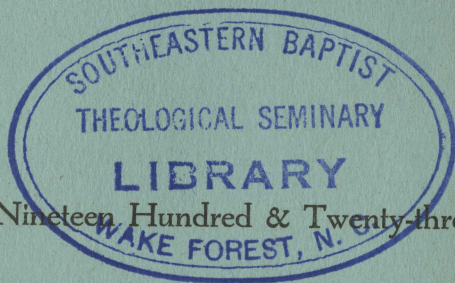


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CHURCHLAND, VIRGINIA

September 25th and 26th, 1923

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### OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Moderator	.	.	.	.	.	W. FRANK ROBERTSON
Vice-Moderator	.	.	.	.	.	A. R. LOVE
Clerk and Treasurer	.	.	.	.	.	W. T. L. SHEPHERD

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## ORDAINED MINISTERS

Barton, L. E., Norfolk, Va.	Jones, H. F., Portsmouth, Va.
Boorde, Thos. E., Va. Beach, Va.	Jones, H. M. B., Portsmouth, Va.
Burfoot, A. W., Fentress, Va.	Kendrick, R. G., Portsmouth, Va.
Coburn, J. T., Cradock, Va.	Knight, I. D. S., Norfolk, Va.
Cole, H. B., Fentress, Va.	Kratzig, H. H., Norfolk, Va.
Cuthriell, W. E., Portsmouth, Va.	Love, A. R., Portsmouth, Va.
Dogan, R. J., Norfolk, Va.	Martens, H. H., Norfolk, Va.
Dodge, R. T., Norfolk, Va.	Melton, S. W., Norfolk, Va.
Dudley, E. E., Portsmouth, Va.	Mustain, A. P., Ocean View, Va.
Griesemer, H. A., Portsmouth, Va.	McLeod, Duncan, Norfolk, Va.
Harris, D. P., Portsmouth, Va.	Patrick, B. R., Chaplain, U. S. N.
Harrell, E. J., Back Bay, Va.	Peebles, J. D., Norfolk, Va.
Hardy, F. L., Norfolk, Va.	Riddick, J. T., Norfolk, Va.
Handley, F. B., Lynnhaven, Va.	Rhodes, B. L., Norfolk, Va.
Hobday, Geo. J., Norfolk, Va.	Savage, W. V., Churchland, Va.
Howell, J. D., Norfolk, Va.	Sawyer, C. S., South Norfolk, Va.
Hunt, N. F., West Norfolk, Va.	Vandermuellen, C. A., Portsmouth, Va.
Hutchings, Willis, Norfolk, Va.	Welsh, J. E., Portsmouth, Va.
I'Anson, Vernon, Norfolk, Va.	Willoughby, J. A., Portsmouth, Va.
James, Marinus, Norfolk, Va.	Welstead, J. W., Portsmouth, Va.

### Licentiates

Norfolk—J. J. Swindell, M. P. Williams, Otto Pebworth, Nathan Frost, David Babbitt, M. G. James.  
 Portsmouth—G. T. Lyndall, P. H. Clements, D. E. Murray, J. W. Leafe, Noah Farris, W. S. Leary, H. Haddon Dudley, Christopher T. Hutchins, Warren Cuthriell, Neil Mason, H. G. Horton, Cradock.

## CLERKS OF CHURCHES

1. Berkley Avenue	Geo. W. Daughtry, Norfolk, Va.
2. Bethel	Mrs. Margaret Davis Williams, Fentress, Va.
3. Blackwater	Milton Mansfield, Hickory, Va.
4. Burrows Memorial	Willis Hutchings, Norfolk, Va.
5. Calvary	H. C. Duerr, Portsmouth, Va.
6. Campostella	R. R. Pierce, Norfolk, Va.
7. Central	S. N. Woodard, Norfolk, Va.
8. Centerville	Archer E. Roach, Hickory, Va.
9. Churchland	M. J. Kilby, Churchland, Va.
10. Court Street	C. T. Joyner, Portsmouth, Va.
11. Cradock	J. B. Jeffress, Cradock, Va.
12. Deep Creek	W. H. C. Deal, R. F. D. 3, Portsmouth, Va.
13. East Brambleton	W. F. Berry, R. F. D. 2, Norfolk, Va.
14. Fairmount	W. J. Edwards, Norfolk, Va.
15. First, Norfolk	Geo. E. Kirkwood, Norfolk, Va.
16. Fourth Street	N. F. Cuthriell, Portsmouth, Va.
17. Freemason Street	C. L. Whichard, Norfolk, Va.
18. Gilmerton	Grace Smith, R. F. D. 3, Portsmouth, Va.
19. Grace	Miss Lucy Tribble, R. F. D. 3, Portsmouth, Va.
20. Jackson Memorial	Mrs. J. C. Felton, Portsmouth, Va.
21. James Memorial	J. L. Kittrell, Norfolk, Va.
22. Kempsville	Miss Bettie Caraway, Norfolk, Va.
23. Knott's Island	J. L. Miller, Knott's Island, N. C.
24. Lake Drummond	Henry Tuttle, Hickory, Va.
25. Larchmont	Z. B. Sears, Norfolk, Va.
26. London Bridge	F. R. Reader, Lynnhaven, Va.
27. Nansemond	S. T. Kittrell, R. F. D. 5, Suffolk, Va.
28. Northwest	R. S. Poyner, Hickory, Va.
29. Oak Grove	J. W. C. Dudley, Back Bay, Va.
30. Ocean View	W. F. Johnson, Ocean View, Va.
31. Park Avenue	C. W. Jones, Sr., Norfolk, Va.
32. Park Place	John E. Johnson, Norfolk, Va.
33. Park View	J. L. Robertson, 220 Hatton St., Portsmouth, Va.
34. Pleasant Grove	J. W. Smithson, Hickory, Va.
35. Port Norfolk	J. P. Murphy, Portsmouth, Va.

- 36. Raleigh Heights-----B. F. Wintze, R. F. D. 3, Norfolk, Va.
- 37. South Norfolk-----F. E. Barnes, South Norfolk, Va.
- 38. South Street----W. G. Stoakes, 1049 North St., Portsmouth, Va.
- 39. Spurgeon Memorial-----J. H. Stanton, Norfolk, Va.
- 40. St. Johns-----E. M. Seneca, Princess Anne, Va.
- 41. Virginia Beach-----G. M. Baker, Virginia Beach, Va.
- 42. West Norfolk-----C. G. Dennis, West Norfolk, Va.
- 43. Westhaven-----G. W. Hamer, Portsmouth, Va.

**CONSTITUTION.**

Article 1. This body shall be known as the VIRGINIA PORTSMOUTH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

**Membership.**

Article 2. It shall be composed of white delegates, elected by the churches connected with this body, and all ordained ministers who are members of, or laboring in connection with said churches. Each church of one hundred members and under shall be entitled to two delegates, and for every additional one hundred members an additional delegate.

**Objects.**

Article 3. The objects shall be to devise and recommend measures for increasing the harmony, the intelligence and the spiritual power of the churches, and for developing and directing their energies, their resources and their gifts, in advancing the Redeemer's kingdom in the earth.

**Powers and Prerogatives.**

Article 4. The Association shall have no power to infringe upon the sovereignty or rights of the churches. It is neither an ecclesiastical legislature, nor council, nor court of appeals. It may advise the churches, and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption, but cannot bind them in any way. Yet, in view of the combined wisdom, piety and intelligence of the body, it may justly claim for itself, for its objects, and for its recommendations the very highest consideration and regard.

Article 5. The Association may dissolve connection with any church that becomes heterodox in doctrine or disorderly in practice, or that fails to represent itself, either by delegate or letter, more than two successive sessions, without sufficient reasons or that treats with contempt its objects and requirements, or upon application of a church for its dismissal.

**Rights of the Churches.**

Article 6. Each individual church shall hold and exercise all the functions of an independent church of Jesus Christ. As constituent members of the Association, the churches have the right to advise when desired in a case of difficulty, and to suggest plans of usefulness to be adopted. If at any time the Association shall assume unwarranted powers over the churches, they shall have the right to dissolve their connection with the body.

**Duties of the Churches.**

Article 7. It shall be the duty of the churches to appoint as delegates, as far as practical, their most capable members, to insist upon their attendance, and to send by them a contribution to the Association Fund to pay for the printing of the Minutes and other necessary expenses.

Article 8. It shall be the duty of each church to send annually a letter to the Association giving: 1. Location; 2. The names of the pastor and clerk and their respective postoffices; 3. The Sabbaths of regular service; 4. The church statistics, including the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, deceased, expelled, and aggregate membership, male and female; 5. Sabbath-school statistics; 6.

Amount contributed to benevolent objects and the Association Fund; 7. Names of the Delegates and Alternates; 8. Any other information deemed of special importance.

#### Organization.

Article 9. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer; who shall be elected at each annual session, after the names of the delegates are enrolled, and shall continue in office until the next annual session. As soon as the officers have taken their seats, the body shall be declared organized and ready for business.

#### Duties of Officers.

Article 10. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meeting punctually at the time appointed, to enforce the rules, to preserve order, and to exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles of established parliamentary usage.

Article 11. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator to discharge the duties of the Moderator in his absence.

Article 12. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the body and superintend the printing and distribution of the same; and to keep on file the printed minutes and other important documents belonging to the body. He may appoint an assistant when necessary.

Article 13. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse the money contributed to the Association Fund, as directed by the body, and to make an annual report of same.

Article 14. This Constitution may be altered at any annual session of the body by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

#### RULES OF ORDER.

1st. The Association shall convene annually at the time and place of its own selection.

2nd. During each annual session it shall meet and adjourn from day to day at the hour fixed upon by the body.

3rd. All the meetings of the Association shall be opened and closed with religious exercises.

4th. A majority of the members present shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

5th. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject nor longer than twenty minutes, without permission from the body.

6th. No member shall be allowed to stand up, talk, read or move about the house during the business, except to gain or impart information on the subject under discussion.

7th. No committee shall be in session during the hours of business without permission of the body.

8th. The business of the Association shall be as follows: 1. Read and enroll names of Delegates and of Ordained Ministers. 2. Organize. 3. Appoint Committees on Program, Religious Exercises and Finance. 4. Introductory sermon. 5. Invite Visiting Brethren and Corresponding Messengers to seats. 6. Call the names of those churches that failed to represent themselves at the previous session, and inquire their reason for such failure. 7. Reception of New Churches. 8. Reports of Standing Committees. 9. Appoint Committees on Time, Place, Preacher and Alternate for Introductory Sermon, also Preacher and Alternate for Doctrinal Sermon. 10. Time of Preaching the Doctrinal Sermon shall be appointed by the Association. 11. Receive reports of other committees. 12. Miscellaneous Business shall be provided for at the pleasure of the Association.

9th. All questions of order not herein provided for shall be decided by rules of Mells Parliamentary Practice.

## MINUTES

Churchland, Va., September 25, 1923.

1. The Virginia Portsmouth Baptist Association met in its One Hundred and Thirty-third Session with the Churchland Baptist Church at 10 o'clock A. M., and was called to order by Moderator W. Frank Robertson.

2. The devotional exercises were conducted by J. T. Riddick.

3. The roll of churches was called and the following messengers were enrolled:

- Berkley Avenue—E. C. Savage and C. W. Boone.  
Bethel—Thos. C. Davis, Jr., and Adam Morrisette.  
Cradock—Mrs. J. T. Coburn, B. B. Lipscomb, C. Asbell and Mrs. R. J. Day.  
Burrows Memorial—Mrs. Virginia Backus, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Gilbert, Mrs. Geo. R. Martin, Mrs. N. G. Cobb, Mrs. E. Watts Bishop and Willis Hutchings.  
Calvary—W. T. L. Shepherd, H. C. Duerr, Mrs. D. P. Harris, Mrs. Geo. Bailey and Mrs. A. M. Martin.  
Campostella—Mrs. D. A. Baker.  
Central—Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. W. Tilden Smith, Mrs. W. S. Wilkins, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hogg, Mrs. Frank L. Hardy, Mr. and Mrs. Shelton N. Woodard, Mrs. J. R. Ellis, Mrs. J. T. Lawrence, Mrs. A. L. Bonwell, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Colmus, Jr., and Mrs. C. E. Card.  
Centerville—E. T. Humphries, Dr. A. M. Burfoot and Miss Belle Wright.  
Churchland—M. J. Kilby, L. M. Coffman and W. H. Duke.  
Court Street—R. S. Brooks, H. B. Wilkins, M. P. Claud, O. L. Williams, Jno. A. Morris, B. B. Peele, Mrs. W. P. Harrell, Mrs. W. E. Gayle and Mrs. Geo. E. King.  
Deep Creek—M. E. Hillard and Mrs. Maud Bond.  
Fairmount Park—Cook Wilburn, Mrs. W. A. Shacklock, Mrs. Gornto and Mrs. J. D. Peebles.  
First—E. A. Watkins, J. W. Saunders, W. W. Workman, W. G. Colings, James Elliott, Mrs. A. J. Balfour, Mrs. L. Y. Kirby, Mrs. W. T. Holland, Mrs. Richard Smith and Miss Delma Maher.  
Fourth Street—Mrs. W. E. Brinson, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Stroud, L. B. Pendergraph, E. L. Staples, C. H. Myers, L. C. Brinson and E. L. Mayes.  
Freemason Street—M. Winston, R. D. Kibler, T. D. Savage, Mrs. C. E. Cross and Mrs. J. H. Milner.  
Gilmerton—Mrs. J. W. Welstead.  
Grace—Mrs. J. W. Welstead.  
James Memorial—Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Harrell, Mrs. R. E. Summers, Mrs. W. D. Griffin, Mrs. B. C. Bell, Mrs. Chas. Fearing and J. H. Drumwright.

Jackson Memorial—T. C. Parker, Geo. Anderson and Mrs. J. C. Cotton.  
 Kempsville—W. M. Thomas, J. R. Lassiter and Miss Bettie Carraway.  
 Lake Drummond—W. C. McCoy, Mrs. Annie I. Gordon, Grady New-  
 berne and R. W. Warren.  
 Larchmont—L. C. Parker.  
 London Bridge—Mrs. R. B. Carter, T. E. Bristow, Miss Roxey Robert-  
 son, Mrs. F. E. Emerson and G. W. Reader.  
 Nansemond—  
 Northwest—J. A. Willoughby.  
 Oak Grove—J. W. C. Dudley, Mrs. S. R. Brock and W. A. Etheridge.  
 Ocean View—J. W. Watkins.  
 Park Avenue—W. J. Chase, Mrs. J. W. Pickard, J. W. Belote and  
 Mrs. T. E. Babb.  
 Park Place—Mrs. I. D. S. Knight.  
 Park View—A. R. Williams, J. L. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. F. T.  
 Beazley, Mrs. Julia M. Gaskins, Mrs. T. D. Roper, Mrs. W. J.  
 Deans.  
 Pleasant Grove—G. W. Eason, J. W. Smithson and M. W. Sykes.  
 Port Norfolk—Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Haycock, E. H. Barrick, Mrs. S. B.  
 Johnson, Mrs. C. F. Harper, J. W. Cotton, Mr. and Mrs. J. C.  
 Blanchard, B. E. Andrews, Mrs. W. C. Thurston, Mrs. J. J.  
 Vaughan and Mrs. H. F. Jones.  
 Raleigh Heights—  
 South Norfolk—J. T. Forehand, Mrs. W. O. Bancom, Mrs. A. M. Smith  
 and Mrs. O. J. Meginley.  
 South Street—Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Parker, T. O. Williams, Mrs. E. L.  
 Beale, Mrs. Annie Gray, Mrs. A. E. Curling, Mrs. Mattie Butler,  
 Mrs. Roma Friedlin, Mrs. Beverley Moore and Mrs. Indie Harrell.  
 Spurgeon Memorial—  
 St. Johns—A. T. Toxey and Mrs. J. C. Sawyer.  
 Virginia Beach—Mrs. Geo. M. Baker, John Freeman, Mrs. J. E. Jard.  
 Westhaven—W. F. Monell.  
 West Norfolk—Z. D. Owens and J. E. Dennis, Sr.

4—The Association organized by the election of the following officers:

Moderator—W. Frank Robertson.  
 Vice-Moderator—A. R. Love.  
 Clerk and Treasurer—W. T. L. Shepherd.

5. I. D. S. Knight read the report of the Committee on Program and the same was adopted.

6. A Finance Committee was appointed, consisting of R. D. Kibler, W. H. Duke and R. S. Brooks.

7. Committee on Reception of New Churches as follows: H. F. Jones, T. D. Savage and Shelton N. Woodard.

8. The Introductory Sermon was very ably preached by Frank L. Hardy from text found in 5th verse of the second chapter of Timothy.



9. W. V. Savage introduced the following new pastors: R. G. Kendrick, Jackson Memorial; C. A. Vandermuellen, Westhaven; R. T. Dodge, James Memorial; Beecher L. Rhodes, Berkley Avenue; J. A. Willoughby, Northwest and Deep Creek; J. E. Welsh, Court Street.

10. Vernon P'Anson read the report on Temperance and David Hepburn of the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia spoke on the subject.

#### TEMPERANCE

The Temperance cause has passed through various changes in Virginia. There were times years ago when it was a common thing for men and women, preachers, church officials, judges, lawyers, merchants, farmers and in fact all the people to take a tody or a glass of wine or a bottle of beer and no one was surprised; it was such a common habit. Then, temperance advocates, strong christian characters and people who had been sufferers from the evils of intemperance began to form Temperance Societies, the Sons of Temperance, the Friends of Temperance and other Temperance Organizations were created and large numbers of the people joined them, and yet I remember some fifty years ago or more a Sons of Temperance Organization was formed in which many leading people united. I remember an Organization near me to which a lawyer, a prominent business man and several other men of prominence took the solemn pledge at about 8:00 P. M. During the two hours of that meeting this lawyer made several addresses and the business men also spoke. The meeting adjourned about 10:00 P. M., and before midnight the lawyer and four of the business men had to be carried home and put to bed in a drunken condition.

I became pastor of a church some fifty years ago in which there were seven deacons and six of the seven either made brandy or had it made for their use, the seventh man could not take a drink without getting drunk. In another church I had about that time the chairman of the board of deacons who had been presiding justice of his county. He invited me one day to come to his house on his son's birthday. He was a lovable old man and told me he was going to broach a barrel of apple brandy which he had made and deposited in his cellar, twenty-six years before. Now things have changed for the better in that community and no man connected with any of these churches either makes brandy or has it made or keeps brandy or whiskey in his home at all. I am glad to say that over the state since the adoption of prohibition there have been great changes made for the better. I know today of no minister and certainly no pastor who indulges in taking toddies or has intoxicating liquors in his house. Fifty years ago I knew one leading pastor in the state, a man at that time over sixty years old, who had fifteen gallons of apple brandy made every year for his home purposes. But he had two noble sons, both of whom died from the influence of drink. That had a great effect in the community. At that time there were eleven bar rooms in a small town close by. Now, of course, there are none; there may be an occasional bootlegger who will sell whiskey in that community, but he sells but a small amount, but there is no drunkenness in that community that I know of.

I believe the churches of God and ministers of the gospel all over the State are standing four-square against liquor and in favor of the prohibition laws. I find, however, danger from politicians, from moderate drinkers, and I am sorry to say from the policy of

our leading newspapers who are practically in favor of moderating the prohibition laws and providing for places to sell light wines and beer. I believe, however, that if all the churches and ministers of God and temperance advocates will boldly and aggressively stand for the enforcement of all prohibition laws that the temperance cause will triumph.

The word temperance used to mean moderation. But now when we speak of the cause of temperance we mean absolute prohibition and the enforcement of all prohibition laws. The greatest impetus was given the Temperance Reform movement by the organization of the Anti-Saloon League. This noble body of brave, fearless, aggressive advocates has stirred the country, arousing churches of God, bringing the ministers of Gospel into the fight, until now we have national and state prohibition and laws for its enforcement.

VERNON PANSON.

11. **Mårinus James**, who was a delegate to the Baptist World Alliance meeting at Stockholm, Sweden, spoke on this subject.

12. **W. F. Watkins** read the report of the Missionary Committee and after being discussed by **W. F. Watkins** and **T. O. Williams** the report was adopted.

#### REPORT OF MISSIONARY COMMITTEE

In the report of last year mention was made of the frequent changes in pastorates within the bounds of the Association. Your committee in preparing the report for 1923 has been impressed again with the restlessness in the pulpit and in the pew. The Missionary Committee is not discouraged, for excellent work has been done in our churches in spite of frequent changes in pastorates. It cannot be denied, however, that churches cannot do their best work unless pastors stay on the field a reasonable length of time.

The First Church has lost **Dr. Wm. M. Vines**, Burrows Memorial has also lost its pastor, **Rev. C. H. Trueblood**, while another strong church is pastorless, namely **Park View**, since **Rev. E. E. Dudley** has resigned. **Rev. Beecher L. Rhodes** has filled the gap at **Berkley Avenue Baptist Church** since the resignation of **Brother R. D. Stephenson**. **Centerville**, **Bethel**, as well as **Blackwater**, which were vacant at the last meeting of the Association, are now pastored by **Rev. H. B. Cole**, a former pastor of the **West Norfolk Church**. **Campostella Heights** is looking for a new under-shepherd since the resignation of **Rev. H. F. Lindsey**. **Court Street Church** has been fortunate in the securing of **Dr. J. E. Welsh**. **Deep Creek** and **Northwest** have formed a field and have called **Rev. J. A. Willoughby**, who is already at work in both churches. **Rev. John W. Welstead** has taken upon himself the work of **Gilmerton** in addition to his pastorage at **Grace Baptist Church**. **Lake Drummond Baptist Church** is vacant and is seeking one or more other churches to form a field. **Raleigh Heights** and **Virginia Beach** have been brought together and the union seems to be satisfactory to all concerned. The pastor of **Westhaven** is **Rev. Chas. Arthur Vandermeulen**, who succeeded **Brother E. C. Davis**. **Rev. N. F. Hunt**, of **West Norfolk**, has resigned. **James Memorial** has been under the pastoral care of **Rev. Ryland T. Dodge** since the last report was printed, while the vacancy at **Prentis Place** has also been filled. **Rev. R. G. Kendrick** has been at work on this field for some time. It is seen from this summary that there are at the present moment seven vacant pulpits, if **East Brambleton** and **Knott's**

Island are taken into consideration and during the past year eight new pastors have become affiliated with the work of the Association.

Burrows Memorial has completed a new Sunday School plant, pipe organ and steam heating plant. Park Place has recently purchased a beautiful site across the street from the present one, on which a more modern and more adequate building will be erected as soon as circumstances will permit. This solves a knotty problem, as it was found impracticable to reconstruct the church in such a way as to take care of the ever increasing Sunday School. The Prentis Place Church is erecting a new building with the help of the Baptist Council on an entirely new site. This is a step in the right direction, as the old patched up frame building necessitated this change for the better. A loan of ten thousand dollars has been promised Larchmont by the Council for the building of a new plant. In the spring of 1924 building operations will probably be started. A frame building has been erected on the James Memorial lots to house the overflow of the Sunday School for the time being. The Saints of Grace Church have practically completed their frame but comfortable house of worship which has been built entirely by the membership. West Norfolk has added a good size wing to the old church house and has reconstructed and painted the entire equipment. Cradock is putting the finishing touches to additional class-rooms. Fourth Street has made a wise move in purchasing a frame dwelling adjacent to the church building, which dwelling has been fitted up for Sunday School purposes. There are rumors of other building projects and it is evident that our people are determined to grow.

The sum of \$3,600 was appropriated last year by the State Board to Missionary Churches. The Missionary Committee urges all churches who are thus helped to work toward independence and to gradually reduce requests for appropriations. This will not only stimulate Missionary Churches to greater activity but it will also enable the State Board to assist new fields.

It is impossible to write this report without making mention of the Baptist Council. The printed report of this organization which comprises all the churches and missions in the District, shows conclusively that every phase of denominational life has been stimulated by the many-sided activities of the Council. Inquiries are constantly received from many quarters about its workings, as other cities in the South wish to pattern their co-operative effort after that of the Portsmouth District Association. Copies of the latest annual report will be mailed upon request. A visit to the office, 625 Seaboard Bank Building, is urged upon all who wish to become familiar with the activities of the Council.

W. F. WATKINS.

13. At this and succeeding times the following visitors were recognized: J. W. Cammack, of Richmond; G. W. Sawyer, Battery Park; P. H. Chelf, Baptist Orphanage, Salem; Chas. C. Smith, Windsor, N. C.; L. F. Paulette, Clerk Blackwater Association; Jos. T. Watts and F. T. Crump, Richmond; F. O. Criminger, Suffolk.

14. After announcements by W. V. Savage, the Association adjourned to meet at 1:45.

15. Prayer by Beecher L. Rhodes.

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON

16. Devotional exercises conducted by R. T. Dodge.

17. Tenor solo by Read Wilkins.

18. On motion of I. D. S. Knight, the Association accorded Mr. G. I. McAllen, of the Children's Home Society of Virginia, the privilege of speaking for a short while about the work of his society. W. F. Robertson and Sparks W. Melton said they would heartily recommend Mr. McAllen.

19. Communication from R. J. Dogan as follows:

To the Portsmouth Association:

Dear Brethren—Fraternal greetings from my sick room. May the Lord bless you in your deliberations and lead us all to "Higher Ground" in Kingdom service. The Lord is with me in my sickness and gives promise of an early recovery.

Fraternally,

ROBT. J. DOGAN.

Jno. 3:16.

On motion, the Association paused while prayer was offered by Dr. Melton.

20. The following Report on Combined State Interests was read by L. E. Barton and adopted:

### REPORT ON STATE INTERESTS

On page twenty-five, section forty-four of last year's minutes is recorded a resolution instructing the Committee on Program to arrange for one report on the various State interests. The report follows according to instructions.

#### The Orphanage

The orphanage has two hundred twenty-five (225) children. The General Expense account for maintaining these was \$34,480.03. The total expenditures for general expenses, new building, purchase of real estate, salaries, repairs and improvements, interest and insurance, etc., was \$100,056.27. The total receipts for the year from all sources were \$89,635.97. This, with \$20,660.01 on hand November 1st, 1921, made total resources of \$110,295.98 and left cash on hand November 1, 1922, \$10,239.71. The amount received from the Seventy-five Million Campaign was \$68,290.94. There was a falling off in the special offerings from individuals and churches.

The orphanage owns a total of fourteen buildings, some two hundred acres of land, employs a force of twenty-five officers, matrons, teachers and helpers. The girls made more than two thousand garments last year. The farm produced seventy-five (75) tons of hay, one hundred twenty-five tons of ensilage, twelve hundred (1200) bushels of corn, two thousand bundles of fodder, four thousand (4000) lbs. of meat, all needed supplies of vegetables, 13,078 gallons of milk and various other products.

The children receive instruction in the day school from six teachers and regular instruction in Sunday School and Church activities. The health of the children is good. There were only two deaths last

year, one from heart failure and one from a fall from a ladder, the only fatal accident in the thirty years history of the orphanage.

#### State Missions

The Board of Missions and Education employs one hundred and sixty missionaries, at an expense for salaries of \$66,675.78. These occupied four hundred forty-three stations, witnessed 2,552 conversions, organized eight (8) churches, completed eleven (11) church houses, collected one hundred sixty-four thousand (\$164,000.00) dollars on mission fields for building and repairs. The Board operates four Mission Schools with five hundred eighty-one students, and co-operates with the Home Mission Board in work among foreigners in Virginia and with the Negro Board in work among their people.

The Board is heavily in debt on the State Mission account but the great work it is doing and the divine blessing attending its labors should inspire the churches to furnish immediate relief from this financial embarrassment.

#### Sunday School, B. Y. P. U., and Colportage

The last reports showed 1,068 Baptist Sunday Schools in Virginia, with an enrollment of 174,661. This indicates an increase of 73% in fifteen years. There have been 8,374 diplomas granted, 13,998 advanced seals, 124 post graduate diplomas, 57 gold seals, 228 post graduate seals and 10,342 certificates for parts of the normal manual. Total awards, 33,123. There are more than 1,000 organized Bible classes.

There are in Virginia 994 B. Y. P. U. Societies, 32,000 members, 14 city associations and fifteen rural.

Since 1919, 13,433 awards have been bestowed. An average of 400 Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Training Schools and Institutes have been conducted annually for the last five years. The encampments at Virginia Beach and Bristol reach about 2,500 persons annually.

Last year's report showed, in the Portsmouth Association, a total of 45 Sunday Schools, with 18,027 enrolled. These reported 815 conversions. Church members enrolled, 7,910. These figures include the Home Department.

In our Association thirty of the forty-four churches report a total of sixty-five Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Unions. Nine unions were organized during the year, and only six disbanded for the summer months.

#### Christian Education

The General Association of 1922 consolidated the work of the State Mission Board, the Education Board, and the Education Commission under the Virginia Baptist Board of Missions and Education. This Board has three departments, viz: Missions, Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U., and Christian Education. Under the last in ministerial education, and the work of our schools and colleges.

A noteworthy item in our educational work last year was the opening of the Bluefield Junior College, which enrolled a hundred students.

The past year there were contributed, from the general funds allocated to education, the following amounts to our various schools:

Richmond College -----	\$ 16,865.93
Westhampton College -----	16,865.93
Averett College -----	16,865.93
Virginia Interment -----	16,865.93
Chatham Training School -----	16,865.93
Fork Union Military Academy -----	16,865.93
Bluefield College -----	20,239.12

Buchanan Mission School.....	10,539.13
Blue Ridge School.....	6,529.92
Oak Hill Mission School.....	1,391.25
Piedmont Mission School.....	1,162.66
Total .....	\$141,057.66

In addition to this the Baptist Institute at Pennington Gap received \$1,200.00 from the Home Mission Board.

Twenty years ago we had seven schools with property and endowment valued at \$750,000.00 and with 700 students. Now we have 14 schools valued at some four million dollars, and a student enrollment of 2,790. In these schools there were enrolled last year 131 ministerial students, 79 of them in the University of Richmond, the largest number in the history of the college, and the largest total in the history of the State. About twenty (20) young preachers from Virginia were in the Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky. Thirty-four (34) young women in our schools were preparing for Missionary service. Among the student bodies there were 176 confessions of faith in Christ.

A little more than six per cent of the people above ten years of age in the United States cannot read and write. But in Virginia eleven and two-tenths per cent cannot read and write. The illiteracy of the white population in Virginia is also greater than the average illiteracy throughout the country. These are not pleasant facts but facts nevertheless, and we should be willing to face them that we may speedily go about changing them. It has been stated recently by some of our leaders at Richmond that there are more Baptists in Virginia than members of all other communions combined. If this is true we have a greater number of illiterates than other denominations, though may be not a larger per cent. However, we have greater responsibility than all others for any unfavorable intellectual, moral or religious condition that exists because we have the greater numerical strength and greater power to influence the whole people.

L. E. BARTON.

The various phases were discussed as follows:

B. Y. P. U. by Miss Delma Maher.

Education by T. D. Savage.

Orphanage by W. V. Savage.

State Missions by Dr. A. M. Burfoot.

21. Report on the Sunday School Convention was made by C. S. Sawyer and on motion adopted. The clerk was requested, with the help of Bro. Sawyer, to publish such of the report as they thought necessary.

#### REPORT OF THE THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

TO THE PORTSMOUTH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION AT  
CHURCHLAND, VA., SEPT. 22, 1923.

The Third Annual Session of the Sunday School Convention met with the London Bridge Baptist Church, Princess Anne County, July 19-20th, 1923. L. C. Brinson, Moderator, called the Convention to

order at 10:00 A. M. Devotional Exercises were led by Rev. R. T. Dodge, after which the following officers were elected:

Rev. Frank B. Handley—Moderator.  
Mr. C. H. Myers—Director of Music.  
Rev. C. S. Sawyer—Secretary and Treasurer.

After the adoption of the report of the Program Committee, the following reports were read and adopted:

Elementary Department—Mrs. F. L. Stewart.  
Intermediate Department—Mrs. Joseph Grimes.  
Home Department—Mrs. C. D. Mahone.  
Teacher Training—Rev. Beecher L. Rhodes.  
Rev. H. H. Martens of Kempsville delivered the Annual Sermon. Text, John 21:17.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

After devotional exercises led by Rev. A. P. Mustain, the following topics were discussed:

"What the Sunday School May Do to Prepare Children for Early Conversion"—F. L. Hardy, L. C. Brinson, R. T. Dodge.

"The Worship Element in the Superintendent's Program"—L. C. Brinson.

Convention adjourned with prayer by R. T. Dodge.

#### SECOND DAY—JULY 20th

The Convention assembled at 10:30 A. M. Rev. L. E. Barton, D. D., led the devotional exercises.

The following subjects were discussed:

"The Teacher as Evangelist"—Rev. F. L. Hardy.

"Training the Young in Systematic Giving"—Rev. Ira D. S. Knight. (The Convention voted to request The Herald to publish the paper).

"The Organized Bible Class: Its Activities"—M. Winston and L. E. Barton.

"The Fundamental Purposes of the B. Y. P. U."—Misses May Campbell and Clyde White.

Convention adjourned for dinner.

2:15 P. M. Convention re-assembled and Rev. H. B. Cole of the Centerville Baptist Church, Norfolk County, led the devotional exercises.

"The Service Opportunities of the W. M. U." were discussed by Mrs. G. R. Martin, Miss Delma Maher, Mrs. H. E. Hood.

"The Importance and Method of Memorization of Bible and Hymns," by Rev. E. J. Harrell.

The Committee on Time and Place recommended that the next Convention meet Thursday after the third Sunday in July, 1924, with the Ocean View Baptist Church.

Rev. C. S. Sawyer of South Norfolk was instructed to report the proceedings of the Convention to the Portsmouth Association, after which the Convention adjourned with prayer by Rev. T. E. Boorde of Virginia Beach.

C. S. SAWYER.

22. The chair appointed as the Committee on Time, Place and Preachers, R. T. Dodge, Dr. A. W. Burfoot and J. W. C. Dudley.

23. W. V. Savage stated that he had just talked with a former pastor of Churchland Church, Rev. A. B. Dunaway, and he requested that he be remembered to the Association. At the suggestion of Dr. Savage, the Association was led in prayer by A. M. Burfoot.

24. The following resolutions were offered by J. T. Riddick and adopted:

#### RESOLUTIONS

Since the last regular session of the Virginia Legislature introduced a bill which was passed, creating a Board of Censors for the motion pictures exhibited in the State of Virginia;

And since during the first eight months of its existence it has effected eliminations of objectionable scenes in 1,038 films and rejected 7 films in toto;

And since we believe the retention of said Board essential to cleaner pictures and necessary as a foundation to a gradual improvement in the moral character of all screen productions:

THEREFORE, Be it resolved: That we, the Portsmouth Association of Virginia, do hereby approve heartily the establishment of the Board of Censors for motion pictures in the State of Virginia and call upon our representatives at the next session of the State Legislature not only to maintain the law creating said Board but wherever necessary, to make more effective its work, that it be strengthened, and that the salary of the censors be adequate to the services rendered:

FURTHERMORE, We wish to go on record as being opposed to the creation of an Athletic Commission which we deem unnecessary, and that we are opposed to prize fighting in any form or under any guise and to boxing exhibitions to which admission charges are made:

Moreover, We desire to express the sentiment of this Association as in favor of the present Sunday laws, but we think they should be so amended as to eliminate all forms of gambling from amusement parks, watering places, and bazaars, etc., and approve emphatically any movement that shall make a stricter enforcement of the same possible.

And in addition, BE IT RESOLVED, that at the proper time copies of these resolutions be sent to all our representatives in this District and that suitable publicity be given to the same not only through our religious but also through our daily press.

J. T. RIDDICK.

25. The question as to when the fiscal year of the Association churches closed was raised and on motion adopted, the time was set as the 15th of September of each year.

26. A motion was adopted that in making report of pastors' salary the rent of parsonage be not included.

27. On motion of L. E. Barton, Rule No. 4 of the By-Laws was referred to a committee consisting of W. V. Savage, B. L. Rhodes and L. E. Barton for revision.

28. The first day's session was closed with prayer by L. F. Paulette.



## WEDNESDAY MORNING

29. The Association was called to order by Vice-Moderator A. R. Love.

30. Devotional exercises conducted by D. P. Harris.

31. The chair appointed the following committee on Digest of Church Letters: D. P. Harris, L. C. Brinson and Mrs. W. T. L. Shepherd.

32. I. D. S. Knight spoke on the General Association Centennial to be held in Richmond.

33. Motion by Marinus James that a committee be appointed to write a history of the Portsmouth Association for publication in a special centennial edition of The Religious Herald, was adopted and the chair named L. E. Barton, W. V. Savage and H. F. Jones as the committee.

34. Report on Home Missions was read by C. S. Sawyer and adopted.

### HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board made a great report to the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City last May. It is, indeed, gratifying to contrast that report with the one made in the same city eighteen years ago. The total receipts of the Board for the year ending 1905 were \$169,988.92. This last year they were \$1,002,193.07.

Then the Board reported 10,551 baptisms; this last year 38,770. Then there were 20,570 additions to the churches; this year 59,597. In the year of 1905 the Board had no special department of Evangelism. Shortly after the department was organized and through it there have been 152,846 converts baptized, 208,643 additions to the churches and 23,260 volunteers for the ministry or some definite mission work.

Other departments of the Board, such as Church Extension, Publicity, Co-operative Missions, Mountain Schools, Foreigners, Indians and Negroes, Soldiers and Seamen, Panama and Cuba, Southern Baptist Sanitarium, work among the Jews and Mutes and other departments have experienced in more or less degree similar advancement. Surely we have sufficient reason for abundant thanksgiving to God for His marvelous favor upon the work of the Home Mission Board.

It is our one great Southwide missionary agency and has been the greatest single factor in helping to make the South a mighty Baptist empire; especially has its power been felt in the newer sections of the South, the Mississippi Valley and the great Southwest.

While the Southern Baptists have made mighty progress there are greater needs and vaster opportunities at present than ever before in our history.

There are millions of lost souls whom we must reach and our people must be enlisted in all our denominational life and activities.

The Home Mission Board is heavily in debt on account of the great enlargement of the work and the falling off in receipts due largely to the deflation in prices in general. For the last two years we have had to retrench in our operations to the hurting point in order that we might wipe out the debt. But the serious falling off in receipts

has made the removal of the debt or its material reduction impossible. We have come to the juncture when further retrenchment will be ruinous. There must be an about face, and a recovering of the losses in the last two years' receipts. If this is done the present debt can be made a thing of the past in twelve months, all departmental forces can be strengthened, and be ready for a distinct advance along all lines.

From every direction comes calls for reinforcement. The strain on many of our workers is fearful. They are bearing double burdens and must be relieved. Men and women are ready and begging to be sent. They are kept back because the Board cannot send them.

The call for better facilities and equipment in our schools and churches is distressing. It is impossible to hold our own, to say nothing of advancing with the present facilities. One wonders how so much is done and done so well despite the terrible handicaps under which the teachers and missionaries labor. Their fidelity and consecration, their devotion and sacrifice, are beyond all praise, and under the blessings of God explain the miracle of their achievement. We must go to their relief with better support, better equipment, and additional workers.

The last report of the Board states that if we raise the \$75,000,000 by the close of the 75 Million Campaign and the Home Board receives its due proportion, the Board's debts can be paid and the Board's work increased fifty per cent over its present operation.

Let us come to the help of this great work and all our other interests as well.

H. B. COLE.

34. The meeting was turned over to representatives from the State Board and F. T. Crump, Treasurer, spoke on the Seventy-five Million Campaign from the standpoint of finances, and Joseph T. Watts made a most interesting and stirring address on Baptist work in general throughout the state and also about the Centennial of the General Association. He stressed the importance of paying the pledges to the Seventy-five Million Campaign.

35. John A. Morris made the report on Pastoral Support and Ministerial Relief and the same was adopted.

#### PASTORAL SUPPORT AND MINISTERIAL RELIEF

Our Baptist Pastors on an average are much better paid today than at any time in the history of the denomination. Still there are numbers of our faithful pastors, especially those living in the smaller communities, and even some in our city churches that are not sufficiently paid.

The members of our churches in the majority of cases, are better off financially than at any time in their lives, and yet we find in some fields where the pastor is giving himself untiringly to his work, he is no better paid than he was some years ago.

This should not be. Our pastors should be paid salaries that will allow them to live comfortably and to even have some of the luxuries of life.

The Baptist Pastor has more calls and demands both on his time, energy and income than probably any other class of men.

Both he and his family are expected to go neatly clad, he has to entertain considerably, buy many books, and in many ways spend

his income to keep himself prepared and up-to-date, otherwise his people will find fault with him.

I believe that today numbers of our young men who would like to enter the ministry are deterred from doing so on account of the meager salaries paid so many of our preachers.

Let us take this matter to our hearts, and if we are not paying our pastors sufficient salaries for them to maintain themselves properly, then let us see to it that the matter is corrected.

### Ministerial Relief

The following figures show facts concerning our great denomination, in the matter of giving aid and comfort to its disabled and worn out ministers, their widows, and orphan children, for a period covering four years since the 75 Million Campaign was put on.

	Total No. of Beneficiaries	Total paid to Beneficiaries	Relief Assets	Annuity Assets	Total Assets
May, 1920.....	500	\$62,217.61	\$70,974.06	\$91,149.04	\$162,123.10
May, 1921.....	750	\$118,988.82	\$389,783.43	\$525,114.27	\$914,897.70
May, 1922.....	804	\$128,966.88	\$419,027.25	\$730,061.27	\$1,149,088.52
May, 1923.....	925	\$113,322.15	\$496,720.61	\$993,472.98	\$1,490,193.59

### Progress in Extension

Think of the new day that has come to the widows of our Baptist preachers, most of whom are old, others with their little families, clinging dependents, held together in an humble cottage, instead of being scattered here and there, or sinking into menial drudgery as a result of having been born in the home of a Baptist preacher.

From the best estimate that we can get, Southern Baptists, in all the states put together, paid to their old preachers in the three years preceding the 75 Million Campaign, in round numbers, \$116,000.

In the past three years, since the beginning of the Campaign, we have increased the yearly allowance paid to our beneficiaries over the estimated three years immediately preceding the Campaign, \$184,173.31, an average of more than \$61,000 per year.

While this increase is gratifying, we are by no means doing what we should do.

With the fixed income herein referred to, in addition to current receipts, we shall be enabled to increase the stipends of our beneficiaries at least 60%, which will bring us to a point in our work where we shall have made great strides in solving our relief problems.

The immediate and imperative need of the Relief and Annuity Board, at this time, is a fixed income of \$100,000.00 per year, on the relief side of the work alone, in addition to what the Board is now receiving and will continue to receive from the states, whatever the plan may be.

This will take an interest bearing fund, for relief alone, of at least one and a half million dollars, of which we now have about five hundred thousand dollars, including endowment and reserve.

The Board has now a beneficiary list of between eight and nine hundred. Others are being added from month to month. While we have made great strides since the organization of the new Convention Board, in giving aid and comfort to the disabled and retired ministers, we are not beginning to do what we should do.

Our aim should be to persuade our people to make it clear to the minister that after he has given himself whole heartedly to the work, and spent himself freely, in his ministry, that if he should fall in his work, or die, or grow old in it, the denomination will not permit him or his family to suffer in the event.

We should make our young preachers feel that the denomination has thus spoken to them, and that they can accept its word at par.

To do this will put new life and energy in our preachers, greatly increasing their efficiency, and the denomination would be the real beneficiary.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. MORRIS.

36. Woman's Work being the next on the program, Mrs. Annie Gray made a most interesting report, which was adopted.

#### WOMAN'S WORK

It is with humility that I try to present to this body the work of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Portsmouth Association. Another year has passed into W. M. U. history, carrying with it great achievements and also many lost opportunities which will not come again.

Our total contributions for the year just closed are: Campaign objects \$33,221.41, other objects \$11,524.23. Total contributions \$44,745.64, showing a great decrease from last year, which we deeply regret. Stewardship must be stressed so that our women may measure up to their full responsibility. Let us not lose sight of the fact that the campaign is not an end in itself but a means unto the end that God may be glorified and that the world may be drawn closer to the heart of Christ.

Mission study is growing rapidly. Our record for the year is 220 classes held, 116 more than last year. There have been awarded 1,716 small seals, 156 official seals and 4 honor certificates, showing a great increase over last year's work. Special mention should be made of one men's class held in Calvary Baptist Church, Portsmouth.

Each year our women are becoming more interested in Personal Service and are taking up more organized work in their local communities. Our Settlement Work, under Miss Nonie Gravatt, continues to grow and many of our societies give to it liberally of their time and thought. The Portsmouth Group, with the Portsmouth Senior B. Y. P. U. City Association, are planning to start a Good Will Center soon in their community. The number of Daily Vacation Bible Schools showed an increase this year. The Portsmouth Group, with the aid of the Baptist Council, fostered two in Portsmouth. The children and parents were very enthusiastic about them and we trust that more than two can be held there the coming year. The women of our Association are supporting three students at the Buchanan Mountain School.

The report for White Cross Work in our Association was not so large last year but we hope it will grow in favor with our women this coming year and that a large box of hospital supplies can be sent to Dr. George Green's hospital in Ogbomoso, Africa, by April 15th, 1924.

The special seasons of prayer for Home, Foreign and State Missions are observed in most of our societies. The result of these special seasons of prayer cannot be tabulated but their influence is far reaching, both on the work of our missionaries and in the greater spirituality that comes to the individual members who participate in them.

We are happy to report 112 organizations, 1 increase from last year. We have not yet reached our aim, which is to have in every church in our Association our full graded system consisting of a W. M. S., Y. W. A., R. A., G. A., and a Sunbeam Bnad. Special em-

phasis should be placed on the organization of our young people, for they are the hope of the future. We must wake up to the fact that the work among our young people is fundamental and the young people themselves must feel the responsibility of doing Christian work. The great difficulty is lack of leaders and the call comes for more capable, consecrated women who will give themselves to this work which demands the very best among us.

The whole wide world with its millions waits yet to be conquered and great numbers in our own land are yet without the light. We are needing the thousands of unenlisted women and young people now in our churches to help us extend the kingdom of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

"The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest."

MRS. ANNIE L. GRAY.

36. The Doctrinal Sermon, which was preached at this time by L. E. Barton, was soul-stirring and uplifting. Motion made by Frank L. Hardy that Dr. Barton be requested to publish the sermon in the Herald; was adopted.

37. Adjourned with prayer by J. T. Riddick.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

38. Devotional exercises conducted by J. T. Coburn, who read fourteen verses from the 12th chapter of Hebrews and led in prayer.

39. Solo by Mrs. W. F. Monell.

40. The address on Foreign Missions was a most excellent one and was delivered by Sparks W. Melton. Discussed by J. E. Welsh and W. V. Savage.

### FOREIGN MISSION REPORT, 1923

"Go ye into all the world"—thus commanded our Master—and we have gone. We have taken with us our pride, our lust for material things and only in the smallest degree have we revealed the highest and best thing we have—the religion of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

In theory Foreign Missions occupy the highest place in the program of the Christian church. In reality we have never met honestly and fully our obligation, nor have we even in a remote way risen to our opportunity in the efforts we have made and the things we have done are not in the smallest degree commensurate with our resources.

The missionary has come into his own. The industrial world recognizes him as the most successful and efficient advance agent. The scientific world has appreciated and profited by his contribution, the foreign people are fast coming to know him as a benefactor and thus his hour is at hand. The opportunity is glorious and the obligation imperative.

But the Christian people failed to seize the land. We have been content to make a few paltry additions to our foreign church annually, when we might have won nations for Christ, and we have given in

niggardly sums, when we might have met every need. We do not bend as completely to the authority of the almighty God as we do to the almighty dollar.

We need to give our prayers, not a formal ejaculation, that the kingdoms of the world may become the kingdom of our Lord and His Christ. We need to give our own means as God has prospered us, and not a mere pittance to God, as if He stood at our door a mendicant.

In other words, the time has come to play the game, with the world's needy and with God.

S. W. MELTON.

41. Solo by Read Wilkins.

42. Report of Committee on Digest of Church Letters was read and adopted.

#### DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS

Church membership reported 1922	17,454
Church membership reported 1923	17,415
Decrease	39

N. B.—This loss is due to the cleaning of the church rolls. Not less than 845 members were erased, excluded and put on the inactive list. This offset the gain of 1,469 by baptism, letter, statement and restoration.

Baptisms reported 1922	907
Baptisms reported 1923	686

Sunday School enrollment 1922	18,027
Sunday School enrollment 1923	17,731

N. B.—These enrollments include Home Department and Cradle Roll. The decrease in Sunday School Enrollment, like the decrease in Church Membership, is due to the rigid pruning in the case of several large schools. It is also true that the past year has witnessed a large emigration from Tidewater Virginia.

Conversions from Sunday Schools 1923	550
Church Members enrolled in Sunday Schools 1923	8,222
Contributions for Home purposes 1922	\$246,092.35
Contributions for Home purposes 1923	268,816.76
Increase for home purposes	\$ 22,724.41
Paid to 75 Million Campaign 1922	\$101,298.05
Paid to 75 Million Campaign 1923	77,615.67
Decrease to Campaign	\$ 23,682.38

Remarks—Church clerks are again requested to send in their annual Church letters promptly. From year to year, we are having much difficulty in compiling correct figures at the proper time.

43. Laymen's Missionary Movement report was made by Willis Hutchings and adopted.

#### LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT

In attempting to furnish this report, your committee had attention drawn to the suggestion of the general secretary, Mr. J. T. Henderson, that the name should be so changed as to harmonize with those of similar organizations of the Southern Baptist Convention, as the Woman's Missionary Union, the Baptist Young People's Union, hence should be called Men's Missionary Union, and we hereby commend this change of the name. However, under whatever name or names, if the men of the Baptist Churches of this Association can be organized or in any way enlisted for more consecrated work, it will be a very material aid in the development of the resources of these churches.

Men and brethren, laymen in all our churches, the burden of the responsibility rests largely upon you to co-operate and supplement the work of our honored pastors, and by your loyal and adequate support show that as God has honored them with a high and holy calling so every man who claims to be a Christian can be of material aid to the church of which he is a member and if he will show by his life and the support he is giving to every department of the work of his church that he is a dependable unit in that organization. As every army is made up of individual soldiers and is no stronger than their united power, so the churches can show to the world a united spiritual strength equal to that attained by its individual members, and their combined strength will be irresistible.

Someone has made the suggestion and the necessary calculation by saying that if there were only two Christians in the world at the present time, but that those two would consecrate themselves and under the spirit's power gain two others within one year, making four for the second year, and then those four would determinedly pursue the same course and each year do the same, that at the end of 32 years there would not be a human being on the earth left who had not been brought under the force and power of the Gospel.

Now for over nineteen hundred years the same cry to God has been dominant, "Behold the fields already white unto harvest," but the workers, the laborers, the laymen if you please, have never measured up to their opportunity, have not shown their dependability as bodies of Christian men. As someone has recently said that we cannot recall those who are dead, we cannot go to the graveyards and cemeteries and preach a saving gospel to those who have already gone to their last account. Nor can those yet to be born into the world be preached to directly. So our task is laid out for us here in our own present generation to do our work with them, and let us determine that it shall be done effectively.

Since the organization of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in 1907, it has emphasized the importance of the following practical measures:

First, loyalty to and adequate support of the pastor. "The laborer is worthy of his hire." "We should esteem him very highly in love for his work's sake."

Second, the weekly offering by every member of the church as a vital feature of worship. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered you." "Bring an offering and come into His courts."

Third, faithful attendance on the worship of the sanctuary. "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is."

Fourth, religion in business. "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."

Fifth, a larger study of God's word, also the reading of religious books and papers by the laymen. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God." "Give attendance to reading."

Sixth, the movement also urges laymen to write their wills early, seek legal counsel, and bequeath at least one-tenth of their estates to the Lord's cause. "Lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven."

Seventh, the organization of the men in the churches into brotherhoods that shall hold monthly meetings for the cultivation of fellowship and the promotion of intelligence and consecration. It also suggests the organization of associational brotherhoods; these may meet quarterly on Sunday afternoon for comparing notes and for the promotion of co-operative work. "That in all things Christ may have the pre-eminence."

Eighth, the leading work of the movement from the beginning has been the promotion of the Stewardship of life and substance. "Ye are not your own, ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. "The tithe is the Lord's; it is holy unto the Lord."

Ninth, your Committee also claims that the layman, as well as the preacher, should recognize that he is a Kingdom factor. He should share the burdens that come to the pastor, college president, and mission secretary. "How shall they preach except they be sent?"

Your Committee recommends the appointment of a committee of three dependable laymen that shall co-operate with the other denominational agencies in promoting the collection of pledges to the Seventy Five Million Campaign, also the Stewardship and Budget Campaign.

For literature on all the matters referred to in this report, your Committee recommends that you write to J. T. Henderson, General Secretary, Box 585, Knoxville, Tennessee.

The following, called "Taking Stock," seems pertinent and is given as the closing of this report. Let each individual apply it as needed.

#### Taking Stock.

"Am I doing my part?" Why ask the question? Because there is a personal responsibility in the case of each one of us for the welfare of the church. This is the test: if every member should be an exact duplicate of myself—attend the services as I do, pay in proportion as I do, and in general support and foster the church as I do—what would be the result? Would he enlarge or diminish the kingdom's boundaries? These are vital questions and should be answered by each one personally. Lord, teach me my part and give me courage to do it."

The one great need of the Church is for each individual member to realize that he is an important part in the workings of the church that honors him with a place on its roll. It so often happens that many of the members of a church have to be fed instead of being feeders, and frequently they have to be fed on milk. They are not strong enough for meat. Now, that the summer is gone and autumn is here, let us all turn over a new leaf and try to be of some real service to God and to humanity.

WILLIS HUTCHINGS.



44. The following Obituaries were read by Henry C. Duerr and adopted.

#### REPORT ON OBITUARIES

Your Committee is gratified to report unusual blessings upon the official body of the church during the past year. Though death has walked up and down our land, but few have fallen victims to his disastrous power.

Rev. Calvin S. Blackwell was born in Roanoke County, Va., March 27, 1844. He served in the Army of Northern Virginia and fought around Richmond and Petersburg in 1864.

At the close of the war he walked across Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio and part of Indiana, preaching on the way, and worked on the farm of Joseph LaFollette, uncle of the present Wisconsin senator, where he saved money to enter school. He was graduated from Drake University, 1874. He came at once to Norfolk as Pastor of the Disciples Church, which met over a store on Charlotte Street. He went to Brooklyn for a brief pastorate and then returned to Norfolk, 1878, as pastor of the Disciples Church.

During this pastorate he built the church house on Freemason Street, which is now used for a business college. In 1880 he was married to Miss Frances DeJanette, and was called to a church in St. Louis. Then in 1887 he was called to a work in Chicago, where he spent two years, when he went to the Central Disciples Church, Augusta, Georgia. In 1891 he joined the Baptists and joined with all his heart soul and strength, but no work of bitterness or acrimonious discussion ever escaped his lips against his former communion. He was a Christian gentleman too big and too great to tolerate any petty hatreds.

After becoming a Baptist he was the first B. Y. P. U. Secretary of the South and at the same time associate editor of the Baptist Union. He was five years pastor of the First Baptist Church at Wilmington, some years pastor of the First (and then only) Baptist Church of Elizabeth City, N. C., and accepted the First Baptist Church of Norfolk in 1903, where he remained for six years. The last fourteen years of his life were spent in the field of evangelism, where his cultured mind, a sympathetic heart and great preaching power made him peculiarly effective. As evangelist and supply pastor he did among the best works of his great life and was continued in strength and service to the very last and "Died in the Harness" according to his expressed desire. In a great meeting which he had begun at Suffolk he preached on Thursday night one of the greatest sermons of his life on "Preparation for Death," and said as his last public utterance: "If God should call me this minute, I am ready." He went to bed that night in Suffolk but his spirit that felt it was far better to "depart and be with Christ" gently stole away from the tired body and joyfully appeared in the presence of the Lord to greet the other victors that wear the crown of life.

The following appreciation of him was adopted by the Norfolk and Portsmouth Pastors' Conference and published in the Religious Herald of May 31, 1923:

Calvin S. Blackwell, D. D., was easily "Primus inter pares" of our Tidewater Baptist ministry. He was a man well endowed by nature, wonderfully blessed by grace, and broadened and enriched in heart and mind by a long life of study and service.

He was truly a good man. His spirit was gentle, his soul white as a lily, and his conscience faithful and steadfast as a bridge of stars. The kindness of his face beamed a blessing on all the good and pure. His grasp was that of a truly friendly hand. In fact, he

might have been called the friendliest man in Norfolk. The word of God had mastered his thinking and saturated his whole moral and spiritual nature. As a preacher of the word he was always interesting and very helpful and at times exhibited in great degree the passion and dramatic power of an orator of the first quality. As a gentleman he was a prince, as a friend true as David and Jonathan. But greatest of all, as a Christian, he was a humble, deeply reverent Child of God who rested with immovable confidence on the word of the Saviour, and adoringly looked to Him for direction and power. There was no minor key or dirge in the music of his life. It was a tune set to the heroic and joyful measure. He now rests from his labors and his works do follow him.

We, the members of this Conference, who probably knew his mind and heart better than anybody else on earth, triumphantly acclaim his Christian worth, pledge ourselves to a new emulation of his virtues, commend his Godly example to his family, friends and acquaintances, and pray that the candle of the Lord which burned so brightly in his friendly spirit may shine in the hearts of the loved ones and light us all unto the perfect day.

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**Deacon Richard B. Esleeck.** On March 17, 1923, Fourth Street Church was called upon to give up one of its Deacons. Brother Richard B. Esleeck was a native of Portsmouth, Va., in which city he was born on the sixth day of October, 1875. He held membership with Fourth Street Church for a number of years. He was Financial Secretary and assistant teacher of the Baraca Class, was very active in all of the affairs of the Church. He was faithful in the discharge of every accepted duty. He took a most prominent part in the affairs of the city, being a member of the City Council.

His funeral was conducted from the Church he loved so well on Tuesday, March 20, 1923, Rev. A. R. Love conducting the services.

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**Deacon J. Augustine Tabb**—Our bereavements multiply; friend after friend departs. On March 20, 1923, after a long illness, Deacon J. Augustine Tabb, of the Park View Church, Portsmouth, Va., entered into his eternal rest.

Brother Tabb was a charter member of the church, having transferred by letter from Court Street Church January 29, 1899. He was one of Park View's first deacons and served in that capacity for 24 years, or until God in His all-wise wisdom called him from his suffering. He was also the first clerk of the church. The Park View Church has suffered a great loss in the death of this faithful Child of God. We shall thank God upon every remembrance of him and shall cherish the hope of seeing him again.

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**Emmette Edgar Dudley, Jr.**, son of Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Dudley, was born in Norfolk, Virginia, February 14, 1904, and died in Portsmouth, Virginia, May 4, 1923.

He was converted at the age of seven and he and his brother Haddon were placed under the water in baptism by their father at the same time.

He was a consistent member of the Park View Baptist Church, active in B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School work. He was Treasurer of the Sunday School and Chorister of the City B. Y. P. U.

He was strong in body, handsome in physique, clean in his morals and pure in his life. He expected to join his older brother in studying

for the ministry at the University of Richmond this fall. The father and mother were very proud of the fact that their two older boys were preachers.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. DUERR.

45. Motion made and heartily adopted that we extend a rising vote of thanks to the Pastor, the members and friends of Churchland church for the cordial and bountiful entertainment accorded the Association.

46. Next in order was Report on Periodicals which was made by Mrs. H. F. Jones and adopted after a very interesting address by Mrs. S. G. Blalock.

#### REPORT ON RELIGIOUS PERIODICALS

The purpose of this report is to stimulate a wider reading on the part of our people of the fine literature which has come and is coming so rapidly from our Religious Press. Nothing contributes so liberally to the efficiency of our Baptist host as the well prepared literature which is being used in the various departments of our church life.

We are thinking just now of the emphasis that in all quarters is being placed on the word "efficiency." It is the word of the business world.

Shrewd men are no longer content to let their business run along on in the old grooves, with the thought that everything is going about as well as can be expected, and in the hope that a loss in one department will be made up by gain in another, so the results as a whole, will be satisfactory.

They are overhauling everything. They are looking for efficiency in every department. Every sail must catch the wind and help along the vessel.

A closer system of co-operation is being followed.

The smallest leaks are being stopped.

Efficiency conferences are being held to discuss all matters pertaining to great business, and literature on every phase is being studied with great care.

The old days of the "slip-shod," "hit or miss," "go as you please" order of Christian work are passing and a new order has come to the front.

We are not only to be good, but to "make good"; and the good man or the good church is the man or church that is good for something.

Information is an absolute essential to efficiency and inspiration.

We commend to the Baptist Bible Schools of this Association the well prepared literature of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

We commend also to our B. Y. P. U. a careful study of the literature prepared by the Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

And to the whole Baptist constituency we commend the reading of our missionary magazines and our inspiring mission study books. For example "The Wandering Jew in Brazil," a thrilling story of the struggles and triumphs of a great life in the heart of the continent of South America, or "The Crusade of Compassion," "The Miracles

of Modern Medical Missions." We also commend "Making America Christian," by Victor Masters; "Talks on Soul Winning," by Dr. Mullins; "Bible Evangelism," by W. W. Hamilton; "The Churches of the New Testament," by Geo. W. McDaniel, and other great books too numerous to mention.

In the last place we desire to call your attention to the glorious history, and invaluable service rendered to the denomination by the Religious Herald. The first issue of the Religious Herald, as you doubtless know, is dated January 11th, 1828. It is, therefore, about four and a half years younger than the General Association. For nearly ninety-six years, with the exception of some interruption during and immediately following the Civil War, the papers have appeared every week. During this long stretch there have been remarkably few changes in its editorial conduct. William Sands, an Englishman by birth, came from Baltimore to Richmond in 1828 and was the office and managing editor of the paper until the autumn of 1865. There were others, of course, associated with him during that period of thirty-seven years. In 1865 Jeter and Dickinson—Dr. J. B. Jeter and Dr. A. E. Dickinson—bought the paper from Sands and Shavor. In the fire in Richmond in April, 1865, the offices of the Herald, with its mailing list and all its visible property was destroyed. In January, 1866, the publication of the Religious Herald was renewed under its new managers. Dr. Jeter died in 1880. Dr. Dickinson continued until his death in 1906. In September, 1888, R. H. Pitt became a member of the Herald staff and shortly afterwards became the office and managing editor. From these facts you will see that the terms of service of three editors, William Sands, A. E. Dickinson, and R. H. Pitt, cover the whole life of the paper from its beginning in 1828 to the present hour, and that the terms of two of these, Dickinson and Pitt, overlap one another for a period of over seventeen years.

These facts are not without significance. They go far in accounting for the sobriety, the dependability, the reasonableness, the traditions of courtesy and fairness which have characterized the Herald throughout its history. It is a notable fact that while the Baptists of many of our states have been divided in the past, and while in almost every case the denominational newspaper has been involved in the divisions, in Virginia from the organization of the General Association in 1823 to the present time, unbroken harmony and fraternity have prevailed. Of course, in such an epochal division as occurred in the 1830s, when we had the anti-missionary split, it was necessary for the Herald to bear its witness, but its files will show that even then it strove to be just and kind, and considerate of the rights and feelings even of those who sought to destroy it. But I must not dwell too much on its history.

At the present time, with the full approval of the General Association, the Herald continues to be published at private risk. The uniform testimony of our secretaries and boards is, that they could not ask any more faithful, generous and thoughtful service for the great interests committed to them from any paper, whether owned and controlled by the denomination or not, than the Herald gives them with unwavering courtesy and cheerfulness.

The great need at the present moment is an increased list of subscribers. Our only hope for any permanent work of this sort rests in the leadership of the pastors. They, of course, must have the co-operation of the good women, of the organizations in their churches, of their deacons and others, but the pastors must lead if anything worth while is accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. F. JONES.

47. Report of Committee on Time, Place and Preachers as follows:

Time—Tuesday and Wednesday following the fourth Sunday in September, 1924.

Place—Court Street Baptist Church.

Preachers—Introductory Sermon, Marinus James; alternate, H. M. B. Jones. Doctrinal Sermon, W. V. Savage; alternate, J. T. Riddick.

Report was adopted.

48. Motion adopted that the Program Committee be requested to have the Doctrinal Sermon preached just before the hour of closing was made by Frank L. Hardy.

49. Dr. Melton called attention to action taken by last meeting of General Association creating the Virginia Baptist Foundation, Inc., for the distribution of gifts.

50. Report of Treasurer as follows:

#### REPORT OF TREASURER FOR 1922

##### RECEIPTS

Balance on hand from 1921	-----	\$ 21.23	
Associational Fund from the Churches	-----	243.28	
Total	-----	\$264.51	\$264.51

##### DISBURSEMENTS

Paid for Printing Minutes	-----	\$166.50	
Paid for Printing Programs	-----	8.50	
Postage on Minutes	-----	5.40	
Stamps and Stationery	-----	2.25	
Clerk's Salary for 1921 and 1922	-----	80.00	\$262.65
Balance on hand	-----		\$ 1.86

W. T. L. SHEPHERD,  
Treasurer.

51. Moved and carried that the Clerk receive the usual amount for his services.

52. The Moderator announced the Standing Committees for the year. (See back cover).

53. After enjoying a most delightful session the Association adjourned by singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and prayer by F. O. Criminger.

W. FRANK ROBERTSON, Moderator,  
Norfolk, Va.

W. T. L. SHEPHERD, Clerk,  
Portsmouth, Va.

CHURCHES, LOCATION, PASTORS, VALUE PROPERTY, DAYS OF PREACHING.

CHURCHES	LOCATION	Estab- lished	PASTORS	Value of Churen Building and Lot	Value of Pastori'm and Lot	Sundays of Preaching	
1	Berkley Avenue	Norfolk, Va.	1873	B. L. Rhodes	\$ 35000 00	\$10000 00	Every
2	Bethel	Norfolk Co., Va.	1889	H. B. Cole	2000 00		2nd & 4th
3	Blackwater	Princess Anne Co., Va.	1774	H. B. Cole	2500 00		
4	Burrows Memorial	Norfolk, Va.	1894		40000 00		Every
5	Calvary	Portsmouth, Va.	1889	D. R. Harris	120000 00	10000 00	Every
6	Campostella Heights	Norfolk, Va.	1916		10000 00		Every
7	Centerville	Norfolk Co., Va.	1872	H. B. Cole	2000 00	2500 00	Every
8	Central	Norfolk, Va.	1885	Frank L. Hardy	115000 00	10000 00	Every
9	Churchland	Portsmouth, Va.	1785	W. V. Savage	50000 00	8000 00	Every
10	Court Street	Portsmouth, Va.	1789	J. Elwood Welsh	200000 00	11500 00	Every
11	Cradock	Portsmouth, Va.	1919	John T. Coburn	3500 00	3500 00	Every
12	Deep Creek	Portsmouth, Va.	1889	J. A. Willoughby	3000 00	3000 00	1st & 3rd
13	East Brambleton	Norfolk, Va.	1913		2500 00		
14	Fairmount Park	Norfolk, Va.	1909	J. D. Peebles	10000 00		Every
15	First	Norfolk, Va.	1850		100000 00	12000 00	Every
16	Fourth Street	Portsmouth, Va.	1855	A. R. Love	44000 00	5000 00	Every
17	Freemason Street	Norfolk, Va.	1848	Sparks W. Melton	140000 00		Every
18	Gilmerton	Portsmouth, Va.	1895	John W. Welstead	3000 00	2000 00	2nd & 4th
19	Grace	Portsmouth, Va.	1922	John W. Welstead	2000 00		Every
20	Jackson Memorial	Portsmouth, Va.	1906	R. G. Kendrick	3000 00		Every
21	James Memorial	Norfolk, Va.	1922	Ryland T. Dodge	11800 00		Every
22	Kempsville	Princess Anne Co., Va.	1814	H. H. Martens	10000 00	5000 00	Every
23	Knotts' Island	Currituck, N. C.	1876				
24	Lake Drummond	Norfolk Co., Va.	1850	L. E. Barton	2100 00		1st
25	Larchmont	Norfolk, Va.	1919	L. E. Barton	11000 00	9500 00	Every
26	London Bridge	Princess Anne Co., Va.	1788	Frank B. Handley	3000 00	3000 00	Every
27	Nansemond	Drivers, Va.	1891	W. V. Savage	3000 00		1st & 3rd
28	Northwest	Norfolk Co., Va.	1782	J. A. Willoughby	5000 00		2nd & 4th
29	Oak Grove	Princess Anne Co., Va.	1762	E. J. Harrell	2500 00	1000 00	Every
30	Ocean View	Norfolk, Va.	1910	Alfred P. Mustian	1500 00		Every
31	Park Avenue	Norfolk, Va.	1885	J. T. Riddick	47000 00	5000 00	Every
32	Park Place	Norfolk, Va.	1902	Ira D. S. Knight	80000 00		Every
33	Park View	Portsmouth, Va.	1889	H. A. Griesemer, S.	10000 00		Every
34	Pleasant Grove	Norfolk Co., Va.	1845	L. E. Barton	2000 00	3000 00	2nd & 4th
35	Port Norfolk	Portsmouth, Va.	1898	H. F. Jones	50000 00	5000 00	Every
36	Raleigh Heights	Norfolk, Va.	1898	T. E. Boorde	3500 00		Every
37	South Norfolk	South Norfolk, Va.	1893	C. S. Sawyer	50000 00		Every
38	South Street	Portsmouth, Va.	1889	H. M. B. Jones	50000 00		Every
39	Spurgeon Memorial	Norfolk, Va.	1892	R. J. Dogan	70000 00	5000 00	Every
40	St. John	Princess Anne Co., Va.	1856	E. J. Harrell	3000 00	2000 00	Every
41	Virginia Beach	Virginia Beach, Va.	1908	T. E. Boorde	20000 00		Every
42	Westhaven	Portsmouth, Va.	1913	C. A. Vandermeulen	30000 00	5000 00	Every
43	West Norfolk	West Norfolk, Va.	1895	N. F. Hunt	5374 00	1550 00	Every
				Total	1138274 00	118550 00	

MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCHES

CHURCHES	ADDITIONS BY				DIMINUTIONS BY				Present Number		
	Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Statement	Letter	Exclusion	Erasure	Death	Males	Females	Total
1 Berkeley Avenue	30	14		6	8		5	7	247	351	598
2 Bethel		2			2		2	1	42	39	81
3 Blackwater											642
4 Burrows Memorial	25	20	70	10						421	117
5 Calvary	12	3		2	21	1			329	450	788
6 Campostella Heights	3	7			11		1				205
7 Central	49	27	4	9	33	4	6	2	347	442	799
8 Centerville	11	1			12		5	3	81	184	165
9 Churchland								2	113	109	222
10 Court Street	12	16		2	30			5	279	341	620
11 Cradock	17	7		8	20		7	2	107	163	270
12 Deep Creek	14	4	1		2		4	3	121	124	245
13 East Brambleton									5	20	25
14 Fairmount Park	15	40		4	20		78	1	130	140	270
15 First	18	20	1		56		210	5			1008
16 Fourth Street	26	26	2	20	33	3		6	364	483	847
17 Freemason Street	63	44			33			9	559	770	1329
18 Gilmerton									12	17	29
19 Grace	6	3		2	5		7	1	12	19	31
20 Jackson Memorial	7	20			26	1	4	4	218	302	520
21 James Memorial	4	44		5	2			2			152
22 Kempsville	4	1			3		3	3	69	63	132
23 Knotts Island											84
24 Lake Drummond	9			2	3				65	61	126
25 Larchmont	7	17		1	2			1	63	77	140
26 London Bridge	6	3			5		5		74	98	172
27 Nansemond								1	18	13	31
28 Northwest								2	80	158	238
29 Oak Grove	22			5	2		6	4	177	177	354
30 Ocean View	10	17		3	8		4	2	68	68	136
31 Park Avenue	67	41	4	29	37			4	554	619	1173
32 Park Place	41	62	3	6	111		14	6	487	672	1159
33 Park View	18	6		1	27	39		4	246	326	572
34 Pleasant Grove		5							70	166	136
35 Port Norfolk	20	18		2							895
36 Raleigh Heights											69
37 South Norfolk	45	23									725
38 South Street	36	20		2	14						752
39 Spurgeon Memorial	34	36		1	17			2			945
40 St. John	12				2						208
41 Virginia Beach	14										121
42 Westhaven	5	8		7							130
43 West Norfolk	1										104
Totals	686	561	88	134	586	58	452	111	6547	8562	17415

Remarks: Court Street put 335 members on the inactive list, which were not accounted for in the above columns.

The loss in members since the publication of the 1922 figures, is due to the fact that 845 members were excluded, erased and put on the inactive list. This offsets the gain for the year as shown in the first four columns.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES		Superintendents and Post Offices	Total Enrollment	Conversions	Church Members in School
1	Berkley Avenue	J. A. Starboard, 404 Berkley Ave., Norfolk, Va.	504	30	295
2	Bethel	W. Y. E. Davis, Route 4, Norfolk, Va.	65		32
3	*Blackwater	S. L. Creekmore, Hickory, Va.	50		40
4	Burrows Memorial	Walter Anderson, 1042 W. 35th St., Norfolk, Va.	574	15	258
5	Calvary	McVernon Rogerson, R. F. D. 4, Portsmouth, Va.	693	10	308
6	Campostella Heights	J. J. Swindell, 152 Elwood St., Norfolk, Va.	243	3	100
7	Centerville	J. P. Wright, Fentress, Va.	160	7	
8	Central	W. F. Watkins, 806 Spottswood Ave., Norfolk, Va.	811	49	400
9	Chinese	W. H. Evans, 252 Boush St., Norfolk, Va.	75	3	
10	Churchland	M. J. Kilby, Churchland, Va.	210	4	120
11	Court Street	N. E. Adamson, 532 North St., Portsmouth, Va.	620	12	429
12	Craddock	J. B. Jeffress, 26 Shell Road, Craddock, Va.	340		
13	Deep Creek	J. T. Forehand, Route 2, Portsmouth, Va.	170	3	
14	East Brambleton	W. F. Berry, Route 2, Box L, Norfolk, Va.	60		16
15	Fairmount Park	A. C. Bryant, 1737 Ballentine Blvd., Norfolk, Va.	333	14	206
16	First	J. A. Derring, 15th St., Willoughby, Norfolk, Va.	976	37	630
17	Fourth Street	L. B. Pendergraph, 318 Fourth St., Portsmouth, Va.	1163	26	437
18	Freemason Street	W. Frank Robertson, 524 36th St., Norfolk, Va.	1053	35	675
19	Gilmerton	George Jones, Gilmerton, Va.	84	19	31
20	Grace	Thomas Tribble, Gilmerton, Va.	61	5	330
21	Jackson Memorial	S. A. W. Poe, 704 Richmond Ave., Portsmouth, Va.	738	24	112
22	James Memorial	R. E. Summers, 4410 Newport Ave., Norfolk, Va.	267	1	60
23	Kempsville	J. E. Old, R. F. D., Lynnhaven, Va.	122		
24	*Knotts' Island	S. J. Waterfield, Knotts' Island, N. C.	100		
25	Lake Drummond	R. W. Warren, Hickory, Va.	50	3	40
26	Larchmont	S. A. D. Parker, Hanover Ave., Norfolk, Va.	199	7	73
27	London Bridge	R. B. Carter, Lynnhaven, Va.	150	4	97
28	*Nansemond	T. W. Bidgood, Route 5, Suffolk, Va.	43		
29	Northwest	N. B. Powers, Northwest, Va.	112	20	180
30	Oak Grove	C. C. Gornto, Back Bay, Va.	291	7	70
31	Ocean View	S. B. Cox, Ocean View, Va.	218		
32	Park Avenue	Frank A. Walker, 511 Reeves Ave., Norfolk, Va.	927		
33	Park Place	Dr. W. H. Pearson, Taylor Bldg., Norfolk, Va.	1250	40	600
34	Park View	M. O. Lawrence, Leekie St., Portsmouth, Va.	505	13	350
35	Pimmers Point	J. E. Shackelford, 215 Maryland Ave., Portsmouth, Va.	107	6	75
36	Pleasant Grove	Alexander Charlton, St. Brides, Va.	132		74
37	Port Norfolk	H. W. Dickerson, 500 Broad St., Portsmouth, Va.	916	24	500
38	Raleigh Heights	B. F. Wentz, Route 3, Norfolk, Va.	125		38
39	South Norfolk	Geo. B. White, 68 Chesapeake Ave., South Norfolk, Va.	1034	39	350
40	South Norfolk Mission	C. E. Johnson, 110 Jackson St., South Norfolk, Va.	145	15	30
41	South Street	E. L. Beale, Prentiss Ave., Portsmouth, Va.	566	36	350
42	Spurgeon Memorial	O. S. Hart, 726 Park Ave., Norfolk, Va.	887		470
43	St. John	R. J. Jones, Princess Anne, Va.	165	12	103
44	Virginia Beach	John Freeman, Virginia Beach, Va.	65	14	290
45	Westhaven	G. W. Hamer, Westhaven, Portsmouth, Va.	279	12	200
46	West Norfolk	A. C. Davis, West Norfolk, Va.	138	1	72
Totals			17731	550	8222

The figures include Home Department and Cradle Roll.

\* Schools marked with star: Last year's figures used.



CONTRIBUTIONS FOR HOME PURPOSES

CHURCHES		Pastor's Salary.	Current Expenses	Support of S. School	Church Improvements	Aid of Poor	Associational Fund	Other Benevolences	Miscellaneous	Total
1	Berkley Avenue	3000 00	837 03	582 09	975 00	102 93	10 00		301 94	5808 99
2	Bethel	250 00	60 00	230 00	350 00		2 00		95 00	1037 00
3	Blackwater	200 00								
4	Burrows Memorial	2700 00	1216 04	708 40	896 29	200 00	5 00		532 00	6257 73
5	Calvary	3230 00	3792 20	2448 76	1140 00	65 00	8 00		661 27	11395 23
6	Campostella Heights	1355 00	1689 25		225 00	40 43	4 10			3313 73
7	Central	4200 00	534 35	1797 91		168 15	15 98		3053 26	9769 65
8	Centerville	1500 00	40 00	107 84			5 00		54 00	356 84
9	Churchland	2500 00	1400 00	152 00	7000 00	240 00	5 00			11297 00
10	Court Street	3360 86	7895 42	1203 40	2380 17	254 74	15 00		1455 85	17069 64
11	Craddock	1405 00	264 43	293 82	426 82	30 00				2420 27
12	Deep Creek	1000 00	57 00	339 00		48 95	5 00			1449 95
13	East Brambleton	169 04	28 00				1 00		67 00	264 04
14	Fairmount Park	2392 00	400 00	507 35	75 00	50 00	3 00		151 98	3142 38
15	First		15383 24	1293 34		460 51	12 00		5381 76	22530 85
16	Fourth Street	3500 00	2473 51	1657 80	3924 28	512 56	15 00		1066 29	13149 44
17	Freemason Street	6000 00	9791 70	2740 83	645 67	1433 98	15 00		2941 05	23568 23
18	Gilmerton						1 00			1 00
19	Grace		5 00		160 00	17 03	1 00			183 00
20	Jackson Memorial	1862 45	900 88	400 98	26000 00	191 30	5 00		40 00	23400 51
21	James Memorial	1634 55	483 19	784 00	526 21	39 19	5 00		342 09	3314 23
22	Kempsville	1600 00	316 55	185 04	163 00		3 00		369 00	2636 59
23	Knotts' Island									
24	Lake Drummond	180 00	26 80	37 68	95 50		2 50		55 38	397 86
25	Larchmont	3000 00	1109 29	407 34	534 22	25 00	3 00		5617 55	10693 40
26	London Bridge	1200 00	183 91	235 12	250 33		5 00	96 10	386 30	2356 76
27	Nansemond	220 00	56 11	24 96	209 75		1 50			512 32
28	Northwest	500 00	50 00	97 50	25 00	40 00	5 00		75 00	792 50
29	Oak Grove	750 00	195 42	325 19		50 00	5 00		90 00	1415 61
30	Ocean View	2000 00	100 00	445 00	30 00	25 00	3 00		1500 00	4100 00
31	Park Avenue	3300 00	2936 69	1449 66	2459 50	301 89	15 00		3233 36	13696 10
32	Park Place	4500 00	7927 21	1643 65		204 75	20 00		1634 10	15934 71
33	Park View	4733 33	1003 22	946 63		61 50	10 00		695 98	7450 66
34	Pleasant Grove	360 00	30 00	56 00			4 00		94 15	544 15
35	Port Norfolk	4004 00	706 59	1509 23		166 80	10 00		1894 08	8290 70
36	Raleigh Heights	549 00	84 00			15 00	1 25			649 25
37	South Norfolk	1900 00	1591 03	2432 21	2730 06	198 92	12 00		2 00	8866 22
38	South Street	3000 00	1860 98	793 65		112 50	10 00		220 00	5987 13
39	Spurgeon Memorial	3000 00	7455 71	1589 09		30 00	10 00		300 00	12384 80
40	St. John	900 00	214 37	115 00		63 00	30 00		55 36	1381 89
41	Virginia Beach	500 00		65 00	100 00		4 16		30 00	696 50
42	Westhaven	1500 00	112 00	160 00		22 13	3 30		100 00	1897 43
43	West Norfolk	1000 00	115 61	678 31			3 00		105 50	1902 42
Totals		79005 23	73326 93	23498 78	51884 80	5138 23	265 29	96 10	32601 25	268816 76

BAPTIST SEVENTY-FIVE MILLION CAMPAIGN

	CHURCHES	Quota	Pledged	Paid to Date
1	Berkley Avenue	11844 24	27618 00	18289 01
2	Bethel	1727 14	1424 25	602 39
3	Blackwater	981 20	1280 00	828 50
4	Burrows Memorial	10397 87	28500 00	14277 06
5	Calvary	5222 45	12713 25	5597 54
6	Campostella Heights	2172 94	3026 00	1974 78
7	Central	16335 74	38423 00	16602 24
8	Centerville	6286 50	6341 00	3824 27
9	Churchland	61153 34	62251 80	34305 99
10	Court Street	44812 77	62237 10	31163 43
11	Cradock		1589 00	1273 74
12	Deep Creek	1364 31	3200 00	1514 25
13	East Brambleton	1249 41	1000 00	74 85
14	Fairmount Park	1351 29	5582 00	3178 75
15	First	61853 03	90000 00	50457 00
16	Fourth Street	20439 97	31270 00	10483 74
17	Freemason	72154 01	111705 71	54263 85
18	Gilmerton	500 00	1005 00	
19	Grace			
20	Jackson Memorial	7302 08	10124 25	3899 95
21	James Memorial			515 90
22	Kempsville	4394 22	5000 00	1633 93
23	Knotts' Island			
24	Lake Drummond	2685 14	3764 50	783 10
25	Larchmont	2200 00	8632 00	5844 69
26	London Bridge	7220 16	9195 00	4243 95
27	Nansemond	2663 07	4025 00	104 76
28	Northwest	2798 12	3272 00	2163 25
29	Oak Grove	3144 30	1761 70	1301 20
30	Ocean View	1734 12	2197 00	1540 00
31	Park Avenue	26445 83	43879 75	24066 93
32	Park Place	42189 56	79786 00	31501 40
33	Park View	25362 50	27230 40	17008 60
34	Pleasant Grove	4567 47	5157 00	1823 40
35	Port Norfolk	15816 72	32758 60	14717 48
36	Raleigh Heights	1476 34	3000 00	480 15
37	South Norfolk	12319 98	12467 00	5827 82
38	South Street	14464 62	26146 00	11240 00
39	Spurgeon Memorial	39028 64	40175 50	11838 89
40	St. John	5923 84	4477 00	1736 20
41	Virginia Beach	1319 91	2000 00	1027 00
42	Westhaven	2383 74	3653 00	1158 84
43	West Norfolk	3393 61	4364 40	2240 91
	Total	548882 75	822232 21	390414 74

HISTORICAL TABLE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PORTSMOUTH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Session.	Year.	WHERE HELD	MODERATORS	CLERKS	PREACHERS	Churches.	Membership.	CONTRI- BUTIONS
117	1907	Pleasant Grove	L. Lankford	Geo. J. Hobday	W. F. Watson	39	9564	97660 45
118	1908	Fourth St.	W. J. Kendrick	Geo. J. Hobday	W. Mosby Seay	37	10156	102472 01
119	1909	Suffolk	W. J. Kendrick	Geo. J. Hobday	A. J. Fristoe	38	10478	189495 68
120	1910	London Bridge	W. J. Kendrick	Geo. J. Hobday	S. W. Melton	39	10132	140031 59
121	1911	Deep Creek	W. F. Robertson	Geo. J. Hobday	J. T. Anderson	40	10521	1077 62
122	1912	Churchland	W. F. Robertson	Geo. J. Hobday	Geo. W. Swope	40	9905	95163 76
123	1913	Port Norfolk	R. B. Garrett	Geo. J. Hobday	R. D. Stephenson	38	10627	127146 82
124	1914	South Street	R. B. Garrett	Geo. J. Hobday	L. F. Paulette	39	10717	118914 98
125	1915	Oak Grove	R. B. Garrett	H. M. Fugate	W. M. Black	39	113 <sup>1/4</sup>	129897 97
126	1916	South Norfolk	R. B. Garrett	J. A. McKaughan	W. A. Snyder	39	118.0	39304 26
127	1917	St. John	R. B. Garrett	A. O. Boda	B. K. Mason	39		
128	1918	Central	W. W. Gordon	J. B. Jackson	R. A. Williams	39	10617	151734 52
129	1919	Centerville	H. F. Jones	J. B. Jackson	G. W. Cox	40	13553	246801 87
130	1920	Kempville	L. C. Brinson	W. T. L. Shepherd	R. J. Dogan	41	14985	336048 77
131	1921	Northwest	L. C. Brinson	W. T. L. Shepherd	H. F. Jones	41	16727	495568 58
132	1922	Freemason Street	W. F. Robertson	W. T. L. Shepherd	I. D. S. Knight	43	17454	339782 53
133	1923	Churchland	W. F. Robertson	W. T. L. Shepherd	F. L. Hardy	43	17415	346432 43

NOTE—In 1906 the old Portsmouth Association was divided into three separate bodies. Viz.: Portsmouth, Blackwater and Petersburg Associations. The above is table of Portsmouth Association since divided.

## W. M. U.

The Young People's session was held Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Singing hymn, "How Firm a Foundation."

Mrs. Merritt James of Jackson, Ky., was introduced and conducted the devotional period.

A pageant illustrating the graded W. M. U. system, the publications, the work of the Young People's Leader and Training School followed. This was under the direction of Miss May D. Campbell of Park Avenue Church.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Dr. J. T. Riddick.

The Twenty-third Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary to the Portsmouth Baptist Association, held June 21, 1923, in First Baptist Church, Norfolk, was called to order by the Superintendent, Mrs. G. R. Martin, at 10:30 A. M.

Singing, "How Firm a Foundation."

Prayer by Mrs. H. E. Hood.

Enrollment Committee appointed was: Mrs. R. A. Smith, Mrs. C. E. Holland and Mrs. E. T. Higgason.

Devotional led by Mrs. B. L. Rhodes.

Constitution and By-Laws read by Secretary.

Enrollment Committee reported fifty-three delegates had registered.

Motion was made that delegates enrolled constitute the body and those coming in later be added. Motion carried.

The program in the hands of the body was accepted as the program of the day.

Mrs. Milton Ames welcomed the Association on behalf of the First Baptist Church. Mrs. Ames presented a gavel and mat to the Association.

Mrs. G. R. Martin responded to the welcome.

Wives of new ministers were recognized: Mrs. B. L. Rhodes and Mrs. R. G. Kendrick.

Motion made by Mrs. W. W. Gordon that visitors be granted the privileges of the floor. Carried.

Motion made by Mrs. H. E. Hood that a committee be appointed to revise Constitution and By-Laws and report at next annual meeting.

Mrs. F. L. Nicholson, Mrs. Julia Gaskins, Mrs. Eleanor Wilson, Mrs. H. E. Trent and Mrs. Ben Gimbert were selected by the body as a Nominating Committee for 1924.

Appointment of committees as follows for 1924:

To Nominate Delegate and Alternate to S. B. C.—Mrs. S. B. Johnson, Mrs. Kate Brownley, Mrs. M. E. Hillard, Mrs. T. E. Baird.

Time and Place—Mrs. L. E. Barton, Mrs. J. C. Cotton, Mrs. Charlie Wood, Mrs. R. A. McCoy, Mrs. F. L. Stewart.

Resolutions—Mrs. H. M. B. Jones, Mrs. F. F. Langton, Mrs. C. D. Mahone.

Obituary—Mrs. B. E. Carhart, Mrs. W. B. Hogge, Mrs. B. F. Owens, Mrs. Sallie Ball, Mrs. D. A. Baker.

Revision of Constitution and By-Laws—Mrs. A. R. Turnbull, Mrs. S. A. Jennings, Mrs. Jos. Grimes, Mrs. Bryan Carter, Mrs. H. E. Trent.

Banners—Mrs. Harper, Mrs. C. E. Johnson, Mrs. S. A. D. Parker.

The W. M. S. banner was awarded the First Baptist Church; Y. W. A. banner to Burrows Memorial Church; G. A. banner to Burrows Memorial; R. A. banner to Berkley Avenue, and Sunbeam to Freemason Street Church.

Motion made by Mrs. S. B. Johnson that the leaflets in the hands of the delegates be the plan of work for the coming year.

Report of delegate to W. M. U. of S. B. C. was given by Mrs. G. R. Martin.

Reports of group leaders, using posters, showing progress made in each branch of work in the W. M. S.

The Standard of Excellence in poster and song by Mrs. Clyde Dozier and Mrs. Ryland Ashburn.

Mrs. R. J. Dogan, Young People's leader, made a most gratifying report of work done by the Young People. Spoken to by Mrs. Annie Gray, Miss Delma Maher and Mrs. Guy Herr.

Hymn, "Jesus Calls Us."

The Training School and its work was presented by Mrs. S. G. Blalock.

Training School girls were recognized.

W. M. U. Fundamentals were presented by Mrs. A. R. Turnbull, using Bible study, soul winning and prayer.

Hon. W. D. Upshaw of Georgia was introduced and made a thrilling address on Enlistment, Equipment and Enrichment.

Devotion led by Mrs. I. D. S. Knight. Closed with prayer by Rev. R. T. Dodge.

Afternoon session was called to order by Superintendent.

Hymn, "Come, Women, Wide Proclaim."

Minutes of morning session read and accepted.

Treasurer's report read and adopted.

Motion made that \$8.75 be taken out of treasury as our part to the Sadie Culpepper Memorial. Carried.

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. H. E. Hood:

Since the Superintendents, through their Associations, have decided to establish a memorial to Mrs. Julian P. Thomas, and since the State W. M. U. has voted to establish a memorial to Mrs. John F. Vines, and one for Mrs. John A. Parker; be it

Resolved, That the Portsmouth W. M. U. contribute \$10.00 for each memorial when all three have been decided upon.

Report of Mission Study Leader, Mrs. H. E. Hood, on the progress mission study has made during the past year. Special mention was made of the Y. W. A. of Spurgeon Church, having twenty-one full graduates.

Pageant—A Peep Inside—A demonstration of our denominational literature, under the direction of Mrs. J. W. Pickard.

Personal Service was ably discussed by Mrs. W. T. L. Shepherd.

The 75 Million Campaign and meeting our obligations was presented by Mrs. W. W. Gordon.

Motion that plan of work as presented today be adopted and taken back to individual societies. Carried.

Mrs. Annie Gray was appointed chairman of White Cross work.

Report of Committee on Time and Place—Thursday after third Sunday in June, 1924, at Centerville. Adopted.

Delegate to S. B. C., Mrs. H. M. B. Jones; alternates, Mrs. G. R. Martin, Mrs. F. L. Nicholson.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Resolved, That we express our sincere thanks and deep appreciation to our hostess church, our efficient Superintendent, the committees, to Congressman Upshaw and to all who helped in any way to make the meeting a success.

MRS. H. M. B. JONES

MRS. D. P. HARRIS

MRS. C. D. MAHONE

Committee.

Obituary: With saddened hearts your committee brings to your notice the names of those members of the W. M. U. who have died since our last meeting:

First Church, Mrs. G. W. Price, Mrs. Sam Davis, Mrs. Mattie Wilkins; Park Avenue, Miss Nora Mabe, Mrs. W. H. Handy; Freemason Street, Mrs. W. N. Grubb, Mrs. V. L. Cofer, Mrs. M. G. Nunnally, Mrs. Mary Fisher, Mrs. A. B. Roach; Park Place, Mrs. W. L. Duncan, Miss Ruth Fulford; South Norfolk, Mrs. Robert E. McQuay; Burrows Memorial, Mrs. G. W. Baker, Mrs. J. S. Hamric; James Memorial, Mrs. Ella Edwards; Central, Mrs. Paul D. Frank, Mrs. Roland Foster, Mrs. Sadie Chick; Port Norfolk, Mrs. Julian Weaver, Mrs. Roy Stevens; Fourth Street, Miss Eliza Staples; Court Street, Mrs. Virginia Thomas, Mrs. Kate Cordeel, Mrs. Margaret Harrell; Pleasant Grove, Mrs. Missouri Lee; Saint Johns, Miss Viola Bell.

Report of Nominating Committee: Superintendent, Mrs. G. R. Martin; Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. B. L. Rhodes; Secretary, Miss Cora Nottingham; Treasurer, Miss Annie Arrington; Mission Study Leader, Mrs. H. E. Hood; Norfolk Group Leader, Mrs. W. W. Gordon; Portsmouth Group Leader, Mrs. S. B. Johnson; Berkley Group Leader, Mrs. C. E. Johnson; Norfolk County Group Leader, Mrs. J. E. Johnson; Princess Anne County Group Leader, Mrs. Ben Gimbert.

Delegates present, seventy-seven; visitors, one hundred and fifty-seven.

Minutes of afternoon session read and approved.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. B. L. Rhodes.

MRS. G. R. MARTIN, Superintendent.

MISS CORA NOTTINGHAM, Secretary.



## STANDING COMMITTEES

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State Missions.....	B. L. Rhodes
Home Missions .....	J. A. Willoughby
Foreign Missions.....	J. E. Welsh
Sunday Schools.....	Frank A. Walker
Education Board and Commission.....	J. H. Nininger
Ministers' Fund and Pastoral Support.....	A. E. Watkins
Orphanage .....	D. Carpenter
Periodicals.....	L. E. Barton
Temperance.....	H. F. Jones
Woman's Work.....	Mrs. R. J. Dogan
B. Y. P. U.....	Miss May Campbell
Laymen's Movement.....	W. H. Duke
Digest of Church Letters ----	{ I. D. S. Knight, C. H. Myers H. W. Dickerson
Combined Report of State Interests.....	Sparks W. Melton
Obituaries.....	R. G. Kendrick
Missionary...Marinus James, T. O. Williams, W. F. Watkins	
Program.....	J. T. Riddick, T. E. Boorde, C. S. Sawyer