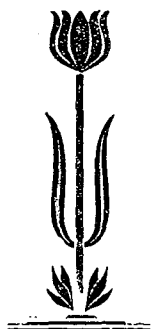


MINUTES  
OF THE  
TENTH ANNUAL DISTRICT ASSEMBLY  
OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL HOLINESS CHURCH  
OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT



HELD AT  
ROANOKE, VIRGINIA  
NOVEMBER 16-20, 1920

## DISTRICT OFFICERS

### *District Superintendent—*

Rev. S. M. Stikeleather, Kingswood, Ky.

### *Assistant District Superintendent—*

Rev. W. A. Way, Randleman, N. C.

### *Secretary and Treasurer—*

Miss Cary A. Anthony, Greensboro, N. C.

### *Assistant Secretary—*

Rev. B. B. Bulla, Asheboro, N. C.

### *Additional Members of Council—*

Rev. W. R. Cox, Greensboro, N. C.

Rev. O. L. Ruth, High Point, N. C.

Rev. P. H. Greeson, Snow Camp, N. C.

### *Missionary Board—*

Rev. S. S. Nelson, Greensboro, N. C.

Rev. W. R. Cox, Greensboro, N. C.

Rev. S. M. Stikeleather, Kingswood, Ky.

### *Superintendent Home Missions—*

Rev. E. L. Hess, Roanoke, Va.

### *Board of Education and Examination—*

Rev. W. R. Cox, Greensboro, N. C.

Rev. R. G. Flexon, Cologne, Va.

Rev. W. C. Cruse, Gold Hill, N. C.

### *Board of Trustees—*

Rev. S. S. Nelson, Greensboro, N. C.

Rev. S. M. Stikeleather, Kingswood, Ky.

Rev. O. L. Ruth, High Point, N. C.

Mr. J. L. Crouse, Greensboro, N. C.

Rev. W. R. Cox, Greensboro, N. C.

Rev. P. H. Greeson, Snow Camp, N. C.

Rev. H. B. Barger, Route 4, Greensboro, N. C.

## PROCEEDINGS

The 10th Annual Conference of the Southern District of the International Holiness Church convened at Roanoke, Va., on November 16, 1920, with Rev. S. M. Stikeleather, District Superintendent, in the chair. The Conference was opened with devotional exercises.

In the absence of the Secretary, Miss Cary Anthony, of Greensboro, N. C., was elected secretary for the time.

Rev. C. C. Brown, of Kingswood, Kentucky, First Assistant General Superintendent of the International Holiness Church, was asked to take the chair.

The enrollment of ministers and delegates followed. The following ministers were registered:

S. M. Stikeleather, Kingswood, Ky.  
H. B. Barger, Route 4, Greensboro, N. C.  
O. L. Ruth, 710 Hamilton St., High Point, N. C.  
Ira Parker, East Radford, Va.  
Robert A. Andrew, Bryson City, N. C.  
R. G. Flexon, Cologne, Va.  
E. L. Hess, 1805 Essex Ave., Roanoke, Va.  
J. T. Kenyon, Mebane, N. C.  
G. H. Butner, Burlington, N. C.  
J. B. Ballard, Route 4, Albemarle, N. C.  
J. E. Halcomb, 1004 Hanover, N. W., Roanoke, Va.  
E. L. Kirk, 719 Liberty St., Salisbury, N. C.  
C. C. Brown, Kingswood, Ky.  
J. W. Covington, 15 Salem Ave., W., Roanoke, Va.  
W. P. Ware, Reidsville, N. C.  
Mrs. W. P. Ware, Reidsville, N. C.  
V. B. Stanley, High Point, N. C.  
W. E. Fitchett, Warner, Va.  
W. F. Jones, Copper Hill, Va.  
J. W. Allred, 609 McGhee St., Greensboro, N. C.  
Mrs. G. H. Butner, Burlington, N. C.  
B. B. Bulla, Asheboro, N. C.  
Walter C. Kirkman, West Durham, N. C.  
P. H. Greeson, Snow Camp, N. C.  
J. F. Talbirt, Winston-Salem, N. C.  
S. S. Nelson, 832 Worth Ave., Greensboro, N. C.  
B. H. Vestal, Glenwood, N. C.  
W. R. Cox, 900 Silver Run Ave., Greensboro, N. C.  
J. E. Shaw, Ramseur, N. C.  
W. A. Way, Randleman, N. C.  
Lottie Gibson (deaconess), 1514 Enslow Ave., Richmond, Va.

The following delegates were registered:

Miss Edith McDaniel, Albemarle, N. C.  
 Mrs. T. B. Roop, East Radford, Va.  
 Mrs. E. L. Bibb, East Radford, Va.  
 D. P. Beck, 512 Park St., HighPoint, N. C.  
 J. Wesley Ruth, Liberty, N. C.  
 G. W. Shambley, Mebane, N. C.  
 R. T. Wilson, Shackelfords, Va.  
 A. C. Callicutt, Albemarle, N. C.  
 Mrs. Dora Hall, Proximity, N. C.  
 Miss Anna Burton, Hillsboro, N. C.  
 Miss Lura Bunting, Route 4, Greensboro, N. C.  
 Mrs. H. Y. Allred, 1111 W. Lee St., Greensboro, N. C.  
 Mrs. N. J. Smith, Route 2, Hertford, N. C.  
 Miss Cary A. Anthony, 919 Union St., Greensboro, N. C.  
 Mrs. Helen Bunselmeier, Badin, N. C.  
 John C. Hall, Troy, N. C.  
 A. R. Sink, Randleman, N. C.  
 E. D. Freeman, Troy, N. C.  
 E. H. Cox, Kemps Mill, N. C.  
 L. C. Kimel, 320 Spring St., Winston-Salem, N. C.  
 D. C. Holt, Ramseur, N. C.  
 Miss Swannie Teague, Liberty, N. C.  
 Miss Gertrude Young, Siler City, N. C.  
 C. W. Hartman, 510 E. Liberty St., Salisbury, N. C.  
 Mrs. Lee Furrow, Vicar Switch, Va.  
 W. M. Roop, 1505 2nd Ave., N. W., Roanoke, Va.  
 J. L. Spangler, Copper Hill, Va.

Moved and carried that the morning session be held at 8:30.  
 The meeting adjourned.

### WEDNESDAY, 8:30 A. M.

Conference opened with devotional exercises led by Rev. O. L. Ruth, after which the roll was called.

It was moved and carried that Miss Anthony be acting secretary for the Conference.

Committee appointed on Statistics:

B. B. Bulla,  
 Miss Edith McDaniel.

Committee appointed on Resolutions:

Rev. O. L. Ruth,  
 Rev. R. G. Flexon,  
 Rev. H. B. Barger,  
 Rev. P. H. Greeson,  
 Rev. J. F. Talbirt.

It was moved and carried that the rules in regard to the election of officers be suspended.

It was moved and carried that a Nominating Committee be elected from the Assembly floor.

The election resulted as follows:

Rev. P. H. Greeson,  
Rev. O. L. Ruth,  
Rev. S. S. Nelson,  
Rev. W. A. Way,  
Rev. G. H. Butner,  
Rev. B. B. Bulla,  
Rev. E. L. Hess.

The following Auditing Committee was appointed to audit reports of Missionary Treasurer and District Treasurer.

Rev. R. A. Andrew,  
Rev. Ira Parker.

The report of the Assembly Bar Committee was offered and accepted.

Reports were read and accepted from the following churches: Albemarle, Asheboro, Bryson City, Bethlehem, Beulah (Va.), Beulah (N. C.), Bagley Swamp, East Radford (Va.), Gold Hill (N. C.), Greensboro, High Point, Hillsboro, Harmony, Liberty (N. C.), Mt. Zion (Davidson Co., N. C.), Mt. Zion (Moore Co., N. C.), Mt. Tabor, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Olivet, Mebane, Proximity, Pleasant Union, Pleasant Grove, Emmanuel, Randleman (N. C.), Roankoe (Va.), Ramseur, Sawyersville, Southside—Winston-Salem, Staley, Salisbury (N. C.).

The meeting adjourned for devotional meeting at 11:00 a. m. This meeting was conducted by Rev. S. S. Nelson who preached a deep, helpful, inspiring sermon, and great waves of glory swept over the audience at its close.

### WEDNESDAY, 1:00 P. M.

Meeting was called to order, and devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. G. H. Butner, after which the roll was called.

Examining Committee for Credentials was named by the District Superintendent:

Rev. W. R. Cox,  
Rev. S. S. Nelson,  
Rev. R. G. Flexon.

Report of churches continued: West Durham, Randleman country church, Little Alarka, Troy, Cross Roads, N. C., Crystal, Va., Cohoke, Va. Mt. Moriah, St. Paul, N. C.

The Sunday School reports from the following churches were read and accepted: Albemarle, Asheboro, Bryson City, Bethlehem (N. C.), Beulah (Va.), Bagley Swamp, Burlington (N. C.), East Radford (Va.), Gold Hill (N. C.), Greensboro, High Point, Hillsboro, Harmony, Mt.

Zion (Davidson Co.) Mt. Tabor, Liberty, Mt. Moriah, Mebane, Proximity, Pleasant Union, Pleasant Grove, Emmanuel, Randleman, Roanoke, Ramseur, Southside—Winston-Salem, West Durham, Walton, Troy (N. C.).

Letter from Noah D. Conner, University of Virginia, was read by the District Superintendent.

Rev. O. L. Ruth sang "The New Jerusalem Home," and Rev. W. R. Cox sang "The Old Prophetic Mantle."

Moved and carried that election of officers be held at 1:00 p. m., Thursday.

Moved and carried that the motion to meet at 8:30 a. m. be rescinded, and it was moved and carried that the Assembly meet at 9:00 a. m.

Ministers' reports were read as follows:

Ordained ministers: R. A. Andrew, M. A. Baldwin, W. H. and Mrs. M. G. Biller, B. B. Bulla, H. B. Barger, W. R. Cox, Mrs. W. R. Cox, W. C. Cruse, J. W. Covington, R. G. Flexon, P. H. Greeson, E. L. Hess, W. C. Kirkman, C. A. Ludwick, J. F. Nance, S. S. Nelson, O. L. Ruth, J. E. Shaw, J. F. Talbirt, P. R. Thompson, B. H. Vestal, W. A. Way.

Licensed ministers: Mrs. B. B. Bulla, A. H. Beasley, J. B. Ballard, G. H. Butner.

The meeting adjourned.

#### THURSDAY, 9:00 A. M.

The meeting came to order. Devotional services were conducted by Rev. R. G. Flexon, after which the roll was called, and minutes of previous meeting were read and accepted.

The reports of licensed ministers were continued, reports from the following being read and accepted: Mrs. G. H. Butner, N. D. Conner, Miss Ina Day, E. D. Freeman, Mrs. P. H. Greeson, J. E. Halcomb, J. T. Kenyon, Mrs. W. C. Kirkman, E. L. Kirk, Ira Parker, J. V. Roberts, T. A. Spencer, V. B. Stanley, R. A. Wagoner, Fred D. Wilde, M. F. Brendle, Geo. D. Wohlschlegel, W. P. Ware, who also read a report of his church at Reidsville, N. C., Mrs. W. P. Ware, who also read a report of the Sunday school at Reidsville.

The report of the Sunday-school at Walton was read and accepted, also report of the church at Walton.

The reports of the following deaconesses were read and accepted: Miss Mattie Buchanan, Isa A. Crouse, Lottie Gibson, and Ida Hampton.

The report of the District Superintendent was read and accepted.

The Missionary Treasurer's report was read and accepted; the Auditing Committee reporting that his figures were correct.

It was moved and carried that \$11.00 in the missionary treasury to the credit of Stella Cheshier be used to help defray her funeral expenses.

The meeting adjourned.

THURSDAY, 11:00 A. M.

The 11:00 a. m. devotional meeting was conducted by Rev. C. C. Brown, who brought a helpful message to the ministers on avoiding extremes.

THURSDAY, 1:00 P. M.

The meeting convened and devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. P. H. Greeson. The roll was called and minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Prayer was made by Rev. C. C. Brown asking direction from God in the selection of officers for the ensuing year.

The Nominating Committee reported for District Superintendent, Rev. S. M. Stikeleather and Rev. O. L. Ruth.

O. L. Ruth withdrew in favor of Mr. Stikeleather, and it was moved and carried that the Secretary be authorized to cast a ballot electing Rev. S. M. Stikeleather as District Superintendent.

The Nominating Committee reported for Assistant District Superintendent, Rev. E. L. Hess and Rev. W. A. Way. Rev. W. A. Way was elected by ballot.

For Secretary the Nominating Committee recommended Rev. B. B. Bulla and Miss Cary A. Anthony. The ballots declared the election of Miss Anthony.

It was moved and carried that Miss Anthony act as Secretary and Mr. Bulla as Assistant Secretary.

For Treasurer, Rev. H. B. Barger and Rev. W. R. Cox were nominated, the ballots declaring Barger elected. Barger resigned in favor of having the offices of Secretary and Treasurer combined.

For District Council members the Nominating Committee presented the following names: Rev. J. W. Covington, Rev. R. G. Flexon, Rev. G. H. Butner, Rev. R. A. Andrew, Rev. P. H. Greeson, Rev. J. F. Talbirt. The ballots declared the election of Rev. W. R. Cox, Rev. O. L. Ruth and Rev. P. H. Greeson.

Nominated for Missionary Board: Rev. W. R. Cox, Rev. S. S. Nelson, Rev. O. L. Ruth, Rev. S. M. Stikeleather, Rev. E. L. Hess, Rev. B. B. Bulla. The following were declared elected: Rev. S. S. Nelson, Rev. W. R. Cox, Rev. S. M. Stikeleather.

It was moved and carried that Rev. E. L. Hess be elected as Special Superintendent of Home Missions to work with the Missionary Board.

The Nominating Committee presented the following names for the Board of Education: Rev. W. R. Cox, Rev. W. C. Cruse, Rev. S. S. Nelson, Rev. R. G. Flexon, Rev. P. H. Greeson, Rev. R. A. Andrew. The following were elected: Rev. W. R. Cox, Rev. R. G. Flexon, Rev. W. C. Cruse.

It was moved and carried that the Board of Education act also as Examining Board.

Nominated for Board of Trustees: Rev. W. C. Cruse and Rev. H. B. Barger. Rev. H. B. Barger was declared elected.

Moved and carried that the place for holding the next Assembly be decided upon. Proximity and Burlington invited the Assembly to come to them next year. After voting by ballot, it was declared that the Burlington church have the privilege of entertaining the Assembly next year.

The following committee was appointed to have charge of printing the Minutes: Rev. H. B. Barger, Rev. J. F. Talbirt and R. A. Andrew.

It was moved and carried that the subject of furnishing a parsonage for the District Superintendent be referred to the District Council.

The meeting adjourned.

#### FRIDAY, 9:00 A. M.

The meeting convened, the devotional exercises being conducted by Bev. H. B. Barger, after which the roll was called the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The following reports were read and accepted: W. F. Jones, licensed minister; W. E. Fitchett, licensed minister; Christo, Va., church report.

The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

RESOLVED, That our Annual Assembly convene two weeks earlier, making the time Tuesday after the last Sunday in October.

After discussion it was moved and carried that the resolution be accepted.

RESOLVED, That the District Superintendent be authorized to prepare more complete report blanks for this district. After discussion, it was moved and carried that the resolution be accepted with the amendment that a committee be appointed to confer with him in making out the new report blank.

RESOLVED, That there be a ministerial fund started for the benefit of our disabled ministers; that the ministers, and as many lay members as will, pay each \$1.00 per year for this fund, said amount to be paid out at our Annual Assembly. After discussion it was moved and carried that this matter be referred back to the Resolutions Committee for redrafting.

The meeting adjourned.

#### FRIDAY, 11:00 A. M.

Rev. C. C. Brown preached a stirring sermon on tithing, meditation and study, a part of which appears in another part of this pamphlet, after which an ordination service was held, the following ministers being ordained: Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Butner and W. F. Jones.

#### FRIDAY, 1:00 P. M.

The session was opened by the reading of the word by Rev. W. A. Way, and prayer by Mrs. G. H. Butner.



The Resolutions Committee reported:

RESOLVED, That each minister keep a more careful record of year's work and report same at each Assembly. The resolution was accepted.

RESOLVED, That our pastors be more prompt in holding regular business meetings. Resolution accepted.

The Committee on printing reported that Brother Nelson had been accepted as printer of the Minutes. An offering of \$61.00 was raised in the meeting for this purpose.

The name of Mrs. L. E. Hayes was recommended for deaconess' license. The Committee on Credentials also recommended Miss Cary A. Anthony, Wm. Eagle, A. R. Sink and Mrs. Dora Short for license to preach.

Brothers Cox, Brown, Nelson and Stikeleather made interesting, stirring talks in behalf of the official church paper.

The meeting adjourned.

SATURDAY, 9:00 A. M.

The meeting convened with reading of the Word by Rev. W. F. Jones, prayer by E. L. Hess, after which the roll was called and minutes of preceding meeting were read and approved.

The report of the camp meeting at Roanoke, Va., was read.

Rev. E. L. Hess gave a verbal report of his work in the Home Missionary field for the past twelve years.

The list naming location of preachers for the following year was read.

The Assembly gave a rising vote of thanks to the church and people of Roanoke for their gracious hospitality and splendid entertainment of the Assembly this year.

Resolutions of respect to the memory of Rev. Mrs. Alice Milby, of Shackelfords, Va.; Brother Cook, of High Point, N. C.; Brother Wiggins, of Bryson City, N. C., and Mrs. E. L. Hess, of Roanoke, Va., were read.

Moved and carried that there be held a ministerial conference some time during the year.

Moved and carried that the ministerial conference be held at Proximity beginning the 4th of February and running ten days.

Moved and carried that a fund be raised for needy ministers, and that the plans for getting the fund raised be left in the hands of the District Council.

The minutes of this meeting were read and approved.

Rev. C. C. Brown had charge of the 11:00 o'clock devotional meeting, charging the ministers along the lines of pastoral work and pastoral visiting.

The Assembly adjourned.

S. M. STIKELEATHER, *District Superintendent.*  
CARY A. ANTHONY, *District Secretary.*

## REPORT OF MISSIONARY TREASURER

*South America—Rev. G. A. Schoombie—*

Total receipts .....223.86

Total paid out .....223.86

*India—Cornia Caudle—*

Total received .....129.29

Total paid out .....129.29

*China—Miss Cheshier—*

On hand ..... 11.00

*China—Phoebe Pierce—*

On hand ..... 10.00

*South Africa—*

Total received .....989.12

Total paid out .....988.44

Balance on hand ..... .68

*Unspecified—*

Total received .....774.18

Total paid out .....297.68

Balance on hand ..... 476.50

*R. G. Finch—*

On hand ..... 12.50

*Korea—*

On hand ..... 5.00

*South America—*

On hand ..... 10.00

*Japan—*

On hand ..... 45.88

*China—*

On hand ..... 9.30

*Home Missions—*

On hand ..... 7.60

Total on hand ..... 588.45

S. S. NELSON, Missionary Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,

R. A. ANDREW,

IRA PARKER, Auditing Committee.

REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCIL ON PASTORAL  
ARRANGEMENTS*Church and Location**Pastor's Name*

Albemarle, Albemarle, N. C. .... P. R. Thompson

Asheboro, Asheboro, N. C. .... B. B. Bulla and wife

Bryson City, Bryson City, N. C. .... R. A. Andrew

Beulah, Shacklefords, Va. .... R. G. Flexon

Cash, Cash, Va. .... R. G. Flexon

Beulah and Mt. Zion, Davidson Co., N. C. ....	C. A. Ludwick
Mt. Zion, Moore Co., N. C. ....	To be supplied
Bagley Swamp, Hertford, N. C. ....	J. M. Smith, supply
Burlington, N. C., and Hillsboro, N. C. ....	G. H. Butner and wife
Benefit, Belews Creek, N. C. ....	C. A. Brown and Mrs. Helen Bunselmeier
Kernersville, N. C. ....	C. A. Brown and Mrs. Helen Bunselmeier
Mt. Moriah, N. C. ....	To be supplied
Clyde, N. C. ....	To be supplied
Bethlehem Circuit, N. C. ....	P. H. Greeson and wife
Christo and Shawsville, Va. ....	W. F. Jones
East Radford, Va. ....	To be supplied
Gold Hill and St. Paul, N. C. ....	W. C. Cruse
Greensboro, N. C. ....	W. R. Cox
High Point, N. C. ....	O. L. Ruth
Harmony Circuit, N. C. ....	Ira Parker
Ramseur Circuit, N. C. ....	J. E. Shaw
Mt. Olive and Sawyersville ....	A. R. Sink
Meadow Creek, Va. ....	W. E. Fitchett
Mebane, N. C. ....	J. F. Kenyon
Proximity, N. C. ....	H. B. Barger
Randleman and Salisbury, N. C. ....	W. A. Way
Roanoke, Va. ....	J. W. Covington
Reidsville, N. C. ....	W. P. Ware and wife
Streets, Va. ....	E. L. Hess
Southside, Winston-Salem, N. C. ....	J. F. Talbirt
Sinai ....	C. A. Lain
Raeford Mission ....	To be supplied
Troy, N. C. ....	Franklin Hinshaw
Country church near Randleman, N. C. ....	W. A. Way
Walton School House, Va. ....	To be Supplied

### LOCAL WORKERS, MISSIONARIES, ETC.

M. F. Brendle, Assistant pastor at Bryson City, N. C., and pioneer work in the mountains.

J. B. Ballard, Assistant at Albemarle.

J. F. Birkhead, John Wesley Stand.

Miss Cary A. Anthony, Mountain missionary work.

W. G. Eagle, Local work.

E. D. Freeman, Chapel's Mill.

Mrs. Hattie Lambeth, Assistant on Bethlehem Circuit.

V. B. Stanley, Missionary Evangelist.

W. C. Kirkman, Colporteur Evangelist.

B. H. Vestal, Evangelistic work.

Miss Lottie Gibson, Home missionary work.

## DIRECTORY

*Ordained Ministers..*

R. A. Andrew, Bryson City, N. C.  
M. A. Baldwin, Highland Ave., Greensboro, N. C.  
W. H. Biller, Route 1, Coates Store, Va.  
Mrs. W. H. Biller, Route 1, Coates Store, Va.  
B. B. Bulla, Ashboro, N. C.  
H. B. Barger, Route 4, Greensboro, N. C.  
Ruth T. Cooper, Surry, Va.  
W. R. Cox, 900 Silver Run Avenue, Greensboro, N. C.  
Mrs. W. R. Cox, 900 Silver Run Avenue, Greensboro, N. C.  
W. C. Cruse, Gold Hill, N. C.  
Mrs. W. C. Cruse, Gold Hill, N. C.  
J. W. Covington, 15 Salem Avenue, West, Roanoke, Va.  
R. G. Flexon, Cologne, Va.  
P. H. Greeson, Route 1, Snow Camp, N. C.  
E. L. Hess, 1805 Essex Avenue, Roanoke, Va.  
J. N. Hall, Simpson, Va.  
W. C. Kirkman, West Durham, N. C.  
G. H. Butner, Burlington, N. C.  
Mrs. G. H. Butner, Burlington, N. C.  
Mrs. A. D. Luke, 1810 Young Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
C. A. Ludwick, Gold Hill, N. C.  
C. A. Lain, Southside, Winston-Salem, N. C.  
J. F. Nance, High Point, N. C.  
S. S. Nelson, 832 Worth Avenue, Greensboro, N. C.  
Mrs. O. D. Park, 317 South Elm Street, Greensboro, N. C.  
O. L. Ruth, 710 Hamilton Street, High Point, N. C.  
J. E. Shaw, Ramseur, N. C.  
S. M. Stikeleather, Kingswood, Ky.  
J. F. Talbirt, Southside, Winston-Salem, N. C.  
P. R. Thompson, Albemarle, N. C.  
B. H. Vestal, Glenwood Station, Greensboro, N. C.  
W. A. Way, Randleman, N. C.  
W. P. Ware, Reidsville, N. C.  
Mrs. W. P. Ware, Reidsville, N. C.

*Licensed Ministers*

Miss Cary Anthony, 919 Union Street, Greensboro, N. C.  
W. S. Allred, Burlington, N. C.  
J. W. Allred, 609 McGee Street, Greensboro, N. C.  
Mrs. B. B. Bulla, Asheboro, N. C.  
M. F. Brendle, Bryson City, N. C.  
A. H. Beasley, Hillsboro, N. C.

J. B. Ballard, Albemarle, N. C.  
J. F. Birkhead, Asheboro, N. C.  
N. D. Connor, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va.  
W. G. Eagle, Route 4, Salisbury, N. C.  
Will Eagle, Liberty Street, Salisbury, N. C.  
Miss Ina Day, 900 Silver Run Avenue, Greensboro, N. C.  
E. D. Freeman, Troy, N. C.  
Mrs. P. H. Greeson, Route 1, Snow Camp, N. C.  
W. F. Jones, Copper Hill, Va.  
J. E. Halcomb, 1004 Hanover Avenue, Roanoke, Va.  
J. T. Kenyon, Mebane, N. C.  
Mrs. W. C. Kirkman, West Durham, N. C.  
E. L. Kirk, West Durham, N. C.  
Mrs. Hattie Lambeth, Route, Thomasville, N. C.  
Mrs. J. Herbert Norton, Bolar, Va.  
O. D. Park, 317 South Elm Street, Greensboro, N. C.  
W. E. Fitchett, Riner, Va.  
Ira Parker, Harmony, N. C.  
J. V. Roberts, 1810 Yount Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
T. A. Spencer, High Point, N. C.  
V. B. Stanley, Missionary, Evangelist, Route 3, High Point, N. C.  
Mrs. J. F. Short, 1629 Melrose Avenue, Northwest, Roanoke, Va.  
R. A. Wagoner, Gold Hill, N. C.  
W. J. Wilson, Hillsboro, N. C.  
Fred D. Wilde, Taylor University, Upland, Ind.  
Geo. D. Wohlschlegel, Taylor University, Upland, Ind.  
J. N. Walker, Route 7, Greensboro, N. C.

*Ordained Deaconesses*

Mattie Buchanan, Joyner Street, Greensboro, N. C.  
Isa A. Crouse, Denton, N. C.  
Mattie Elerick, Box 405, Fairpoint, Ohio.

*Licensed Deaconesses*

Lottie Gibson, 1514 Enslow Avenue, Richmond, Va.  
Ida Hampton, Albemarle, N. C.  
Mrs. L. W. Mauldin, Albemarle, N. C.  
Mrs. Ruby Hayes, Houstonville, N. C.  
Mrs. Helen Bunselmeier, Badin, N. C.

*Local Preachers*

Otway Fary, Cologne, Va.  
A. R. Sink, Randleman, N. C.  
Rotheric Wilson, Shacklefords, Va.

## RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

WHEREAS it has pleased an all-wise Father to remove from our midst our faithful and beloved minister, Mrs. Alice Jones Milby, and also our beloved co-workers: Brother Cook, of High Point, Brother Wiggins, of Bryson City, N. C., and Mrs. E. L. Hess, of Roanoke, Va.,

RESOLVED, That this Assembly appreciates their faithful service and assures their loved ones of our sympathy and prayers.

O. L. RUTH,

R. G. FLEXON,

H. B. BARGER,

J. F. TALBIRT,

P. H. GREESON, *Committee on Resolutions.*

## SUMMARY OF MINISTERIAL REPORTS

	SERMONS	PASTORAL CALLS	MARRIAGES	REVIVALS	PROFESSIONS	AMT. RECEIVED
R. A. Andrew .....	104	290	3	4	47	\$ 386.37
J. W. Allred .....	149	272	...	5	88	472.12
Mrs. G. H. Butner .....	71	170	...	3	...	...
M. F. Brendle .....	28	109	...	1	20	34.30
M. A. Baldwin .....	22	...	1	3	...	27.00
Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Biller .....	75	123	...	1	2	495.74
B. B. Bulla .....	102	70	2	3	89	421.00
H. B. Barger .....	108	41	4	5	40	1421.62
G. H. Butner .....	149	496	1	5	166	1674.26
G. B. Ballard .....	26	36	...	...	...	8.46
A. H. Beasley .....	20	...	...	...	...	...
N. D. Conner .....	8	...	...	...	...	...
W. R. Cox .....	203	...	5	9	675	1876.24
J. W. Covington .....	215	1345	4	2	121	1398.75
W. C. Cruse .....	30	...	1	3	9	33.00
Ina Day .....	5	29	...	...	2	...
E. D. Freeman .....	30	11	...	...	1	3.80
J. E. Holcomb .....	45	...	...	7	19	3.09
R. G. Flexon .....	108	96	...	1	71	675.50
Mrs. P. H. Greeson .....	32	9	...	4	...	83.29
P. H. Greeson .....	142	135	1	10	140	739.61
E. L. Hess .....	417	291	3	6	143	1075.53
J. T. Kenyon .....	80	90	...	1	30	60.00
E. L. Kirk .....	119	429	...	4	125	843.77
Mrs. W. C. Kirkman .....	8	8	...	2	10	...
W. C. Kirkman .....	60	200	1	3	11	265.00
C. A. Ludwick .....	119	...	...	9	65	498.94
J. F. Nanze .....	...	...	5	...	...	115.00
S. S. Nelson .....	121	...	1	2	26	749.41
Ira Parker .....	77	95	...	1	26	343.00
J. G. Roberts .....	41	120	...	1	86	260.00
O. L. Ruth .....	165	327	25	5	135	1551.48
T. A. Spencer .....	10	6	...	...	1	5.00
V. B. Stanley .....	61	34	...	3	30	263.15
J. E. Shaw .....	71	25	3	2	36	465.51
S. M. Stikeleather .....	210	222	...	5	85	1603.40
P. R. Thompson .....	79	50	9	2	106	400.36
J. F. Talbirt .....	87	159	...	5	21	642.49
R. C. Wagoner .....	9	12	...	2	6	21.00
Mrs. W. P. Ware .....	76	150	...	2	22	11.00
W. A. Way .....	185	...	...	12	400	1396.00
W. P. Ware .....	60	75	6	1	22	...
B. H. Vestal .....	200	112	1	20	1886	1630.00
C. A. Lain .....	44	...	2	1	4	109.31
J. N. Walker .....	93	7	...	...	44	41.57
Mrs. J. Herbert Norton .....	46	...	...	8	29	221.00
W. F. Jones .....	75	173	...	...	33	244.17
W. E. Fitchett .....	18	...	...	2	12	31.55

## SUMMARY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS

	ENROLLMENT	SESSIONS	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	TOTAL ATTENDANCE	TEACHERS	BALANCE IN TREASURY	REGULAR OFFERING	MISSIONARY OFFERING
Albemarle .....	83	52	60	3120	6	\$	\$ 82	\$ 15
Bryson City .....		40	25	1035	6		14	2
Bethlehem .....	40	39	19	742	5		10	
Beulah .....	62	43	41	1763	15	5	49	
Bagley Swamp .....	57	48	44	2110	9	8	28	
Burlington .....	60	51	24	1224	7	5	248	
Emanuel .....	46	28	32	896	6	2	14	
East Radford .....	35	51	27	1377	7		47	8
Greensboro .....	200	52	131	6550	9	202	179	757
Gold Hill .....	102	49	72	3528	6		74	
High Point .....	269	50	145	7540	18	347	1249	
Hillsboro .....	40		25		4	7	46	18
Liberty .....		47	21	987	6		13	
Mt. Tabor .....	35	22	17	374	4			
Mt. Carmel .....	105	30	40	1200	5	2	3	3
Mt. Moriah .....	63	46	35	1610	8		27	15
Mebane .....	40		30	1560	5		11	
Mt. Zion, D. Co. ....	83		60		4		1	16
Pleasant Union .....	60	52	40	2040	4		11	
Pleasant Grove .....	60		30		5		5	
Proximity .....	140	49	80	4320	10		249	81
Randleman .....	75	57			5		30	
Roanoke .....	122	50	45	2250	9	15	81	87
Ramseur .....	82	49	44	2703	8	10	58	
Riedsville .....	50	46	43	1021	6	17	28	
South Side, W. S. ....	78	52	43	2236	6	33	241	
St Paul .....	50	52	40	2080	6			
Troy .....	58	30	38	1140				
West Durham .....	28		19	968	5		20	
Vicar Switch .....	68	19	40	760	3		15	



# SUMMARY OF CHURCH REPORTS

	MEMBERS	SERVICES PER MONTH	PRAYER MEETINGS PER MO.	COTTAGE MEETINGS PER MO.	REVIVALS	PASTORAL OFFERING	REVIVAL EXPENSES	OTHER EXPENSES	BUILDING FUND	HOME MISSIONS	FOREIGN MISSIONS	PROPERTY VALUE
Albemarle .....	45	8	4	1	2	\$ 378	\$228	\$ 28	\$ 279	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 2,500
Beulah, N. C. ....	8	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	.....
Burlington .....	27	8	4	1	1	669	.....	63	1360	.....	19	5,000
Bryson City .....	21	8	4	1	1	270	34	37	.....	25	25	2,500
Bethlehem .....	52	4	4	1	1	237	.....	22	.....	5	81	2,500
Beulah, Va. ....	39	8	1	1	1	525	153	49	.....	90	215	10,000
Bagley Swamp ..	14	1	1	1	1	110	152	138	87	.....	48	3,500
Christo, Va .....	60	4	2	4	2	125	100	22	.....	.....	.....	1,500
East Radford ....	19	4	4	1	3	356	216	46	.....	96	62	6,000
Emanuel .....	35	2	4	1	1	227	61	34	.....	20	70	2000
Gold Hill .....	49	1	4	1	1	108	122	35	.....	175	250	2,500
Greensboro .....	157	8	4	4	1	860	925	285	5454	82	1190	15,000
Harmony .....	33	1	1	1	1	186	74	74	23	.....	21	2,000
High Point .....	113	8	4	4	1	1290	129	254	4297	101	203	15,000
Hillsboro .....	20	8	4	1	2	896	125	99	233	50	11	2,000
Liberty .....	18	1	1	1	2	173	32	27	.....	.....	.....	2,000
Mt. Tabor .....	15	1	1	1	1	137	63	34	.....	.....	.....	2,000
Mt. Carmel .....	16	1	1	1	1	82	40	16	.....	.....	.....	850
Mebane .....	15	6	4	1	1	50	88	41	.....	.....	15	2,000
Mt. Olivet .....	4	1	1	1	1	83	55	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,000
Mt. Zion .....	33	2	2	1	1	108	125	41	.....	19	16	1,500
Mt. Moriah .....	22	1	1	1	1	180	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	1,500
Proximity .....	72	8	4	4	2	1372	163	312	.....	20	75	4,000
Pleasant Union ..	25	2	1	1	1	74	34	17	.....	3	74	500
Pleasant Grove ..	18	2	1	1	1	102	34	.....	.....	.....	40	1,500
Randleman .....	64	1	1	2	2	789	260	170	22	.....	40	6,000
Roanoke .....	84	35	5	1	1	1210	195	1037	155	78	103	1,000
Ramseur .....	32	1	8	8	1	313	68	43	.....	.....	9	2,500
Reidsville .....	33	8	4	1	1	.....	40	33	135	5	.....	1,000
Winston-Salem ..	26	8	4	1	1	585	50	132	353	4	16	1,000
Staley .....	12	1	1	1	1	55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,800
Salisbury .....	12	8	1	8	1	540	100	121	716	.....	18	2,000
St. Paul .....	29	2	4	1	1	30	81	29	.....	300	49	2,000
Troy .....	30	4	4	1	1	61	107	166	187	.....	3	1,012
Vicar Switch .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	57	.....	.....	129	.....	.....	.....
West Durham ..	12	8	4	1	2	250	113	198	.....	.....	5	1,500
Ashboro .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,500
Clyde .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,000
Mt. Zion, Moore Co. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,200
Mt. Zion, Buncombe Co. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	500
Sawyersville .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,000
Streets, Va. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,000
Sinai .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	800
Walton .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	500

### SUMMARY OF DEACONNESSES' REPORTS

	HOMES VISITED	SICK ATTENDED	PROFESSIONS	MEETINGS CONDUCTED	AMT. RECEIVED
Miss Isa A. Crouse .....	23	14	3		\$
Miss Lottie Gibson .....	162	6	15	46	174
Miss Ida Hampton .....	20	19	2	4	
Miss Mattie Elerick .....	10		2	25	26
Miss Mattie Buchanan—resting .....					

RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY FORMER ASSEMBLIES NOT  
AMENDED OR REPEALED AT THIS SESSION

*Loan Fund and Support of Disabled Ministers.*

.....*Resolution 9:* RESOLVED, That the resolution in regard to Loan Fund be amended in such a way as to allow the interest to be charged on all money loaned and that the interest be set apart in a separate fund for the support of the permanently disabled ministers of this Conference.

*Examinations*

*Resolution 10:* RESOLVED, That the District Superintendent be allowed to give examinations to any of the licensed ministers any time during Conference year and return the same for entry on the examining grade books.

*Local Church Officers.*

*Resolution 12:* RESOLVED, That our pastors be recommended not to neglect visiting members, also non-members in the vicinity of their charge.

*Board of Education*

*Resolution 13:* RESOLVED, That a Board of Education be elected by the Conference to forward the interest of education.

*Powers and Field of Action of Board of Education*

*Resolution 14:* Resolution defining powers and field of action of Board of Education. RESOLVED: 1, This Board shall investigate all propositions appertaining to the establishment of schools under the auspices or name of the International Apostolic Holiness Church, and shall have the power either to sanction or refuse to sanction such propositions.

Appeal from their decision may be made to the Annual Conference, but if an appeal is taken no action may be taken by either party to the proposition until such appeal shall be heard and settled.

2. This Board shall investigate the work being done by each school conducted under auspices of the I. A. H. Church and shall report on same to the Annual Conference.

3. This Board shall have power to confer with the authorities of any established school desiring to enter into affiliation with the I. A. H. Church of this District.

4. This Board shall have power to enter into contract with any school for the board and instruction of any worthy young man or woman of this District.

5. This Board shall also have power to make such terms as they see fit with recipient of tuition and other school expenses; being careful

to make as certain as possible that said recipient will devote his or her life to active Christian work in our Church.

6. This Board shall investigate the cases of any likely young men and young women in this District who, through lack of means, are unable to secure the education and training necessary to their greatest usefulness, and shall as far as possible assist them to obtain this. (1) By rendering them financial assistance or (2) by procuring for those well able to work, an opportunity to work their way through school, and shall direct and insist, that all, who receive such aid, attend the school deemed suited to their needs by this Board.

7. *Be It Further Resolved,*, That this Board be made Trustees of a Student Loan Fund, said fund to be raised as follows: (1) Each pastor shall, once a year, preach a sermon on Christian education and shall at that time take or cause to be taken an offering for this fund. (2) Each evangelist shall, in each meeting held by him in the bounds of this District, take at least one offering for this purpose, except that when laboring with another denomination there may be objections, in which case he is excused.

Money raised for this fund shall be sent to the Treasurer of this Board.

Further: That said fund be loaned to young men and young women, members of our church in this district, without interest, on such terms and payable in such manner as this Board may see fit.

#### *Missionary Reports.*

*Resolution 16: RESOLVED,* That our missionaries send a financial report every quarter and also yearly.

#### *Regarding Supply Pastors from Other Denominations*

*Resolution 17: RESOLVED,* That ministers of other denominations pastoring our church shall join conference after one year.

#### *As to Pastors in Evangelistic Work.*

*Resolution 19: RESOLVED,* That none of our pastors shall leave his charge to do evangelistic work or anything that takes him away from his charge without supplying his pulpit in his absence to the satisfaction of the church which he serves, and that his evangelistic work be limited to not over four meetings per year outside his regular charge and these arranged so as to not keep him away from his charge over three successive Sundays.

#### *The District Evangelist.*

*Resolution 20: RESOLVED,* That our District Evangelists be employed when possible by the churches of the Southern District.

#### *Support of District Superintendent*

Each pastor shall take up an offering for the District Superintendent when he visits the church and shall also take a free-will offering for the District Superintendent once each quarter.

## APPENDIX

THURSDAY, 11:00 A. M.

A quartette composed of W. R. Cox, O. L. Ruth, S. M. Stikeleather, and G. H. Butner sang "Sail On," and Rev. C. C. Brown preached from the text, "Behold I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents and harmless as doves," preaching a powerful sermon, principally for the benefit of the preachers. He spoke of preachers depending upon God for what they ought to do themselves. He said that there is a middle ground without going to extremes either way. He said, "Be yourselves, you cannot be any one else. When you try to be some one else, you cannot be him and you are not yourself. You should be able to do hard things. Most anything can float down stream, but holiness folks can go up stream."

He warned the preachers from stressing one particular thing too much. He said, "A good farmer will not spend all his time on a fine horse, watering, currying it and leading it around just because it is a fine horse and he loves the horse and letting everything else starve. There are times for presenting certain things. You should make the winning of souls your great object, and in so doing you will sometimes change the order of things."

"You can preach to people on lodges, tobacco, and such things when you get their confidence, after they understand you. At one place where I went I could not talk to people about their souls because some one had made the bald statement that lodges were of the devil. I preached and lived among them for some time and then announced that I would preach lodges at a certain time. I preached for an hour and a half giving the Bible and common sense reasons why I would not belong to the lodges. I did not lambast them, but I said, 'Lord, help me to win the people.' I was told afterward that the sermon broke up all the lodges in town. You can't go to a man in sin and tell him that you are going to take away from him the thing by which he is making a living and win his soul, they will stick tighter to it. There is a right way to do things."

In speaking of dealing with hypocrites, he said: "It is a bad process to get hold of a weed in a flower bed and give it a jerk because it will bring up the little flowers with it, but if you will use wisdom and carefulness it can be done. A preacher who is preaching at somebody has a hard time to fire. A pastor told me one time just to skin his people good. I told him that if he wanted any skinning done that he would have to do it himself. It does no good to skin people when their hide is not worth anything. There is a time when things can be done in the Spirit. We can fight sin and preach at some people until we don't

want to see them, but it is easy to fight sin if you will bathe your soul in heavenly oil and cut people when you don't know that you are doing it, but it is hard to butcher them when you know what you are doing. We should have hot hearts and cool heads, and not be hot headed.

"There is such a thing as getting one string and harping on that one thing. Some people preach hard on outward things. One fellow will hit everything imaginable that is outward. The best way to break the limbs off a tree is to deaden the tree first. The first thing to do is to get people dead and there will be no trouble about the outward things dropping off, but it is a terrible sight to see a scalded chicken running around the barn lot. But you can't always tell holiness people by the way they dress.

"Because we have seen the extreme in formality we have been tempted to go to the extreme on the other line. It is better to have fire without water than to have no fire, but if we have water and fire then we can get up steam and run and get somewhere.

"We have a right to our own personal convictions and should let the other fellow have his, and if we haven't patience to do that there is grace for us. Sometimes if we don't keep our faith to ourselves somebody may upset it.

"Some preachers think that if they preach tithing folks will think that they are after money, but I pray that the Lord will drive the nails until you are dead. There may be natural fear and modesty, but for the sake of the work of Jesus Christ we ought to get rid of that timidity. We ought to teach that it is a privilege to give our tithe to the Lord. I believe God keeps a book in heaven with three columns,—the first is for tithes, the second offerings, and the third sacrifices. Some people give the preacher the offerings on Sunday mornings and when it rains the preacher gets nothing but water for his work. Such things show a lack of interest in the pastor. The question is not whether the preacher will get through, but whether the fellow that won't help him will get through.

"At one camp meeting I prayed from three to five hours before sermons and we had the best camp meeting for many years. The church members, that I might have driven away, got under conviction and the fire fell.

"If we see our own need, I believe we ought to be teachable enough to try to help ourselves. An unteachable spirit is the hardest spirit in the world to try to manage or help. The man who knows all things is the man that can't be told anything. I have talked to young preachers and, to my surprise, found that they knew more about everything than I did.

"We are not to compromise and let the Bible standard down to please anybody, but there is a time for every kind of preaching and if it is God's time, it will be effective; however I do not say that everybody will be pleased with it. We often make mistakes and hurt our own work and get in our own light by trying to do something before time.

"Another line on which there may be extremes is depending on what you know, on your knowledge. There are people who exalt education above salvation. Education has its place, but unless it is sanctified, it becomes a hindrance. I have known people who if they had known less along some lines and more on others, would have been better. Other folks don't believe in studying to preach a sermon. There are times when you have to just let the Lord lead, but if you have laid around the house all day and been indifferent about the message when you know you are going to preach, the Lord will let you flatten out, but if you have been trying to get a message and could not get it, God will give you one on the spur of the moment, and then when you have a message, I think it is a good thing to keep it where it won't spoil if it is not preached. It is a good thing to have your messages in shape where you can cut them in two anywhere and quit. When you see conviction on the people, it is a good time to quit. We ought to study and pray and read and do our best, and then trust God to lead us. I believe God has a Bible full of sermons if we are willing to dig them out.

"Then there is the extreme of thinking that if somebody does a thing a certain way, others ought to do it the same way. There are some churches who don't want a preacher unless he will work for part or all of his support. Instead of our preachers reporting fifty homes visited, they ought to report thousands of homes. If he has to work for his daily bread and come in tired out, you may expect him to feed you, but if he has to work all the time he can't do it. I don't believe that we ought to get too good to work, but I believe that the Lord wants his preachers to be studying and reading and praying for the work. I believe they should be men whose talents and time are too precious to do other things. When our people get to the place where they see this, they will not only tithe and give offerings, but they will sacrifice to help God in his work and for his glory. I believe that we need to pray much along this line that God will get us into this place.

"If you want to dry up and blow away, just get self centered. We have some places which say they want a preacher all the time, but cannot support him. You ought to be willing to let him go out and open up other work if he can do it.

"I remember on one charge the preacher's family were not being cared for very well and they decided to ask in several of their members to take dinner with them. The people thought it was a privilege to be invited to dinner by their pastor, and came. The pastor's wife had boiled potatoes and salt, the only thing they had in the house, and when the people sat down to eat there was nothing but potatoes and salt. The people couldn't eat, the pastor's wife told them that it was all they had and she supposed they would be glad to eat what the preacher's family did. The people learned the lesson and the pastor's family fared better after that."

## TITHING, STUDY AND MEDITATION

*By Rev. C. C. Brown*

Malachi 3: 10, II. Tim. 2: 15.

I believe that it is God's plan that his ministers do nothing else but preach and pray and study, and study God's word. I am praying that not only our preachers, but our members may feel that this is the thing. I believe that if our preachers could be in a position where they could do that, our work would spread double to what it is. That is the thought of giving ourselves continually to prayer and the ministry of the word. It did not say that this other should not be done, but we should get some Holy Ghost man to do it who is not called to preach. I believe that there are men filled with the Holy Ghost who can run orphanages, who are not called to preach, and that can do other things, print a paper, etc., who have not the call on them to preach. Many times we have tied up good men in a place where he is hindered and cannot do his best for God because he is run to death with something else. I wish that all the preachers of the International Holiness Church could get the thought of the great importance of preaching. It is a responsibility, and it is a tremendous responsibility, an obligation above all obligations on earth. The seriousness and importance of carrying a message from the God of heaven to man on the verge of hell and of winning souls for Jesus is a responsibility. Preaching means to be a messenger boy, and it is important to get our message and know we have the right message, the one God sends. If the message is so great, it is important that the messenger be not entangled with anything else. The soldier must not be entangled with the affairs of this life. A knap sack, a gun, rations enough for the present, and orders to march. The Word compares us with soldiers and that means that we are to march out and go on the battle fields. Our faith has been crippled by the stinginess of professing holiness' having preachers who were willing to do without. I believe that this thing ought to be pressed home to our people,—the great importance of the message and that they are under obligation to stand back of the man and make him everything they can make him in every way they can. I believe if he hasn't come up to the standard, if they will sacrifice and pray, he will come up. If we give the fellow whatever falls and we don't know what it is, he may be half the time on his knees praying for shoes and clothing for his children. The Bible says: "He that preaches the Gospel shall live by the Gospel," and, "The laborer is worthy of his hire," but there is no place in the Bible where it says that the preacher shall live on free-will offerings.

We can get in ruts and not on the Bible line at all. I believe many times the preacher is to blame and now is my time to hit you while I have got you. —"My people don't tithe and I don't want to be harping on it all the time." We have some preachers who have made their churches a glorious success along that line. They simply organize a tithing sys-



tem. They have gone to their members and said, "Didn't you say when you came into the church that you would tithe?" Every fellow that joins the church says that. Some people say, "I believe in being free and putting my money where I please." You pay a pastor for awhile and you will believe in putting it in the home treasury. I believe that every church ought to have credit for everything they do. Suppose you have 59 members in a church and they all tithe, but every fellow is going to put his money where he pleases. Next year 50 of them feel like they ought to put \$10.00 each in foreign missions and they send it direct to some foreign missionary, then \$500 is gone out of the church, but at the Conference there is no credit for what they have given. I believe that every dollar that goes from the church, the church should have credit for it.

Some people say, "I don't keep any account, but I believe I give my tithe, I am satisfied I give enough." Suppose we organize and go into business and I am made president and keep the books and we all put in the same amount of stock and are going to divide the dividends. In the mean time one preacher comes and gets a few dollars and another gets a few dollars, then at the end of the year when the dividends are to be paid I say, "Now, brother, I have not kept any account of what you have received, but I believe you have had your part." Would that be satisfactory? We ought to be dead sure that God gets every penny that belongs to him, and then give free-will offerings.

We have today churches where this thing is established, it is working fine and God is blessing wonderfully, and some of these churches are having the biggest revivals. One church of working people pay over \$50.00 every Sunday. They meet all expenses, pay their preacher and then have enough to send to foreign missionaries, or wherever they want it to go. When this system gets to work burdens are lifted. It is the easiest way, God's way and God will bless us when we walk in the light. Some people that don't even belong to church are tithing and would not quit it for anything.

Some one in Indiana decided to tithe and one day the man's wife came to him and wanted something and he told her to go and take the tithe, that the tithe was the Lord's and she was the Lord's, and that was the end of his tithing. We can borrow this money of the Lord, or we can pay it in advance. Sometimes I borrow it and pay it back and the Lord trusts me and I trust him. Some people when they get in a hard place think that is an evidence that they should not tithe. It may be an evidence that the devil is after you. I have been tempted to quit preaching when I am in hard luck, and go to work to pay bills, but I have never been tempted to quit tithing. It has been such a blessing to me that I would no more quit tithing than I would quit testifying to holiness, shouting when I get blessed and preaching to folks.

Some people say, "I would tithe if everybody would." Every individual ought to mind God. When they are paying their tithe they are

not giving God anything. We don't say to sinners, "Now come and give your hearts to God if you will." We tell them that they will be damned if they don't. Then can we turn around and say, "Now, tithe if you please?" You are a robber if you don't. I would just as soon hold up a man on the street as rob God. He said, "You have robbed me of tithes and offerings." Let us keep a book account and not rob God any more.

Study and Meditation. I have given you some things that I hope you will meditate over. I believe it is a good thing to take heed how you read. "Study to show thyself." They said to Jesus, "Show yourself to the world," but he answered them, "My time has not come, you are always ready." There are people always ready to show off. The time when God wants us to show off is when he brings us out to show off. He put old Brother Job up to show off.

This text does not mean to study to show ourselves, but study to show ourselves approved unto God. Above everything else is the approval of God. To get the approval of God here means to study. "A workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." We may all do things that we are ashamed of, but here is a command to make an effort to so study and have God's approval that we need not be ashamed. I heard a fellow say that when he got sanctified wholly that he received a whole kit of carpenter tools and he could bore a hole, but he could not bore it straight; could saw a plank, but could not saw it straight; drive a nail, but it would be in the wrong place; but, he said, he began to learn how to use these tools, and that is what we need, is to learn how to use what we have and what God gives us, and that is to study to show ourselves approved unto God.

That we may study and learn and know that we must depend upon God, I believe there is one thing we need to do and that is to study ourselves. If you want to help yourself, look at your weaknesses and failures. Don't look at them so long that you will get discouraged, but long enough to see the need of helping yourself. The fellow that feels his ability and that he is equipped is the fellow that is not ready yet. God must help us. He tells us to study, to meditate, but also we are to give ourselves continually to prayer. Study prayerfully, meditate prayerfully and thus we will learn.

A man was traveling on a train one day and he said that he always liked to have a good book or an outline to meditate upon when traveling, but he sat down close to a woman with a large family of children, and he thought that there was no use for him to try to study with all those children around. The first thing they did was to make flat noses on the window panes, and after they had entertained themselves a little while in that way the lady took down a box containing rolls of pictures pasted on, and the children entertained themselves for an hour looking at the pictures; when they were tired of them she took down another box con-

taining paper dolls, and she sat back and read at ease; then it was dinner time and she took down the dinner box. The woman was not worn out, the children hadn't cried and fussed; they were entertained. The woman must have sat up at night and cut out pictures and pasted them on, and studied their needs before she started on her trip. This man said that he learned more by seeing what she had done than if he had spent the time in study. He learned the great need of preparation. Our profiting should appear to all; they should see that we are improving along the line of study.

I believe that the Holy Ghost can help us and that we can find in the Word of God wonderful truths, but I believe that the hour of meditation is something that is almost lost. We are living in a hurry age. It is all right to read and study good books, but I believe that meditation is one of the greatest needs for a preacher, to sit down and meditate on the Word of God and ask the Holy Ghost to bring things and apply them to his mind. There are all kinds of Bibles, topical Bibles, and Bibles with readings already worked out, I am not going to condemn them, but I could not get interested in them myself. When I get a Bible reading I go to prayer. Many times I have had a whole Bible reading come through my mind before daylight. When we study for a purpose, to give out messages, we want the message that God gives. I believe we should let the Lord choose the subject. It is not what the folks want always, but what they need. When God gives us what we need, then we have something that is good. It may not be what we thought we needed, but we can take it and chew it and get something out of it. Building sermons may be all right, but how much difference there is between that and getting down in the secret place where the Lord comes to us and such truths come to us that we feel like we are eating honey and it will stick to our ribs. I like ice cream and watermelon, but I would not like to live all day on that kind of thing. I want something stronger. The shouting is all right, but let's not forget the other side. A fellow can get down a book and see what some great man's ideas are about it and build up a sermon on what this one and that one said. The boys at college used to study "bugology" and one day they had a great many bugs and they took the wings of one bug and the head of another and the body of another and the wings of another and the legs of another and put them all together and took it to the professor and asked him what kind of bug it was and he said it was a humbug, and that is the kind of sermon that is made out of the other fellow's ideas. They may be all truth, but I believe that God wants messages that are studied out and prayed down and digested and gotten into our hearts.

It is a good thing to memorize scripture. A lot of scripture that you memorize you may not hold, but that which you eat you will hold. The Bible says, "I found thy words and did eat them, and it was the joy and rejoicing of my heart." There are scriptures which we have broken the

bone and eaten the marrow and fed our souls. Whatever is food for your soul and blesses you will bless the other fellow. If you have had a dry time trying to get the message, the other fellow may have a hard time trying to swallow it.

I asked God one time for a text and told him what kind I wanted. I wanted a text on love and the Lord gave me this text, "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell." I didn't know what to do. I prayed and prayed and prayed. I had to preach and could not get another thing and I could not see much in the text but devils and snakes, but I finally told God that if that was the message I would preach it, no difference what happened. The meeting was blocked and tied up with a lot of water baptist professors that didn't believe in Holy Ghost religion. The preacher would send his members out seemingly to tie the meeting up while he went from house to house talking against us and our work. I took my text and spoke of the snakes slipping out in the dark, lapping out his tongue and watching his prey. I spoke of the water snakes and then the folks began to nudge each other in the congregation. That sermon put those out of the way. They were standing in the way of sinners, a hindrance to the meeting and when they were out of the way the altar was filled with souls that prayed through.

If a preacher has a message, he has no right to change the message. It is a serious thing to carry messages sometimes. If there has been a wreck on the road and somebody has been killed, the messenger boy may carry the message with a heavy heart, but he has no right to change the message. Ah, that we might be so abandoned to the Holy Ghost that we will say, Lord, I will carry any message you give me, I will let you give the message!

Our lives should be examples. It is a sad thing when I hear it said, "There is a great preacher, but he is a poor liver outside of the pulpit." I had rather hear it said, "There is a man of God, there is nobody lives closer than he does, he is a good visitor and prayer, but he is not a good preacher." That is what is going to count, a holy life.

Take heed to ourselves and to the doctrine. I have met some folks who said that it didn't make much difference about the doctrine. I met a man one time who was crooked on fifteen points when he got one point correct. God wants us to steer clear from false doctrine and teach and keep right in the middle of the way.

## PASTORAL WORK AND VISITING

*By Rev. C. C. Brown*

When I was a pastor I did not go to visit an hour with my people and eat with them. If the sister was over the wash tub I said, Sister, how is your soul? and we knelt down and prayed. I visited all our homes in a very short time and the balance of the time I visited the homes of the unsaved. If you visit the homes you will have no trouble in having a revival. Nothing is needed more in these days than visiting, and in order to do the visiting you ought to do, you need to organize for yourself. to do the visiting you ought to do, you need to organize for yourself. in the morning when they feel like it, study when they feel like it, pray when they feel like it, visit when they feel like it. We should have certain times when we are going to do these things and you will find that you will redeem the time and do more and better work.

There is nothing harder than missions and rescue work if you do it right. At one place where I was I spent two hours in prayer before other people got up, and then from five to six hours a day giving out gospel tracts and inviting people to the meeting. Sometimes you go to lots of places where they don't want you and sometimes it is not wisdom to force yourself in to pray. You can tell these places if you will keep your soul in touch with heaven. You can ask them to the revival meetings and when they get there they will get caught in the net. It is altogether different from giving out an advertisement. You show the people that you have enough interest in them to go after them.

I read of a preacher who had his church crowded continually and others asked, "What is the secret of your success?" He said, "Organization. My town is divided up into sections and each member feels responsible for inviting the people in their sections to church. I get every member to work and the result is that they are continually bringing them in." Many times the church depends on the preacher to do the whole thing and the preacher is to blame for not training his people. We are too anxious to be free from formality and organization. We see the old dead churches are run to death, but if they had the fire as well as the water, they have the machinery and could steam up and do something.

Many times a pastor is run to death looking after his members, "If I don't go there, they will be offended." We ought to get our members so toughened that they will not feel offended at anything, to where they will say, "If you don't visit me at all, if you can get the sinners, I will pray for you while you do it." If you can get your members established and interested you will build up the church. Somebody sacrificed to bring the Gospel to them and they should help get it to somebody else.

I don't believe that our preachers should work all the time, but I don't believe that we ought to get too good to work, for sometimes I think it takes a great deal of patience for the people to have to listen to me as well as support me. I believe that when a preacher goes on a work he

should make up his mind that he is going to give the work his best and put his life into it, spend hours in prayer beseeching heaven, spend time in visiting, read the Bible and pray for God to give him heavenly wisdom to reach souls, and if the preacher would put his heart and life into the thing he would see things move instead of waiting for the people to do something.

I advise preachers to preach their best sermons when they have small crowds. I was holding a meeting for a preacher in St. Louis one time, the crowd was small and the pastor was grumbling. There were only two unsaved souls in the congregation, but they both came forward and were gloriously converted. I told him that what we needed to do was to do the best with what we had. If we cannot do anything with what we have, what is the use of complaining about the bigger crowd. We don't have to give an account at the judgment for those who are not here, but we are responsible for those who are.

I believe that God wants us to be where we will put our life working for God and not sit around waiting for something to turn up. I believe in organization. I am opposed to come-out-ism. There are good people who think organization is a hindrance, that the people who have it have so much trouble with their work, but if you will go with the come-outers you will find the worst fighting crowd you ever saw. "What do you think about the church?" "I think John and I are the church and sometimes I have my doubts about John."

I know that we have made mistakes in the past and I am willing to confess my mistakes. When you have a child born in the home you don't wait for 6 or 12 months to put their name down just to see whether it lives or not. Some people have no more spiritual understanding than to think by getting converted was all there was to it. I believe that our babes ought to be taken care of. If they die we can bury them. I believe that many young converts have gone down because somebody didn't feel a deep concern and interest in them. I believe that if some one was interested in every soul converted at the altar, take their name and address, visit that soul and show that they have an interest in them it would help to keep them. If there was only one organization we would not have to do that, but other organizations are watching our altars to see who are converted. I know of one place where the Advents came around and got our converts, saw who was converted and followed them up, telling them that they wanted them to keep Saturday for their Sabbath and that there was no hell, and stuffed them with their doctrine.

It is best not to organize a church if you have to take people from other churches, unless you have a lot of converts, but if you can get enough new material to organize, it is best to do it and let the others come in if they want to. Some of our preachers can preach and get souls converted and push the battle, but when it comes to organization they are not in it at all.

Some people are so spiritual that they can hardly stand a business meeting. Some people get wrong ideas into their heads. One man thought he must jump every time he preached because we are commanded to leap for joy, and sometimes he had a hard time obeying the command. He was getting in bondage to his liberty. God wants us to be perfectly free. I believe that we ought to have God with us in spirit and power in every business meeting and not be so spiritual that we cannot attend one.

I believe that we ought to take a great interest in our converts and look after them. I have been looked upon by our people as not being churchified enough. We want to get after sin inside and outside our church and any other. While we oppose sin we ought not to oppose organization and ought to be willing to help push our own organizations and if people think enough of us to license us and help us, we ought to help build up the work. I wish our entire church was so thoroughly organized that every evangelist in it could give their whole time to it. If we could organize our evangelists and preachers and workers with means to go out and build up a work that would stand in every town and support a pastor, our work would spread faster. We have men of God doing more work outside our church than in it. If our people would take our preachers out and use them and push them and help them, if the preacher knew that he had means back of him so that he would not be wondering how he was going to live, I believe our work would open up. But with only a few dollars our evangelists have to go to a back lot; we cannot rent a room to live in the better part of town, and somebody invites us to go home with them; it may be a hypocrite, and the better thinking people of the town, the people we would like to reach, say, "That is the class they associate with." The time has come that when we send a man out, he should be able to go and be in a respectable place and be entertained by that class of people, and not be under anybody's thumb. The devil would like to get us under the thumb of somebody because they have money. We want the church to back up God's work so that it can go.

I am giving you these things to think about and pray over. I believe that God has a plan for our work if we can get God's plan. A man cannot go on and live among poor people without having something. If we can get a plan whereby we will back the church of God it will move on faster. We have talented men whom God blesses, who have only received \$35.00 or \$40.00 last year from the church, but they have a job of work, working every day. What might he do if he had the time to put his whole time in the work of God, using his talent and time along that line? I believe we ought to pray over these things and along these lines.