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MINISTERS

(Listed in the order in which they were received)

1—P. L. Clark, H. R.	16—M. J. McChesney	33—R. H. Erwin
2—J. L. Fairly, H. R.	17—P. H. Gwynn	34—S. T. Snively
3—D. L. Williamson F. M.	18—Preston C. Oliver Chaplain, U.S.N.	35—H. B. Mitchell
4—J. W. Miller	19—H. J. Kaylor	36—R. K. Johnson
5—M. C. MacQueen	20—N. H. Flowers	37—J. L. Stevenson
6—E. B. Carr, H. R.	21—L. C. Moore, F. M.	38—E. G. Connette
7—N. P. Farrior	22—C. L. Kirby	39—J. M. Irvine
8—W. H. Allison	23—J. F. Clark	40—R. J. Wilkins
9—F. M. Thompson H. R.	24—C. W. Worth	41—C. H. McLean
10—L. A. Taylor	25—J. S. Walkup	42—D. B. Jenkins
11—F. W. Lewis, H. R.	26—H. H. Hilton	43—F. A. Elliott
12—W. H. Goodman	27—J. A. Marrow	44—L. W. Kessler
13—B. F. Hall	28—J. S. Russell	45—R. B. Rock
14—Neill G. Stevens H. R.	29—C. S. McChesney	46—J. R. MacKinnon
15—W. F. F. Little	30—B. L. Rose	47—I. H. Rawles
	31—A. G. Harris, Jr.	48—H. T. Lewis
	32—A. M. Daniel	49—W. H. Terry
		50—W. E. Pauley

CHURCHES

Name, Year Organized	Name, Year Organized	Name, Year Organized
Acme, 1892	Grove, 1736	Pollocksville, 1868
Antioch, 1925	Hallsville, 1900	Potts Mem., 1945
Ashwood, 1922	Harmony, 1887	Rockfish, 1756
Baker, 1934	Harper-South'd, 1945	Rocky Point, 1922
Bethany, 1944	Hebron, 1886	St. Andrews, 1858
Beth Carr, 1819	Holly Grove, 1914	Ch. of Covenant, 1918
Bethel, 1924	Hopewell, 1800	Merged—1944
Beulaville, 1917	Immanuel, 1895	Smith, 1895
Black River, 1740	Jacksonville, 1911	Southport, 1902
Bladenboro, 1889	Lake Waccamaw, 1921	South River, 1796
Bowden, 1905	Maple Hill, 1887	Stanford, 1892
Brunswick, 1947	McClure Mem., 1940	Stafford Mem., 1951
Burgaw, 1879	Morehead City, 1929	Tabor City, 1944
Calypso, 1903	Mt. Horeb, 1843	Teachey, 1902
Cape Fear, 1944	Mt. Olive, 1878	Topsail, 1871
Carolina Beach, 1943	Mt. Williams, 1845	Trinity, 1954
Caswell, 1858	Mt. Zion, 1858	Wallace, 1884
Chadbourn, 1897	Myrtle Grove, 1944	Warsaw, 1884
Chapel on Board- walk, 1952	New Hope, 1889	Westminster, 1920
Chinquapin, 1884	Oakdale, 1933	Westminster (Wilmington), 1954
Clarkton, 1795	Oak Grove, 1952	White Plains, 1850
Croatan, 1884	Oak Plains, 1859	Whiteville First, 1869
Currie, 1914	Page's Mill, 1946	Wildwood, 1898
Delgado, 1916	Pearsall Mem., 1914	Willard, 1915
Elizabethtown, 1834	Pike, 1856	Wilmington First, 1817
Elkton, 1917	Pineland, 1953	Winter Park, 1913
Faison, 1857	Pink Hill, 1917	Woodburn, 1924
Graves Mem., 1838	Pleasant View, 1924	

CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY

Richard Bethune, Wilbur Boice, J. Wessell Brown, Eugene Davis, Archie Faires, Roger Horne, Edward Johnson, Jr., William McDonald, Eugene Musselwhite, Adolf Otersen, Timothy Outlaw, Perry Robinson, William VanderVenter.

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STATED MEETING

April 15, 1958

The 202nd Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Wilmington met at the Woodburn Presbyterian Church, Leland, N. C., at 10 A.M. April 15, 1958.

The retiring moderator, Ruling Elder Royden Caulk, led the opening service of worship speaking on "The Covenant of Grace."

The roll was called. The following ministers were enrolled:

P. L. Clark, J. W. Miller, J. S. Crowley, M. C. MacQueen, N. P. Farrior, W. H. Allison, L. A. Taylor, W. B. Hood, W. H. Goodman, Neill G. Stevens, W. F. F. Little, M. J. McChesney, J. C. McCann, H. J. Kaylor, N. H. Flowers, J. F. Clark, C. W. Worth, J. S. Steele, J. S. Walkup, H. H. Hilton, C. S. McChesney, A. G. Harris, Jr., A. M. Daniel, R. H. Erwin, S. T. Snively, H. B. Mitchell, R. K. Johnson, J. L. Stevenson, R. S. Andrews, E. G. Connette, Jr., J. M. Irvine, R. J. Wilkins, C. H. McLean, W. S. Smythe, D. B. Jenkins, F. A. Elliott, L. W. Kessler, J. R. MacKinnon, I. H. Rawles.

The following churches, through their representatives, were enrolled:

Antioch, James Justice; Baker, W. M. Dail; Bethany, H. B. Rivenbark; Beth Carr, Archie Robeson; Bethel, Leon Brown; Beaulaville, A. W. Gresham; Black River, E. W. Reeves; Bladenboro, R. F. Matheson; Brunswick, B. A. Richardson; Burgaw, L. R. Bradshaw; Calypso, H. B. Kornegay; Carolina Beach, D. N. Page; Chadbourn, E. L. Derrick; Chapel on the Boardwalk, C. E. Dixon, Sr.; Chinquapin, C. C. Mills; Clarkton, John D. Ward; Delgado, W. C. Scoggins; Elizabethtown, H. C. Clark; Graves Memorial, P. G. Bunn; Grove, Ivey N. Bowden; Hallsville, James Miller; Hopewell, J. B. Rivenbark, Sr.; Immanuel, Herbert J. Farrar; Jacksonville, H. M. Loy; Lake Waccamaw, Paul L. Sutton; McClure Memorial, E. J. Scott; Morehead City, J. W. Kellogg; Mt. Olive, L. J. Simmons; Myrtle Grove, Ted Rivenbark; Oak Plains, D. D. Williams; Pearsall Memorial, Robert Aycock; Pineland, Troy King; Pollocksville, H. A. Parker; Potts Memorial, Ben G. Fussell; Rockfish, J. A. Carr; Rocky Point, H. L. Webb; St. Andrews-Covenant, J. E. Hearn, Sr.; Smith, Grover Rhodes; Southport, Harold L. Adlridge; Stanford, Ralph A. Jones; Stafford Memorial, Henry Beatty; Teachey, B. F. Brinkley; Wallace, J. Luther Powell; Westminster (Whiteville), A. E. Heafner; Westminster (Wilmington), C. P. Gorman; Wildwood, W. A. Murdock; Willard, H. McN. Johnson; Wilmington First, A. T. Summey; Winter Park, R. T. Sinclair, Jr.; Woodburn, Billy Lennon.

The following churches did not send representatives:

Harmony, Harper-Southerland, Hebron, Holly Grove, Maple Hill, Mt. Horeb, Mt. Williams, Mt. Zion, New Hope, Oakdale, Oak Grove, Page's Mill, Pike, Pine Hill, Pleasant View, Acme, Ashwood, Bowden, Cape Fear, Caswell, Croatan, Currie, Elkton, Faison, South River, Tabor City, Topsail, Trinity, Warsaw, White Plains, Whiteville, First.

The Presbytery was constituted with prayer led by the retiring moderator. The moderator nominee, the Rev. A. G. Harris, Jr. was elected moderator.

Elders attending for the first time were introduced to Presbytery.

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The host pastor, the Rev. R. K. Johnson, welcomed the Presbytery to the Woodburn Church.

The docket was adopted as amended.

The Rev. W. S. Smythe, Jr. requested that the pastoral relationship existing between him and the Tabor City and Brunswick Churches be dissolved and that he be granted a letter of transfer to Fayetteville Presbytery. The churches reported that duly called congregational meetings were held and that the churches reluctantly concurred in the request. The request was granted. The pastoral relationship was dissolved, a letter of dismissal to Fayetteville Presbytery was granted, effective April 22nd.

The Rev. John S. Steele requested that the pastoral relationship existing between him and the Jacksonville Church be dissolved and that a letter of transfer to Norfolk Presbytery be granted. The church's representative reported that a duly called congregational meeting the church reluctantly concurred in the request. The Presbytery dissolved the pastoral relationship effective June 3rd and a letter of dismissal to Norfolk Presbytery was granted.

The Rev. S. T. Snively reported for the committee on records. The report was adopted as follows:

THE RECORDS COMMITTEE WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY

At the January, 1958 meeting, by direction of Presbytery, the Records Committee examined only those Session Records that included the questionnaire that was sent to each clerk to be filled out and placed inside the Record book. The questionnaire was not a substitute for checking the Session Records. It was only an aid to speed up the tedious task of examination. Fifty-six clerks co-operated by filling out the questionnaires and sending them to Presbytery with the Session Records. Ten clerks sent the Session Records without the questionnaires. Fifteen churches did not present their records for examination.

Concerning the fifty-six books examined, thirty-one were approved without exception and twenty-five were approved with exceptions. The most frequent exception was the failure to enter the Annual Statistical Report in permanent form in the Session book. Eleven books failed to do this. Eight books disclosed the fact that the local Session failed to elect delegates to attend all the church courts. Four Sessions failed in having at least one meeting per quarter. These were the most common errors found by the Records Committee.

The Records Committee plans, in the near future, to send a suggestion guide to all the clerks to be used in formulating more accurate methods for the recording and keeping of Session Records. As we experiment with methods and procedures aimed at a better examination of Session Records, we ask that both Presbytery and local Sessions bear with us, and cooperate with us. Any advice, criticism, or suggestions on how we can perform our functions more satisfactorily would be appreciated.

The following churches presented Sessional Records that were approved without exception (31): Baker, Bethany, Bethel, Black River, Calypso, Chadbourn, Delgado, Elizabethtown, Graves Memorial, Grove, Hallsville, Jacksonville, Lake Waccamaw, McClure Memorial, Mount Olive, Mount

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Zion, New Hope, Oak Plains, Pearsall Memorial, Pollocksville, Potts Memorial, Rockfish, St. Andrews-Covenant, Tabor City, Teachey, Trinity, Wallace, Warsaw, Wildwood, Willard, Woodburn.

The following churches presented Sessional Records that were approved with one or more exceptions (25): Antioch, Beulaville, Bladenboro, Brunswick, Burgaw, Carolina Beach, Caswell, Chinquapin, Clarkton, Currie, Morehead City, First, Wilmington, First, Whiteville, Holly Grove, Immanuel, Mount Williams, Myrtle Grove, Pike, Rocky Point, Stanford, Topsail, Westminster (Wilmington), Westminster (Whiteville), Winter Park, White Plains.

The following churches presented Sessional Records, but did not enclose the questionnaires as requested (10): Beth Carr, Bowden, Cape Fear, Harper-Southerland, Maple Hill, Mount Horeb, Oakdale, Oak Grove, Pink Hill, Smith.

The following churches failed to present Sessional Records for examination (15): Acme, Ashwood, Chapel on the Boardwalk, Croatan, Elkton, Faison, Harmony, Hebron, Hopewell, Pages Mill, Pineland, Pleasant View, Southport, South River, Stafford Memorial.

The Rev. W. H. Goodman, Jr. presented Eugene Musselwhite who requested examination toward coming under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the gospel ministry. Mr. Goodman reported that the necessary credentials had been received and found in order and recommended him for examination. It was so moved. The Rev. M. C. MacQueen examined him on Experimental Religion and Motives for Seeking the Ministry. The examination was sustained as satisfactory. The moderator propounded the constitutional questions to the candidate who answered in the affirmative. The Rev. N. P. Farrior delivered a charge to the candidate. Mr. Musselwhite was enrolled as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry under the care of this Presbytery.

Mr. William V. VanderVenter, a candidate for the ministry under the care of Lafayette Presbytery was presented. The letter of transfer from Lafayette Presbytery was read. It was moved that he be received as a candidate under the care of this Presbytery. He was so enrolled.

The Rev. A. G. Harris, Jr. presented the report of the Executive Committee on Christian Education. It was adopted as follows:

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TO WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY

April 15, 1958

Three meetings of the full committee were held since our last report: October 7, 1957 at the Little Chapel on the Boardwalk; October 22, 1957, at Westminster Church, Wilmington; and March 24, 1958, at the Jacksonville Church. The members of the committee have been faithful in their attendance at the meetings and have also been faithful in working within the various sub-committees through which the actual work is done.

The committee began the year with \$1,240.56 in the bank, spent \$1,660.56 and concluded the year with \$3,792.72. Of this amount \$2,717.93 is earmarked for the Camp and Conference Center Fund which is now held by the committee. A detailed statement is attached to this report.

Plans for the summer program are progressing. A Workshop for Directors of Vacation Church Schools has already been held and an Institute for

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teachers with laboratory classes is being presented April 19, at 10:00 A.M., in the Westminster Church, Wilmington. An area Laboratory School for teachers in the children's division will be held at Davidson July 27-August 1.

Last year a total of sixty-three Vacation Church Schools were held in the Presbytery with a total enrollment of 3,734 pupils.

A fine summer of camp last year has inspired the Pioneer Sub-committee to careful planning for the camps at Lake Singletary this year. They are as follows: Seventh Grade: June 16-21. A. M. Daniel, Director. Eighth Grade: June 23-28. J. L. Stevenson, Director. Ninth Grade: June 30-July 5. Hubert Kaylor, Director. A training session was held at Lake Singletary for the leaders on April 7. Plans are underway for a Presbytery-wide Pioneer Conclave.

Since the last report two fall rallies, a spring rally, and a Council Training Session have been well-attended during the past year. Last year's conference at Peace College had 176 adults and young people in attendance.

This year's conference will be held at Peace College, June 9-14.

Attention is called to the Assembly Young Adult Conference at Montreat, June 23-27.

From our Presbytery 69 persons from 20 churches attended the Men's Convention in Miami. An oral report on the Synod's Conference at Montreat, June 20-22, is scheduled from James Harris, conference chairman, to the Presbytery.

The fall rally at Wallace was attended by about 500 men and the Bladen-Columbus Men's Retreat was attended by 55 men.

Two Area Leadership Training Schools were held. At Rose Hill there were 160 teachers enrolled and 39 credits were received. At Wilmington 177 were enrolled with 127 receiving certificates. The opportunities which are presented at Montreat and elsewhere in summer programs is brought to your attention.

An able committee has spent uncounted hours searching for an adequate campsite. Definite progress has been made and your prayers for the earliest possible acquisition and construction of an adequate camp are requested. There probably is no single matter which merits the attention of Presbytery as urgently as this matter. Probably no single project of Presbytery promises to render richer dividends in Christian commitment and character.

Your committee would express its appreciation to Miss Dot Lynch for another year of inspiring service to our Presbytery as Area Director of Christian Education. Her talented leadership has been felt throughout the educational work of our Presbytery and we are grateful to God for it. Rev. Robert Turner, Synod's Director, met with the committee and gave us the benefit of his gifts and experiences.

We would record our gratitude to Rev. Jerry McCann for years of service to the committee as treasurer and to Rev. E. D. Witherspoon, as secretary. Replacing these members are Rev. J. S. Walkup, as secretary and Rev. Reid Erwin, as treasurer.

The attention of the ministers and congregations of our Presbytery is called to the significant study of the basis of our curriculum in the Christian Education program of our denomination. This report, sent to pastors, deserves careful study. Its reception has been encouraging to those who labored upon it. We have an opportunity now to conduct individual and group

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studies of this report and give any results to the committee which is working. It is an opportunity to help shape the character of our teaching materials, rather than to criticize where we have not labored. This whole study grows out of a conscious effort to ground our teaching materials in the concepts of God's revelation to us in the Holy Bible. For this we all may rejoice.

The Committee of Christian Education is grateful for the loyal cooperation which it has met with in all the efforts which have been made to help the members of our churches to grow in grace and in the knowledge of Christ. We feel that real progress has been made and that our teaching program is becoming more effective in many areas. However, we note with concern that fewer members are enrolled in our Sunday Schools in the Presbytery on the 1957 report than on the 1956 report and that Sunday School enrollment still lags about 1,000 behind the number listed as communicants. May this year bring even better teaching to a wider group of growing Christians.

1. That every church seek to send at least one teacher to the Area Laboratory School at Davidson, July 27-August 1.

2. That A. M. Daniel, J. L. Stevenson, and Hubert Kaylor be approved as Pioneer Camp Directors and Charles McChesney, as Senior High Conference Director for 1958.

3. That each minister and congregation consider the curriculum study report "Teaching in the Covenant Community," for guidance in our Christian Education program.

4. That the following special days and seasons be observed in the churches:

May 4-11—Christian Family Week; September—Christian Education Month; September 28—Rally Day; September 28-October 5—Christian Education Week; November 2-9—"Presbyterian Survey" Week.

The Rev. W. H. Allison reported for the Permanent Committee on Higher Education. The report was adopted with its recommendations as follows:

The Campaign for \$300,000 for Campus Christian Life authorized by the Synod has been before the churches during the month of March. The first seventy-five churches reporting pledged \$105,082. Reports from Wilmington Presbytery are coming in very slowly. The need has been shown to be very urgent, and churches are urged to accept a quota of 9% of their 1956 budget, exclusive of Building Fund.

Though the matter of the Consolidated College is temporarily tied up in the courts, much progress has been made in each department of planning for the College.

The Curriculum Study held at Chapel Hill last summer has produced an ideal curriculum which will make the College unique and distinctive in that the curriculum places the Christian faith in the very warp and woof of the total academic program.

The consulting architects, Engelhardt, Engelhardt, Leggett and Cornell of New York, have been hard at work ever since the first of the year studying the proposed curriculum and seeking to interpret and translate it into a general plan of requirements in terms of space and arrangement so that the buildings on the new campus will fully meet the needs of our unique program. They promise to complete their work on May 1st. Mr. A. G.

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Odell, Jr. of Charlotte is making preliminary studies now and will complete his sketches as rapidly as possible after receiving the report from the consultants. The choice of both consultants and the primary architect has been highly commended from many sections of the Synod.

The Consolidated College has collected in actual cash over \$1,300,000, of which over \$300,000 has been collected since December 15th.

The target date set for the opening of the Consolidated College in Laurinburg is September, 1960.

The recent salary increases at Davidson College, made possible by grants from large Foundations, are most encouraging. We wish the same scale of increases were possible at all of our colleges. Though our schools are reporting increased enrollments, capacity in most instances, deficits are almost inescapable this year, and they are faced with the necessity of raising tuition unless funds can be found elsewhere. Davidson is raising tuition charges to \$700 this fall.

We now have eleven candidates for the ministry under care of Wilmington Presbytery, seven are in seminaries, four in college, one in high school and one in service.

Recommendations:

1. That local churches which have not accepted a quota for Campus Christian Life consider the serious need for the Church to provide spiritual oversight for its Presbyterian students in our Colleges other than Presbyterian, and report to Campaign Headquarters in Raleigh as soon as possible the amount of their support.

2. That recognition be given in some way on April 20th, National Christian College Day, to the contribution Presbyterian Higher Education has made to the Christian foundations of our country and the need for Presbyterian Higher Education in the life of our country today.

W. H. ALLISON, *Chairman*

Elder H. McNair Johnson read the report of the Committee on Annuities and Relief. It was adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON ANNUITIES AND RELIEF

The Presbytery's Committee on Annuities and Relief submits the following report of the activities of the Board of Annuities and Relief for the year 1957.

We are delighted to report to you that the Minister's Annuity Fund had 179 ministers enrolled during the year 1957. There were 69 retirements. The total active membership of the Fund as of December 31, 1957 was 2,854.

The membership in the Employees Annuity Fund at the beginning of 1957 was 306. Forty-three new members were added during the year. It is our hope that more churches and agencies will enroll all eligible employees during this year, thereby providing an income for them at retirement.

The combined assets of the two above mentioned Funds as of December 31, 1956 were \$20,288,334.89; as of December 31, 1957 they were \$22,238,253.94; an increase of \$1,949,919.05.

In the opinion of this committee, Ministerial Relief is Christianity in Action. In 1957 the Board of Annuities and Relief supplemented the an-

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nuities of 320 annuitants to the amount of \$291,047.71. Total supplements to annuitants since 1946 were \$1,862,701.12. In 1957, 291 beneficiaries received \$277,288.14, divided among 205 widows, 54 ministers, 15 lay missionaries and 17 orphans. The oldest beneficiary, who would have celebrated her 101st birthday on January 11, 1958 died on January 7th. The total number assisted from Ministerial Relief Funds in 1957 was 611. The amount of this assistance was \$568,335.85. Twenty-four beneficiaries and 20 annuitants died during 1957. The sources of income from which these grants are made are: The Joy Gift, 6.42% participation in the benevolent budget of the churches, interest income from the Endowment Fund and interest income from our surplus relief account. The Joy Gift represents approximately 45% of the total income for this purpose which indicates the vital importance of a generous Joy Gift.

We now have an enrollment of 2,963 in our Group Life Insurance Plan. In major medical there are 2,398. There are 922 dependents on the roll. The major medical plan is extremely broad in scope and pays the major portion of practically all types of hospital, surgical and medical expense incurred by the insured above a small deductible amount. Since the beginning of these plans 86 life insurance death claims have been paid totaling \$211,000.00; 3,098 health and accident claims totaling \$290,-924.46. The Board reports that numerous expressions of gratitude have been received from the recipients of these benefits which leaves no doubt that this phase of our work has been well received and the protection greatly needed.

The members of your committee were very pleased to have been informed by the Board of Annuities and Relief that, at a meeting held on February 26, 1958, an increase was granted to each beneficiary as follows: For couples from \$2,000 to \$2,200 and for individuals from \$1,250 to \$1,-400. These increases are retroactive to January 1, 1958.

The above information concerns the Assembly and its work among those who need the assistance of the Board of Annuities and Relief. We now turn to the benefits received by the various groups in our own Presbytery, who have been receiving assistance from the Board of Annuities and Relief. There are three retired ministers in our Presbytery who are the recipients of this valuable aid. At the beginning of the year there were four but we regret to report that one of them passed on to his reward during the year. Three widows are on the roll of annuitants in our Presbytery.

We have two ministers receiving the maximum assistance from the division of the Reynolds Fund, one is receiving the middle allotment and one the minimum.

Your committee is grateful to each of you for the help and cooperation of each of you in making this report possible. With your help and prayers we hope to reach a higher level of assistance to all whom we are privileged to aid.

Respectfully submitted,

H. McNAIR JOHNSON, *Chairman*
Presbytery's Committee on Annuities
and Relief

The proposed amendments to the Manual of Presbytery were adopted as follows:

Section VI, Paragraph 3. Add to the end of the paragraph on Permanent Committees the words, "The Committee on Nominations shall designate a convener for each permanent committee and the committee shall elect its own chairman."

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Section VI, Paragraph 3, Subparagraph K. Following the words "into the Presbytery" add the following. "The Chairman shall conduct the examination as a whole calling upon members of the committee to conduct the examinations in their particular areas of responsibility. If the chairman cannot be present he shall designate another member of the committee to conduct the examination as a whole in his place."

It was moved that the Minutes of the Commission on the Minister and His Work, when acting as a committee, need not necessarily be included in the report of its proceedings to Presbytery. It was adopted.

James Harris reported the coming Men's Conference to be held in Montreat, June 20-22.

The moderator appointed the following standing committees:

Leave of Absence: W. F. F. Little, H. A. Parker.

Resolutions and Thanks: John R. MacKinnon, E. L. Derrick.

Place of Next Meeting: H. J. Kaylor and J. W. Kellogg.

The Rev. H. H. Hilton spoke in behalf of the Pre-Assembly Conference on Evangelism.

The Rev. J. C. McCann requested Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship existing between him and the Chapel on the Boardwalk Church and that he be granted a letter of transfer to the Presbytery of Orange. The representative from the church reported that at a duly called congregational meeting, the church reluctantly concurred in the request. Presbytery dissolved the pastoral relationship and granted a letter of transfer to Mr. McCann to the Presbytery of Orange, effective April 15th.

The Rev. W. B. Hood requested Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship existing between him and the Wallace Presbyterian Church and that a letter of transfer to the Presbytery of Cherokee be granted. The representative of the church reported that at a duly called congregational meeting the church reluctantly concurred in the request. The Presbytery granted the request, dissolving the pastoral relationship and granted a letter of transfer to Cherokee Presbytery effective May 1st.

The Presbytery recessed for lunch with prayer by the moderator.

The Presbytery reconvened with a hymn and prayer led by the Rev. J. L. Stevenson.

The Rev. Harry Mitchell reported the Radio-TV Center services available.

The Rev. John Irvine in behalf of the Nominations Committee submitted the names of Laughlin Bethune as principal commissioner to the General Assembly, R. S. Gray, alternate. They were elected.

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Standing Committee on Leave of Absences reported as follows:

The following were excused from attendance at this meeting:

J. S. Russell, J. A. Marrow, B. F. Hall, B. L. Rose, P. H. Gwynn, R. R. Rock. The following were excused at 2 P.M.: P. L. Clark, W. F. F. Little, H. A. Parker, R. K. Johnson, R. F. Matheson, H. M. Loy, J. S. Steel, N. P. Farrior, Grover Rhodes, S. T. Snively, I. N. Bowden, James Miller.

Standing Committee on Resolutions of Thanks reported as follows:

The delegates to the 202nd Stated Session of Wilmington Presbytery wish to express their appreciation to the following:

1. To the ladies of the Woodburn Church for the delicious meal served to us.
2. To the members and officers of the Woodburn Church for their gracious hospitality during our meeting in their beautiful church.
3. To the retiring moderator, Elder Royden Caulk for his splendid sermon.
4. To the moderator, the Rev. A. G. Harris, Jr. for the efficient way the meeting was conducted.
5. To the host pastor, the Rev. R. K. Johnson for the many duties carried on behind the scenes which made this meeting a significant day in the life of the Presbytery.

Be it resolved also that the clerk send a copy of these resolutions to the Clerk of Session and to the President of the Women of the Woodburn Church.

JOHN R. MacKINNON
E. L. DERRICK
Committee on Resolutions and Thanks

The report was adopted.

Standing Committee on Place of Next Meeting reported the invitation of the Chadbourn Church to meet at Chadbourn at a time to be determined by the moderator. The invitation was accepted.

The Rev. Horace Hilton was nominated moderator for the next meeting.

The minutes were read and approved.

It was moved that the elders attending Presbytery for the first time be indicated with an asterick. It was so ordered.

The Presbytery was adjourned with prayer by the Rev. J. S. Crowley, to meet at the call of the moderator at Chadbourn, N. C.

J. S. WALKUP, *Permanent Clerk*
L. A. TAYLOR, *Stated Clerk*

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CALLED MEETING

May 26, 1958

The Presbytery of Wilmington met, in response to the call of the Moderator, on Monday, May 26, 1958, in the Chapel of the First Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, N. C. The meeting was called to order and led in prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Albert G. Harris, Jr., at 2:30 P.M.

The roll was called and the following members enrolled:

M. J. McChesney, James A. Marrow, J. S. Russell, Albert G. Harris, Jr., Richard K. Johnson, Richard S. Andrews, Edward G. Connette, Jr., John M. Irvine, David B. Jenkins, Frank A. Elliott, L. A. Taylor. The churches were enrolled by their representatives as follows: St. Andrews-Covenant, Alex Urquhart, R. C. Platt, Jr.; Mt. Horeb, Charles L. Braddy; Elizabethtown, W. S. Morgan; First Church, Wilmington, A. T. Summey. A quorum was present and the Presbytery was constituted by prayer.

The Stated Clerk read the Call for the meeting. This Call was found in order and made the docket for the meeting, as follows:

Receive and act upon the call of the St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, for the ministerial services of Rev. Edward G. Connette, Jr., and, if the call be found in order, to appoint a Commission of the Presbytery to install him as Pastor of this congregation.

Rev. M. J. McChesney, Chairman of the Commission on the Minister and His Work, read the call of the congregation and reported that this call had been considered by the Commission and approved by it for recommendation to the Presbytery. He made the motion that the call be approved. The motion was seconded and the vote taken. The call was approved. Mr. Connette indicated his willingness to accept the call and the call was placed in his hands.

The following persons were appointed a Commission to install Mr. Connette in the St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church on June 15, at 7:30 P.M.

Ministers: Horace H. Hilton, Frank B. Hall, John R. MacKinnon, Hubert J. Kaylor, L. A. Taylor; Ruling Elder J. Kyle Bannerman with W. E. Starnes alternate.

There being no further business, the minutes of the meeting were read and approved, and the meeting adjourned with prayer led by Rev. Richard K. Johnson.

L. A. TAYLOR, *Stated Clerk*

STATED MEETING

July 22, 1958

The 203rd Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Wilmington met at the Chadbourn Presbyterian Church of Chadbourn, N. C., July 22, 1958, 10:00 A.M.

The opening worship was led by the retiring moderator who gave a most inspiring message from Acts 20.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Rev. C. W. Worth and the Rev. J. S. Russell, assisted by Ruling Elders Royden Caulk, Granger Tadlock, Graham Shaw and John Hall.

The roll was called. The following ministers were enrolled.

M. C. MacQueen, N. P. Farrior, W. H. Allison, L. A. Taylor, W. H. Goodman, B. F. Hall, Neill G. Stevens, H. J. Kaylor, N. H. Flowers, C. W. Worth, J. S. Walkup, H. H. Hilton, J. A. Marrow, J. S. Russell, C. S. McChesney, A. G. Harris, Jr., A. M. Daniel, R. H. Erwin, S. T. Snively, R. K. Johnson, J. L. Stevenson, R. S. Andrews, E. G. Connette, Jr., J. M. Irvine, R. J. Wilkins, C. H. McLean, F. A. Elliott, L. W. Kessler, R. B. Rock, J. R. MacKinnon, I. H. Rawles.

The following churches were represented as follows:

Acme, S. C. Faulk; Antioch, John H. Bender; Baker, Granger Tadlock; Bethany, J. R. Murray; Beth Carr, A. H. Singletary; Bethel, Cicero Lanier; Beulaville, Gardner Edwards; Black River, L. G. Beatty; Bladenboro, W. G. Somerville, Jr. (Deacon); Burgaw, Cleveland Bowdin; Calypso, Ed Lewis; Carolina Beach, D. N. Page; Caswell, Graham Shaw; Chadbourn, G. H. Boughner; Chapel on the Boardwalk, R. L. Graves; Chinquapin, G. L. Landon; Elizabethtown, E. C. Clark, Jr.; Faison, W. H. McCullen; Graves Memorial, F. B. Johnson; Grove, R. V. Wells; Hallsville, Ralph Miller; Hopewell, Ernest Jones; Jacksonville, Marion W. Eubank; Lake Waccamaw, R. G. Lytton; Maple Hill, S. A. Lanier; McClure Memorial, Rex M. Kern; Mt. Horeb, James Monroe; Mt. Williams, R. A. Thigpen; Mt. Zion, M. L. Carr; Morehead City, J. W. Kellogg; Myrtle Grove, T. C. Rivenbark; New Hope, S. L. Purvis; Oak Grove, J. W. Vogel; Oak Plains, L. W. Newkirk; Pearsall Memorial, Melzar Pearsall, Jr.; Pineland, Troy King; Rockfish, J. A. Carr; Rocky Point, E. F. Langston; St. Andrews-Covenant, C. R. Brindell; Smith, J. R. Thomas; Southport, W. C. Webb; Stanford, Ned Roberts; Tabor City, W. O. Jackson, Jr.; Wallace, Ed Johnson; Warsaw, E. L. Sheffield; Westminster, (Whiteville), J. P. Warner, Sr.; Whiteville, First, Kenneth Dorward; Wildwood, R. W. Davis; Wilmington, First, L. N. Boney, Jr.; Winter Park, J. B. Bowden; Willard, C. R. Dillard.

The following churches did not send representatives:

Ashwood, Bowden, Brunswick, Cape Fear, Clarkton, Croatan, Currie, Delgado, Elkton, Harmony, Harper-Southerland, Hebron, Holly Grove, Immanuel, Mt. Olive, Oakdale, Pages Mill, Pike, Pink Hill, Pleasant View, Pollocksville, Potts Memorial, Stafford, Teachey, Topsail, Trinity, Westminster (Wilmington), White Plains, Woodburn, South River.

A quorum was declared present. Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the moderator.

The Rev. H. H. Hilton was elected moderator.

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Guests were introduced as follows:

Summer Student Supplies: Jim Atwood, Edgar Mayse, Bob Ledbetter, George Sowerby; Candidates: Ed Johnston, Wilbur Boice; Elders attending first time: John H. Bender, C. R. Brindell, Kenneth Dorward.

The Rev. J. L. Stevenson, host pastor, welcomed the Presbytery to the Chadbourn Church. The necessary announcements were made.

The communications were read by the Stated Clerk. These were referred to the proper committees.

It was moved that the proposed amendments to the Book of Church Order be distributed; that the Committee on Records make a special study of the proposed changes and make recommendations at the October meeting.

Candidate C. E. Dixon was granted a letter of transfer to the Presbytery of Hanover.

The Rev. W. H. Goodman, Jr. presented James Wessel Brown with the recommendation of the Committee on Higher Education that he be examined and received as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry. The candidate was examined on Experimental Religion and Motives for Seeking the Ministry by the Rev. M. C. MacQueen. The examination was sustained as satisfactory. The moderator propounded the constitutional questions and led the Presbytery in prayer for the candidate. Mr. Brown was enrolled as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry under the care of Wilmington Presbytery.

The letters of transfer for candidates Herbert T. Lewis, Albe-marle Presbytery; William E. Pauley, Jr., Kanawha Presbytery; William H. Terry, Granville Presbytery, were read and received. The candidates were presented for examination with view to License and Ordination to the Gospel Ministry.

The Rev. B. F. Hall led the examinations on Theology, the Sacraments and Church Government. These examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

The Rev. M. C. MacQueen led the examinations on Experimental Religion. This examination was sustained as satisfactory.

The Rev. J. A. Marrow led the examinations on English Bible. This examination was sustained as satisfactory.

The assigned written parts were reported to be in order and well done, by the chairman, Mr. Goodman. These were approved as satisfactory.

Mr. Lewis preached a sermon from I Corinthians 12-13.

Mr. Pauley preached a sermon from I Peter 2.

Mr. Terry preached a sermon from Matthew 9:35, 36.

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The examinations as a whole were sustained as satisfactory, with the note that Mr. Lewis is received under the extraordinary clause in that he has not studied the original languages.

The examinations for Licensure were accepted as satisfactory for Ordination.

The calls to the respective churches were found in order as follows:

Mr. Lewis to the Faison-Calypso Churches with salary of \$2,350.00 per annum and manse from Faison Church, \$2,150.00 per annum from the Calypso Church; both churches participating in MAF.

Mr. Pauley to the Southport Church, \$1,200.00 per annum, manse and MAF; New Hope \$1,020.00 per annum, MAF, with supplement from Home Mission Committee to bring total salary above minimum set by Presbytery.

Mr. Terry to the Acme Church for \$4,500.00 salary per annum, manse and MAF.

Each candidate indicated his willingness to accept the respective calls. They were ordered enrolled as members of the Presbytery upon their ordination and signing of the obligations.

The Commissions of Installation and Ordination were appointed as follows:

Mr. Lewis at Faison-Calypso—at Faison, N. C., July 27 at 8 P.M. The Rev. N. H. Flowers, chairman to preside, Dr. L. A. Taylor, the Rev. Charles Williams, the Rev. C. S. McChesney, Elder M. G. Cording; alternates: the Rev. S. T. Snively, and L. B. Huie.

Mr. Pauley at Southport-New Hope. New Hope August 10 at 4 P.M.; Southport at 8 P.M. The Rev. C. W. Worth, chairman, the Rev. E. C. Connette, Jr., the Rev. W. H. Terry, the Rev. J. S. Russell, alternate. Elders: Mac Jones, S. C. Faulk. Elders Dan McCloud, Pee Dee Presbytery, and Will E. Pauley, Kanawha Presbytery were invited to serve with the commission.

Mr. Terry at the Acme Church July 27, 7 P.M. The Rev. J. L. Stevenson, chairman, the Rev. E. C. Connette, Jr. and The Rev. D. B. Jenkins; Ruling Elders A. W. Blount and W. G. Houck. The Rev. J. S. Russell, alternate. The Rev. Archie G. McKee of First Presbyterian Church, Lenoir, N. C., Concord Presbytery was invited to serve with the commission.

The moderator appointed the following standing committees:

Leave of Absence: The Rev. J. R. MacKinnon, the Rev. J. S. Russell, the Rev. Richard Johnson.

Resolution of Thanks: The Rev. E. C. Connette, Jr., the Rev. H. J. Kaylor, the Rev. Reid Erwin.

Presbytery recessed for lunch with the prayer of thanks being offered by the Rev. C. W. Worth.

Presbytery reconvened with prayer at 2 P.M.

Leslie N. Boney, Jr. presented the report of Presbytery's Council. The report with its recommendation was adopted.

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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

The Council of Wilmington Presbytery submits the following report: The council met in a full membership session once during the past year, and the executive committee met on two other occasions.

To the best of my knowledge we have discharged the assignments of Presbytery.

In the beginning I would like to call your attention to the other men and women who form your Presbytery's Council: Dr. B. Frank Hall, the Rev. Wade H. Allison, the Rev. Albert G. Harris, the Rev. M. J. McChesney, the Rev. N. P. Farrior, Mrs. J. R. Benson, Mrs. D. D. Clark, Mr. James P. Harris, Mr. Forrest Mallard, Mr. E. Walker Stevens, Mr. Charles R. Brindell, Mr. John T. Talbert, Jr., Miss Janet Allison, Dr. L. A. Taylor, ex-officio.

As we have mentioned before, our Presbytery continues to lag woefully behind other Presbyteries in gifts to benevolences.

Our per capita giving for benevolences for the year 1957 was \$14.00. This is the lowest of the nine Presbyteries of the Synod of North Carolina. It was \$4.87 lower than the next low, and \$20.20 lower than the highest among the Presbyteries of the Synod, and \$8.19 lower than the per capita for the churches of the Synod.

Our per capita giving for Current Expenses for the year 1957 was \$37.48. This was next to the lowest among the nine Presbyteries of the Synod and \$6.04 lower than the per capita giving for the churches of the Synod.

Our per capita giving for all causes; benevolences, current expenses and building, was \$70.30. This was next to the lowest among the nine Presbyteries and \$15.50 lower than the average for the churches of the Synod.

As to our standing it should be considered that according to Synod's records our Presbytery withheld 53.79% of an estimated tithe and we were a close second, from the bottom in this.

Your council is delighted to report that 1957 shows that we have increased the number of churches having an Every Member Canvass and we now rank 5th among the 9 Presbyteries. This is heartening as our 1956 position was 9th. It is hoped that a continuation of this canvassing of every member will result in an increase in the total stewardship effort of our Presbytery. It must be said that we feel that stewardship requires a greater emphasis. Thereby more will know the Joy of Giving and more will know the Joy of the Lord.

The idea of area stewardship conferences was approved by the Council and was referred for appropriate action to its Special Stewardship Committee with John T. Talbert, Jr., as chairman.

In evangelism our record is better in comparison with the other Presbyteries, as we ranked 5th among the 9; however, in this area we fell below our usual performance. For the past 10 years we have been in 1st and 2nd place year after year and ranked 2nd for the period 1949-57. Our performance in evangelism in 1957 was the lowest, in our Presbytery, in the last 10 years, as our membership increased from 13,065 to 13,149. This net increase of 84 compares with 373 the preceding year. Our Sunday School membership as of December 31, 1957 showed a decrease from 12,106 to 12,075 or a loss of 31, whereas in 1956 we had a net growth of 561. While some of these figures may be attributable to a reduction in military operations and personnel in Eastern North Carolina, it is apparent that a program of evangelism is needed in our church.

Our Commission on the Minister and His Work is to be commended for their diligent efforts to assist the churches of the Presbytery in securing pastors for vacancies. Our turn-over among pastors is high, but usually the vacancies have been filled in a comparatively short time.

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In this connection because our ministers can not and do not say a word in their own behalf so far as salaries are concerned, I feel that I should say that our great church has taken shameful advantage of these men in passing them by when doling out monetary recompense for their devotion and truly tireless efforts in our behalf. They are entitled to educate their children, to dress respectably, to have a reasonable amount of life insurance, to enjoy the creature comforts of our society, and to generally be "free from worldly care".

It has been said that our school teachers are giving each student a scholarship because they are not being paid their full worth. I agree with this statement, but must say that this analogy is doubly applicable to our ministers, and I hope that we are ready and willing (for we are able) to do something about this way that we have treated these devoted shepherds of God's flock.

The Committee on Christian Education has maintained an excellent variety and high quality in their work. During the year they sponsored 3 camps for the Pioneer ages, a conference for the Senior High ages, 3 area Leadership Training Schools and Training Classes for teachers in the church schools. In this connection we should point out that our Camp and Conference program has reached the limit of our facilities. While our leaders report that the Senior High Conference at Peace College this summer was the best to their knowledge, approximately 50 young people who applied had to be turned down due to the lack of space. It is hoped that further progress can be made in the provision of an adequate camp and conference center for the Presbytery.

The work of the Women as well as the Men of the Church continues to grow and the leaders of these groups are to be commended for their service.

While many positions of leadership have been held by members of our churches, it should be noted that Mrs. B. Frank Hall is president of the United Church Women of N. C., J. Neveland Brand, Jr., is chairman of Synod's Council, James P. Harris is president of Synod's Mens Council.

I have been requested to specifically invite your attention to the Men's Fall Rally which will be held at the newly remodeled St. Andrews-Covenant Church in Wilmington on September 18, 1958. One of the South's most interesting speakers, a leading layman and staff editor of the Atlanta Constitution will address the group, B. O. Ackman, who writes "smiles" for the Presbyterian Survey.

In going over the work of our Presbytery at its meeting July 18, 1958, the Council directed the following report be presented to the Presbytery as an outline of the activities of the Executive Secretary.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE COUNCIL OF WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY

June 30, 1957 - June 30, 1958

Preached 67 sermons.

Conducted two series of evangelistic services of one week.

Conducted six television and six radio devotional services.

Taught courses of one week's duration in Area Leadership School and Senior Youth Conference.

Led a discussion group in Synod's Men's Conference.

Delivered nine addresses to groups.

Attended, and gave some assistance to forty-six committee meetings.

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Participated in the Assembly's Town and Country Pastor's Institute, Assembly's Church Extension Conference, Assembly's Stated Clerks Conference, and Assembly's Conference on Evangelism.

Participated in one-day meetings of Synod's Stewardship Committee, Synod's Council, Synod's Committee on Nominations.

Assisted pulpit nominating committees in securing pastors for twenty-nine churches.

Wrote approximately 350 personal letters (based on number of 3c stamps used).

Made two trips to Union Seminary to interview prospective pastors.

Traveled 21,000 miles.

Served as treasurer for: Home Mission Committee, Presbytery, Presbytery's Office, and Church and Manse Fund.

Devoted an average of five hours per week to personal counselling.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. TAYLOR

The Council received the report and commended Dr. Taylor for his faithfulness, energy, and effectiveness.

We would like to call the attention of Presbytery to the fact that the Assembly and Synod have requested an increase in the per capita assessment and some of the administrative expenses of the various causes and offices are being paid for in this fashion.

The Council has adopted a similar plan in its budget recommendations for the contingent fund and the total assessment will be 75c per member, with 21c going to Assembly, 34c going to Synod, and 20c going to Presbytery.

With these remarks we submit the following recommendations:

1. That the Presbytery accept the apportionment of the General Assembly's Benevolences of \$112,933.

2. That the Presbytery accept the apportionment of Synod's benevolences of \$71,733.

3. That the Presbytery adopt a budget for Presbytery Benevolences in the amount of \$91,449, which is broken down as follows:

Church Extension	\$71,564
Christian Education	1,000
Camp and Conference Center.....	3,000
Presbytery's Office	15,885

4. That the Stewardship Committee of Presbytery be authorized to work out the percentages to be assigned to each item in the budget when these percentages are received from Synod's office.

5. That this budget be apportioned to the churches using the formula of 1/3 on the basis of membership, 1/3 on the basis of average benevolent giving over the past 3 years, and 1/3 on the basis of total average giving over the last 3 years excluding building expenses.

6. That an Every Member Canvass be held in each church this fall and that Presbytery commends the use of Assembly's publications as guides and aids in promulgating this effort.

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7. That Presbytery make an all out effort for the Annual Week of Prayer and Self-denial for Church Extension and that all concerned assist the women of the church in their plans for promoting this work.

8. That in recognition of the need for increased training for ruling elders and deacons that Presbytery urges each local church to provide training for all of its officers and newly elected officers in particular. Each church is requested to provide the manual "THE WORK OF THE CHURCH, WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY?" for study by its officers, and may look to the Committee on Christian Education for help and guidance.

9. That, in recognition of the effectiveness of the Area Leadership Training Schools, for Teachers and Leaders in the regular and vacation church schools that all local churches are encouraged to promote and participate to the maximum extent possible in these programs.

10. That, in recognition of the responsibility as set forth in our Book of Church Order for the churches to provide salaries which would in a reasonable manner free our ministers from worldly care, that the recent study made by Synod's "LAYMEN'S COMMITTEE TO STUDY MINISTERS' SALARIES", which is being distributed to all officers, is commended to each local church for its most serious consideration and appropriate action. The Churches may look to the Commission on "The Minister and His Work", the Home Mission Committee, and the special committee on this subject for help and guidance.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE N. BONEY, JR., *Chairman*
Presbytery's Council

The Rev. J. A. Marrow presented the report of the General Fund Agencies. It was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL FUND AGENCIES

Real progress has been made on all eight General Fund Agencies during 1957. A few significant contributions from each of these agencies are as follows:

1. *The General Council*: It has made available this year a splendid new manual on the Pre-Budget Canvass. The Committee urges every Session and Board of Deacons to study and use this manual in their Stewardship Canvass this fall. The General Council has also provided a very helpful manual for the church evaluation Committee.

2. *General Assembly's Training School*: There were 112 students enrolled in 1957-1958 session at the school in Richmond, Virginia. With the completion during 1957 of a new residence building, 41 additional student spaces have been provided.

3. *Mountain Retreat Association*: The summer program of 26 conferences attracted 35,000 visitors to Montreat in 1957.

4. *Stillman College*: The largest enrollment in the history of the college brought 364 students to the institution in the fall of 1957, and three new faculty members were added during the year.

5. *American Bible Society*: In this Synod, the American Bible Society has presented the means and the challenge to carry the gospel to the non-church goer through wayside Gospel Dispensers, and has offered to every church an evangelistic plan to provide a readable Bible in every home at

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no expense to the church. It also offered tools for leading the entire community in a period of Bible reading.

6. *Historical Foundation:* The impending installation of a microfilm camera, now on order, will further enlarge the possibilities of serving the church as well as making it feasible to obtain copies of numerous items in cases where the original cannot be permanently secured.

7. *Board of Women's Work:* The Birthday Gift this year of \$215,159.79 was the largest on record. After the cost of promotion had been deducted \$102,904.49 was made available to medical work in Korea and a like sum to student work in Mexico. 3,500 women participated in Synodical Training Schools and Adult Conferences held in every Synod of the Church. The excellent literature supplied by the Board is keeping the challenge of the total church before the women of the local churches.

8. *Presbyterian Foundation:* The General Assembly calls attention to the Presbyteries and to the local churches that the Foundation is an agency of the church incorporated in North Carolina for the purpose of receiving, investing and distributing bequests, gifts, annuities and insurance to any and all organized agencies of the Assembly.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Presbytery urge pastors and Sessions to observe Seminary-Assembly's Training School Day on April 26, 1959 in order that young men and women of superior gifts and consecration may be encouraged to enter church vocations. The committee suggests that this be observed by the pastor or a student from the Training School or Seminary preaching a sermon on "The Challenge of a Church Vocation".

2. That all pastors and Sessions be urged to recognize the important service that can be rendered by our benevolent causes by acquainting their people with the services of the Presbyterian Foundation and by inviting them in the making of wills to contribute to the ongoing work of their church.

3. That local church committees on Budget and Finance include at least two women since the Women of the Church are making their financial reports through the church treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. MARROW, JR.

Leslie N. Boney, Jr. reported that Presbytery Treasurer's books have been audited and found in proper order.

The commissioners to the General Assembly reported their attendance. Their reports were received as information and they were commended for their diligence.

The Rev. H. J. Kaylor reported the installation of the Rev. E. G. Connette, Jr. as pastor of St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church. The report of the commission was admitted to record as follows:

The Commission of Wilmington Presbytery appointed to install the Reverend Mr. Edward G. Connette, Jr. as pastor of the St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church met at the Church at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 15, in Wilmington, N. C.

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Dr. L. A. Taylor, acting as Moderator, called the Commission to order and led in prayer. The Commission elected Mr. Hubert Kaylor as clerk.

The Commission then moved to the Sanctuary for an inspirational worship service and installation service. Dr. L. A. Taylor moderated the meeting. Dr. Frank Hall preached a most appropriate sermon entitled, "The City of God". In this sermon, Dr. Hall commended the congregation for their vision, and complimented them on their newly-remodeled sanctuary and educational building.

The Reverend Hubert Kaylor propounded the constitutional questions. The Reverend John MacKinnon charged the pastor; Ruling Elder Kyle Bannerman charged the congregation, and Ruling Elder Ernest Starnes served as an alternate.

The Commission returned to the Session Room following the worship and installation service. The minutes were read and approved, and Dr. L. A. Taylor closed the meeting with prayer.

Submitted by
HUBERT J. KAYLOR
Clerk of Commission

Mr. William Boney spoke in reference to the Presbyterian Home for the Aged at High Point. The scheduled campaign for funds in 1959 was approved and endorsed.

The Rev. Richard Andrews requested Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship existing between him and the Oak Grove and Myrtle Grove Churches that he might accept a call to the Cobb Memorial Church of Albemarle Presbytery; that he be given a letter of transfer to that Presbytery. The churches reported that duly called congregational meetings had been held and that the congregations reluctantly concurred in the request. After expressions of esteem and good will, Presbytery dissolved the pastoral relationship and granted a letter of transfer to Albemarle Presbytery effective August 15, 1958.

The Rev. B. F. Hall reported for the Committee on Nominations. It was adopted as follows:

Trustee of Davidson College, Class of 1961, to fill unexpired term of E. D. Witherspoon—B. F. Hall

Christian Education—To replace J. C. McCann, Mrs. Lou Belle Williams of Beulaville

To replace E. D. Witherspoon, Mrs. Steve Mallard of Wallace

Homes—To fill unexpired term of Rev. J. C. McCann: J. L. Stevenson
Add J. S. Russell

Higher Education—To fill unexpired term of W. B. Hood: John Irvine

General Fund Agencies—To fill unexpired term of Rev. John Steele: Charles Brindell

Audits—To replace W. E. Perdew: K. E. Dorward

Nominations—To fill unexpired term of Rev. W. B. Hood: Walter Goodman, Jr.

Add Mac F. Jones

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Examinations—To fill unexpired term of Rev. J. C. McCann: E. G. Connette, Jr.

Marriage and Divorce, Area #1—To replace W. B. Hood: Charles Williams

The motion was made and adopted that the manual be revised to conform to the practice of Presbytery in the matter of membership of the Committee on Marriage and Divorce.

The Rev. C. W. Worth reported for the Church and Manse Assistance Fund. It was received as information.

The Rev. C. W. Worth reported the request of Salem Chapel of Chinquapin Church for organization into a church. It was referred to the Home Mission Committee.

The Rev. J. R. MacKinnon reported for the Standing Committee on Leave of Absence as follows:

The following have requested to be excused from attending this meeting: P. L. Clark, P. H. Gwynn, J. W. Miller, David B. Jenkins.

The requests were granted.

The Rev. Reid Erwin reported for the Committee on Resolutions of Thanks as follows:

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS

Be it resolved that Wilmington Presbytery express its sincere appreciation and gratitude to the retiring moderator, the Rev. Albert Harris, Jr., for the powerful and moving sermon which he laid upon our hearts. To the moderator, the Rev. Horace Hilton, we extend our appreciation for his wisdom and grace in leading Presbytery to the orderly conclusions of its business. We are grateful for the impressive communion service led by the Rev. J. S. Russell and the Rev. C. W. Worth and as served so effectively by the Ruling Elders. We have been greatly blessed as a result of the examinations of the candidates for the Gospel Ministry and we wish to thank those who conducted the examination and those who were examined with special appreciation for the sermons preached.

Our hearty thanks go to the Rev. J. L. Stevenson, the officers and members of the host church. The Women of the Church are to be specially commended for the preparation and serving of the magnificent dinner which was second to none and which made our visit to Chadbourn a memorable event.

Be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the host church that the officers and members may know of our appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

E. G. CONNETTE, JR., *Chairman*

It was moved and adopted that it shall be the duty of the chairman of the Standing Committee on Resolutions of Thanks to prepare and transmit a copy of the Resolutions and Thanks to the host church; that the manual be so revised.

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A recommendation regarding payment for the entertainment of Presbytery was referred to the Council of Presbytery for study.

Elder Mac F. Jones was nominated Moderator of the next meeting.

The minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet October 21 at a place yet to be designated.

J. S. WALKUP, *Permanent Clerk*

L. A. TAYLOR, *Stated Clerk*

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DIRECTORY

I. OFFICERS

Moderators: April 1 meeting, Rev. Albert G. Harris; July meeting, Rev. Horace H. Hilton.
Stated Clerk, Treasurer, Executive Secretary: Rev. L. A. Taylor.
Permanent Clerk: Rev. J. S. Walkup.

II. TRUSTEES

1. *Presbytery:* James H. Clark, J. Kyle Bannerman, E. Walker Stevens.
2. *Davidson College:* 1959—Rev. M. C. MacQueen, 1961—Rev. B. Frank Hall.
3. *Flora Macdonald College:*
1958—Rev. B. Frank Hall, Rev. L. A. Taylor, E. L. Derrick, D. M. Calhoun.
1959—Rev. W. H. Allison, Rev. J. W. Miller, J. A. Love, W. B. Beery III.
1960—Rev. C. W. Worth, Rev. J. S. Russell, L. N. Boney, Jr., Mrs. A. W. Blount.

III. PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

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