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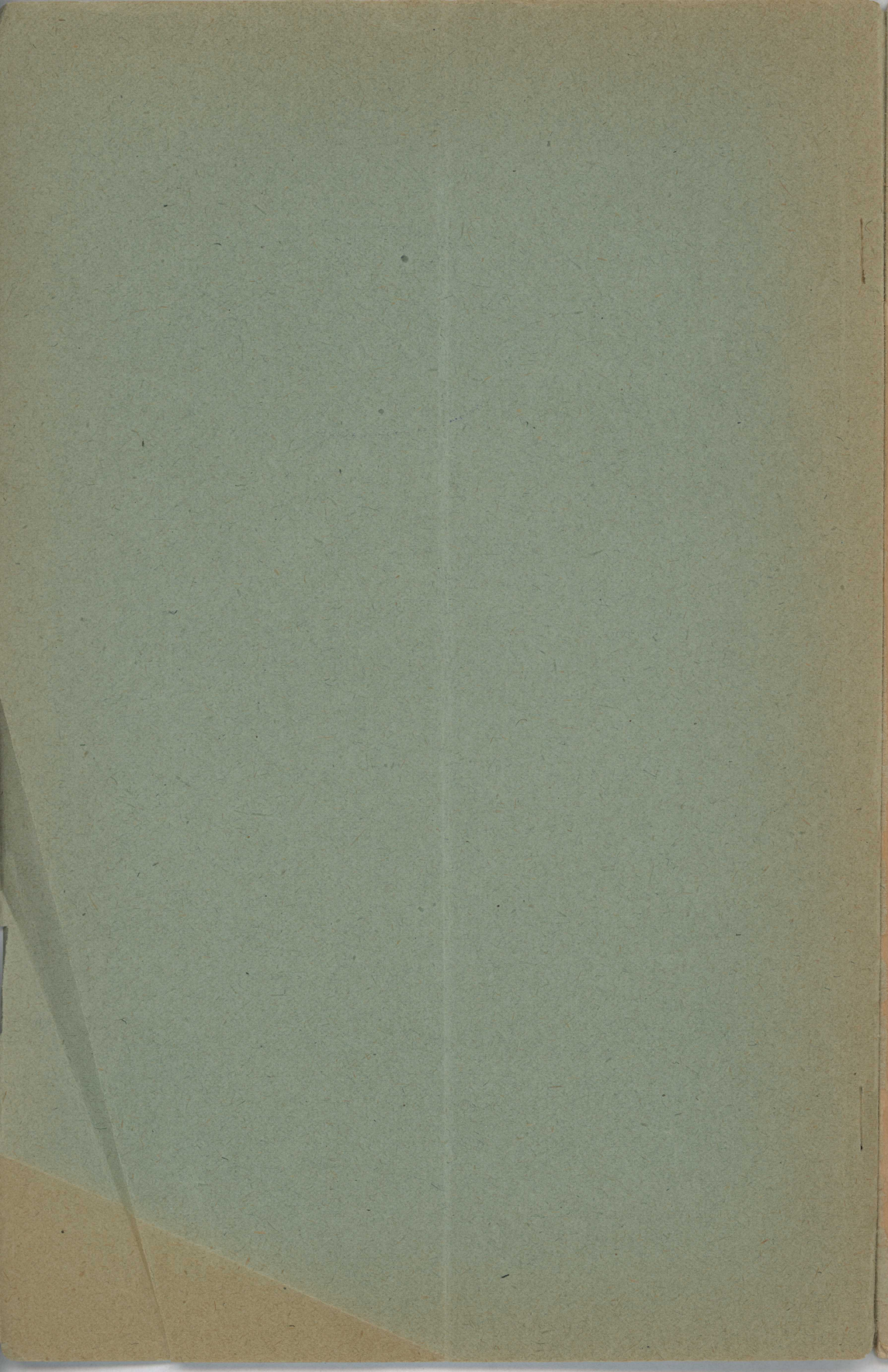
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Portsmouth Baptist

Association.

1908.





# MINUTES

OF THE

VIRGINIA

## Portsmouth Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

FOURTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH,

PORTSMOUTH, VA.,

September 29th and 30th, 1908.

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### OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

MODERATOR, . . . . . W. J. KENDRICK.  
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### Ordained Ministers.

Bateman, R. J., Norfolk, Va.	I'Anson, Vernon, Norfolk, Va.
Burfoot, A. W., Fentress, Va.	Jennings, J. W., S. Norfolk, Va.
Cox, Geo. W., Norfolk, Va.	Kerfoot, F. W., Port Norfolk, Va.
Davis, T. C., Portsmouth, Va.	Lankford, W. E., Bach Bay, Va.
Davis, Q. C., South Norfolk, Va.	Parker, C. J. D., Portsmouth, Va.
Dudley, E. E., Norfolk, Va.	Pierce, E. S., Portsmouth, Va.
Farrington, F. H., Portsmouth, Va.	Rabb, R. M., Norfolk, Va.
Fristoe, A. J., Norfolk, Va.	*Richards, N., Norfolk, Va.
Garrett, R. B. Portsmouth, Va.	Savage, W. V., Churchland, Va.
Harris, D. P., Portsmouth, Va.	Seay, M. Mosby, Suffolk, Va.
Hayes, W. L., West Norfolk, Va.	Smith, W. A., Norfolk, Va.
Haymore, J. M., Norfolk, Va.	Speight, J. A., Norfolk, Va.
Hobday, Geo. J., Portsmouth, Va.	Spence, J. Paul, Norfolk, Va.
*Howell, J. D., Norfolk, Va.	Watlington, P. B., Lynhaven, Va.

\*Absent.

### Clerks of the Churches.

Berkley Avenue . . . . .	G. W. Daughtrey, Norfolk, Va.
Bethel . . . . .	H. C. Halstead, Fentress, Va.
Blackwater . . . . .	S. L. Creekmore, Indian Creek, Va.
Broadway . . . . .	B. F. Niles, Berkley Station, Va.
Burrows' Memorial . . . . .	Willis Hutchins, Norfolk, Va.
Centerville . . . . .	J. N. Wood, Hickory, Va.
Churchland . . . . .	M. J. Kilby, Churchland, Va.
Deep Creek . . . . .	J. A. McCoy, Portsmouth, Va., R. F. D. No. 2.
Gilmerton . . . . .	M. G. Gallimore, Gilmerton, Va.
Kempsville . . . . .	O. B. Mears, Norfolk, Va., Route 2.
Knott's Island . . . . .	J. T. White, Knott's Island, N. C.
Lake Drummond . . . . .	Henry Tuttle, Hickory, Va., R. F. D. No. 2.
London Bridge . . . . .	W. J. Buskey, London Bridge, Va.
Nansemond . . . . .	J. E. Jordan, Driver, Va.
North West . . . . .	N. B. Powers, North West, Va.
Norfolk, First . . . . .	T. J. Creekmore, Norfolk, Va.
Norfolk, Freemason Street . . . . .	C. L. Whichard, Norfolk, Va.
Norfolk, Park Avenue, . . . . .	M. P. Williams, Norfolk, Va.
Norfolk, Spurgeon Memorial . . . . .	R. M. Jarvis, Norfolk, Va.
Norfolk, Grace . . . . .	W. W. Workman, Norfolk, Va.
Norfolk, Central . . . . .	W. S. Wilkins, Norfolk, Va.
Norfolk, Park Place . . . . .	E. Consolvo, Norfolk, Va.
Oak Grove . . . . .	D. D. Batten, Back Bay, Va.
Portsmouth, Court Street . . . . .	E. C. Brooks, Portsmouth, Va.
Portsmouth, Fourth Street . . . . .	Wm. L. Walker, Portsmouth, Va.
Portsmouth, South Street . . . . .	W. L. Guy, Portsmouth, Va.
Portsmouth, Calvary . . . . .	J. L. Joyner, Portsmouth, Va.
Portsmouth, Park View . . . . .	J. L. Robertson, Portsmouth, Va.
Portsmouth, Prentis Place . . . . .	Foster F. V. Staples, Portsmouth, Va.
Port Norfolk . . . . .	E. W. Countiss, Port Norfolk, Va.
Pleasant Grove . . . . .	A. O. Lee, Hickory, R. F. D. No. 1.
Salem . . . . .	
St. John's . . . . .	Julian C. Sawyer, Princess Anne, Va.
South Norfolk . . . . .	Geo. B. White, South Norfolk, Va.
Suffolk . . . . .	John K. Hines, Suffolk, Va.
West Norfolk . . . . .	A. C. Davis, West Norfolk, Va.
Virginia Beach . . . . .	W. C. White, Virginia Beach, Va.

# CONSTITUTION.

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

## MEMBERSHIP.

Article 2. It shall be composed of white male 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; no church shall have more than four delegates.

## 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 shall have the right to advice when desired in a case of difficulty, and 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 practicable, 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 new officers have taken their seats, the body shall be declared organized and prepared for business.

#### DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Article 10. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meetings 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 the 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.

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### RULES OF ORDER.

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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 failing to represent themselves at the previous session, and enquire their reason for such failure. 7. Reception of New Churches. 8. Reports of Standing Committees. 9. Appoint Committee 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 Mell's Parliamentary Practice.

# MINUTES.

## FOURTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, Portsmouth, Va., September 29th, 1908.

1. The VIRGINIA PORTSMOUTH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met this day in its one hundred and eighteenth annual session with the Fourth Street Baptist Church of Portsmouth, Va.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Vernon I'Anson, assisted by F. H. Farrington, J. M. Haymore, and W. V. Savage.

2. The Association was called to order by L. Lankford, the former Moderator.

3. Letters were received from the churches represented, and the names of the delegates were enrolled as follows:

*Berkley Avenue*—J. R. Williams, Guy Lawrence.

*Bethel*—N. A. Etheridge, H. C. Halstead.

*Blackwater*—M. Mansfield.

*Broadway*—E. E. McLain, J. M. Burden.

*Burrows' Memorial*—Willis Hutchings.

*Centreville*—J. T. Roach.

*Churchland*—L. A. Deans, John T. Griffin, John E. Peake.

*Deep Creek*—Letter only.

*Gilmerton*—Letter only.

*Kempsville*—Walter J. Smith.

*Knott's Island*—Letter only.

*Lake Drummond*—Otto Lynch, Samuel Lynch.

*London Bridge*—M. D. Görnto, Benjamin Gimbert.

*Nansemond*—R. H. Williamson.

*North-west*—D. A. Cox, P. C. Garrett, D. S. Mathias.

*Norfolk, First*—Letter only.

*Norfolk, Freemason Street*—M. L. Eure, L. Lankford, W. F. Robertson, M. Winston.

*Norfolk, Park Avenue*—James L. Winston, H. W. Snellings.

*Norfolk, Spurgeon Memorial*—W. J. Fulford, B. M. Jarvis, W. T. Sutton.

*Norfolk, Grace*—Letter only.

*Norfolk, Central*—W. F. Watkins, W. S. Wilkins.

*Norfolk, Park Place*—E. H. Consolvo, M. McKam, E. Folliard.

*Oak Grove*—J. D. Fisher, R. C. Dudley.

*Portsmouth, Court Street*—W. C. Corbitt, E. C. Brooks, J. W. Leafe, D. A. Williams.

*Portsmouth, Fourth Street*—James Stroud, L. C. Brinson, J. F. Lawrence, W. H. McHorney.

*Portsmouth, South Street*—J. L. Pruden, W. L. Guy.

*Portsmouth, Calvary*—W. H. Culpepper, Bertram, Thooms.

*Portsmouth, Park View*—A. R. Williams, J. L. Robertson, T. D. Roper.

*Portsmouth, Prentis Place*—Z. Rutter, W. H. Bassett.

*Port Norfolk*—W. H. Rodman, W. H. Ford.

*Pleasant Grove*—A. O. Lee, G. W. Eason.

*Salem*—

*St. Johns*—Charles Widgeon, Julian C. Sawyer.

*South Norfolk*—J. H. Privotte, J. A. Stephenson, G. B. White, Z. Quidley.

*Suffolk*—T. R. Pond, S. J. Parker, E. C. Brooks, J. K. Hines.

*West Norfolk*—N. P. Williams, R. L. Raby.

*Virginia Beach*—Wm. H. Akiss, Wm. C. White.

4. Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows:

W. J. KENDRICK, Moderator.

W. F. ROBERTSON, Vice-Moderator.

GEORGE J. HOBDAY, Clerk and Treasurer.

5. The Moderator appointed the following Committees:

*On Finance*—E. E. Dudley, L. A. Deans.

*On Program*—R. B. Garrett, A. J. Fristoe, Q. C. Davis.

6. On motion, the Introductory Sermon was postponed until 8 o'clock to-night.

7. Visiting brethren were from time to time recognized as follows: L. M. Lee of the Valley Association and agent for the *Baptist Times*; N. Maynard, returned missionary from Japan; J. G. Council of the Potomac Association; J. M. Pilcher of the S. S. and Bible Board; B. C. Henning of the Education Commission; R. D. Garland, agent for State Missions; J. T. Riddick and Lloyd S. Wilson of the Peninsular Association; R. J. Wingham, Cor. Secretary of Foreign Mission Board; W. Thorburn Clark of the Blackwater Association.

8. The pastor and deacons of the Fourth Street Church were appointed a Committee on Religious Services.

9. The list of those churches which failed to be represented at the last meeting were called.

10. On motion of W. F. Robertson, the name of Little Creek Church was dropped from the list of churches.

11. The Committee on Program reported as follows:

TUESDAY MORNING.

1. Organization—10 A. M.
2. Invite visiting brethren and corresponding messengers to seats.
3. Calling names of churches failing to report last year.
4. Reception of new churches.
5. Report on Pastoral Support.
6. " " Ministers' Relief Fund.
7. " " Education Board.
8. Adjournment—1:00 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1. Devotional Exercises—2:30 to 2:45.
2. Layman's Movement—2:45 to 3:15.
3. Sunday School and Bible Board—3:15 to 4:15.
4. Recommendation from the Pastors' Conference on new mission work in the Association—4:15 to adjournment.



## EVENING SESSION.

1. Devotional Exercises by W. E. Lankford—7:30 to 8:00.
2. Introductory Sermon.
3. Address of B. C. Henning.
4. Miscellaneous Business.

## WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

1. Devotional Exercises by A. W. Burfoot—10:00 to 10:15.
2. State Missions—10:15 to 11:15.
3. Foreign Missions—11:15 to 12:30.
4. Orphanage—12:30 to 1:00.
5. Adjournment—1:00 P. M.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

1. Home Missions—2:15 to 3:15.
2. Reports of Committees on Digest of Church Letters and of the Missionary Committee—3:15 to 4:15.
3. Obituaries—4:15 to 4:45.
4. Miscellaneous Business—4:45 to 5:00.

## NIGHT SESSION.

1. Devotional Exercises by A. W. Burfoot—7:30 to 8:00.
2. Missionary Mass Meeting—8:00 to 9:00.
3. Report on Temperance.

The report was adopted.

12. W. F. Robertson read the report on Pastoral Support, which was discussed by the author and L. Lankford and adopted as follows:

*Report on Pastoral Support.*

“For the laborer is worthy of his hire.”

The ministry is a divine agency, and is the most honorable, position in this life to which man can be called. It is not a profession as some are inclined to term it; it is not a commercial enterprise into which one enters to make a livelihood or accumulate wealth, but it is a divine calling from God; an agency through which the blessed gospel is revealed to a dying and sin-stricken world.

The pastor is one who not only preaches to his people and reveals to them the hidden truths of the unsearchable riches of heaven, but he is one who goes in and out among his people, always seeking to comfort the broken hearted, to cheer and strengthen the weak, to counsel those who need it, rejoicing with those who rejoice, and thus he goes on and on in this way propagating the eternal principles of Jesus Christ as laid down in the “holy writ.”

To fill this divine mission requires one’s full time and talent. He must not be burdened with social or secular things to the extent that his mind be diverted from his pastoral labors, and so he or she who is led by righteous impulses to take up the high and noble work of the ministry, must divest themselves to a great degree of the material cares of this life in order to measure up to the requirements of the calling, and in doing so they should receive our unstinted support in every way possible, because they are laborers in God’s vineyard, and the “laborer is worthy of his hire.”

In order to receive the greatest possible result, through the efforts of our pastor, and to enable him to measure up to every requirement of him, he must have the individual support of every member of his church in three substantial ways, financial, moral and spiritual.

First—Financial.

No church has a moral right to inflict its pastor with secular cares. All finances of the church pertaining to every phase of its work, should

be attended to by its Financial Board or Board of Deacons. He should also be financially supported in the way of a living salary. He is barred from entering the commercial field because of the severe criticism that would be thrust at him, and so his income is circumscribed. The average minister receives less pay for his services and for his investment than any other living being on earth, and more is expected of him. The average salary received by the pastors in this Association amounts to the pitiful sum of about \$1,225.00 per annum, and you will find, by taking out eleven pastors that receive \$1,200.00 and over, the average for the balance of the fifteen pastors is the shameful sum of \$764.00 per annum. For this amount these pastors must live, take care of their families, in most cases pay their way to the Association, buy books and contribute liberally to every charitable object that comes along.

Brethren, it is generally reported that there is a dearth among the young men entering the ministry, and well it may be; for how can we expect our enterprising and ambitious young men to be encouraged to enter the ministry under the observation of such support as the average pastor receives.

It is as much our duty to support the pastor as it is his duty to preach, and if he be called to give his time and talent and life to the work, surely we are called to support him by our means.

Second—Moral Support. Some of our greatest men attained their greatness through the loyal support of their church. The church in many cases can pull down or build up the pastor's influence in a community and in the denomination to a great degree. It is also a fact that the individual members of a church are a human agency employed by God, through which power and influence is transmitted to the pastor, and thus it behooves every church member, yea, it is an imperative duty enjoined upon us to stand by and support our pastor in his labors.

How can this be done, we ask? The answer comes in many ways. First: Believe in your pastor and love him, and hold yourself in readiness at all times to respond to every call of duty that comes through him. If he has helped you in any way whatever by his preaching or his visits, tell him so; it will do his heart good and encourage him to get up a better sermon the next time. Oh, how it does help us when people tell us we have done well. It seems to give us new life and energy; so brethren let us remember that we can be a great help to our pastor in this way. Remember his labors are arduous, his anxiety and trials are manifold, and with all that, he is expected to share ours at the same time, and after all the pastor is only human as we are, and it is not becoming to us as Christians, to always be ready and anxious to criticise him for the least seeming error on his part.

Remember the Master himself, the greatest of all preachers, did not please everybody, and if your beloved pastor does not please you, my brethren, it may be your fault and not his.

Third—Spiritual Support, the last but not the least, for indeed, we have come to the most important phase of our subject, one that no doubt is the most neglected. The individual member who prays for the pastor will generally contribute to his financial and moral support, and so this phase of the subject if carefully lived up to, will solve the great problem before us, and every pastor will then be a great instrument in God's hands, because the army of God's forces are behind them encouraging their hearts.

Brethren, pray for your pastor and tell him you are praying for him, for it will do him good and you will receive a blessing; for if you stand by him spiritually you will support him in all other phases, and he will lead you in the work of the Lord.

This committee in closing, pleads for your financial, moral and spiritual support for all our pastors, because they need it and it is our duty

to give it, for "How beautiful are the feet of them who preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things."

Respectfully submitted,

F. T. ROBERTSON.

13. The report on Ministers' Relief Fund was presented by W. H. Rodman, and was discussed by F. W. Kerfoot and J. M. Pilcher and adopted:

*Report of the Ministers' Relief Fund.*

The ministers of our denomination are a class of men who labor in the Master's vineyard, and who are willing to do the work for less remuneration than they could secure for an equal amount of labor in some other professional calling. This is due to the fact that they are called of God to go into the vineyard and labor, and in so doing they regard the call more than they do the wages.

They are expected to dress well, be ready to entertain as occasion demands, as well as contribute largely to church and benevolent objects, aside from the family expenses. These drains upon the average minister's salary prevent the accumulation of funds to meet his demands when old age or reverses overtake him, or for the benefit of, as it may be, a helpless family when he is called from his earthly labors.

The Ministers' Relief Fund tends to relieve the distress which falls to the lot of many of our worthy ministers who have labored well and served faithfully in the cause of righteousness.

Let us be ready to encourage and contribute sufficiently of our means to relieve those whom the Board provides for, as the receipts have been going behind for the past two years.

W. H. RODMAN.

14. The report on Education was called, but the author had been unexpectedly called away, and on motion of Q. C. Davis the reading of the report was deferred and the subject was opened for discussion, which was participated in by A. J. Fristoe, W. L. Hayes, L. Lankford and E. E. Dudley.

15. C. J. D. Parker, the pastor of the Fourth Street Church, at this point, extended to all delegates and visitors a hearty welcome to the hospitality of his charge.

16. Adjourned with prayer by A. J. Fristoe.

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**TUESDAY—Afternoon Session.**

17. The Association assembled at 2:30 o'clock, Vice-Moderator W. F. Robertson in the chair. Devotional exercises by E. S. Pierce and R. M. Rabb.

18. The Layman's Movement next claimed the attention of the body. It was discussed by L. Lankford.

On motion, W. F. Robertson was appointed chairman of the Layman's Movement in this Association.

19. The report on the Sunday School and Bible Board was

read by C. J. D. Parker. Pending its adoption, an amendment to be added to the report was offered by R. J. Bateman. After discussion by J. M. Pilcher, C. J. D. Parker, R. J. Bateman, W. V. Savage, R. B. Garrett, Q. C. Davis, D. P. Harris, F. W. Kerfoot and W. L. Hayes, the report and amendment were adopted as follows:

*Report of the Sunday School and Bible Board.*

It appears that the report of the Sunday School and Bible Board does not vary materially from that of last year for the first eight months of this Associational year. In part the statistics are as follows for the General Superintendent and twenty-six colporters: Families visited, 15,102; families destitute of the Bible, 1,073; sermons preached, 668; prayer meetings, 151, Sunday Schools organized, 32; persons baptized, 161; conversions, 229; churches organized, 3; number of Bibles and Testaments given away, 689.

Your committee feels constrained to express in this report that there seems to be a general indifference in Tidewater Virginia toward the Sunday School and Bible Board. It is quite evident that the Baptists of Tidewater Virginia are not rallying any more to the appeals of this Board. There must be a reason for it. It may be that this Board has already served the purpose for which it was created, and that the Baptists of Virginia, like the Baptists of many of the other States in the Southern Baptist Convention, are ready to dispense with this part of our machinery. Your committee believes that something should be done. Either this Board has a place and a work with the right of an appeal and a response, or else the day of its existence should close.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. D. PARKER.

*To the Baptist General Association of Virginia.*

WHEREAS, The work done by the Sunday School and Bible Board, notably colportage, is fundamentally State Mission work, and whereas, the Sunday School work, as represented in the name of this Board, is not as effective as we could wish, therefore be it

*Resolved,* That we, the Portsmouth Baptist Association, do sincerely petition the General Association at its next meeting to consolidate the Sunday School and Bible Board with the State Mission Board, that the work be no longer divided, and that State Mission work may be prosecuted under its logical head.

THE BAPTIST PASTORS' CONFERENCE OF  
NORFOLK, PORTSMOUTH AND VICINITY,

R. J. BATEMAN, *Committee.*

20. Adjourned with benediction by E. E. Dudley.

**TUESDAY—Night Session.**

21. The Association reassembled at 7:30 and devotional exercises were conducted by W. E. Lankford.

22. The Introductory Sermon was preached by W. Mosby Seay from I Cor., xv: 5-8; "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the

Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.'"

23. The report on Education was read by V. I'Anson. Pending its adoption remarks were made by A. W. Burfoot. E. S. Pierce and an address by B. C. Henning of the Education Commission, after which the report was adopted as follows:

### *Report on Education.*

In this report we desire to call your attention to several phases of this important field of our denominational life and work.

First of all—

#### OUR EDUCATION BOARD

claims our immediate consideration and sympathy.

We had during the past year forty-one ministerial students, seven of whom were pursuing their studies at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky, and thirty-four at Richmond College. For their benefit an amount was needed more than the amount contributed, by several thousand dollars. Fortunately there was a balance on hand from past years which enabled the Board to go through without additional debt. We trust that all of the pastors of this Association will seriously consider this question and urge their churches to more liberal contributions to this Board. A remarkable thing in the past year's record, show that not one of the students was from this Association.

We earnestly pray that our loving Father will call into the ministry some of our noble young men from the churches of this body.

The Baptist people have a greater number of schools and a larger amount of funds invested in the cause of Christian education, than any other denomination of the United States. While this is a cause for great rejoicing on our part, it should also be a distinct notice to us of the grave responsibility resting upon us in the great work of training our young people in Christian literature, Christian art, Christian trade and Christian politics.

No education can be termed Christian which does not in the last analysis tend towards the *the foundation of all truth*—God in Christ Jesus—teaching, blessing and saving humanity.

#### OUR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

We have a very great reason to consider with pride the schools under the fostering care of our denomination in the State of Virginia. With the deepest interest we call your attention to Richmond College, the great Baptist School, which was established by our fathers for the Christian education of the young men. Last session it reached the high water mark and the student body numbered 307. The Richmond Academy had 140 students; the Academy at Newport News is doing magnificent work; the Woman's College of Richmond turned away from its doors, for lack of accomodation, more than ever before, although previously it had declined to accept a large number every year for four or five years. The prospects for the Woman's College of the future are very bright. The Rawlins Institute of Charlottesville enjoys great prosperity; important improvements have been made, but a further enlargement of the plant is greatly needed. Southside Female Institute at Chase City, under Professor Noffsinger, the new President, accomplishes great results. Virginia Institute at Bristol, the great school of Virginia and Tennessee, has one of the finest plants for female education in the South, and improvements on the grounds and buildings are continually made. Lee Baptist Institute, also of the Southwest, is proving itself worthy of our

heartiest endorsement. Roanoke Female College at Danville meets with blessed results; the conditions of its great field and the future growth and usefulness of the Institute is practically assured.

We need not speak of the faculty of these excellent colleges and schools. They need no commendation at our hands.

THE BAPTIST EDUCATION COMMISSION OF VIRGINIA.

We gladly commend this noble body, duly constituted and authorized by the General Association of Virginia, and particularly endorse the work already done for the establishment of a great Central Woman's College, and in their efforts to secure five hundred thousand dollars for this great work in connection with Richmond College. We also heartily commend the work done by the Commission and its efficient Corresponding Secretary, Rev Dr. B. C. Henning.

Respectfully submitted,  
VERNON PANSON, *Committee.*

A spontaneous collection of \$35 72 was taken for the benefit of a student at Richmond College.

24. On motion of R. J. Bateman, the Committee on Order of Business were requested to so alter their report as to provide for a session on Thursday morning if necessary.

25. The Moderator appointed the following Committee on Time, Place and Preachers for next meeting: R. B. Garrett, W. Mosby Seay and Willis Hutchings.

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

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**WEDNESDAY—Morning Session.**

27. The Association met at 10 o'clock, the Moderator in the chair. A. W. Burfoot conducted the devotional exercises.

28. A. J. Fristoe read the report on State Missions. The report was discussed by R. D. Garland and W. J. Kendrick and adopted as follows:

*Report on State Missions.*

The most prosperous year in the history of State Missions was last year. Three thousand eight hundred and twenty-six persons professed faith under the ministry of our missionaries and evangelists, and two thousand six hundred and twelve were baptized by them.

It is gratifying to report that our missionaries realize that little can be expected from extremely short pastorates. Consequently but few pastoral changes have been made in the past year. Difficult fields are responding to faithful labors. Wythe county, absolutely destitute a few years ago of Baptist influence, has at present six Baptist churches. From Buchanan county comes the cheering news of great meetings and large numbers of baptisms.

But three evangelists have been in regular service for the whole year, and two others for only a part of the time. These report no less than one thousand and eighty-two professions and five hundred and eleven baptisms. It is the opinion of our State Secretary that at least ten evangelists should be in the field for the next ten years.

Appeals come from the counties of Dickerson and Buchanan for the establishment of a Baptist school in each. It is not only the opinion of representatives of the Board that such schools should be established, but many citizens there emphasize this appeal. At the last meeting of the General Association the Board was instructed to establish such schools as in their judgment were needed. This, with the Board's regular work, entails upon the Virginia Baptists increasing financial responsibility, and the Portsmouth Association should see to it that its share of this responsibility is met.

A summary of the work is as follows: Preaching stations, 395; sermons preached, 13,061; conversions, 3,826; baptisms, 2,612; visits, 28,538; Sunday Schools organized, 58; churches organized, 15; church houses built, 22; church houses completed, 8.

The Board received for its work from all sources \$34,359. This excellent showing induced the General Association to appeal for at least \$38,000 for the present year's work. On account of the money stringency throughout the country and the election campaign in the State, it has been no easy task to realize this sum. But the tireless energy and wisdom of our Secretaries are bringing things to a successful issue.

A. J. FRISTOE.

29. The report of the Orphanage, prepared by W. E. Lankford, was read by the Clerk. It was discussed by W. V. Savage and C. L. Corbitt, and the report was adopted as follows:

*Report on Baptist Orphanage.*

Our Saviour's love was beautifully manifested for children when He said, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." This passage of divine writ reveals a great truth, viz: The little child is one of the grand attractions of heaven, beloved by our Saviour here on earth and left with us as a legacy. I look upon this divine truth as the foundation of our Orphanage. Surely God breathed upon the minds, hearts and pocket-books of its founders, to have erected the imposing buildings that greet the eyes of all who visit Salem, to shelter and protect from winter's chilling blast and summer's scorching sun these priceless, helpless lambs of His bosom.

Through the coming Baptist generations, and eventually in eternity, many noble Christian men and women will herald the comforts, blessings, care and love given them at this Godly home, and will rise up and call its founders blest forevermore. Our hearts swell with gratitude and love to God for His continued mercies so lovingly bestowed upon the Orphanage. Baptists as a rule very greatly rejoice in their enterprises when founded upon principles recorded in God's word; surely we all know that this is such an enterprise, one of which we are proud, a work in which we gladly enter; for we deem it the bidding of our Lord, the Christ, to love and care for these helpless, parentless little ones He has committed to us.

Under the personal supervision of its godly Superintendent and foster father, Brother Charles L. Corbitt, the Orphanage is at present caring for 162 children, 79 males and 83 females, two more than the supposed capacity. Providing for this immense family is not an easy task, and since Brother Corbitt has lovingly consented to shoulder this heavy burden it behoves every Baptist in our Association to render very substantial assistance to him, that he may be enabled to properly care for this great and growing family in MIND, BODY and SPIRIT.

The current monthly expenses, including insurance, for the support of this Institution in every detail, will approximate \$16,000. To the niggardly giving church member this amount would seem *immense* and *impossible* to raise, but thanks be unto God for blessing many of our

people with *very large liberality*, who place their shoulders beneath this burden and easily carry it up the financial hill. So far, so good, yet we *must do better*. The Orphanage has need for more money and our contributions **MUST BE ENLARGED** to meet the growing demands. Brother Corbitt needs \$12,000 immediately in order to liquidate a debt of \$10,300 already incurred for the heating plant and necessary repairs, improvements, etc., etc. Still there are urgent demands made upon him for continued improvements and the enlargement of the plant. This latter especially needs our immediate attention, as there are more worthy children seeking admission to this Godly home to receive its comforts, love and protection, yet there is not room for them.

Brethren and sisters in Christ, shall we turn a deaf ear to the pitiful cries of these helpless orphans by not sufficiently enlarging our plant and making every improvement essential to their welfare and happiness? God forbid. We, therefore, earnestly request every pastor in the Portsmouth Association to make an urgent appeal to his people to double their donations and contributions; also to get the Sunday Schools and Societies to give very liberally to our Godly institution. Let us make Brother Corbitt rejoice by sending him *many large* contributions that he may be financially able to meet every demand made upon him; especially to purchase the land adjoining the plant, which will be a protection to same in the future and can also be used for its enlargement. The Lord loveth a cheerful giver. Thus we appeal to the Baptist brotherhood of this Old Commonwealth and admonish them to rise to a higher, nobler conception of their obligations to these precious, fatherless and motherless little ones.

We cordially commend *The Orphanage News* to every Baptist reader and Sunday School in the State. It is well edited and nicely printed and should be read by every church member. It will encourage those boys who have chosen this useful occupation for their life's work.

There are comforts we might bring  
To the Orphanage.  
If together we would cling  
For the Orphanage.  
There are dark skies we could brighten,  
There are burdens we could lighten,  
If we'd let our heart-strings lighen  
Round the Orphanage.  
We could make the way less lonely  
For Brother Corbitt,  
If we'd speak a good word only  
To Brother Corbitt.  
We'd be happier each day,  
As we travel life's highway,  
If we'd always think to pray,  
For Brother Corbitt.

Fraternally submitted,

W. E. LANKFORD.

30. R. B. Garrett read the report on Time, Place and Preachers for next meeting:

TIME—Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after the Fourth Sunday in September, 1909.

PLACE—The Suffolk Baptist Church.

PREACHER—A. J. Fristoe, ALTERNATE—R. J. Bateman.

PREACHER OF DOCTRINAL SERMON—Q. C. Davis.

Adopted.



31. R. J. Bateman read the report on Foreign Missions. It was discussed by R. J. Willingham and adopted as follows:

*Foreign Missions.*

In the fifteenth chapter of the gospel of Luke we get the picture which truly portrays the characteristic loveliness of Christ. We see the Publicans and sinners given a place near Him to hear His law. Greatness was never so sublime as here, when the greatest of the great takes time for the downcast and despised. He came to save just that kind—"the sinner." Wherever they were found, there Jesus was interested. So intense was this passion that He remembered them in His "last will and testimony," and commanded that this story of love be told to "every creature," slighting none—not even one. This silences our question, who should have the gospel? "Every creature" makes a field of every place where souls of men abide. I fancy that the Baptist conception of religious truth must be the most charming ever presented to the enslaved heathen world. To them its a dream of freedom and equality, with greatness. This may be why, as Baptists, we have been able to do so much in a short time.

Be it remembered that upon every continent on this planet we have planted Baptist churches, thus making ours a great "World Religion," with its accompanying responsibilities. We must consider the ever opening fields to the gospel, and the loud call of the nations for the gospel to be the voice of God calling to broader plans and greater effort to give the world the opportunity to accept Christ.

Statistics have grown beyond our comprehension, so marvelous has been our growth. But this comparison of figures of one century tells the story in part at least. One hundred years ago, when Robert Morrison, the first great Protestant missionary to China, landed in Canton, one of his contemporaries said, "If, after a hundred years of effort, the Christians can claim a thousand converts, it would be more than they could reasonably hope." But at the close of that century we are able to count 3,000 missionaries, 17,500 native workers, 180,000 children in mission schools, and a Christian constituency of about one million. With this in the first hundred years of growth, what ought we to expect of the next hundred?

The spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions, and there is a place in the economy of God's work for every man, woman and child who has His spirit. May every one rise and do his best now, and in the field of your possible operation—

If you cannot cross the ocean,	If you cannot speak like angels,
And the heathen lands explore,	If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can find the heathen nearer,	You can tell the love of Jesus,
You can help them at your door;	You can say He died for all.
If you cannot give your thousands,	If you cannot rouse the wicked
You can give your widow's mite,	With the judgment's dread alarms
And the least you give for Jesus	You can lead the little children
Will be precious in His sight.	To the Saviour's waiting arms.

Let none hear you idly saying,  
 "There is nothing I can do,"  
 While the souls of men are dying,  
 And the Master calls for you.  
 Take the task He gives you gladly,  
 Let His work your pleasure be;  
 Answer quickly when He calleth—  
 "Here am I, send me, send me."

R. J. BATEMAN.

to come, notably the great meeting recently held at Deep Creek by pastor T. C. Davis, assisted by Rev. Q. C. Davis of South Norfolk. West Norfolk, one of our mission churches, led by pastor Hayes, has enjoyed a gracious meeting. The committee is constrained to beg pardon, because of limited time, for not referring particularly to all the good meetings held in our midst during the year.

#### OUR MISSION CHURCHES.

West Norfolk, Prentis Place and Virginia Beach are churches aided by the State Mission Board, and the condition of Grace and Broadway churches is such as to appeal strongly to our sympathies for aid. Some of these churches, it is believed, will soon be self-sustaining, for they are in the main well situated and are making progress.

#### CHURCH HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS.

Fourth Street in Portsmouth, where we are in session, for its financial and numerical ability, has made the greatest improvement of any church within our borders—remodeling the already nice auditorium and adding Sunday School facilities which would do credit to any congregation in the State, and much of it is due the faithful pastor, Rev. C. J. D. Parker.

Park View, where Rev. D. P. Harris is pastor, has a nice Sunday School room going up, which will be a credit to the church. At Virginia Beach Rev. N. Richards and his plucky little band are building a nice house of worship. Other churches have made some improvements, not so costly, but very desirable.

We would suggest that, as soon as possible, the mission churches relieve the State Board, so that help can be had to start new work.

We would also suggest that our pastors have a watchful eye to locations where we can wisely start mission Sunday Schools, and if the Association should employ a missionary, to provide for his support without calling for help from the State Mission Board.

J. A. SPEIGHT.

45. R. J. Bateman stated that at a recent session of the Union Meeting of this Association a committee was appointed to come before this Association in relation to locating a missionary, or otherwise maintaining religious worship where needed within the bounds of this Association, and in view of this offered the following resolution:

That the Association endorse the work recommended by the Union Meeting, and grant their request in recommending to the delegates to pledge their churches to provide \$1,000. That this money be committed to the Executive Committee of the Association, and that they be empowered to prosecute this work through the Union Meeting, using it to support missionary stations.

After remarks by W. J. Fulford, V. P'Anson, E. S. Pierce, J. A. Speight, M. L. Eure, R. B. Garrett and C. J. D. Parker, it was adopted.

46. The following was offered by W. F. Robertson and adopted:

*“Resolved, That this Association express, by a rising vote, to the Fourth Street Baptist Church and its congenial pastor, Rev. C. J. D. Parker, its sincere thanks and high appreciation for its generous hospitality and loving attention received by us during the session of this Association.”*

47. The report on Temperance was read by W. Mosby Seay. J. D. McAlister, of the Anti-Saloon League, upon request of the Association, spoke to the report, which was adopted:

*Report on Temperance.*

When Adam was driven for disobedience from the Garden of Eden, and the flaming sword of the Cherubim debarred future entrance into that blessed paradise, God said, "Cursed is the ground for thy sake, in sorrow thou shalt eat it of all the days of thy life." But yet labor is no unmitigated evil. Thomas Carlyle has expressed the best experience of the race on this score in these familiar words: "Blessed is the man who hath found his work."

But there is an evil abroad in the world which may be termed unmitigated, the evil of intemperance. It is pestilential, pitiless, blighting, damning. Henry W. Grady says it is "the demon that has dug more graves and sent more souls unsaved to judgment, than all the pestilences that have wasted life since God sent the plagues of Egypt, and all the wars that have been fought since Joshua stood beyond Jericho."

When Justinian the Great caused to be compiled into four great volumes, called the Justinian Code, all recognized authority on law and civil government he himself, mastered the contents of these volumes and declared that the whole system of civil government, of law, and of conduct could be expressed in these simple sentences, "That we live honestly, should hurt nobody, and should render to every man his due." In the light of this flash of truth from the mind of a heathen law-giver, the licensed saloon stands condemned and stigmatized as lawless and utterly pernicious; what must be its stigma then when judged in the light of the law of God?

Our State Supreme Courts are not silent on this evil. That of Kansas has said, "It is a Pandora's box sending forth innumerable ills and woes, shame and disgrace, indigence, poverty and want." And the position of the National Supreme Court on the liquor traffic may be summed up in these words: "Harmful to material prosperity, perilous to life, destructive of human character, disastrous to peace and happiness, fatal to morals and religion, and productive of crime and misery."

Surely such a traffic as this, with so black a record, bearing such prints and leaving so bloody a track in history, should be banished forever to its congenial darkness and never again be permitted to lift its accursed head against the welfare of this fair Republic. Long enough has this curse been fastened upon the vitals of the nation. Long enough has the image of God in man been defaced by its blighting touch. Long enough have the people of our land been deceived by the advocates of the saloon that its maintenance is essential to our municipal and national prosperity. This position cannot be supported by reason or common sense. The facts in the case are squarely against it. Statistics, as dry as they are in other things, are eloquent here. For, already in our beloved State, in those counties, towns and cities where the licensed saloon has been abolished, there has been a MARKED DECREASE in crime and lawlessness, and a MARKED INCREASE in peace, prosperity, happiness, and all that enters into the structure of the best citizenship. If any can be found who question this, let them consult the records of the Anti-Saloon League, or of the State,

With the influx into our land of the lawless, anarchistic and rum-soaked elements of the Old World, the abolition of the liquor traffic is necessary. Whatever may be said about the menace of big corporations, trusts and combines, this, too, is an equal menace, if not greater. The saloon problem is a far greater problem than that of the assimilation of dissimilar peoples from the Old World. Solve the saloon problem and the other problem is solved. The forces that make for righteousness-

ness among us are amply able to cope with and overcome the worst human nature. But we do not want to make the task more mighty than it is by maintaining among us institution which dehumanizes and demonizes. We have enough devils to be exorcised anyhow without making us a rum-dive.

The problem of the saloon is being solved. In my humble judgment the friend of the Anti-Saloon movement is rapidly moving toward national prohibition. We have not yet reached the day when the ringing shout of victory has rolled its enthusiasm along unbattled lines, but we are swiftly approaching thereto. The saloon is fighting for its very life. A mortal blow has already smitten its impious head, and ere long we shall hear its expiring groan. A wave of tremendous temperance enthusiasm is sweeping over the country. From the pulpit, with its thousands of able, trained leaders, with its deathless optimism, and its divine commission; from the reputable press with its brainy force of tireless moulders of human thought and purpose; from the colleges and universities in the van of civilization, and bearing aloft the torch of truth; from consecrated laymen and noble women the country over, there comes the cry, "The saloon must go." And go it **MUST**. There is no other alternative. The imperative is urgent, tremendous, compelling.

The Tidewater section of Virginia is still under the dominion of the saloon. This is to us a matter of unspeakable regret. But conditions are changing here. The ballot is joined in earnest. The end we aim at is certain to come. Let us abolish the saloon, and so help to prepare the way and make straight the paths of earth for the rattling of our Saviour's chariot wheels of victory. For this purpose the Portsmouth Baptist Association pledges its prayers, sympathy, co-operation and support to the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia. May the Lord prosper the League more signally yet in its splendid work. We are not dismayed. Evil never yet has triumphed. It has always met its moral Waterloo. "He that is with us is mightier than all they that be against us." And though in the iniquities of the liquor traffic, the spectacle may be presented to our vision of—

"Right forever on the scaffold,  
Wrong forever on the throne;  
Yet that scaffold sways the future,  
And behind the dim unknown,  
Standeth God within the shadow,  
Keeping watch above His own."

In God's name let us discrown the wrong, enthrone the right.

Respectfully submitted,

W. MOSBY SEAY.

48. The report on Obituaries was read by the Clerk. Remarks were made by V. I'Anson, W. V. Savage, R. B. Garrett, J. A. Speight, and adopted. [See Obituaries.]

49. By V. I'Anson;

*Resolved*, That the Clerk have printed as many copies of the minutes as the funds in his hands will allow, after deducting \$25.00 for his services.

Adopted.

50. By W. A. Smith:

*Resolved*, That the Moderator appoint as a new Standing Committee, to report at next meeting, a Committee on Periodicals.

Adopted, and the Moderator appointed V. I'Anson.

51. The Association engaged in singing "Blest be the tie that binds," prayer was offered by T. C. Davis, and the body adjourned to meet with the Suffolk Baptist Church on Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in September, 1909.

W. J. KENDRICK, *Moderator.*

GEORGE J. HOBDAY, *Clerk.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

### THE PORTSMOUTH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

IN ACCOUNT WITH GEORGE J. HOBDAY, *Treasurer.*

1907.			
Sept.	By amount received from Finance Committee, . . . . .	\$73 85	
	By amount received from Calvary Church, . . . . .	2 00	
	By amount received from North-west Church, for Board, .	35 00	
	To amount paid F. A. Owen, printing and mailing		
	Minutes, . . . . .	\$50 21	
	To amount paid B. A. Jacob, . . . . .	35 00	
	To amount paid Clerk, for services, . . . . .	25 00	
	To amount paid Clerk, for postage, . . . . .	1 76	
	To amount paid Clerk, expressage and drayage, .	65	
	To amount Hampton Roads Paper Co., blanks, .	5 25	
	By balance due Treasurer, . . . . .		7 02
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Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE J. HOBDAY, *Treasurer.*

We have examined the above report and find it correct in every particular.

E. E. DUDLEY,

L. A. DEANS, *Finance Committee.*

## OBITUARIES.

### DEACON JAMES T. BORUM.

On October 3rd, 1907, soon after the meeting of our Association, Deacon James T. Borum, of the Court Street Church, entered into his eternal rest. After years of suffering he fell asleep like a little child and waked up in glory.

Born in 1832, he became a Christian and united with the Court Street Church when only twelve years of age. So for more than sixty years he was a member of that church. He had filled every office a layman can fill and was faithful in all, "faithful unto death." In later life, by his wisdom and energy, he had accumulated large means, and he counted himself God's steward, giving liberally and cheerfully to every worthy cause.

He loved his church and his denomination as few men do, and yet his big heart had room enough for all, and none who came to him ever went away empty. He was pre-eminently the preacher's friend, and he dearly loved to have his brethren around him. He kept up with denominational movements and gave largely to every object fostered by the denomination. Especially did he love the Orphanage, and he never tired of helping it.

The church, the denomination, the Association and the community have lost in Deacon Borum one of the most loyal and liberal men that ever lived in our midst.

R. B. GARRETT.

### DEACON JULIAN BOUSH TRANT.

Brother Trant was born at Trenton, in King William County, Va., June 21, 1849. His father was George R. Trant, and his mother was Mildred Brook Hill.

At the age of twelve years he professed faith in Christ, and with 35 others, was baptized into the fellowship of Beulah Baptist Church. Elder John B. Turpin and Dr. J. B. Garlick administered the ordinance of baptism to those who became Christians at this time. Brother Trant spent a short period of his early life in North Carolina engaged in the milling business. Came to Portsmouth about 1880 and joined Court Street Baptist Church. In 1883 he was married to Miss Sallie Bell, who was a native of Rockbridge County, Va. God blessed this union with three bright children, viz; Misses Charlotte and Belle, and Mr. W. M. Trant. These are all Christians and serving God faithfully.

Brother Trant was married a second time on April 19, 1894, to Miss Lula T. Thornton, who still survives him. When Court Street Church decided to plant a mission in Park View, Bro. Trant came off with the noble few who were willing to make the sacrifice of leaving a strong and well organized church to do mission work in this part of the city. He died October 27, 1908.

He was a most faithful man of God. His church and his Christian duties always had the first consideration, and he would not allow things to come in and keep him from the faithful and earnest performance of every one of them. He was a man powerful and soul stirring in prayer; liberal beyond his ability; anxious to see his church grow in every Christian work. His life in his home was an inspiration, for Christ ruled there; and his dying request was, that the peace of Christ might

continue to rule in his family and home on earth, while he himself should go hence to live in the mansions above. He was for several years a deacon of the Park View Baptist Church. It is useless to say that he was faithful in this relation also. He was a friend indeed to his pastor. He was quick to see the right side of things, and did not fail to make known, in a Christian spirit, his position. We have continually missed him in our church and community, but God wanted him to be with Him, to behold His glory.

D. P. HARRIS.

#### DEACON W. H. DAVIS.

This brother died at his residence in Brewer street, Norfolk, Va., after a brief illness, on February 14th, 1908. His youngest daughter, Ethel, died the following day, and the remains of both were conveyed to the First Baptist Church, where a most solemn service was held.

Brother Davis was born in Hampton, Va., whence he came to Norfolk, Va., and was baptized by Rev. Dr. McGonigal in the year 1872 into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church, of which he was a faithful deacon for eighteen years.

When he died he was in the sixty-third year of his age. He was ever loyal to his church, a faithful steward on whom the Master bestowed many blessings. Almost every worthy cause found in him a generous-hearted friend. Few men will be missed by his church more than he. He leaves a request that his family keep up his regular contributions to the church. He leaves a widow, two sons and three daughters.

His liberality, usefulness in the community and spotless character, will ever be held in remembrance. Not only from his brethren, but from all classes, he commanded the highest respect. He was eminently regarded as a good man.

#### DEACON LAWRENCE ROYSTER.

Brother Royster was the youngest child of Dr. John Woodfin Royster of New Kent County, Va., and Susan Williams, and was born January 14th, 1841. He lived in his native county during the early years of his life, and attended the school of Col. Crump of that county. At the age of 16 he joined Emmaus Baptist Church, then in charge of Rev. Abner Clopton, and was baptized in a mill pond in the vicinity. Shortly afterward he went to Richmond to live and was a clerk in the wholesale store of Purcell, Ladd & Co. He resided in Richmond until the outbreak of the Civil War. Although never a secessionist in sentiment, he was a son of Virginia, and when his mother State seceded and called for volunteers, he obeyed the summons and enlisted in the Richmond Grays. His company was ordered to the vicinity of Norfolk, and at first was stationed at the entrenched camp a few miles from Norfolk. Later his command was moved to the city and were encamped in the Academy lot. While stationed here he met Miss Alice J. Ridley, daughter of John Ridley, one of the first deacons of the Freeman Street Baptist Church, whom he afterwards married. He soon left the Grays and matriculated at the Virginia Military Institute, entering the second class. The following year he saw service at the battle of New Market in the famous and valliant corps of cadets of this institution. When the cadets were disbanded he joined Mosby's Command, in which he served until the end of the war. He returned to Norfolk, married Miss Ridley and lived for three years on the old family estate in New Kent county. During this time he was active in the affairs of Emmaus Church, being the Superintendent of the Sunday School. On account of his health he was compelled to give up life on the farm and moved to Norfolk, where he remained to the time of his death, December 1st, 1907.

After settling in Norfolk he entered into business, first with Thomas & Cave and afterwards with C. Billups Son & Co. He was elected Clerk

of Courts during the first great reform movement, which resulted in so many permanent political reforms. He again entered business life for awhile, but finally retired on account of impoverishment of sight.

When he moved to Norfolk he at once took an active interest in church affairs, organizing a men's Bible class, which he taught for thirty consecutive years. At the age of 33 he was elected deacon, and at the time of his death was next to the oldest deacon of the Freemason Street Baptist Church. He was several times offered the position of Superintendent of the Sunday School, but considered his duty to his class as greater than anything he could do for the school.

On his death bed he said, "Moses heard the command of God and obeyed; I have heard the command, O, God, give me power and faith to obey thy command."

#### DEACON GRIFFIN HEWITT.

The subject of this sketch was born in Pasquotank county, N. C., November 21, 1849, and died February 2, 1908.

He being the son of poor parents, and the oldest of a large family of children, his life was a hard one, with few educational advantages. While a young man he gave his heart to the Lord and united with Ramoth Gilead Baptist Church.

In 1884 he moved to Princess Anne county and united with St. John's Church, which at that time was helped by the State Mission Board, and had only nine members. The present prosperity of that church is due to his faithfulness and liberality. As a Sunday School Superintendent he was hard to excel.

If the children between his home and the church had no way to go, he provided a way. Every Sunday his carriage was packed with little ones. If for the want of suitable clothing was an excuse for not going, that difficulty was also removed and clothes provided. His home was the preacher's home. He contributed liberally to every worthy cause. As a neighbor, he was kind and obliging. As a husband and father, he had few equals.

His excellent and faithful wife, a Miss Wilcox, whom he married while young, a true helpmeet, survives him, with a noble son and lovely daughter and his wife's sister, all of whom are members of St. John's Church and are consecrated workers in the cause of Jesus Christ, following in his footsteps, much to his joy and peace in his last days.

P. B. WATLINGTON.

#### DEACON C. L. BONNEY.

This brother was born in Princess Anne county, Va., and was in his 53rd year at the time of his death. His death occurred soon after that of Deacon W. H. Davis. He was taken suddenly ill and died within 24 hours after he was taken. He was a deacon in the First Baptist Church for four years and was faithful in the discharge of his duties. He was not possessed of large means, but of a large and generous heart, and in his death his church has lost one of its most estimable members. He buried his wife, who was a faithful worker in the Sunday School. He is survived by two boys, aged 14 and 9 years. He fell asleep strongly contented and happy in the faith of God and hope of the glory of heaven.

#### DEACON JOSEPH N. WOOD.

On January 21st, 1908, Brother Wood went to bed feeling better in health than usual, but when found next morning was dead. Judging from the way he was found, he died without a struggle.

He was a good man, always ready to respond to every good work. He was in the 67th year of his age and was senior deacon of Centreville Church. He was consulted by pastor and people in almost everything



pertaining to the church and the Lord's kingdom. Liberal as few men are in words and money. We shall miss him. A. W. BURFOOT.

#### DEACON WILLIAM BULIFIN.

He was a deacon of Pleasant Grove Church and died February 28th, 1908, while young. He was one of the youngest deacons in the church, and had great influence for good. His Christian light shone brightly, and it was the talk among the people how like Christ he tried to live. His influence for good will be felt in the church and community for years to come. PASTOR.

#### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

The eighth annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Portsmouth Association, was held with the Fourth Street Baptist Church, in Portsmouth, Va., on Tuesday, September 29th, 1908.

Motto—Be strong; we are not here to play, to drift; we have hard work to do and loads to lift; shun not the struggle, 'tis God's gift.

The morning session was opened by the Superintendent, Mrs. Sadie J. Culpepper, reading from the 15th chapter of John. She then led in prayer, after which "All hail the power of Jesus name" was sung.

The address of welcome was made by Mrs. G. G. Cumming, of the Fourth Street Church, which not only made us feel at home, but taste, in our imagination, the good things that awaited us at lunch time. Mrs. R. H. Jones, of Calvary Church, responded and thanked the good people we were with for their warm welcome, but directed our thoughts heavenward to those who have long since departed. She made us feel that they in their glory were watching us carry on the work that was once their pleasure to do.

Letters were read by the Superintendent from the President of the W. M. U. of the S. B. C. and Cor. Secretaries of the Home Board, Foreign Board, and S. S. and Bible Board, bearing on the specific work we are to take up, also making statements of work accomplished during last year.

Every society was urged to observe October as Enlistment month, the object being to get every woman and child interested in, and to contribute to, missions.

Mrs. G. F. Williams our Band Superintendent of the W. M. U. of Virginia, was with us, and she called special attention to the Training School, also to the apportionments to the Home and Foreign Boards, stating that "all contributions should go through the Woman's Missionary Societies, to keep the men from hiding behind the women any longer."

The roll was next called, many societies responding, W. M. S., Sunbeam Bands and Y. W. A. showing that they had not been idle during the past year, but had been diligent in carrying out His command, "Go

ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, and lo, I am with you always."

The subjects—"State Missions," by Mrs. Electa Hopkins, of Fourth Street Church; "World-wide Missions," by Mrs. W. W. Johnson, of Berkley Avenue Church; and the "Home Mission Study Class," by Miss Emma Wilcox, of St. John's Church, were so intelligently placed before the congregation that none could fail to see the great importance, as well as the need, of each one. The Foreign Mission Study Class was to have been presented by Mrs. Henry Vaughan, of Lake Drummond Church, but on account of her absence was omitted. Mrs. Marshall, of Freemason Street Church, and Mrs. Fristoe, of Park Avenue Church, reported how the different classes in their churches had been conducted, and how instructive to each member the Mission Study Course had been.

A letter from our immigrant Pier Missionaries, Misses Buhlmaier and Froelich, telling of their work, was read by Mrs. Annie Johnakin, of Fourth Street Church. On motion of Mrs. Emma Williams of Court Street Church, the body instructed the Secretary to write to Miss Buhlmaier, regretting her inability to be with us, and our sympathy with her in her ill health, hoping that God, in His divine wisdom, will soon restore her to her accustomed place.

Mrs. W. H. Taliaferro, of the First Presbyterian Church of Portsmouth, was with us representing "Woman's Work for Women" in Norfolk and Portsmouth. She made a strong appeal that the women would give of their means to build an Industrial Home to train women and girls to do honest work.

The recommendations of the Boards were read as follows: Home Board by Mrs. C. D. Mahone, of Freemason Street Church; Foreign, by Mrs. W. W. Gordon, of Spurgeon Memorial Church; Sunday School and Bible Board, by Mrs. John Cartwright, of Nansemond Church, and of the Executive Committee, by Mrs. W. N. Grubb, of Freemason Street Church.

The Superintendent now introduced Mrs. May Brinson, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, and Misses Myrtie Taylor and Eva Brinson, (ushers), who added so much to the pleasure of the ladies by their acts of courtesy.

Rev. C. J. D. Parker, the live and much beloved pastor of the church, was then introduced by the Superintendent, and gave us a royal welcome, not only to the church, but to his home also, which was greatly appreciated by the ladies.

The hour for lunch having arrived, the body was dismissed with prayer by Mrs. W. H. Taliaferro.

The hand of time pointing to the hour of 2:30, the ladies reassembled in the Sunday School room of the new and beautiful church.

Motto: "For doing only is true believing." The Superintendent read a part of the 11th chapter of Hebrews and we were led in prayer by Mrs. A. J. Fristoe, after which the hymn, "Blest be tie," etc., was sung.

A paper on the "Training School" was read by Miss Tenie R. Eley of Freemason Street Church, giving the history of the school, as well as of the management, also of the requirements of each student.

The sweet song, "Face to Face" was sung by Miss Annie B. Lewis, accompanied by Miss Laura Stroud, both of Fourth Street Church.

"Woman's Work for Women" was again taken up, and pledges from a number of societies were made toward the support of the work.

Dr. Pilcher was here introduced, and in his own way pleaded with the ladies to support two missionaries, one in Buchanan and one in Dickinson counties.

Mrs. G. F. Williams now addressed the children, who had gathered to hear her. She held their attention by telling them of the hardships of the children in China and Japan, illustrating her story with curios from

China and Japan, bringing to their young minds the need for them to work to carry the gospel to the poor heathens.

Here the work of the Y. W. A. was presented, and a paper on "Should girls have control of their own organization, or should a Y. W. A. have an older woman for a leader?" by Miss Annie L. Pruden, of South Street Church, showing the advisibility of entrusting the work to the young women, thereby making them self-reliant and able when the time arrives to take up the work of those who have gone beyond to their reward. "What is the Y. W. A. badge, the price, and of whom it may be obtained?" was graphically answered by Miss Ione Potts of Central Church.

Mrs. Emma Williams offered a resolution of thanks to the ladies and other members of Fourth Street Church, for the many courtesies extended to the body.

Mrs. May Brinson, in a few but well chosen words, made the farewell address and after singing "God be with you" etc., the meeting adjourned with prayer by Mrs. C. J. D. Parker, to meet next in Suffolk.

MRS. SADIE J. CULPEPPER, *Superintendent.*

MRS. W. S. WILKINS, *Secretary.*

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

CHURCHES.	LOCATION.	Estab- lished.	PASTORS.	Value of Church Building and Lot.	Value of Pastor'm and Lot	Sundays of Preach'g
1 Berkley Avenue.....	Norfolk, Va.....	1873	W. A. Smith .....	\$15000 00	.....	Every
2 Bethel.....	Norfolk Co.....	1889	A. W. Burfoot .....	150 00	.....	1st & 3rd
3 Black Water.....	Prin. Anne Co.	1840	W. E. Lankford .....	1200 00	.....	1st & 3rd
4 Broadway.....	Norfolk Co.....	1898	Q. C. Davis.....	300 00	.....	1st & 3rd
5 Burrows' Memorial	Norfolk Co.....	1894	Geo. W. Cox.....	2000 00	.....	Every
6 Centreville.....	Norfolk Co.....	1872	A. W. Burfoot .....	1000 00	3500 00	1st & 3rd
7 Churchland.....	Norfolk Co.....	1785	W. V. Savage.....	12000 00	.....	Every
8 Deep Creek.....	Norfolk Co.....	1869	T. C. Davis.....	1500 00	.....	1st & 3rd
9 Gilmerton.....	Gilmerton.....	1895	D. P. Harris.....	1500 00	800 00	3rd & 4th
10 Kempsville.....	Prin. Anne Co.	1814	R. J. Bateman.....	2000 00	.....	Every
11 Knott's Island.....	Currituck, N. C.	1876	W. E. Lankford.....	650 00	.....	2nd
12 Lake Drummond.....	Norfolk Co.....	1850	T. C. Davis.....	1000 00	.....	2nd & 4th
13 London Bridge.....	Prin. Anne Co.	1784	P. B. Watlington.....	800 00	.....	Every
14 Nansemond.....	Nansemond Co.	1891	W. V. Savage.....	2200 00	.....	1st & 3rd
15 Northwest.....	Norfolk Co.....	1782	J. A. Speight.....	2000 00	.....	1st & 3rd
16 Norf., First.....	Norfolk Va.....	1804	.....	75000 00	.....	.....
17 Norf., Freemason St.	Norfolk Va.....	1848	.....	50000 00	10000 00	.....
18 Norf., Park Ave.....	Norfolk Va.....	1885	A. J. Fristoe.....	35000 00	5000 00	Every
19 Norf., Spurg. Mem.	Norfolk Va.....	1892	J. M. Haymore.....	20000 00	.....	Every
20 Norfolk, Grace.....	Norfolk Va.....	1884	Vernon P'Anson.....	12000 00	.....	Every
21 Norf., Central.....	Norfolk Va.....	1886	E. E. Dudley.....	65000 00	.....	Every
22 Norf., Park Place.....	Norfolk, Va.....	1902	R. J. Bateman.....	6600 00	.....	Every
23 Oak Grove.....	Prin. Anne Co.	1762	W. E. Lankford.....	2500 00	600 00	1st & 4th
24 Ports., Court St.....	Portsmouth, Va.	1789	R. B. Garrett.....	75000 00	.....	Every
25 Ports., Fourth St.....	Portsmouth, Va.	1856	C. J. D. Parker.....	33000 00	2800 00	Every
26 Ports., South St.....	Portsmouth, Va.	1889	.....	17500 00	.....	Every
27 Ports., Calvary.....	Portsmouth, Va.	1889	F. H. Farrington.....	10000 00	2500 00	Every
28 Ports., Park View.....	Portsmouth, Va.	1899	D. P. Harris.....	14000 00	.....	Every
29 Ports., Prentis Place	Portsmouth, Va.	1906	E. S. Pierce.....	1000 00	.....	Every
30 Port Norfolk.....	Port Norf., Va.	1898	F. W. Kerfoot.....	10000 00	.....	Every
31 Pleasant Grove.....	Norfolk Co.....	1845	A. W. Burfoot .....	1000 00	.....	2nd & 4th
32 Salem.....	Norfolk Co.....	1829	.....	.....	.....	.....
33 St. John.....	Prin. Anne Co.	1856	P. B. Watlington.....	3500 00	2000 00	Every
34 South Norfolk.....	Norfolk Co.....	1893	Q. C. Davis.....	5500 00	.....	Every
35 Suffolk.....	Suffolk, Va.....	1827	W. Mosby Seay.....	10500 00	3500 00	Every
36 West Norfolk.....	W. Norfolk, Va.	1895	W. L. Hayes.....	1600 00	1000 00	Every
37 Virginia Beach.....	Prin. Anne Co.	1907	N. Richards.....	5000 00	.....	Every
				\$549500 00	31700 00	

## MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	ADDITIONS BY				DIMINUTIONS BY				PRESENT NUMBER.		
	Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration.	Experience.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Death.	Erasure.	Males.	Females.	Total.
1 Berkley Avenue .....	36	6	4	16	26		2	9	151	223	374
2 Bethel .....	4				1	4	1		51	55	106
3 Black Water .....	4				7		2		46	71	117
4 Broadway .....	5	3							13	13	26
5 Burrow's Memorial .....	82	18		19	5	21	2		127	243	370
6 Centreville .....	7	1			2		5		79	77	156
7 Churchland .....		3			6		1	29	92	87	179
8 Deep Creek .....	23	10		6	4	2	1	4	72	81	153
0 Gilmerton.....	6	2			18	4	1	1	40	45	85
19 Kempsville.....		7			2		1		37	39	76
11 Knott's Island .....					1	3	1		31	49	80
12 Lake Drummond .....	8			4	7		3		50	64	114
13 London Bridge .....	24	9	1		6		1		82	119	201
14 Nansemond.....					4		3		15	23	38
15 Northwest .....	15			5	2		2		83	121	204
16 Norfolk, First .....	30	4			25		6		175	250	425
17 Norfolk, Freemason Street .....	69	52		13	22	2	19		504	687	1191
18 Norfolk, Park Avenue .....	65	40		2	27		9		500	343	843
19 Norfolk, Spurgeon Memorial .....	18	14		5	23		6		185	349	534
20 Norfolk, Grace.....	7	2			3		2	27	79	110	189
21 Norfolk, Central .....	39	18		6	13	6	9		141	252	393
22 Norfolk, Park Place .....	18	27	7	15	4		1	2	46	121	167
23 Oak Grove.....	21	4		1	5	2	1	1	130	161	291
24 Portsmouth, Court Street .....	53	52	2	2	12	2	9		270	415	685
25 Portsmouth, Fourth Street .....	18	18		9	12	7	3		169	299	468
26 Portsmouth, South Street .....	9	20	2	5	19	9	5		105	206	311
27 Portsmouth, Calvary .....	5	7	1	8	11	7	3		131	264	395
28 Portsmouth, Park View .....	15	11		3	8		3	3	106	132	238
29 Portsmouth, Prentis Place .....	8	16		3	2		1		32	57	89
30 Port Norfolk .....	23	28	4	8	5		1	7	86	144	230
31 Pleasant Grove.....	24	7	3		4	1	4		57	78	135
32 Salem .....											
33 St. John .....	15	5	5	3	7		1		52	77	129
34 South Norfolk .....	30	35		20	10	6	3	5	301	300	601
35 Suffolk .....	49	33	1	7	6		2		163	277	440
36 West Norfolk .....	19	2		3	2		3		55	50	105
37 Virginia Beach .....		16		1					4	14	18
Total.....	748	470	30	164	311	76	117	88	4260	5896	10156

## SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	Superintendents and Post Offices.	No. of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions.	M'ths in Session.	Contributions for all Objects.	Church Members in School.
1 Berkley Avenue .....	E. J. West, Norfolk, Va. ....	1	22	235	30	12	241 00	75
2 Bethel .....	W. A. Ethridge, Pr. Anne, R.F.D. 2.	1	8	45	2	12	.....	36
3 Black Water .....	S. L. Creekmore, Indian Creek, Va. ....	1	9	55	.....	12	.....	30
4 Broadway .....	B. F. Niles, Berkley Station .....	1	5	49	5	12	.....	25
5 Burrows' Memorial ..	A. W. Riggins, Norfolk .....	1	20	350	40	12	.....	150
6 Centreville .....	J. F. Roach, Hickory .....	1	14	101	5	12	.....	50
7 Churchland .....	John T. Griffin, Portsmouth .....	1	15	105	.....	12	.....	88
8 Deep Creek .....	W. H. C. Deal, Portsmouth .....	2	22	182	24	12	.....	97
9 Gilmerton .....	H. C. Harris, Gilmerton .....	1	10	80	.....	12	.....	27
10 Kempsville .....	W. T. Smith, R.F.D. No.2, Norfolk ..	1	6	38	.....	12	.....	22
11 Knott's Island .....	J. E. Bonney, Knott's Island, N. C. ....	1	14	69	.....	12	.....	12
12 Lake Drummond .....	George West, Wallaceton, Va. ....	1	8	72	.....	12	.....	.....
13 London Bridge .....	J. E. Old, Lynhaven, Va. ....	2	13	157	3	12	.....	.....
14 Nansemond .....	W. T. Jordan, Drivers .....	1	7	38	.....	12	.....	.....
15 Northwest .....	P. C. Garrett, Moyock, N. C. ....	1	11	81	9	12	.....	29
16 Norf., First .....	H. J. Williamson, Norfolk .....	1	40	313	.....	12	.....	75
17 Norf., Freemason St.	W. F. Robertson, Nortolk .....	1	47	868	29	12	.....	740
18 Norf., Park Avenue..	R. E. Sommers, Norfolk .....	1	40	500	70	12	.....	350
19 Norf., Spurg. Memol.	E. A. Binns, Norfolk .....	2	38	428	14	12	.....	140
20 Norf., Grace .....	E. S. Fergusson, & L. F. McGee, Norf.	2	20	232	15	12	.....	40
21 Norfolk, Central .....	J. W. Phillips, Norfolk .....	1	29	356	38	12	.....	118
22 Norfolk, Park Place,	E. H. Hammersley, Norfolk .....	1	17	323	23	12	290 57	85
23 Oak Grove .....	W. W. Bowen, Back Bay .....	1	15	200	12	12	.....	150
24 Ports., Court St. ....	W. C. Corbitt, Portsmouth .....	1	40	468	30	12	.....	200
25 Ports., Fourth St. ....	M. W. Allen, Portsmouth .....	1	41	388	15	12	.....	131
26 Ports., South St. ....	Geo. H. Ballance, Portsmouth .....	1	26	190	10	12	.....	60
27 Ports., Calvary .....	Harry Farrell, Portsmouth .....	1	30	384	5	12	.....	175
28 Ports., Park View .....	W. B. Harrell, Portsmouth .....	1	22	140	3	12	.....	75
29 Ports., Prent. Place.	George Anderson, Portsmouth .....	1	13	154	.....	12	.....	.....
30 Port Norfolk .....	W. H. Rodman, Portsmouth .....	1	21	167	20	12	.....	.....
31 Pleasant Grove .....	C. F. Eason, Hickory, R.F. D. No. 1.	1	9	93	13	12	.....	43
32 Salem .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
33 St. John .....	Alonzo Lee, Princess Anne .....	1	13	116	7	12	.....	82
34 South Norfolk .....	G. B. White, South Norfolk .....	1	24	300	25	12	.....	.....
35 Suffolk .....	W. J. Kendrick, Suffolk .....	1	24	339	30	12	.....	75
36 West Norfolk .....	N. P. Williams, West Norfolk .....	1	8	91	16	12	.....	29
37 Virginia Beach .....	N. Richard, Virginia Beach .....	1	6	48	.....	12	.....	.....
Total .....	.....	40	707	7755	493	581	57 3209	.....

## CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE BOARDS.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	S. and B. Board.	Education Board.	Ministers Relief Fund.	Orphan- age.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Educat'nal Commissi'n	Total.
1 Berkley Avenue .....	42 55	20 14	20 30	12 05	90 00	201 55	74 16	71 50	532 25
2 Bethel .....	11 00	6 50	5 50	6 00	10 76	11 00	11 00		61 76
3 Black Water .....					5 00		5 00		10 00
4 Broadway .....	5 00								5 00
5 Burrows' Memorial ...	20 00	1 59				36 75	19 50		97 22
6 Centreville .....	32 67	3 05	3 05	3 06	23 99	17 85	17 51		101 18
7 Churchland .....	325 00	10 00	20 00	15 00	80 00	250 00	100 00		800 00
8 Deep Creek .....	7 30	5 00	5 00	5 00	47 00	12 30	7 30		88 90
9 Gilmerton .....									
10 Kempsville .....							54 00		114 00
11 Knott's Island .....	2 00	3 00	1 00			2 00	2 00		12 00
12 Lake Drummond .....	9 00	20 00	2 00		2 00	10 65	9 50		76 15
13 London Bridge .....	24 60	22 90	11 50	15 67	49 50	39 00	29 20		192 37
14 Nansemond .....	16 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	16 30	5 00		66 30
15 Northwest .....	8 00	1 00		1 00	2 14	18 00	5 00		35 14
16 Norfolk, First .....	115 00		40 00	25 00	100 00	40 00	30 00		350 00
17 Norfolk, Freemason st.	747 50	5 00		81 84	592 20	1,197 83	952 78	1340 00	4,817 15
18 Norfolk, Park Avenue	240 66	10 65	16 72	20 30	105 10	542 57	157 68		1093 75
19 Norfolk, Spur. Mem'l.	140 50	16 55	176 00	5 00	120 07	427 85	165 00		1050 97
20 Norfolk, Grace .....	7 00	3 00	5 00	4 00	10 21	11 00	16 50		56 71
21 Norfolk, Central .....	35 59	14 25	6 91	10 25	68 68	105 09	67 76	565 00	876 53
22 Norfolk, Park Place...	30 00				54 25	48 25	66 00		198 50
23 Oak Grove .....	35 00	15 50	5 00	5 00	10 00	20 50	15 00		106 00
24 Portsmouth, Court St.	239 00	75 00	70 00	40 00	260 00	715 50	373 58		1,773 08
25 Ports., Fourth Street...	250 98	50 25	31 00	35 00	164 00	245 25	211 49	50 00	1,037 97
26 Portsmouth, South St.	20 00	10 00			18 00	47 30	152 99		248 29
27 Portsmouth, Calvary	68 69	8 60	1 59	1 59	82 11	94 07	26 59		283 24
28 Portsmouth, Pk. View	27 00	10 00	6 00	5 00	72 00	55 00	23 00		198 00
29 Ports., Prentis Place	14 00				67 14	10 75	10 75		102 64
30 Port Norfolk .....	55 00	5 00	12 00	5 00	48 28	75 00	44 00		244 28
31 Pleasant Grove .....	41 64	6 00	6 00	6 00	5 53	14 55	4 50		84 22
32 Salem .....									
33 St. John's .....	28 00	19 50	12 00	14 00	36 00	26 40	32 35		168 25
34 South Norfolk .....	50 00				110 00	15 00	15 00		190 00
35 Suffolk .....	71 95	19 80	16 28	18 25	1 00	211 04	53 32		391 64
36 West Norfolk .....	32 00	8 26	5 00	4 65	33 15	21 60	9 60		114 26
37 Virginia Beach .....	10 00								10 00
Total .....	\$2765 63	375 54	480 92	345 51	2322 64	4598 95	2767 06	2026 50	15686 75

## CONTRIBUTIONS FOR HOME PURPOSES.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Current Expenses.	Support of S. School.	Aid of Poor.	Church Building and Impro'm'ts.	Association Fund.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
1 Berkley Avenue.....	1500 00	549 86	176 00	27 26	.....	3 00	153 60	2409 72
2 Bethel .....	125 00	38 00	11 33	.....	.....	1 50	7 00	182 83
3 Black Water .....	125 00	40 00	25 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	192 00
4 Broadway .....	75 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	76 00
5 Burrows' Memorial .....	840 00	120 00	150 00	25 00	1400 00	2 00	150 00	2687 00
6 Centerville .....	350 00	30 00	28 00	.....	50 00	1 50	30 00	489 50
7 Churchland .....	1500 00	500 00	60 00	.....	750 00	5 00	500 00	3315 00
8 Deep Creek .....	300 00	45 50	131 34	10 71	93 20	2 00	103 00	685 75
9 Gilmerston .....	300 00	.....	.....	.....	40 00	2 00	.....	342 00
10 Kempsville .....	300 00	25 00	25 00	27 00	.....	1 25	46 00	424 25
11 Knott's Island .....	100 00	.....	27 00	.....	.....	.....	75	127 75
12 Lake Drummond .....	250 00	22 05	26 25	.....	.....	2 00	.....	300 30
13 London Bridge .....	400 00	76 44	81 40	.....	128 18	3 00	107 21	796 23
14 Nansemond .....	192 00	30 00	20 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	244 00
15 North West .....	250 00	18 00	20 00	.....	1500 00	1 50	.....	1789 50
16 Norfolk, First .....	2000 00	1200 00	375 00	216 00	.....	.....	105 05	3796 05
17 Norfolk, Freemason St .....	3150 00	5370 52	403 78	495 47	.....	10 00	1307 75	10737 52
18 Norfolk, Park Avenue .....	2500 00	1469 29	550 00	150 00	300 00	5 00	2000 00	6974 29
19 Norfolk, Spurg Memor'l .....	1200 00	414 73	257 68	137 57	1232 28	5 00	131 91	3879 17
20 Norfolk, Grace .....	1000 00	175 00	193 50	15 00	850 00	1 50	7 00	2242 00
21 Norfolk, Central .....	2000 00	446 15	231 08	51 36	1669 05	3 00	.....	4400 64
22 Norfolk, Park Place .....	1500 00	300 00	290 57	.....	1100 00	3 00	180 00	3873 57
23 Oak Grove .....	400 00	50 00	50 00	20 00	140 00	4 00	70 62	734 62
24 Portsmouth, Court St .....	2400 00	1494 65	369 56	399 98	382 50	5 00	2075 52	7127 21
25 Portsmouth, Fourth St .....	1525 00	383 15	346 76	313 54	2745 00	5 00	195 00	5513 45
26 Portsmouth, South St .....	1436 70	684 81	201 50	69 00	346 23	3 00	28 75	2769 99
27 Portsmouth, Calvary .....	1200 00	515 67	328 79	25 00	518 05	2 00	180 00	2769 51
28 Portsmouth Park View .....	1200 00	1250 64	104 19	28 08	4000 00	2 00	231 62	6816 53
29 Ports., Prentiss Place .....	550 00	50 00	106 69	5 00	200 68	1 00	.....	913 37
30 Port Norfolk .....	1200 00	414 31	142 94	92 00	388 00	2 00	663 20	2902 45
31 Pleasant Grove .....	200 00	25 00	25 00	.....	.....	1 50	30 00	281 50
32 Salem .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
33 St. John .....	350 00	194 93	45 94	8 00	.....	2 00	315 70	916 57
34 South Norfolk .....	1300 00	158 20	170 00	103 82	56 00	3 00	210 20	2001 22
35 Suffolk .....	1000 00	800 00	177 52	46 35	300 00	4 00	.....	2327 87
36 West Norfolk .....	600 00	52 50	60 95	.....	15 30	1 50	56 00	786 25
37 Virginia Beach .....	108 65	45 00	12 00	20 00	2072 00	1 00	.....	2258 65
Extra .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....
Total .....	33427 35	16889 40	5124 77	2286 14	20276 47	96 10	8685 13	86785 26





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