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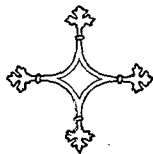
— OF THE —

Fifth Annual Assembly
Virginia District

— OF THE —

Pilgrim Holiness Church

August 29-30, 1926



HELD AT

Roanoke, Virginia

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY



REV. G. H. BUTNER

District Superintendent
601 Nineteenth Street, N. W.
Roanoke, Virginia

ASSISTANT DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Rev. E. W. Lowry.....922 Trout St., Staunton, Va.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER

Beatrice Van Vranken.....Shacklefords, Va.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS DISTRICT COUNCIL

R. G. Flexon.....Shacklefords, Va.
E. I. Shemelia.....East Radford, Va.
D. B. Driver.....Staunton, Va.
J. H. Milby.....Shacklefords, Va.

BOARD OF EXAMINATION

G. H. Butner.....Roanoke, Va.
R. G. Flexon.....Shacklefords, Va.
E. W. Lowry.....Staunton, Va.

MISSIONARY SECRETARY AND TREASURER

Lottie Gibson.....601½ Albemarle St., Richmond, Va.

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D. B. Driver, W. S. Massey.

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R. G. Flexon, J. W. Covington, R. T. Wilson.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION

Monday Morning, August 29, 1926

The Fifth Annual Assembly of the Virginia District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church convened at Roanoke, Virginia, August 29 at 9:00 A. M. The session called to order by District Superintendent, R. G. Flexon, by the singing of appropriate hymns and a season of prayer led by Brother Lovin of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. A short scriptural message by Brother R. G. Flexon was timely.

Motion was made and carried that in the absence of our District Secretary, Sister Van Vranken act as secretary pro tem.

Motion carried that Brother and Sister Lowry, Brother and Sister Brown, Brother Richmond and Sister Van Vranken be given recognition as members of this District.

Motion made that Brother Roberts be given recognition as member of this District. Carried.

The ministers and delegates were enrolled as follows:

Ordained Ministers

R. G. Flexon.....	Shacklefords, Va.
E. I. Shemelia.....	Mineral, Va.
W. H. Biller.....	103 Fifth Ave., Hopewell, Va.
C. H. Flexon.....	420 Grove Ave., Petersburg, Va.
W. F. Jones.....	Streets, Va.
E. W. Lowry.....	922 Trout St., Staunton, Va.
G. H. Butner.....	601 Nineteenth St., Roanoke, Va.
L. C. Richmond.....	Box 429, Route 7, South Richmond, Va.
J. V. Roberts.....	2114 Hanover Ave., Roanoke, Va.
Mrs. E. W. Lowry.....	922 Trout St., Staunton, Va.
W. C. Kirkman.....	Copper Hill, Va.
Mrs. W. C. Kirkman.....	Copper Hill, Va.
Mrs. G. H. Butner.....	601 Nineteenth St., Roanoke, Va.

Licensed Preachers

Miss Lottie Gibson.....	609 Albemarle St., Richmond, Va.
C. C. Brown.....	Streets, Va.

Delegates

J. G. Hensley.....	East Radford, Va.
W. S. Taylor.....	East Radford, Va.
Mrs. J. F. Short.....	Roanoke, Va.
D. B. Driver.....	Staunton, Va.
Miss Mattie Mullenix.....	Staunton, Va.
Otis Bogan.....	Warm Springs, Va.
J. S. Harlow.....	Mineral, Va.
Mrs. J. S. Harlow.....	Mineral, Va.
J. T. Luter.....	Richmond, Va.
J. H. Milby.....	Shacklesford, Va.
L. M. Milby.....	Shacklesford, Va.
Mrs. C. C. Brown.....	Streets, Va.
R. B. Powers.....	Roanoke, Va.

The following committees were appointed:

Reception—W. H. Biller, E. I. Shemelia.

Worship—W. C. Kirkman, C. C. Brown.

Statistics—Beatrice Van Vranken, R. B. Powers.

Resolutions—J. H. Butner, C. H. Flexon, E. W. Lowry, D. B. Driver, L. C. Richmond.

Assembly Bar—W. S. Taylor, W. F. Jones.

Motion carried that report of Assembly Bar Committee be accepted and first four benches be used as conference bar.

Motion made that Brother Lovin, the Wesleyan Methodist pastor, be given seat in the conference bar. Carried.

Motion made that Brother Powers of North Carolina be given seat in the conference bar. Carried.

Motion made that the time of the business sessions be decided by the chair. Carried.

The following pastors' reports were then read and accepted: C. L. Richmond of Richmond, C. H. Flexon of Petersburg, E. W. Lowry of Staunton, Mrs. E. W. Lowry of Staunton, W. H. Biller of Hopewell, Miss Lottie Gibson, C. C. Brown of Streets, E. I. Shemelia of Mineral, and Beatrice Van Vranken of Warm Springs.

The following church statistical reports were then read and accepted:

East Radford, Staunton, Warm Springs, Mineral, Richmond and Streets.

The time for business sessions to be as follows: 9:00-11:30 A. M., 2:00-4:30 P. M., 7:00-9:30 P. M.

The following church financial reports were read and accepted: East Radford, Roanoke, Staunton, Warm Springs, Mineral.

Motion carried to adjourn. Benediction by Brother Kirkman.

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION

Monday Afternoon, August 29, 1926

The devotional service was led by Brother Bogan after which Brother Flexon took the chair.

Motion made and carried that Sister Van Vranken assist the District Secretary during the Assembly.

After the roll call the minutes of the previous meeting were read and corrected.

The following church financial reports were read and accepted: Richmond, Beulah, Streets, Copper Hill, Hemlock.

The following church statistical reports were read and accepted: Roanoke, Beulah, Copper Hill.

The following ministers' reports were read and accepted: J. V. Roberts, G. H. Butner, W. C. Kirkman, Mrs. W. C. Kirkman.

The following Sunday School reports were read and accepted: East Radford, Roanoke, Staunton, Warm Springs, Mineral, Richmond, Beulah, Streets, Copper Hill, Brandywine, also Miner's Chapel, a newly organized school in connection with Mineral.

The District Missionary Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

The District Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

The financial report of the Beulah Bible School was read by Brother Flexon and accepted.

The report of the Roanoke Camp Meeting was read by Brother Powers and accepted.

The District Superintendent's report was read by Brother Flexon and accepted.

Motion made to adjourn. Carried.

THIRD BUSINESS SESSION

Monday Night

Devotional services led by Sister Brown.

Motion made and carried that roll call be omitted.

Minutes of previous meeting read and accepted.

The committee on the publication of minutes appointed as follows: J. V. Roberts, R. B. Powers.

Motion made that the Tuesday morning session be set apart for the election of officers. Carried.

Report of the Resolutions Committee given by Brother Lowry.

Resolved, That we use report blanks issued by our District. Carried.

Resolved, That each church devote a service each quarter to missions, at which time an offering shall be taken, fifty per cent to go to foreign work and fifty per cent to home work. Lost.

Resolved, That we have an annual Camp Meeting making Roanoke our place of meeting. Carried.

Resolved, That we have a Camp Meeting Committee consisting of the District Superintendent, the local pastor, and one member to be chosen by them. Lost.

Resolved, That our annual Assembly be so arranged as to continue over Sunday, and that all ministers and delegates be required to remain for full time unless excused by the Assembly. Lost.

Resolved, That our Annual Assembly be held yearly at Roanoke in connection with the District Camp Meeting. Carried.

Resolved, That each pastor of the District who will attend the Camp for the entire ten days shall receive twenty dollars (\$20.00) in cash, and board for their families during the Camp. Carried.

Resolved, That each church shall subscribe to the Camp the amount ordinarily given to their pastor for the two weeks. Carried.

Resolved, That we shall not permit representatives of General Church Schools, orphanages, or foreign missions to visit our local churches during the year to represent their respective work. Carried.

Resolved, That we invite a representative of our orphanage and foreign missionary work to represent their respective work at the District Camp. Referred to the committee for re-drafting.

Resolved, That steps be taken to place upon the Camp ground uniform cottages. Carried.

Considering the great need of getting the Gospel in new and neglected fields of the Virginia District, and realizing that this can only be done by united effort, therefore be it

Resolved, That we adopt the pledge card system to create a Church Extension Fund. Carried.

MEMORIALS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Resolved, That we are opposed to the system of financing our institutions in the manner mentioned on page 40, paragraph 98, of our Manual. We recommend that a system be inaugurated whereby there will be a constant support rather than a fluxuating support for our institutions. Carried.

Resolved, That the words, "and the General Superintendent of the Home Work," be stricken out of Page 39, paragraph 92, thus making it to read: "The General Council does hereby empower the trustees of a local church to execute one or more mortgages on the property of said church as security for its financial obligations, after having secured the written consent of the District Superintendent." Carried.

Resolved, That we have one General Correlated Board. Carried.

Resolved, That we have three General Superintendents, two for the home field and one for the foreign field. Carried.

Resolved, That the home field be divided into two sections, namely, Eastern and Western, and that each have a General Superintendent. Carried.

Resolved, That the work of the church be so divided that there will be no chance for one General Superintendent to infringe on the rights of another. Carried.

Motion made to adjourn. Carried.

FOURTH BUSINESS SESSION

Tuesday Morning, August 30, 1926

Devotional Services led by Brother Jones. Brother Flexon then took the chair.

Motion made that roll call be dispensed with. Carried.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and accepted.

Motion made that the Phillippe Brothers be given seat in the conference bar. Amendment made that they also be given a voice. Amendment carried. Motion carried.

Election of officers as follows:

District Superintendent—R. G. Flexon.

Because of other burdens Brother Flexon declined to accept office.

Second ballot resulted in the election of G. H. Butner.

Brother Butner declined office.

Motion made that we rescind action concerning method of voting. Lost.

Motion made that the vote for Brother Butner be made unanimous. Carried. Brother Butner declared to be elected.

Assistant Superintendent—Earl Lowry.

Secretary—Beatrice Van Vranken.

Motion made that Sister Van Vranken be treasurer also. Carried.

On first ballot R. G. Flexon was elected to the District Council.

Moved and carried that the other three members of the District Council be elected on one ballot having a majority of the vote.

This ballot resulted in the election of E. I. Shemelia and D. B. Driver.

Ballot cast for last member of the Council. No election.

Ballot cast with seven highest as candidates. No election.

Motion made to extend time to complete the election of District officers not including delegates to the General Assembly. Carried.

Motion made that ballot be cast for the three standing highest in last ballot. Carried.

J. H. Milby declared elected to the Council.

Missionary Secretary and Treasurer—Lottie Gibson.

One member to be elected to the Board of Examination for the term of three years. No election.

Motion made that two highest be considered as candidates for second ballot. Carried. E. W. Lowry declared elected.

Moved that we postpone election of School Board until further resolutions are passed upon. Carried.

Motion made to adjourn. Carried.

FIFTH BUSINESS SESSION

Tuesday Afternoon, August 30, 1926

Devotional service led by Sister Gibson.

Motion made that roll call be omitted.

Minutes read and accepted with correction.

Motion made that offering be taken for those in charge of the kitchen. Carried. Amount of offering, \$11.87.

Report of Committee on Publication of minutes by Brother Roberts.

Motion made that order for 250 minutes be placed according to report. Carried.

Motion made that money for the same be raised at once. Carried.

Motion made that rules be set aside and we vote by acclamation for the same Board for Beulah Bible School as served so faithfully last year. Carried. Same Board declared elected.

Election of delegates to General Assembly.

Motion made that rules be set aside and vote by acclamation for delegates. Carried.

Motion made that R. G. Flexon be elected as delegate. Carried.

Motion made that E. I. Shemelia be elected as delegate. Carried.

Motion made that L. C. Richmond be elected as delegate. Carried.

Motion made that W. C. Kirkman be elected as delegate. Carried.

Lay delegates as follows:

Motion made that D. B. Driver be elected as delegate. Carried.

Motion made that J. S. Harlow be elected as delegate. Carried.

Ministerial alternates: C. H. Flexon, C. C. Brown.

Lay alternates: J. H. Milby, Mrs. J. H. Milby.

Auditing Committee appointed: Sister Lowry and Sister Brown.

Motion made that we have ten minutes recess for the Resolutions Committee to complete report, and hold session till 4:30. Lost.

Motion made to adjourn. Carried.

SIXTH BUSINESS SESSION

Tuesday Night, August 30, 1926

Devotional and testimony meeting led by Brothers Phillippe. Brother Flexon then took the chair.

Motion made to dispense with roll call. Carried.

Minutes of previous meeting read and accepted.

Report of the Auditing Committee: All books O. K. Accepted.

Further resolutions offered by the Resolutions Committee:

MEMORIALS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Resolved, That no person shall be a member of the Pilgrim Holiness Church who has been divorced and remarried. Carried.

Resolved: That all ministers be registered in our Manual under the head of their respective districts. Carried.

Resolved: That there be no scriptural references dropped from our Manual. Carried.

Resolved: That our General Assembly be held quadrannually. Carried.

DISTRICT RESOLUTION

Resolved: That whenever the District Superintendent shall visit a church, the pastor of the said church shall see that his coming is well advertised and that a good offering is taken. Carried.

REPORT OF THE EXAMINING BOARD

We, the Examining Board, recommend that Everett Phillippe, Garnet Phillippe, Otis Bogan, Sister Van Vranken, and Mrs. J. F. Short be given straight license. Motion made and carried.

We recommend the renewal of the license of C. C. Brown, W. M. Phillippe, L. C. Richmond, and Sister Lottie Gibson. Motion made and carried.

Appointments for the year were read by the District Superintendent as follows:

Staunton.....	Earl W. Lowry, Mrs. E. W. Lowry
Beulah.....	R. G. Flexon
Mineral.....	C. C. Brown
Streets and Brandywine.....	W. F. Jones

Bent Mountain.....	W. C. Kirkman, Mrs. W. C. Kirkman
Richmond.....	J. W. Covington
Warm Springs.....	W. H. Biller
Beulah (Assistant Pastor).....	B. Van Vranken
Petersburg and Hopewell.....	C. H. Flexon
East Radford.....	E. I. Shemelia
Church Extension Evangelists.....	J. V. Roberts, L. C. Richmond
Home Missionary.....	Lottie Gibson
Biller's Crest.....	E. W. Lowry
Roanoke.....	G. H. Butner, Mrs. G. H. Butner

All joined heartily in singing "I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go, Dear Lord."

The following resolutions were then presented by the Resolutions Committee:

Resolved: That this Assembly express to the local pastor and his wife, the members and friends of the Roanoke Church, their gratitude for their royal hospitality and whole-hearted service during the Camp and Assembly by a rising vote. Carried.

Looking back over the past year and taking a retrospect of the work of the District as led by our beloved Brother Flexon, be it

Resolved: That this Assembly express its feeling by a rising vote of thanks for his self-sacrificing interest, his kindly guidance, his labor of love, his Christian admonition, and the inspiration God has brought to our hearts through his ministry. Carried.

Resolved: That this Assembly give a rising vote of thanks for the faithful and efficient service rendered by Brother Powers as District Secretary and Treasurer and all others who have served the District during the past year. Carried.

Resolved: That this Assembly stand and sing "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" to express our praise for His blessings and goodness through the past year and guidance during this Assembly, and the victory and glory in our souls just now. Carried.

Motion made that we sing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" and adjourn. Carried.

Sister Milby then sang "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow" and God blessed in a real melting time and all felt that the hardest field would be blessed with His presence.

District Superintendent's Report

In the good province of God we are permitted to meet again in the capacity of an Annual Assembly. Since our last Assembly we have received into the District several preachers who are making a success in their respective fields of labor.

From a spiritual standpoint we have never enjoyed greater prosperity. Every church has held one or more meetings this year which, in most cases have terminated in revivals. From a material standpoint much progress has been made in the purchasing or building of church buildings or parsonages.

As Superintendent of the District I have enjoyed my labors. There has been a co-operation on the part of the pastors and the churches which has been encouraging and greatly appreciated.

During the year I have traveled over twelve thousand miles, held sixteen meetings, preached two hundred and seventy-four times, made eighty-eight calls and prayed in the home, have taken twenty-nine subscriptions to the Advocate, anointed thirteen for healing, dedicated four children, held two funerals, had five hundred and two professions, received for support, \$2,256.28. The Lord has made it a most successful year and we give Him the glory.

R. G. FLEXON.

DISTRICT BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT

	Receipts	Disbursements
Students' Accounts	\$1,595.04	
Miscellaneous	72.65	
Gifts and Offerings	683.97	
Miscellaneous		\$ 332.88
Teachers		752.67
Groceries		589.56
Oil		77.69
Books		231.97
Transportation		5.00
Printing		35.50
Hauling		3.61
Electrical Repairs		24.78
Electrical Batteries		98.00
Fuel		200.00
	\$2,351.66	\$2,351.66
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REPORT OF FIRE OFFERING

	Receipts	Disbursements
From District	\$118.00	
From Elsewhere	442.55	
Replacing Supplies		\$377.80
Interest, J. C. Tucker		60.00
J. H. Milby, Laboratory Equipment		120.00
Stationery, Circular Letters		2.75
	\$560.55	\$560.55
	\$560.55	\$560.55

MISSIONARY SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts and Disbursements:

General Fund	\$136.47
Brother Surbrook	203.30
China	10.00
Brother Slater	5.00
Total.....	\$154.77

LOTTIE GIBSON.

Ministerial Directory

Ordained Ministers

G. H. Butner.....	601 Nineteenth St., Roanoke, Va.
Mrs. G. H. Butner.....	601 Nineteenth St., Roanoke, Va.
W. H. Biller.....	103 Fifth Ave., Hopewell, Va.
R. G. Flexon.....	Shacklefords, Va.
C. H. Flexon.....	420 Grove Ave., Petersburg, Va.
W. F. Jones.....	Streets, Va.
W. C. Kirkman.....	Copper Hill, Va.
Mrs. W. C. Kirkman.....	Copper Hill, Va.
E. W. Lowry.....	922 Trout St., Staunton, Va.

Mrs. E. W. Lowry.....922 Trout St., Staunton, Va.
 J. V. Roberts.....2114 Hanover Ave., Roanoke, Va.
 Jessie Hall.....Cross Roads, Va.
 E. I. Shemelia.....East Radford, Va.
 Miss Ruth T. Cooper.....Surry, Va.

Licensed Preachers

Lottie Gibson.....601 Albemarle St., Richmond, Va.
 C. C. Brown.....Mineral, Va.
 Everett Phillippe.....Staunton, Va.
 Garnet Phillippe.....Staunton, Va.
 Otis Bogan.....Warm Springs, Va.
 Beatrice Van Vranken.....Shackelfords, Va.
 Mrs. J. F. Short.....1814 Staunton Ave., Roanoke, Va.
 L. C. Richmond.....Box 429, Route 7, S. Richmond, Va.
 W. M. Phillippe.....Staunton, Va.
 Miss Nellie Cummings.....Shackelfords, Va.
 Samuel Rodgers.....Shackelfords, Va.
 O. L. Fary.....Shackelfords, Va.
 R. T. Wilson.....Shackelfords, Va.

CHURCH NAMES	Average S. S. Attendance	Pastor's Support	District Superintendent Support	General Supt. and General Church Work	Evangelists Support	
						In Cash
Roanoke, Va.....	90	\$ 1,723.98	\$ 29.80	\$ 35.58	\$ 6.74	\$ 5.00
Staunton, Va.....	51	642.86	64.80	32.86	8.00	1.72
Beulah, Va.....	61	401.86	432.00	13.86		3.72
East Radford, Va.....	32	274.77		56.93	16.33	1.72
Mineral, Va.....	65	864.17	187.84	10.51	10.25	1.72
Warm Springs, Va.....	15	162.02	45.50	17.79	5.30	1.11
Richmond, Va.....	38	760.00	120.00	2.33	6.50	2.33
Streets, Va.....	40	310.00	150.00	4.50	3.00	6.50
Bent Mountain, Va.....	44	287.00	70.00	3.50		5.30
Billers Crest, Va.....	10	191.43		7.32	2.00	
Petersburg, Va.....	22	2.00				
Brandywine, Va.....	39					
Total.....	507	\$5,600.09	\$1,099.94	\$185.28	\$58.32	\$1,726.70

CHURCH NAMES	Pastors	No. Churches	Church Bldgs.	Parsonages	Preaching Services	Church Prayer Meetings	Cottage Prayer Meetings
Staunton.....	E. W. Lowry.....	1	1		140	52	
Beulah.....	R. G. Flexon.....	1	1		170		
E. Radford.....	J. Waddell.....	1	1	1	75	48	3
Mineral.....	E. I. Shemella.....	1	1		64	32	28
Warm Springs.....	B. Van Vrancken.....	1	1		81	40	7
Richmond.....	I. C. Richmond.....	1	1	1	150	1	
Sweets.....	W. C. Brown.....	1	1	1	72	75	36
Bent Mountain.....	W. G. Kirkman.....	1	2		75		
Billers Crest.....	W. H. Biller.....	1	1		86	86	
Petersburg.....	C. H. Flexon.....	1	1	1	170		
Brandywine.....	W. F. Jones.....	1	1				

Mrs. E. W. Lowry.....	Staunton.....					1	1
Mrs. G. H. Butner.....	Roanoke.....						
Mrs. W. C. Kirkman.....	Bent Mountain.....						
J. V. Roberts.....	Roanoke.....						5
Lottie Gibson.....	Richmond.....						3
Totals.....		12	11	5	1,187	225	103

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Shacklefords, Virginia.

GREETINGS!

In behalf of the Board of Trustees, faculty, student body, and friends of Beulah Holiness Academy, we wish to extend a word of greeting to the laity and clergy of the Virginia District.

This brief message does not give ample space to discuss our many needs as a school, but so opportune is the time and so great the need of strong Christian centers of training for our young, that the opportunity now laid before the people of Virginia is crucial and nothing should be allowed to limit this school from continuing her usefulness as a training center.

We opened this fall with an increased registration and an efficient faculty of seven members. Instruction is given in grade work, high school, two-year Bible course, vocal and instrumental music.

The healthfulness of its location, the quietness of its retirement, together with the absence of questionable factors and conditions which so often surround Bible School students, make it almost an ideal spot for young people to enter upon their training.

There are certain financial needs which we believe God will help us to meet, but a greater need is that each member of the Virginia District pray fervently and present the school and its burdens to the throne of grace. God's plan for the school is its best assurance of success.

A small indebtedness is being rapidly retired on a five-year basis. Certain items of improvement and equipment need attention, and any who may desire to assist in these matters are requested to write, that they may select the particular place where they wish their money to go. It is always safe to move in line with God's plan. "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it."

Your school needs your help, your prayers, your encouragement. Please pray for us, plan with us, and make this school a blessing to scores of young hearts who may feel led of the Lord to enter here.

Yours in His service,

REV. R. G. FLEXON, Pres.

_____, Dean.

For information, address Beulah Holiness Academy, Shacklefords, Virginia.

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