	13.45		20.90	19.80	2,500
Christo	65				54.92	32.50	31.03	2.65		25.00					1,500
East Radford	16	86	31	1	704.50	91.00	154.05	48.00		25.00		24.50	2.00	66.72	5,500
Hemlock	13				34.10										500
Mineral	12	38	11	1	199.14		1.83	9.00	72.80	31.00	8.80	2.00		89.78	3,000
Richmond	30	106		2	330.38	82.80			87.50		25.26				4,200
Roanoke	77	194	97	3	925.00	478.92	119.81	240.30	4,431.91	167.00		10.00	15.00	429.89	15,000
Streets	16	82		1	324.78	5.75	14.07	37.75		17.00	14.32				1,200
Staunton	55		52	1	230.00	50.00	53.14	7.01	228.27	30.00	31.07	4.00		85.06	4,250
Warm Springs	14	59	32	1	35.00	32.96	5.00	11.63							