

MINUTES
OF THE
13th Annual Session
OF THE
**SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION**

HELD WITH
THE CHURCH AT MOUNT VERNON

FORSYTH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

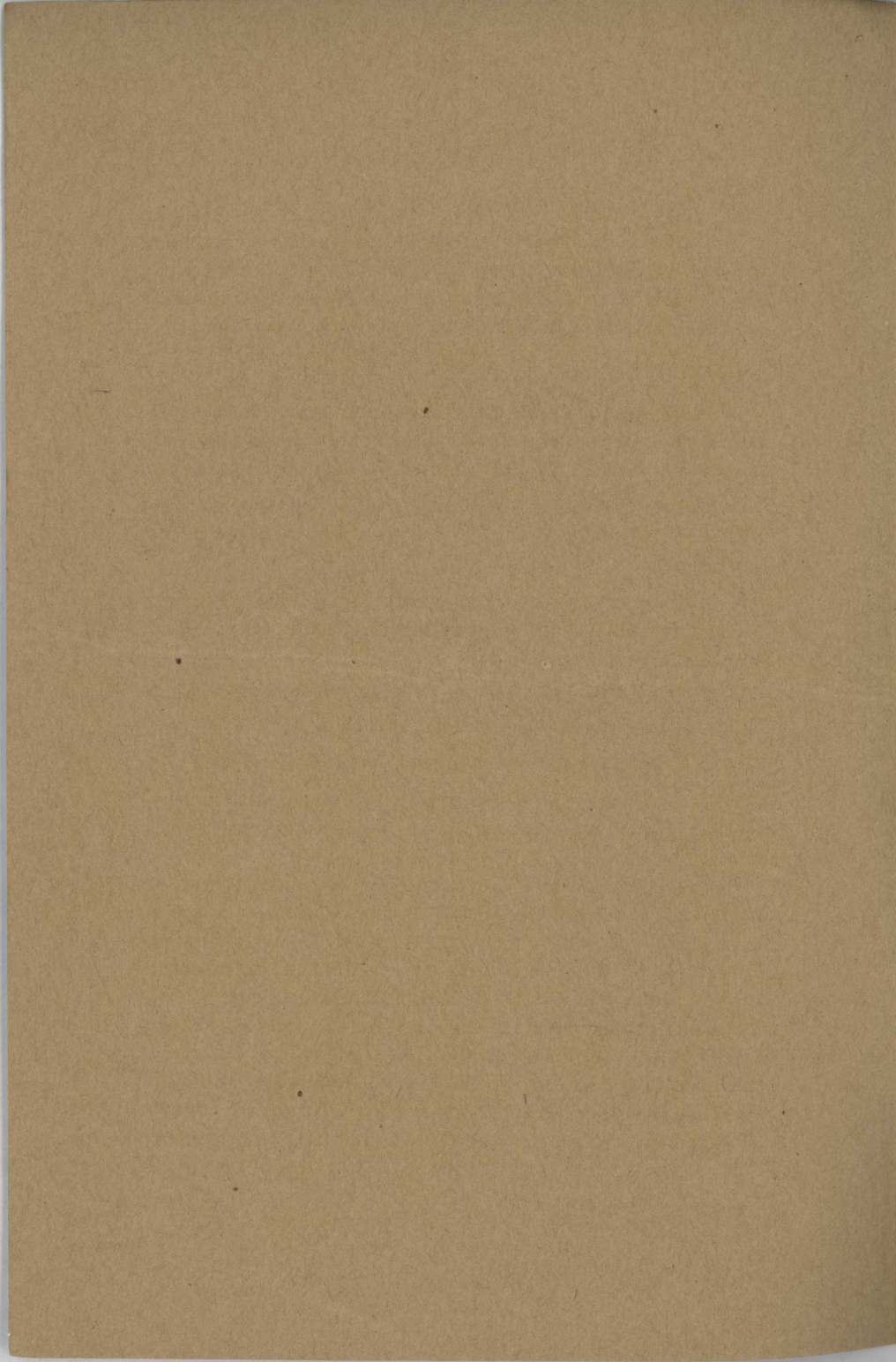
Saturday, Sunday and Monday

OCTOBER 7, 8 and 9, 1922

Elder P. W. Williard, Moderator, High Point, N. C.

W. L. Teague, Clerk, Winston-Salem, N. C.

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PROCEEDINGS

Saturday Morning, October 7, 1922

1. Met in the church house and sang a few songs, then prayer by Elder O. J. Denny, from Upper Country Line Association, after which Elder R. H. Pittman, from the Ebenezer Asssociation, preached the introductory sermon.

Text, Titus 2- 1: But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine, etc.

2. Then after an intermission of one hour the messengers met in the house and the association was opened with prayer by Elder C. W. Miller from Ketockton Association.

3. Letters from the churches composing the association were called for, read, and contents will be noted in the statistical table.

4. Then organized by choosing Elder P. W. Williard Moderator, and W. L. Teague Clerk, and Elders O. J. Denny and S. J. Reich Asst. Clerks.

5. The Moderator appointed Elders E. C. Oaks and J. P. Gardner to go to the stand and preach to the people.

6. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.

7. Messengers and visitors from sister associations were invited to take seats with us. The following were received:

Abbotts Creek—Elder Samuel McMillan, Brethren A. L. Owen, C. E. Gallimore, W. M. Mabe, J. B. Hulin, and others. Bear Creek—Brother J. F. Burris. Black Creek—Minutes. Contentnea — Minutes. Ebenezer — Elder R. H. Pittman. Fishers River—Elders G. O. Key, J. C. Dunbar, Bro. C. W. Stone and others. Kehukee—Minutes. Ketockton — Elder C. W. Miller. Lower Country Line—Elder E. C. Oaks and Brethren C. C. Heit and J. W. Terry. Mountain—Elder J. D. Vass, Brethren Tom Fender and R. F. Edwards. Mayo — Elder J. A. Fagg, Brother J. E. Hutchins and others.

Senter — Minutes. Upper C. Line — Elders O. J. Denny, W. C. Jones, Brethren J. W. Delancy and J. H. Dye. Zion — Elders J. P. Gardner, J. R. Cruise and Bro. H. F. Branscom.

Elder E. W. Harlan of Connersville, Ind., and a member of White-Water Association, was gladly received as a visitor to our association.

Minutes were received from the following associations: Abbotts Creek, Bear Creek, Black Creek, Contentnea, Kehukee, Ebenezer, Lower C. Line, Mayo, Senter, Upper C. Line and Zion.

8. Circular Letter called for, presented and referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

9. The moderator appointed the following committees: On Arrangements — Brethren E. J. Hester, Luther Masten and D. M. Vance to act with Moderator and Clerk.

On Preaching — Brethren R. W. C. Tate, H. B. Williard and G. L. Ziglar.

On Finance — Elder J. G. Southern and Bro. C. F. Shields.

On Distribution of Minutes — Brethren W. G. Pope and W. H. Combs.

10. On motion, adjourned to meet Monday morning at at 9 o'clock.

Monday Morning, October 9, 1922

The association met according to arrangements, and after prayer by Elder A. G. Morton, proceeded to business.

1. Called the roll and marked absentees.

2. Read the rules of Decorum.

3. Messengers appointed at our last session to visit sister associations were called on for reports. Reports were satisfactory. Those failing to attend were excused.

4. Appointed messengers as follows to visit sister associations: Abbotts Creek — Elders S. J. Reich and P. W. Williard. Bear Creek — Elders C. A. Davis and S. J. Reich.

Fishers River—Elder C. A. Davis. Lower C. Line—Minutes. Mountain—Elders C. A. Davis, P. W. Williard, A. J. Reich, Brother Geo. H. Williard. Upper C. Line — Elders M. L. Williard, P. W. Williard and C. A. Davis. White Oak — Minutes. Mayo—Brother G. L. Ziglar. Silver Creek— Elder S. J. Reich.

5. The Circular Letter was read and approved, and ordered attached to these minutes.

6. Brother D. M. Vance was chosen to write the Circular Letter to be read at our next annual session.

At this time in our proceedings, the attention of the association was called to the letter from the church at Burlington, N. C., asking the association to change the time of holding our annual session to Saturday and 2nd Sunday in September. The matter was discussed more or less, after which the association voted against changing the time.

7. Committee on Preaching reported from time to time, and the brethren preached accordingly, as shown under "Order of Preaching."

8. Agreed that our next annual session be held with the church at Abbotts Creek, Davidson Co., about 7 miles N. West from High Point, N. C., beginning on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1923.

9. Committee on Finance reported as follows:

Received from the churches	\$73.75	
Received from friends	13.00	
Allowed for printing minutes and postage...		\$25.00
Allowed Clerk		10.00
Balance given to visiting ministers		<u>51.75</u>
Totals	86.75	86.75

10. Ordered that the clerk have 1000 copies of these minutes printed and distributed among the churches and associations with whom we correspond.

11. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we express to the brethren, sisters and friends of this community our appreciation for their many acts of kindness and the generous hospitality they manifested in entertaining this association.

12. The above minutes were read and approved. Then adjourned to meet at the time and place appointed for our next annual session.

Prayer by Elder G. O. Key.

ELD. P. W. WILLIARD, Moderator.

W. L. TEAGUE, Clerk.

ELD. O. J. DENNY }
ELD. S. J. REICH } Assistant Clerks.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the Brethren and sisters of the Salem Association, and to the Household of Faith:

As I was appointed to write the Circular Letter, I will try as the Lord may direct. In this we could not think of anything greater than God's love for his people. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."—John 3 : 16. Here we see that all the believers are embraced in the most tender and affectionate manner. Because it is the believer that knows without mercy he must perish. They are the ones that have had the distressing fears of perishing. They so earnestly implore God for mercy, and they have often made the sad decision that they were lost. So it is those that Christ came to seek and to save, and it is those that Christ said should not perish, and gives the greatest cause, for God so loved them that He gave His only Son that they should not perish. This love was with God before we loved Him. This is good reason to believe that it will never be taken away. "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." I John 4 : 11. There are two great causes why we should love and continue to love the brethren; one is because God has loved us, and the other is that they are the objects of God's love.

Though we may see something in their temper and conduct that is disagreeable, we can see many such like things in ourselves. We are taught to be meek and consider ourselves. It is very necessary that we remember self, that we carry about a sinful body of weak flesh.

For this reason Christ said, "Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation, the spirit truly is willing, but the flesh is weak."

The children of God often weep over their weakness, but "God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty." I Corinthians 1 : 27. So, brethren, let us walk in meekness and in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. "For if ye bite and devour our another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another." Gallations 5 : 15. This Apostle spake in Acts 20 of grievous wolves entering in, not sparing the flock. But here he warns the flock that they should not act the part of wolves to one another, having reference to questions that come up, especially among the ministers. When these disputes come up, take heed, be careful what we say and how we act, speaking hastily and in an unbrotherly manner. In so doing, we are liable to destroy love and fellowship. The first thing we do we should come together in brotherly love and talk over our differences and thoroughly understand each other, and the differences might not be as great as we thought.

So, as much as in us is, avoid giving offence, for that wise man Solomon, said, "A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong

city." Our chief concern should be to comfort God's people. Lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, remembering that our humble Savior receives our acts of kindness done unto His people as done unto Him. May God bless us all, and keep us humble.

M. L. Williard.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Elder R. H. Pittman, from Ebenezer Association, preached the introductory sermon. Text (Titus 2 - 1) : "But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine," etc.

SATURDAY EVENING

Elder E. C. Oaks, from Lower Country Line Association. Text: Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. Rom, 13 : 1.

Elder J. P. Gardner; Text, Luke 1 : 50 :
And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.

SUNDAY MORNING

Elder W. C. Jones offered prayer.

Elder C. W. Miller, from Ketockton Association.
Text (Job 14 : 14) If a man die, shall he live again ?

Elder J. D. Vass; Text, I Corinthians 13 : 1 :
Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, etc,

SUNDAY EVENING

Elder Samuel McMillon; Text, Gen. 3 : 9 - 11 :
And the Lord God called unto Adam and said, Where art thou? etc.

Eld. E. W. Harlan, from White Water Asso. John 6:45 :
It is written in the prophets, and they shall be all taught of God,

Elder G. O. Key; Text, Matthew 11 : 3 :
Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?

MONDAY MORNING

Elder J. R. Cruise; Text, I Corinthians 2 : 2 :
I determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ and him crucified.

Elder J. C. Dunbar; Text, Matthew 7 : 18 :
A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

NAMES & ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS PRESENT

ELDERS

C. W. MILLER.....	Washington, D. C.
R. H. PITTMAN.....	Luray, Va.
J. D. VASS.....	Galax, Va.
J. P. GARDNER.....	Cap, Va.
E. W. HARLAN.....	Connersville, Ind.
J. R. CRUISE.....	Fancy Gap, Va.
W. C. JONES.....	Burlington, N. C.
E. C. OAKS.....	Semora, N. C.
SAMUEL McMILLON.....	High Point, N. C.
J. C. DUNBAR.....	Mount Airy, N. C.
W. C. STONE.....	Mount Airy, N. C.
G. O. KEY.....	Pilot Mountain, N. C.
A. G. MORTON.....	High Point, N. C.
O. J. DENNY.....	Winston-Salem, N. C.
J. A. FAGG.....	Winston-Salem, N. C.
*P. W. WILLIARD.....	High Point, N. C.
*M. L. WILLIARD.....	High Point, N. C.
*C. A. DAVIS.....	Kernersville, N. C.
*J. G. SOUTHERN.....	R. 5, Winston-Salem, N. C.
*S. J. REICH.....	R. 7, Winston-Salem, N. C.

LICENTIATES

J. W. DELANCY.....	Reidsville, N. C.
J. D. KEY.....	Winston-Salem, N. C.

*In our association.

ORDER OF ASSOCIATIONS HELD

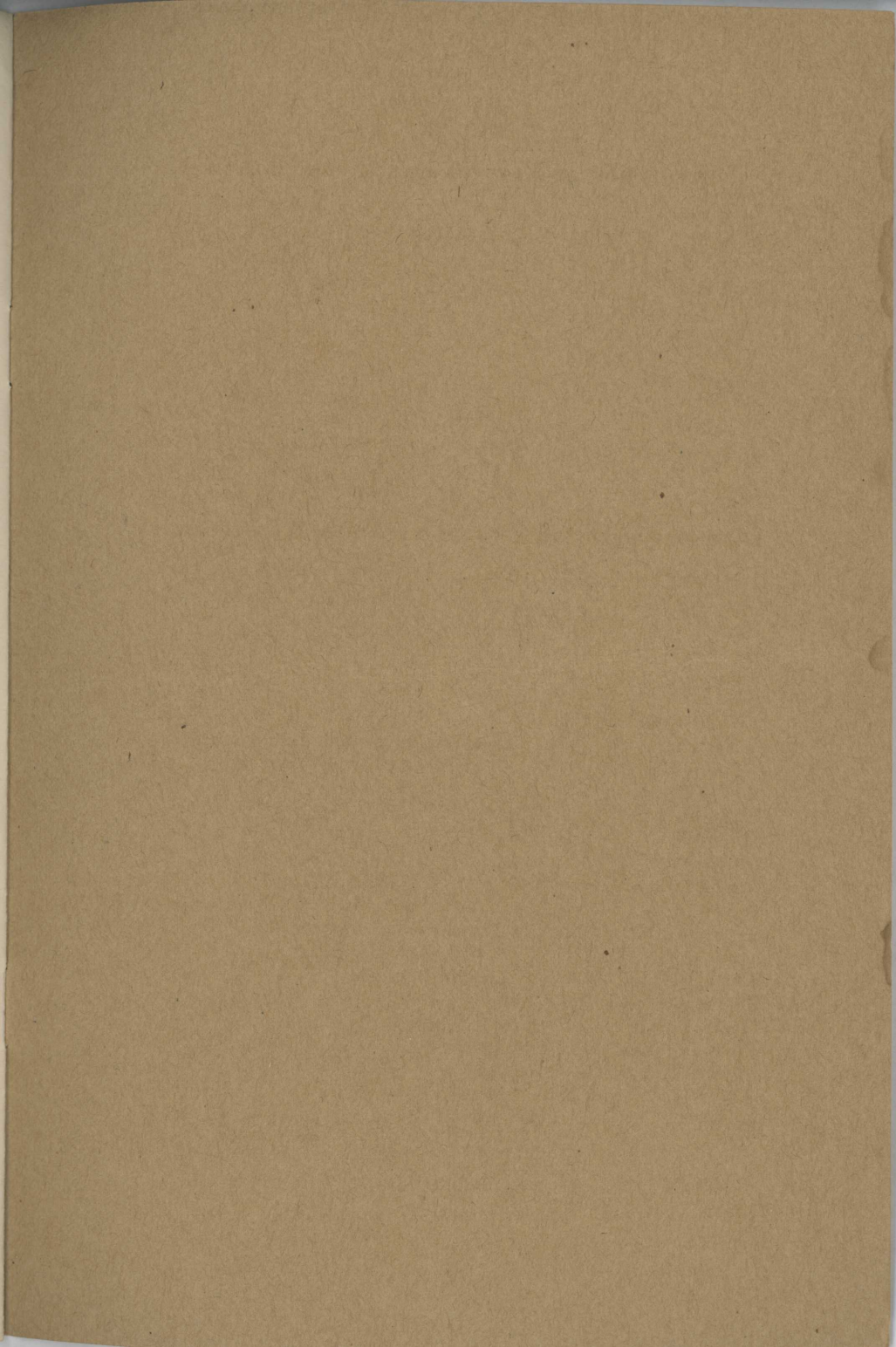
1st	WINSTON-SALEM, Forsyth Co., N. C.....	May 1910
2nd	SAINTS DELIGHT, " " ".....	May 1911
3rd	CROSS ROADS, Guilford " ".....	Oct. 1912
4th	ABBOTTS CREEK, Davidson " ".....	" 1913
5th	BURLINGTON, Alamance " ".....	" 1914
6th	HIGH POINT, Guilford " ".....	" 1915
7th	SARDIS, Rockingham " ".....	" 1916
8th	BUNKER HILL, Forsyth " ".....	" 1917
9th	NO CREEK, Davie " ".....	" 1918
10th	WINSTON-SALEM, Forsyth " ".....	" 1919
11th	SAINTS DELIGHT, " ".....	" 1920
12th	CROSS ROADS, Guilford " ".....	" 1921
13th	MOUNT VERNON, Forsyth " ".....	" 1922
14th	ABBOTTS CREEK, " " " (appointed)	" 1923

Distribution of Minutes among the Churches

CHURCHES	CLERKS	POST OFFICES	NO. MIN.
Abbotts Creek	C. A. Hayworth	R. 1, Kernersville, N. C.	55
Bunker Hill	J. H. McKaughn	R. 1, Kernersville, N. C.	40
Burlington	C. T. Hudgins	Burlington, N. C.	20
Cross Roads	T. D. Clayton	Summerfield, N. C.	30
High Point	R. T. Stone	R. 2, High Point, N. C.	75
No Creek	J. A. Forest	R. 2, Linwood, N. C.	40
Saints Delight	C. R. Atkins	Kernersville, N. C.	65
Sardis	T. B. Wilson	Madison, N. C.	50
Winston-Salem	W. L. Teague	Winston-Salem, N. C.	70
Mount Vernon	J. G. Southern	R. 4, Winston-Salem, N. C.	10
TOTAL			455

Distribution of Minutes among Sister Associations

ASSOCIATION	CLERK	POST OFFICE	NO. MIN.
Abbotts Creek	A. L. Owen	R. 2 Salisbury, N. C.	20
Black Creek	Eld. E. L. Cobb	Wilson, N. C.	25
Bear Creek	J. W. Jones	R. 2 Peachland, N. C.	30
Contentnea	Eld. J. P. Tingle	Grantsboro, N. C.	25
Ebenezer	W. L. Carpenter	Brightwood, Va.	20
Fishers River	Eld. F. P. Stone	R. 1 Francisco, N. C.	25
Ketocton	Eld. T. S. Dalton	3024 Prestman St. Baltimore, Md.	24
Kehukee	Eld. B. S. Cowing	R. 2 Williamston, N. C.	45
Lower Cty. Line	J. H. Gooch	Stem, N. C.	20
Little River	J. A. T. Jones	McCullers, N. C.	25
Mountain	J. M. Rector	Baywood, Va.	22
Mill Branch	M. Mears	Tarboro, N. C.	10
Mates Creek	H. S. Carter	Coleman, Kentucky	25
Mayo	Dea. S. G. Dobyns	Claudville, Va.	30
New River	Eld. J. M. Dickenson	Laurel Fork, Va.	25
Pig River	Eld. E. L. Blankenship	Boone Mill, Va.	30
Smiths River	Eld. J. D. Cockram	Stuart, Va.	24
Staunton River	R. L. Dodson	Ringgold, Va.	20
Senter	J. F. Hartzog	Idlewild, N. C.	25
Upper Cty. Line	Eld. J. W. Gilliam	Altamahaw, N. C.	20
Silver Creek	T. H. Bentley	Stanley, N. C.	10
White Oak	Eld. Isaac Jones	Maple Hill, N. C.	30
Zion	H. F. Branscome	Cap, Va.	15
TOTAL			545



Statistical Report of Salem Association, 1922

Churches	Names of Messengers	Church Meetings	Received by Experience	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contribution
ABBOTTS CREEK	M.M.Bouldin*, P.S.Smith, R.D.Pope, C.A.Hayworth*	1	6	3	0	0	0	0	53	\$11.50
BUNKER HILL	C.F.Shields, W. Trent, J.H.McKaughan*, D.M.Vance	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	35	6.00
BURLINGTON	J. W. Turner*, C. T. Hudgins, A. J. Tillman*	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	3.00
CROSS ROADS	O.M.Bennett*, J.L.Paschal, T.D.Clayton, J.E.Forbes ..	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	27	3.00
HIGH POINT	Jones Garner*, R.F.Stone*, J.R.Peel, N.G.Pope*,	3	3	0	0	1	0	2	72	7.50
MOUNT VERNON.....	J. G. Southern.....	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	3.00
NO CREEK	D.D.Bennett*, S.A.Bailey, J.A.Forrest, J.H.Deadman ..	4	3	0	0	0	0	1	38	5.75
SAINTS DELIGHT.....	Eli Hester, H.Z.Williard, (F.S.Smith*) L.L.Smith.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	58	8.00
SARDIS	W. H. Comer*, O. F. Neal*, J. R. Neal*	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	46	6.00
WINSTON-SALEM	L. H. Mastin, G. L. Ziglar, R. W. C. Tate	4	3	6	0	0	0	1	65	20.00
	*Absentees.									
	TOTALS	16	9	9	0	5	0	10	415	\$73.75