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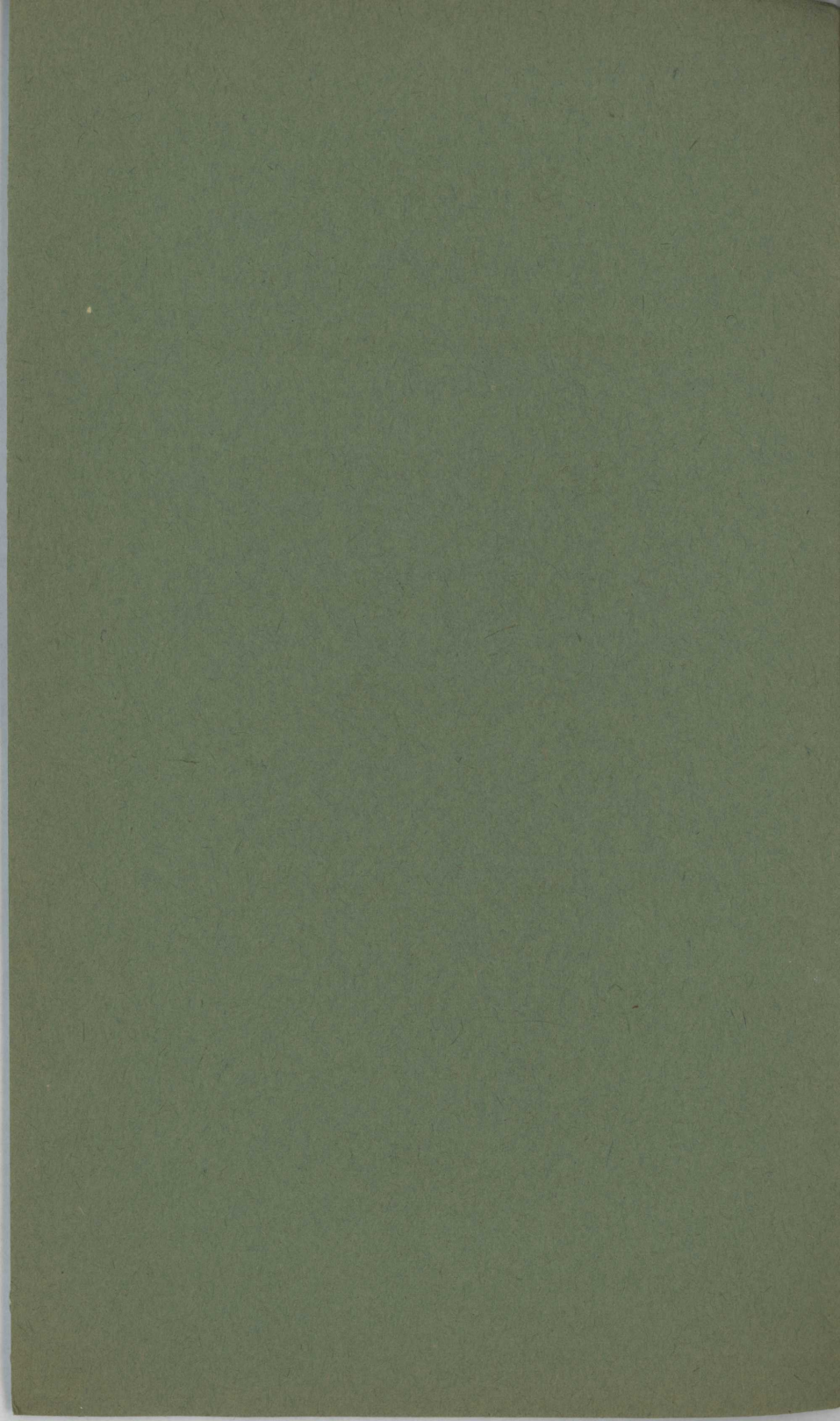


**OFFICERS**

**ELDER F. E. THOMPSON** . . . . . Moderator  
Nathans Creek, North Carolina

**J. F. HARTZOG** . . . . . Clerk  
Idlewild, North Carolina

**G. A. MILLER** . . . . . Assistant Clerk  
Beaver Creek, North Carolina





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The Church of North York

and Town of North Carolina

held at the residence of Mrs. J. W. ...

September 10, 1895

J. W. ...

## PROCEEDINGS

Friday, September 6, 1929

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Eld. T. W. Osborne, a visitor from the Washington Association. Text: II Timothy 2 : 15.

After a short intermission the messengers assembled in the church house and were called to order by praise and prayer by Eld. Stephen Roberts, a correspondent from the Mountain Association.

Elder Ed Davis, our Moderator, not being present on account of the serious illness of his son, Elder F. E. Thompson was chosen moderator pro tem.

1. On motion received and read letters from all our churches, and seated the messengers for the transaction of business.

2. Organized the Association, by appointing Eld. F. E. Thompson moderator, and J. F. Hartzog clerk, who called Bro. G. A. Miller to his assistance.

3. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.

4. Called for correspondents from sister associations when the following came forward and were seated and aided in council:

From St. Clairs Bottom—Elder H. M. Blevins and minutes; Mountain—Elders Stephens Roberts, C. B. Kilby and minutes; Roaring River—Minutes; Indian Creek—No Intelligence; Silver Creek—Elder R. A. May, Bro. C. L. McGhee and minutes; Tennessee and Nolachucky Consolidated—Minutes; Fishers River—Minutes; Washington—Minutes; Kehuke—Minutes; Ebenezer—Minutes; New River—Minutes; Ketoclan—Minutes.

5. Called for transient or visiting brethren when the following came forward and were seated:

From St. Clairs Bottom—Bro. J. A. Bartley; Tennessee and Nolachucky Consolidated—Elder W. C. McMillan; Washington—Elder T. W. Osborne; Senter—Bro. G. A. Miller, Eld. J. A. Cave.

6. For the moderator to make all temporary appointments during this session.

7. Appointed a committee on the ministry as follows: Elder G. W. Barker, Brethren Gaither Kilby, J. H. Eldreth, with messengers of this church.

8. Appointed a committee on finance as follows: Brethren F. T. Miller, E. D. Severt and T. E. Hartzog.

9. Appointed a committee on arrangements as follows: Elder B. H. Blevins, Brethren C. N. Davis, J. M. Davis, Gaither Kilby and F. L. Colvard.

10. Appointed a committee to appoint correspondents to sister associations as follows: Elder B. H. Blevins, Brethren F. L. Colvard and J. M. Davis.



11. For the committee on arrangements to sit at Brother F. M. Miller's.
12. To adjourn till tomorrow morning 9:30 o'clock. Prayer by Elder R. A. May.

**Saturday, September 7, 1929**

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by praise and prayer by Elder H. M. Blevins, a correspondent from St. Clairs Bottom Association.

1. On motion for the committee on arrangements to report. Report received and the brethren discharged.
2. Called the roll and erased absentees.
3. To omit reading the Constitution and Rules of Decorum at this time.
4. Called on correspondents who were appointed last year to visit sister associations to report. Report received and discharged the brethren.
5. Called on committee that was appointed to appoint correspondents to sister associations to report, who appointed correspondents as follows:

To St. Clairs Bottom—Elders Ed Davis, F. E. Thompson and B. H. Blevins; Mountain—Elders Ed Davis, B. H. Blevins, F. E. Thompson and Bro. F. L. Colvard; Silver Creek—Elder F. E. Thompson, Brethren J. F. and T. E. Hartzog; Indian Creek—Elder Ed Davis. Received the report and discharged the brethren.

6. To correspond with New River, Washington, Fishers River Kehukee, Tennessee and Nolachucky Consolidated and Ebenezer Associations by minutes.
7. That we withhold correspondence from our sister, the Roaring River Association, for taking into their body Cranberry, a church that has been dropped from our body; and for tolerating this God-dishonoring doctrine of absolute predestination of all things whatsoever comes to pass.

8. Called on committee on finance to report, who reported:

Received from the churches .....	\$ 84.03
Left over from last year.....	25.00
Allowed for printing minutes and postage .....	\$35.00
Allowed Moderator .....	5.00
Allowed Clerk .....	5.00
Allowed correspondents to Indian Creek Association.....	25.00
Allowed correspondents to Silver Creek Association.....	10.00
Allowed correspondents to Mountain Association.....	9.03
Allowed correspondents to St. Clairs Bottom Association.....	20.00
Totals .....	<u>\$109.03</u> <u>\$109.03</u>

Report received and the committee discharged.

9. To have the Constitution and Rules of Decorum printed in these minutes.

10. Called on the committee on preaching to report, who reported as follows:

For Saturday—1st. Elder R. A. May; 2nd. Elder T. W. Osborne; 3rd. Elder W. C. McMillan.

For Sunday—1st. Elder H. M. Blevins; 2nd. Elder C. B. Kilby; 3rd. Elder W. C. McMillan. The Moderator to close. Report received and the brethren discharge.

11. That the next association be held with the church at Bear Creek, eleven miles southeast of West Jefferson, on Highway No. 16, to commence on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1930.

12. Appointed the clerk treasurer and to superintend the printing of the minutes. To have 1000 copies printed and distributed as usual.

13. To read the minutes. Minutes read and received.

14. Resolved, That we return thanks to God for His blessings and to the brethren, sisters and kind friends for their hospitality during this session.

We now adjourn to the time and place of our next meeting.

Prayer by Elder C. B. Kilby.

ELDER F. E. THOMPSON, Moderator

J. F. HARTZOG, Clerk.

G. A. MILLER, Assistant, Clerk.

### Preaching Sunday

1. Elder H. M. Blevins ..... Did not get text.
2. Elder C. B. Kilby..... Text; Rom. 6 : 21
3. Elder W. C. McMillan ..... Text; Col. 3 : 14.

This closes another harmonious session of the Senter Association.  
CLERK.

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### Elders and Their Post Offices

Elder Ed Davis..... Whitetop, Virginia  
Elder J. A. Cave ..... Troutdale, Virginia  
Elder B. H. Blevins ..... Troutdale, Virginia  
Elder F. E. Thompson ..... Nathans Creek, North Carolina  
Elder G. W. Barker ..... Lansing, North Carolina

### Licentiates and Their Post Offices

David Sullivan..... Husk, North Carolina  
Wiley Carter..... Whitetop, Virginia  
G. D. Rotten ..... Clifton, North Carolina



## CONSTITUTION

*The churches from the Mountain Association, Cranberry, Senter, South Fork, Silas Creek and Big Helton, and also from the Three Fork Association, Beaver Creek, Bear Creek, North Fork and Horse Creek, having been dismissed from the Mountain and Three Fork Association, at their annual meetings in A. D. 1853, to form a new Association, met by their respective delegates in convention, with the Senter Church, 21st October, 1853, formed and adopted the present Constitution of the Senter Association.*

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different Churches in our Union and duly sent to represent them in the Association.

2. Who, in producing letters from their respective Churches certifying their appointments, shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates. In their letters are to be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, excluded, and dead, since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any classical power over the Churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any church in the Union.

4. The Association shall be governed and ruled by a regular Decorum.

5. The Association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. New Churches or any regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, of our faith and order, being legally dismissed by letter from any Sister Association, upon application by letter and Delegates, shall be admitted into our Union.

7. Every Church in the Union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query, first being debated in the church and then presented in the association, shall be read and debated and answered unless it be withdrawn by the member who presents it.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the number of the proceedings; the best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

11. We think it necessary to have an Association fund to defray the expense of the same, and it is the duty of each church in the Union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and those monies shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same.

12. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a compensation yearly for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read, corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

14. Amendments to their plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they may



deem it necessary, by giving the Churches twelve months notice.

15. The Association shall have power to provide for the general Union of the Churches to endeavor to preserve a chain of Communion amongst the Churches; to give the Church the necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

16. To inquire into the cause, if any church fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

17. To appropriate those monies contributed by the Churches to any purpose they may think proper.

18. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in this Union which shall violate the rules of this Constitution, or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

19. The Association may correspond with Sister Associations.

20. To invite any distant brother in the ministry of our Faith and Order to a seat in the Association who may be present at the time of their sitting.

21. The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think proper.

## RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections; but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation but the title of Brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he break the Rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reprov'd by the Association as they shall think proper.

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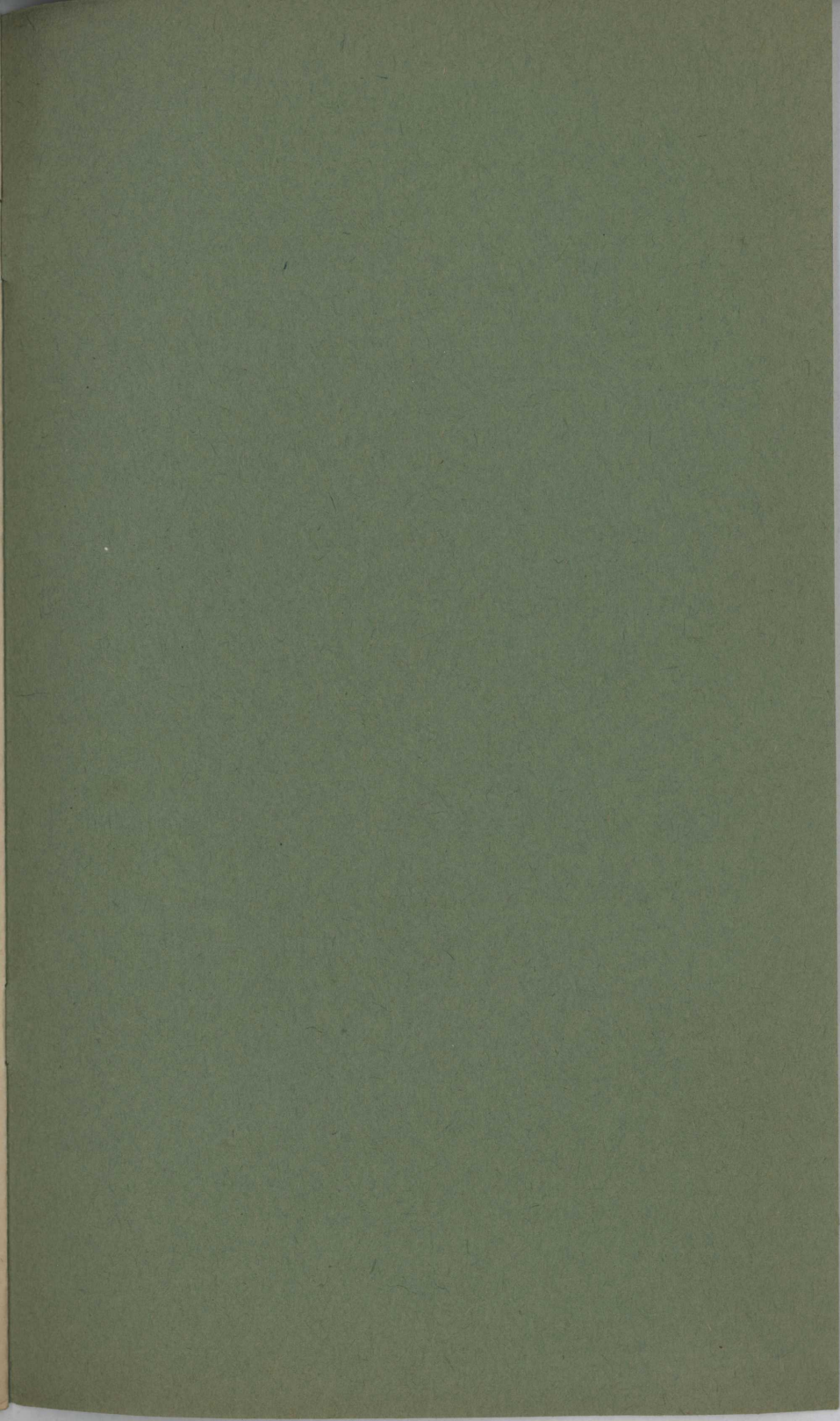
Churches, Clerks, Post Offices, and No. of Minutes Each

Church	Clerk	Post Office	No. Min
Senter.....	J. L. Wyrick.....	Crmpler, N. C. ....	75
Roans Creek.....	F. T. Miller .....	Wagoner, N. C. ....	30
Bear Creek.....	S. J. Miller .....	Wagoner, N. C. ....	30
River View.....	J. F. Hartzog.....	Idlewild, N. C. ....	50
Beaver Creek.....	E. D. Severt .....	Jefferson, N. C.....	25
North Fork.....	F. M. Miller .....	Clifton, N. C. ....	55
Pleasant Grove.....	J. J. Lyall .....	Lansing, N. C. ....	20
Pond Mountain.....	C. N. Davis.....	Lansing, N. C. ....	70
Horse Creek.....	A. C. Sheets.....	Lansing, N. C. ....	50
Big Helton.....	J. Perry .....	Whitetop, Va. ....	80
Silas Creek.....	Amanda Kilby.....	Lansing, N. C. ....	20
Troutdale.....	W. M. Anderson...	Troutdale, Va. ....	50

Distribution of Minutes to Sister Associations

Association	Clerk	Post Office	No. Min.
St. Clairs Bottom .....	J. A. Blevins .....	Chilhowie, Va.....	40
Mountain .....	J. M. Rector.....	Baywood, Va. ....	60
Silver Creek .....	T. H. Bentley.....	Stanley, N. C.....	25
Indian Creek .....	J. I. Bolen .....	Beckley, W. Va.....	50
New River.....	J. M. Dickerson....	Floyd, Va.....	55
Fishers River .....	F. P. Stone.....	R. 1, Francisco, N. C.....	50
Kehukee .....	B. S. Cowin.....	Williamston, N. C.....	50
Washington.....	J. J. Counts .....	Cleveland, Va.....	45
Ebenezer .....	O. F. Carpenter ..	Brightwood, Va.....	35
Tenn. & Nolachucky.....	Z. R. Williams.....	Cosby, Tenn.....	30
Ketocton.....	C. W. Miller....	Box 1267 Washington, D. C.....	30





# STATISTICAL TABLE

## Names of Messengers and Pastors

Churches	Church Meeting	Ordained Min.	Licentiates	Ree'd by Exp.	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dismiss. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contributions
Senter	Eld. F. E. Thompson, F. L. Colvard, W. R. Pennington. Pastor F. E. Thompson	2	1				1			110	\$10.30
Roans Creek	F. T. Miller, W. D. Lyall, Foster Bare. Pastor Elder F. E. Thompson	4	3					1		42	7.25
Bear Creek	S. J. Miller, Geo. Caudill. Pastor, Eld. F. E. Thompson.	1	1							37	2.75
River View	J. F. Hartzog, T. F. Vannoy, T. E. Hartzog. Pastors Elders F. E. Thompson, Ed Davis	3	1					1		28	7.10
Beaver Creek	E. D. Severt. Pastor, Elder Ed Davis	4								29	2.00
N. Fork	J. W. Roten, J. M. Weaver, Dewey Roten. Pastors, Elds. Ed Davis, G. W. Barker	1	1		2					39	22.00
Horse Creek	A. C. Sheets, Stephen Perry, W. M. Ham. Pastor, Eld. G. W. Barker	4	1							58	5.50
Pleasant Grove	J. J. Lyall. Pastors, None	2								22	1.00
Pond Mountain	J. H. Eldreth, C. N. Davis. Pastor, Elder Ed Davis.	2	1	5						82	8.00
Big Helton	Eld. G. W. Barker, G. E. Kilby J. M. Davis. Pastors, Elds. Ed Davis, G. W. Barker	3	2	1	10	1				95	11.15
Silas Creek	Miss Amanda Kilby. Pastor, None									1	1.50
Troutdale	Elder B. H. Blevins, J. W. Sanders. Pastors, Elders B. H. & H. M. Blevins	3	1							2	4.48