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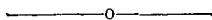
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Official Directory.



District Superintendent.

Rev. R. G. Flexon.....Shackelfords, Va.

Assistant District Superintendent.

Rev. G. H. Butner.....Roanoke, Va.

Secretary and Treasurer

Rev. W. H. Neff.....East Radford, Va.

Additional Members of the District Council.

Rev. C. A. Brown.....Staunton, Va.

Rev. W. H. Biller.....Hopewell, Va.

Rev. C. H. Flexon.....South Richmond, Va.

Rev. Edward Shemelia.....Mineral, Va.

Home and Foreign Missionary Board.

Rev. R. G. Flexon, Rev. W. H. Biller, Miss Lottie Gibson.

Board of Education and Examination.

Rev. R. G. Flexon, Rev. G. H. Butner, Rev. C. A. Brown.

Board of Directors of District Bible School.

R. G. Flexon, W. H. Biller, R. T. Wilson, C. A. Brown and
J. H. Milby.

Board of District Trustees.

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

Journal of Proceedings.

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First Business Session.

Tuesday Afternoon, September 9, 1924.

Session opened with song, and prayer by Rev. W. B. Neff and Rev. G. H. Butner. After the reading of Scripture lesson, by Rev. R. G. Flexon, the procedure of business followed, with the District Superintendent, R. G. Flexon, in the chair.

The Ministers and Delegates were enrolled as follows:

Ministers.

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| W. R. Cox..... | 712 Silver Ave., Greensboro, N. C. |
| R. G. Flexon..... | Shacklefords, Va. |
| G. H. Butner..... | Roanoke, Va. |
| W. H. Neff..... | East Radford, Va. |
| W. B. Neff..... | East McKeesport, Pa. |
| Edward Snemelia..... | Mineral, Va. |
| J. W. Covington..... | Hurlock, Md. |
| W. C. Kirkman..... | Warm Springs, Va. |
| Mrs. W. C. Kirkman..... | Warm Springs, Va. |
| Mrs. W. H. Neff..... | East Radford, Va. |
| Miss Lottie Gibson..... | Brandywine, Va. |
| C. H. Flexon..... | South Richmond, Va. |
| W. H. Biller..... | Hopewell, Va. |
| C. A. Brown..... | Staunton, Va. |
| W. F. Jones..... | |
| W. E. Fitchett..... | Streets, Va. |

Delegates.

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| Mrs. J. A. Craven..... | Hopewell, Va. |
| Miss J. E. Lowry..... | South Richmond, Va. |
| R. V. Powers..... | Roanoke, Va. |
| E. Tanner..... | Hopewell, Va. |
| Miss M. L. Lacey..... | South Richmond, Va. |
| G. L. Gibson..... | Staunton, Va. |
| R. T. Wilson..... | Shacklefords, Va. |
| O. L. Fary..... | Shacklefords, Va. |
| J. S. Harlow..... | Mineral, Va. |

Motion carried that business session convene 9:00 to 11:00 o'clock A. M., and 2:00 to 4:00 o'clock P. M.; and Devotional Service 11:00 to 12:00 o'clock each morning.

Motion carried that the Chairman appoint all committees.

The committees appointed are as follows:

Worship—W. B. Neff, C. H. Flexon.

Publication—R. G. Flexon, J. S. Harlow.

Auditing—R. V. Powers, G. L. Gibson.

Statistical—Mrs. W. H. Neff, Miss L. Lowry.

Conference Bar—C. H. Flexon, E. Shemelia.

Reception—W. C. Kirkman, C. A. Brown.

Resolutions—J. W. Covington, G. H. Butner, C. H. Flexon, W. H. Neff, W. H. Biller.

Motion carried that the reading of reports be suspended until the morning session.

Motion carried to adjourn, to meet Wednesday morning at 9:00 o'clock.

Wednesday Morning, September 10, 1924.

Session opened with song and prayer, and the reading of Scripture by Rev. J. W. Covington. The District Superintendent being absent, the Assistant District Superintendent J. W. Covington, took the chair.

Rev. J. V. Coleman, of Cincinnati, Ohio, favored the Conference with a five minute talk on the "Moving of the Church Headquarters."

After the roll call, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

The Conference Bar committee reported that the middle section of the auditorium be set aside as the Conference Bar.

Reports called for at this time; the following churches reporting: Billers Crest, Beulah, Cristo, E. Radford, Roanoke, Streets, Staunton, S. Richmond, Hopewell, Walton.

Motion carried that the reports be read and passed in to the Secretary, without passing approval on each one.

Motion carried that each reporter be given three minutes for verbal report, with written report.

The following Sunday School reports were read and accepted: Billers Crest, Beulah, E. Radford, Roanoke, Staunton, Streets, So. Richmond, Walton, Hopewell.

The following ministers' reports were read and accepted: W. H. Biller, C. H. Flexon, W. E. Fitchett, Miss L. Gibson.

Adjourned to meet at 2:00 P. M.

Wednesday Afternoon, September 10, 1924.

Session opened with R. G. Flexon in chair. After Scripture reading by Rev. W. H. Neff and prayer by Mrs. W. C. Kirkman, the following business transpired: Roll call and reading of minutes of previous meeting.

The reports of ministers was resumed. The following ministers reported and their reports were accepted: W. C. Kirkman, Mrs. W. C. Kirkman, G. H. Butner, Mrs. W. H. Neff, W. B. Neff (verbal report), W. H. Neff, J. W. Covington, Mrs. J. F. Short, Edward Shemelia.

Motion carried that Rev. W. B. Neff be made an honorary member of this Conference.

Reports of Mineral Church and Sunday School reports read and accepted.

Report of Home and Foreign Missionary Treasurer read and accepted.

Motion carried that election of officers ensue Thursday morning.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Thursday Morning, September 11, 1924.

Session opened with song, prayer and Scripture reading. The General Superintendent, Rev. W. R. Cox, took the chair and gave the Conference an appreciated talk. After the roll call the minutes of last session were read and accepted.

Motion carried that Brother and Sister Milby, of Shackelfords, Va., be accepted in Conference Bar.

The Chairman called the Conference to prayer for Divine guidance in the election of officers.

The election of officers held at this time. The following were elected: District Superintendent, Rev. R. G. Flexon; Assistant District Superintendent, Rev. G. H. Butner; Secretary, Rev. W. H. Neff.

Motion carried that the rules be suspended and that the Secretary be elected by acclamation, as treasurer.

District Council additional members—C. A. Brown, W. H. Biller, C. H. Flexon, Edward Shemelia; District Home and Foreign Missionary Board, R. G. Flexon, W. H. Biller, Miss Lottie Gibson; Board of Examination and Education, R. G. Flexon, G. H. Butner, C. A. Brown.

Motion carried that the number of District Bible School Board be changed from seven to five. Directors of District Bible School, R. T. Wilson, W. H. Biller, R. G. Flexon, C. A. Brown, J. H. Milby.

Adjourned to meet at 2:00 P. M.

Thursday Afternoon, September 11, 1924.

After devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. C. A. Brown, the Conference was favored with a solo by Sister Milby. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved as read.

Motion carried that the Board of Trustees, of last year, be elected, by acclamation, to serve this year.

Motion carried that the Delegates to the General Conference be elected by acclamation. Ministerial Delegates elected were: C. A. Brown, W. H. Biller, J. W. Covington. Alternate Ministerial Delegates elected were: Miss Lottie Gibson, H. C. Flexon, W. C. Kirk-

man. Lay Delegates elected were: R. T. Wilson, G. W. Roberts, D. B. Driver. Alternate Lay Delegates elected were: R. V. Powers, J. S. Harlow, J. H. Milby.

Resolutions Committee reported the following resolutions:

Resolved, That each church of the District devote one meeting each quarter to missions; at which time an offering shall be taken, 60% of which shall go to Foreign Activities and 40% to Home Missionary Work.

Motion carried that this resolution be adopted.

Motion carried that Resolution 3 on page 6, and Resolution 5 and 6 on page 9 in the minutes of last conference be revoked.

The following reports were then read and accepted: Ira Parker, minister's report; W. H. Jones, minister's report; auditor's report, and the secretary-treasurer's report.

Motion carried that the camp meeting deficit be proportioned among the churches and paid by the same.

Motion carried that the District Council proportion this deficit.

Invitations for the next Annual Conference were extended by Richmond, Staunton, Roanoke, East Radford, and Beulah churches; the Assembly voting the same to be held at East Radford.

Motion carried that the Council decide the date of next Conference.

Motion carried that the time be extended fifteen minutes for Bro. Cox to present matters of general importance.

Motion carried that the Conference give a rising vote of thanks and a free-will offering to the South Richmond church for their kind hospitality in entertaining this Assembly.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Friday Morning, September 12, 1924.

Session opened with devotional exercises, after which business in order was conducted, with Bro. Cox in the chair. After the calling of roll, the minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Motion carried to have a recess of thirty minutes that the Resolution Committee meet with Bro. Cox.

Business called after recess of thirty minutes.

The resolution committee reported the following:

1. Resolved, That the Virginia District go on record as favoring the moving of our Church Headquarters and Publishing Interests to Cincinnati, Ohio.

2. Resolved, That each church of the District devote one service on October 26, 1924, to represent our District School, at which time an offering shall be raised for pressing needs of the same.

3. Resolved, That all ministers and Conference workers be required to subscribe to the church paper.

4. Resolved, That all preachers and delegates be required to arrive on time for the first session of Conference, and stay until the close, unless excused by the Chair.

5. Resolved, That we, the Virginia District, favor some uniform financial system to take care of the general interests of our church.

6. Resolved, That we, the Virginia District, go on record as favoring one General Superintendent.

7. Resolved, That we, the Virginia District go on record as favoring the election of a General Missionary Secretary.

8. Resolved, That we, the Virginia District, go on record as approving the consolidation of the various General Church Boards into one corrolated Board, consisting of a much smaller number of persons.

9. Resolved, That we, the Virginia District, go on record as favoring the General Missionary Secretary, the General Missionary Treasurer, the Editor of our church paper, and the Presidents of our various general schools shall be elected by this Corrolated Board.

Motion carried that the minutes of the Conference be printed, and that the Publication Committee send a supply to each church with a bill for the same.

Motion carried to have two hundred (200) copies of the minutes printed.

Motion carried that Rev. R. G. Flexon appoint Resolutions Committee for next Conference. Those appointed were: G. H. Butner, Chairman, W. H. Neff, C. A. Brown, W. H. Biller, C. H. Flexon.

Motion carried to suspend the morning devotional exercises and continue business.

Motion carried that the Conference express a vote of thanks to Bro. Cox for his service rendered during this Conference.

Motion carried that the Conference give a vote of thanks, by rising to our District Superintendent for his services rendered during the past year.

The Statistical Report was read and ordered returned for completion.

The following appointments were made and read:

- East Radford W. H. Neff
- Walton Mrs. W. H. Neff
- Hemlock To be supplied
- Roanoke G. H. Butner
- Bent Mountain G. H. Butner
- Staunton C. A. Brown
- Billers Crest C. A. Brown
- Warm Springs Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kirkman
- Mineral Edward Shemelia
- South Richmond C. H. Flexon
- Brandywine Lottie Gibson
- Hopewell W. H. Biller
- Beulah R. G. Flexon
- Cross Roads Jessie Hall
- Streets To be supplied

On motion the Conference adjourned.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

Resolved: That no minister be received into this District without first presenting the Superintendent with a favorable recommendation from the District Superintendent of the District to which he belongs.

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 that 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 the 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 (7%) of church offerings and offerings of unstationed ministers be sent to the District Secretary-Treasurer, except money raised for building and improvements; five per cent (5%) of the same to go to the District Superintendent and two per cent (2%) 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, representing the Western Division; Staunton, Warm Springs, and Billers Crest, the Central Division; Beulah, South Richmond, Streets, Brandywine, Hopewell, 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.

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Summary of Sunday School Report.

| | Enrollment | Average Attendance | Regular Offering | Missionary Offering | Incidentals | Balance on hand | Special Donations |
|---------------------|------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Billers Crest | 20 | 15 | 28.36 | 20.50 | 7.28 | .58 | |
| Beulah | 64 | 53 | 51.69 | 10.80 | 40.25 | .64 | |
| East Radford | 30 | 25 | 31.79 | 9.00 | 22.50 | .29 | |
| Hopewell | 42 | 27 | 38.34 | | 16.69 | 21.65 | |
| Mineral | 14 | 10 | 56.62 | 35.93 | 19.57 | 1.12 | |
| Roanoke | 177 | 60 | 233.85 | | 230.67 | 3.18 | |
| South Richmond .. | 65 | 56 | 202.15 | | 74.12 | 8.03 | 20.00 |
| Streets | 43 | 30 | 34.06 | 9.35 | 22.65 | .89 | |
| Staunton | 85 | 52 | 228.72 | 67.00 | 47.01 | 78.16 | 38.00 |
| Walton | 65 | 57 | 59.54 | 10.00 | 43.58 | .96 | 5.00 |
| Warm Springs | 24 | 15 | 19.79 | 11.02 | 7.98 | .79 | |
| | 629 | 400 | 984.81 | 171.60 | 552.31 | 116.29 | 63.00 |

Summary Preachers' Report.

| | Sermons Preached | Calls | Revivals | Prayer- Meetings | Prof. of Regenerations | Prof. of Sanctifications | Baptisms | Healings | Marriages | Funerals | Subscriptions to Advocate | Cash and gifts Received |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| W. H. Biller..... | 76 | 204 | 1 | 10 | 7 | 1 | | | | | | 316.17 |
| G. H. Butner..... | 111 | 244 | 3 | 40 | 86 | 20 | 19 | 17 | 4 | 4 | | 1133.00 |
| C. A. Brown..... | 69 | 773 | 3 | 75 | 32 | 6 | 2 | | 1 | 2 | 7 | 717.37 |
| J. W. Covington..... | 213 | 230 | 6 | 50 | 65 | 20 | 3 | 5 | 2 | | 50 | 1061.97 |
| R. G. Flexon..... | 155 | 20 | 6 | 60 | 184 | 159 | 18 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 1695.59 |
| C. H. Flexon..... | 89 | 363 | 9 | 46 | 42 | 23 | 4 | 36 | 1 | 1 | | 1081.54 |
| W. E. Fitchett..... | 31 | 53 | 2 | 11 | 12 | 4 | | | | 1 | | 106.70 |
| Lottie Gibson..... | 56 | 101 | 1 | 23 | 3 | 1 | | 5 | | | | 140.65 |
| W. C. Kirkman..... | 40 | 40 | 3 | | | | | | | | | 100.00 |
| Mrs. W. C. Kirkman | 2 | 25 | | | | | | | | | | 40.00 |
| W. F. Jones..... | 111 | 60 | 9 | | 17 | 3 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 577.20 |
| W. H. Neff..... | 96 | 101 | 3 | 62 | 48 | 8 | 2 | 2 | | 1 | 2 | 534.00 |
| Mrs. W. H. Neff..... | 54 | 109 | 2 | 10 | 7 | 1 | | 2 | | | 2 | 121.22 |
| Ira Parker..... | 104 | 70 | 1 | 22 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | 4 | 408.92 |
| Edward Shemelia..... | 93 | 146 | 3 | 25 | 76 | 10 | 3 | 9 | | | | 205.99 |
| Mrs. J. F. Short..... | 6 | 50 | | 31 | 2 | | | 21 | | | | 30.00 |
| TOTAL..... | 1306 | 2689 | 52 | 465 | 581 | 257 | 53 | 106 | 9 | 11 | 76 | 8270.32 |

Summary Financial Report.

Statistical Report.

| | Pastoral Expense. | Genl. Superintendent | Dist. Superintendent | Revivals | Home Missions. | Foreign Missions | Orphanage | Rescue Work | Educational | Pub. Ins. | Incidentals | District Work | Building Improv. | No. Parsonage | No. Church | Valuation | Total Indebtedness | Present Membership | No. Revivals | Prof. of Regeneration | Sanctifier | Healing | Baptisms | No. Services | Prayer Meetings |
|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-----------------|
| Beulah..... | 395.93 | 7.50 | 11.03 | 50.00 | | 115.60 | | | 705.00 | 9.50 | 26.30 | 7.84 | | 1 | 1 | 2500. | | 32 | 1 | 18 | 16 | 8 | | 90 | |
| Billers Crest..... | 44.40 | 2.50 | 15.00 | | | | | | | | 2.35 | | | 1 | 1 | 1500. | | 14 | | 3 | 1 | 1 | | 35 | 23 |
| East Radford..... | 384.00 | 2.50 | 26.00 | 212.09 | 7.50 | 59.75 | 59.50 | | | 14.00 | 59.17 | 2.78 | 89.32 | 1 | 2 | 6300. | | 17 | 2 | 23 | 3 | 3 | | 98 | 74 |
| Hopewell..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 12 | 1 | 43 | 7 | 9 | | 34 | 25 |
| Mineral..... | 332.92 | 1.25 | 11.40 | 58.59 | | 14.70 | | | 15.00 | 7.17 | 42.00 | | 68.10 | 1 | 1 | 3500. | 1950.00 | 9 | 1 | 3 | | | 3 | 38 | 14 |
| Roanoke..... | 939.70 | 10.77 | 11.80 | 336.22 | 29.05 | 30.00 | 103.80 | | | 5.13 | 371.49 | | 599.00 | 1 | 1 | 12000. | 3000.00 | 84 | 3 | 90 | 19 | 17 | 19 | 104 | 104 |
| Richmond..... | 1050.54 | 9.50 | 196.51 | 128.71 | | 74.59 | | 37.27 | 184.00 | 7.70 | 1045.94 | | 1600.00 | 1 | 1 | 11600. | 5681.50 | 38 | 4 | 35 | 17 | 25 | 4 | 129 | 41 |
| Streets..... | 179.50 | | 6.12 | 99.60 | | 6.00 | | | | 3.00 | 84.00 | | | 1 | 1 | 1200. | | 16 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 6 | | 104 | 10 |
| Staunton..... | 526.30 | 12.50 | 9.50 | 51.08 | | 80.61 | | | 28.05 | 12.67 | 68.40 | 36.13 | 338.85 | 1 | 1 | 4250. | 3200.00 | 49 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 2 | | 75 | 85 |
| Walton Mission..... | 73.72 | | | 54.00 | | 22.50 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Warm Springs..... | 55.00 | 3.25 | 15.00 | 52.90 | | | | | | 2.12 | | | | | | | | 13 | 1 | | | | | 16 | 30 |
| TOTAL..... | 3982.01 | 49.77 | 302.36 | 1043.19 | 36.55 | 403.75 | 163.30 | 37.27 | 932.05 | 61.29 | 1699.15 | 47.75 | 2695.27 | 2 | 9 | 32850. | 13831.50 | 284 | 16 | 222 | 67 | 70 | 26 | 723 | 406 |

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