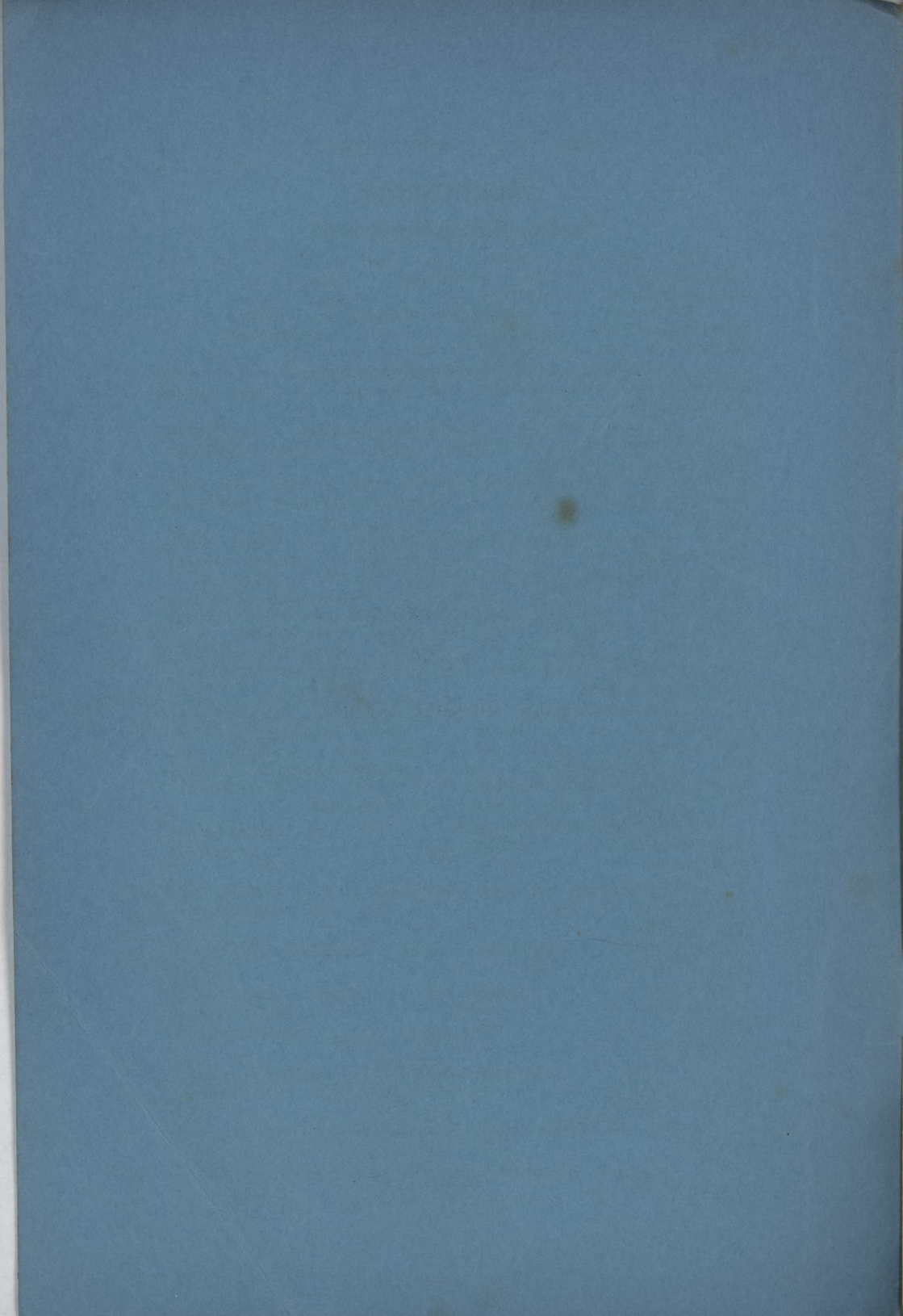


Minutes  
OF THE  
EIGHTIETH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
Senter District  
Primitive Baptist  
Association

HELD WITH  
THE CHURCH AT ROANS CREEK  
ASHE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 8, 9, 10, 1933

OFFICERS

ELDER F. E. THOMPSON, Moderator  
Nathans Creek, N. C.  
F. T. MILLER, Clerk, Wagoner, N. C.  
J. F. HARTZOG, Assistant Clerk, Idlewild, N. C.



## PROCEEDINGS

Friday, September 8, 1933

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year. The introductory sermon was delivered by Lowell Lilly, a correspondent from Indian Creek Association, text, St. John, 1-1.

After a short intermission, the messengers assembled in the church house and were called to order by praise and prayer by Elder C. R. Dancy, a visitor from St. Clair's Bottom Association.

1. On motion, read and received letters from all our churches except Beaver Creek and Silas Creek. The messengers were seated for transaction of business.
2. Organized the association by electing Elder F. E. Thompson moderator and Bro. F. T. Miller clerk, who called to his assistance Bro. J. F. Hartzog.
3. Called for petitionary letters and received one from Cranberry church, with delegates—upon confession, was fully restored.
4. Called for correspondents from sister associations. When the following came forward and were seated and aided in council: St. Clair's Bottom, Elder C. N. Tilson, Bro. T. L. Miller, Z. V. Henderson, and minutes. Indian Creek, Elders E. O. Lilly and Lowell Lilly. Mountain, Elders C. B. Kilby and S. G. Caudill, Bro. V. W. Reeves, T. A. Fender. Silver Creek, Elders A. L. Presnell, R. A. May, Bro. C. L. McGee. Moved and seconded that the correspondents from Silver Creek be referred to committee of arrangements.
6. Called for transient or visiting bretheren; the following came forward and were seated: St. Clair's Bottom, Bro. J. A. Bartley, Eld. C. R. Dancy; Indian Creek, Eld. I. W. Kilby, Bro. M. L. Canady; Sisters, E. O. Lilly, Lowell Lilly and M. L. Canady. Mountain, Bro. J. M. Ward, Elders C. L. and G. C. Roberts. Senter, Bro. G. A. Miller, F. L. Colvard, W. M. Pennington.
7. For moderator, to make all temporary appointments: Appointed Elders G. C. Roberts and C. R. Dancy to preach at stand today.
8. Appointed a committee on the Ministry as follows: Eld. B. H. Blevins, Bro. Hamp Davis, Felix Bare, with messengers of this church.
9. Appointed a committee on finance as follows: Bro. G. E. Kilby, J. H. Eldreth and T. E. Hartzog.
10. Appointed a committee on arrangements as follows: Eld. Ed Davis, Bros. James Weaver, J. F. Hartzog, J. L. Wyrick and T. F. Vannoy, with Moderator and Clerk. Correspondents and transients invited to sit with them.
11. Appointed a committee to appoint correspondents to sister associations as follows: Elder Worth Davis, Bro. F. O. Thompson. M. B. Taylor.
12. For the committee on arrangements to sit at Bro. F. T. Miller's.
13. To adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9:30. Prayer by Elder B. H. Blevins.

## Saturday, September 9, 1933

The association met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday and was called to order by praise and prayer by Elder E. O. Lilly, correspondent from Indian Creek association.

1. On motion, for committee on arrangements to report. Report received and committee discharged.
2. Called the roll and erased absentees.
3. Read the constitution and rules of decorum.
4. Called on correspondents that were appointed to sister associations to report, who reported and were discharged.
5. Called on committee that was to appoint correspondents to sister associations to report, who reported as follows: St. Clair's Bottom, Elders F. E. Thompson, Worth W. Davis and Bro. F. T. Miller. Mountain, Elder Ed Davis, Bro. Hamp Davis and F. O. Thompson. Indian Creek, Elders Ed Davis, F. E. Thompson, Worth Davis. Report received and bretheren discharged.
6. To correspond with New River, Fishers River, Washington, Ebenezer, Tennessee and Nolachucky consolidated, Kehukee, Silver Creek, Ketchokton, by minutes.
7. To have the constitution and rules of decorum printed in these minutes.
8. Called on committee on preaching to report, who reports for Saturday. 1, Eld. I. W. Kilby, 2, C. L. Roberts, 3, C. N. Tilson, 4, E. O. Lilly. For Sunday, 1, Lowell Lilly, 2, C. B. Kilby, 3, S. G. Caudill, 4, E. O. Lilly.
9. That Elder Ed Davis and Bro. G. A. Miller visit Beaver Creek church and know the cause why they failed to represent in the association.
10. Called on committee on finance to report, who reported as follows:

Received from all churches.....	\$60.68
Allowed Moderator .....	5.00
Allowed Clerk.....	5.00
Allowed for printing minutes and postage.....	30.00
Allowed for new association book.....	5.00
Left in hands of treasurer for correspondents.....	15.68
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TOTAL .....	\$60.68

11. Grant a letter of dismissal to Troutdale church from this association.
12. That the next session of Association be held with Pond Mountain church, 18 miles north of Jefferson, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1934.
13. Appointed clerk, treasurer and to superintend the printing of the minutes, to have 1,000 copies printed and distributed as usual.
14. That we have the obituaries of Sister Lela Brooks and Elder G. W. Barker printed in these minutes.
15. Whereas, there has some of our churches taken action in the Eld. Wilson matter, and, in order to stand by our constitu-

tional right, we will have to refrain correspondence with Silver Creek association at present.

16. Minute read and received.

17. Resolved that we return thanks to God for his mercies and to the bretheren and sisters and kind friends for their kind hospitality to us during this session. We now adjourn to the time and place of our next meeting. Prayer by the moderator.

ELD. F. E. THOMPSON, Moderator,  
F. T. MILLER, Clerk,  
J. F. HARTZOG, Assistant Clerk.

## ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday: Eld. G. C. Roberts, Eld. C. R. Dancy.

Saturday: Eld. I. W. Kilby, Eld. C. L. Roberts, Eld. C. N. Tilson, Eld. E. O. Lilly.

Sunday: Lowell Lilly, no special text, Eld. C. B. Kilby, text Psalm 96-1, Eld. S. G. Caudill, no special text, Eld. E. O. Lilly, no special text.

This closes another session of the Senter Association.

CLERK.

## ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES

Elder F. E. Thompson.....Nathans Creek, N. C.  
Elder Ed Davis.....Tuckerdale, N. C.  
Elder B. H. Blevins.....Troutdale, Va.  
Elder G. D. Roten.....Clifton, N. C.  
Elder Wiley Carter.....Whitetop, Va.  
Elder Worth Davis.....Whitetop, Va.

## LICENTIATES AND THEIR POST OFFICES

Brian Davis.....Lansing, N. C.  
Blair Kilby.....Sturgills, N. C.

## DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO THE CHURCHES

Church and Clerk	Post Office	No. Minutes
SENER, J. L. Wyrick.....	Crumpler, N. C.....	70
ROANS CREEK, F. T. Miller.....	Wagoner, N. C.....	50
BEAR CREEK, S. J. Miller.....	Wagoner, N. C.....	25
RIVERVIEW, J. F. HARTZOG.....	Idlewild, N. C.....	25
BEAVER CREEK, E. D. Severt.....	Jefferson, N. C.....	20
NORTH FORK, F. M. Miller.....	Clifton, N. C.....	50
PLEASANT GROVE, J. J. Lyall.....	Lansing, N. C.....	15
POND MOUNTAIN, J. H. Eldreth.....	Tuckerdale, N. C.....	75
HORSE CREEK, A. C. Sheets.....	Lansing, N. C.....	45
BIG HELTON, G. E. Kilby.....	Sturgills, N. C.....	80
SILAS CREEK, Mary May.....	Brandon, N. C.....	20
TROUTDALE, W. M. Anderson.....	Troutdale, Va.....	40
REDDIES RIVER, P. H. Whittington..	Wilbar, N. C.....	25
CRANBERRY, M. B. Taylor.....	Sparta, N. C.....	20

## DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Association and Clerk	Post Office	No. Minutes
ST. CLAIR'S BOTTOM, C. N. Tilson....	Chilhowie, Va.....	30
MOUNTAIN, J. M. Rector.....	Baywood, Va.....	50
SILVER CREEK, C. L. McGee.....	Boomer, N. C.....	20
INDIAN CREEK, F. L. Akers.....	Elison, W. Va.....	60
NEW RIVER, J. M. Dickerson.....	Floyd, Va.....	60
FISHERS RIVER, G. J. Key.....	Ararat, N. C.....	50
WASHINGTON, J. J. Counts.....	Cleveland, Va.....	40
EBENEZER, O. F. Carpenter.....	Brightwood, Va.....	30
TENN. and Nolachucky, Z. R. Williams.	Cosby, Tenn.....	30
KEHUKEE, B. S. Cowin.....	Williamston, N. C....	40
KETOCKTON, C. W. Miller.....	Rosslyn, Va., Box 86.	30

## OBITUARIES

### George Washington Barker

George Washington Barker was born October 26, 1868 and died January 27, 1933, being 64 years 3 months and one day old. He was married to Mamie Jones June 9, 1899. To this union was born nine children, seven sons and two daughters. He professed a hope in Christ early in life. He joined Big Helton Primitive Baptist Church and with his wife was baptised by Elders C. B. Kilby and Ed Davis, Sept. 17, 1922. He was ordained to the full work of the ministry the third Saturday in March, 1926. He was a strong believer in salvation by grace and lived faithfully until the end.

### Lela Narcesia Long

Lela Narcesia Long, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Long, born August 8, 1876, died January 13, 1933, age 57 years, 5 months and 5 days. Married to Harley A. Brooks of Billings, Mont., where they lived a devoted couple until death separated them. She is survived by her husband, mother and five sisters: Mary A, Queenie and Jencie all of Bluefield, W. Va., Mrs. J. L. Phillips of Indiana and Mrs. G. W. Stewart of Bluefield, W. Va. She united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Beaver Creek, N. C. and was baptised by Elder C. C. Davis in 1890. She was an exceptionally spiritual-minded woman, prayed a great deal and at times sang God's praises aloud. She always attended church when she lived near enough. Where she lived in Montana there was no church and she felt the loss keenly. She was a charter member of River View where her membership remained until her death.

## 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 a convention, with the Senter Church, 21st October, 1953, 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 by 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 his for 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 nowise 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 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 reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.



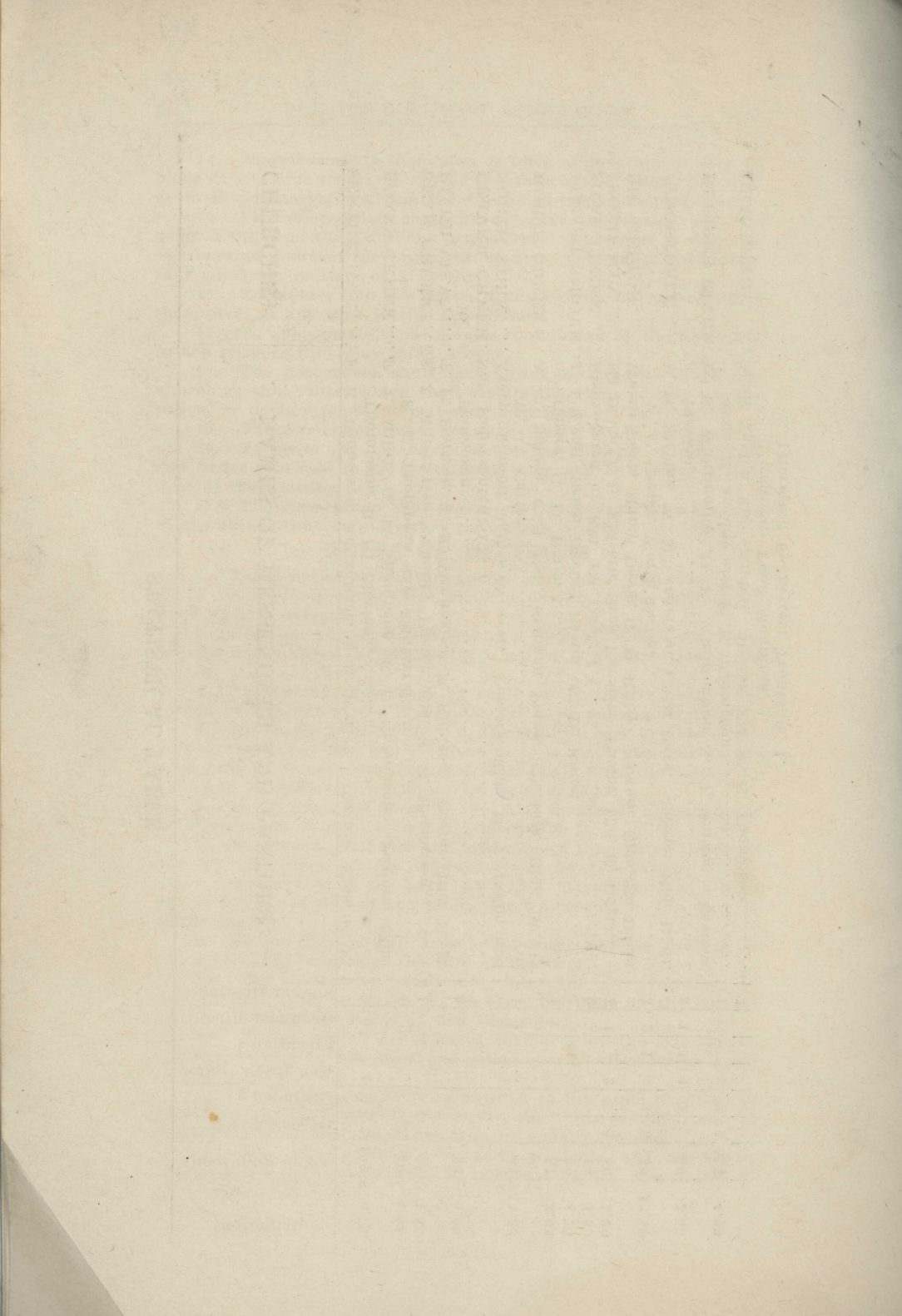
STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES

NAMES OF MESSENGERS AND PASTORS

CHURCH	MESSENGERS AND PASTORS	Sun. of Meeting	Ordained Min.	Licentiates	Rec. by Ex. Bap.	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contributions	
SEETER.....	F. E. Thompson, Felix Bare, J. L. Wyrick, Pastors, Elds. F. E. Thompson, B. H. Blevins.....	2	1	1	1	1	109	\$ 6.73		
ROANS CREEK....	F. T. Miller, G. F. Thompson, F. O. Thompson, Pastors, Elds. F. E. Thompson and Ed Davis.....	4					2	40	4.55	
BEAR CREEK.....	S. J. Miller, Geo. Caudill, Pastor, Eld. F. E. Thompson.....	1					1	37	1.35	
RIVER VIEW.....	T. E. Hartzog, T. F. Yanny, J. F. Hartzog, Pastor, Eld. F. E. Thompson.....	3					1	33	6.00	
BEAVER CREEK. Not Represented.....	Avery, Johnson, James Weaver, Pastors, Elds. G. T. Roten and W. C. Carter.....	1	1				41	11.55		
HORSE CREEK... A. C. Sheets, Carl Ball, Stephen Perry, Pastors, Elds. W. C. Carter, G. D. Roten.....		4					51	3.00		
PLEAS'N GROVE. J. J. Lyall, Brian Davis, Pastor, G. D. Roten.....		2		1			20	1.25		
SILAS CREEK... Represented by Eld. Ed Davis.....		2					14	1.00		
‡POND MTN..... Ed Davis, J. H. Eldredth, Gray Farmer, Pastor, Eld. E. Davis.....		1	1		2		1	80	5.20	
BIG HELTON..... Worth Davis, Hamp Davis, G. E. Kilby, Pastors, Elds. Ed Davis, W. C. Carter, Worth Davis.....		3	2	1		2	5	89	12.50	
†TROUTDALE..... B. H. Blevins, W. M. Anderson, Chas. Cave, Pastor, Eld. B. H. Blevins.....		3	1	1	4	1		50	3.55	
REDDIES RIVER. P. H. Whittington, D. F. Whittington, N. G. Snyder, Pastors, Elds. R. A. May and F. E. Thompson.....		1					3	1	54	4.00
CRANBERRY..... M. B. Taylor, Rob Gambill, Pastor, Eld. F. E. Thompson.....		3								

† Restored: Pond Mountain, 1.  
 ‡ Received by Letter: Troutdale, 1.





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