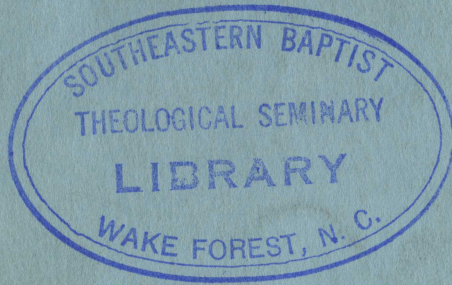


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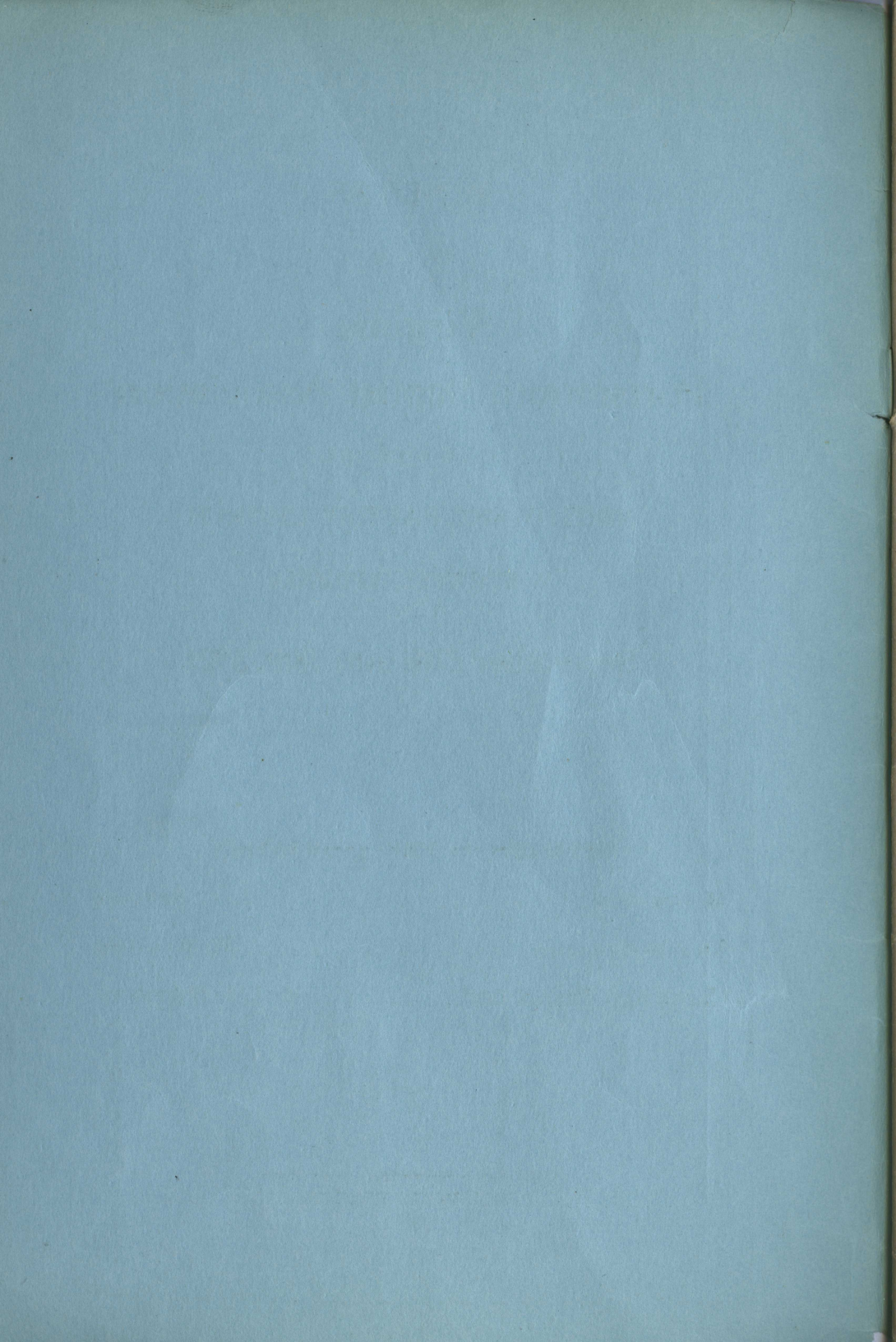
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2. Bethel-----	C. Loyd Davis, Fentress, Va.
3. Blackwater-----	Milton Mansfield, Hickory, Va.
4. Raleigh Heights-----	I. R. Dozier, R. 4, Norfolk, Va.
5. Burrows Memorial-----	Willis Hutchings, Norfolk, Va.
6. Calvary-----	H. C. Duerr, Portsmouth, Va.
7. Campostella-----	R. R. Pierce, Norfolk, Va.
8. Central-----	M. P. Williams, Norfolk, Va.
9. Centerville-----	J. N. Wood, Hickory, R. F. D., Va.
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11. Court Street-----	C. T. Joyner, Portsmouth, Va.
12. Cradock-----	Mrs. J. B. Jeffress, Cradock, Va.
13. Deep Creek-----	W. H. C. Deal, R. F. D. 3, Portsmouth, Va.
14. East Brambleton-----	W. F. Berry, R. F. D. 2, Norfolk, Va.
15. Fairmount-----	J. H. Williams, Expo, Va.
16. First, Norfolk-----	Geo. E. Kirkwood, Norfolk, Va.
17. Fourth Street-----	G. M. Chakley, Portsmouth, Va.
18. Freemason Street-----	C. L. Whichard, Norfolk, Va.
19. Gilmerton-----	W. H. Cotton, Gilmerton, Va.
20. Kempsville-----	Forrest Davis, R. F. D. No. 2, Norfolk, Va.
21. Knott's Island-----	J. L. Miller, Knott's Island, N. C.
22. Lake Drummond-----	Henry Tuttle, Hickory, Va.
23. Larchmont-----	W. B. Black, Norfolk, Va.
24. London Bridge-----	F. R. Reader, Lynnhaven, Va.
25. Nansemond-----	S. T. Kittrell, Beamon, Va.
26. Northwest-----	R. S. Poyner, Hickory, Va.
27. Oak Grove-----	J. W. C. Dudley, Back Bay, Va.
28. Ocean View-----	W. T. Daughtry, Ocean View, Va.
29. Park Avenue-----	C. W. Jones, Norfolk, Va.
30. Park Place-----	J. H. Nininger, Board of Trade Bldg., Norfolk, Va.
31. Park View-----	J. L. Robertson, 220 Hatton St., Portsmouth, Va.
32. Pleasant Grove-----	J. W. Smithson, Hickory, Va.



- 33. Port Norfolk-----J. D. Culpepper, Portsmouth, Va.
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- 38. St. Johns-----E. M. Seneca, Princess Anne, Va.
- 39. Virginia Beach-----Paul L. White, Lynnhaven, Va.
- 40. West Norfolk-----C. G. Dennis, West Norfolk, Va.
- 41. 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 Redeemers 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 dismission.

### 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.



## PROCEEDINGS

Northwest, Va., Sept. 27, 1921.

1. The One Hundred and Thirty-first Annual Session of the Virginia Portsmouth Baptist Association convened at 10:30 A. M. Tuesday, September 27th, 1921, with the Northwest Church, Northwest, Norfolk County, Virginia, and was called to order by the Moderator, L. C. Brinson.

2. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. John T. Coburn of Cradock Church.

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

Berkley Avenue—J. H. Privott and Mrs. Privott, E. C. Savage, Mrs. Elnor Wilson and Mrs. Geo. Daughtry.

Bethel—M. L. Crothers, W. Y. E. Davis, Chas. Harris and Wilson Davis.

Blackwater—R. P. Wilson.

Burrows Memorial—O. L. Gilbert and Mrs. Gilbert, G. R. Martin and Mrs. Martin, F. D. Lambert and Mrs. Lambert and Mrs. E. Bishop.

Calvary—F. H. Harmon, H. C. Duerr, F. T. Laughon, T. H. Bishop, W. T. L. Shepherd and Mrs. Shepherd, Mrs. Geo. W. Bailey and Mrs. E. L. Walton.

Campostella—J. J. Swindell, C. R. Lester and R. R. Pierce.

Central—W. F. Watkins, W. S. Wilkins and Mrs. Wilkins, A. E. Oden-d'hall, A. L. Bonwell, Dr. W. T. Smith, J. W. Frank, Otto Pe-bworth, Mrs. L. E. Hitchings and Miss Thelma Shelton.

Centerville—F. P. Jennings, Dr. A. M. Burfoot and Mrs. E. T. Hum-phries.

Churchland—J. P. Bidgood, L. M. Coffman and L. A. Deans.

Court Street—O. L. Williams and Mrs. Williams, W. C. Corbitt, H. B. Wilkins, Spurgeon Lee, J. C. Kaufman, W. F. Robertson, T. M. Brooks, Mrs. S. A. Jennings, Mrs. Ruth White and Mrs. J. M. Overton.

Cradock, G. W. Hilton and Mrs. Hilton, F. J. Lee and J. B. Jeffress.  
Deep Creek—A. J. Cuthriell, W. H. C. Deal, Mrs. H. E. Trent and Mrs. M. E. Hillard.

East Brambleton—Letter only.

Fairmount Park—J. R. Barnes, F. S. Gregory, J. L. Owens and W. A. Shacklock.

First—W. G. Collings and Mrs. Collings, H. J. Williamson, A. H. Gar-rett, M. D. White, E. A. Watkins, Dr. Vernon P'Anson, Mrs. W. M. Vines, Miss Cora Nottingham, Mrs. C. H. Balfour, Mrs. D. J. Hunt and Mrs. C. S. Boaze.

Fourth Street—L. C. Brinson, J. W. Blalock, C. H. Myers and R. A. Hutchins.

Freemason Street—M. Winston, C. L. Whichard, W. Frank Robert-son, R. D. Kibler, J. W. Callis, T. D. Savage, Geo. W. Liverman, Mrs. Margaret Tweedy Hood, Mrs. C. D. Mahone, Mrs. Jas. Mar-shall, Mrs. A. R. Turnbull and Miss Anna Elias.

Gilmerton—H. C. Harris and Mrs. Harris.

Kempsville—Jesse Hargrove, Ernest Davis and Mrs. J. C. Fentress.

Knotts Island—W. A. Snyder.

Lake Drummond—C. W. Poyner, Geo. W. Barber, J. J. Spence and Vernon Culpepper.



Larchmont—D. W. Darden and Mrs. Darden.  
 London Bridge—G. W. Reader, Allan Gimbert, Benj. Gimbert and T. J. Garrett.  
 Nansemond—D. S. Bruce and J. L. Wilroy.  
 Northwest—L. Powers, J. C. Garrett and W. A. McPherson.  
 Oak Grove—J. W. C. Dudley, W. T. Campbell and W. W. Bowen.  
 Ocean View—C. S. Blackwell.  
 Park Avenue—F. A. Walker, R. E. Summers and Mrs. Summers, T. L. Harrell and Mrs. Harrell, I. N. Fentress and Mrs. Fentress, W. E. Hudgins and Mrs. Hudgins, J. W. Belote and Mrs. Belote, Miss Mary D. Campbell and M. W. Whitson.  
 Park Place—W. E. Carman, P. W. Boice, S. A. Sutton, H. W. Dudley, R. W. Outland, W. T. Crafton and Mrs. Crafton, C. R. Robertson and Mrs. Robertson, J. H. Nininger and Mrs. Nininger, Mrs. W. M. Wilson, Mrs. J. R. Butcher, Mrs. Ira D. S. Knight, Mrs. Carrie Griffin, Mrs. John Spindle, Mrs. R. E. Bacchus and Mrs. W. T. Crafton.  
 Park View—A. R. Williams, J. L. Robertson, L. M. Harrell, Alwyn Howell, Mrs. T. D. Roper, Mrs. Jno. H. Lawrence and Mrs. E. E. Dudley.  
 Pleasant Grove—M. W. Sykes, Alexander Charlton and J. B. Flora.  
 Port Norfolk—J. W. Cotton and Mrs. Cotton, M. M. Ferguson, Henry Barrick and Mrs. Barrick, T. B. Skipwith, B. E. Andrews, Mrs. S. B. Barrick, E. S. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson.  
 Prentis Place—W. A. Vance, Mrs. T. B. Miller, F. A. Lufsey, J. H. Carr and Geo. Anderson.  
 Raleigh Heights—W. E. Garrett, B. F. Wentz and I. R. Dozier.  
 South Norfolk—J. T. Forehand, Mrs. L. H. Gouldman, Mrs. Arthur Sawyer, Mrs. O. J. Meginley, Mrs. A. M. Smith and J. L. Jones.  
 South Street—E. L. Beale and Mrs. Beale, Mrs. H. M. B. Jones, W. S. Parker, Mrs. Albert Curling, Mrs. G. W. Sawyer, Mrs. H. J. Butler, Mrs. Mattie Butler and Mrs. C. L. Hanbury.  
 Spurgeon Memorial—H. S. Jarvis, W. H. Luck and Mrs. Luck, Mrs. Ardelia Petty, Mrs. J. T. Boyett and W. C. Simpson.  
 St. Johns—J. C. Sawyer, A. F. Toxey and E. M. Seneca.  
 Virginia Beach—John Freeman, Paul White, Mrs. G. C. Sorey and Mrs. J. E. Jard.  
 Westhaven—L. A. Montgomery and Mrs. Montgomery and S. B. Houghton.  
 West Norfolk—J. E. Dennis and Z. D. Owens.

#### PASTORS PRESENT.

Blackwell, C. S.	Hunt, N. F.	Riddick, J. T.
Burfoot, A. W.	Jamerson, M.	Robinson, B. F.
Cox, Norman W.	Jones, H. F.	Savage, W. V.
Coburn, John T.	Jones, H. M. B.	Sawyer, C. S.
Coons, A. J.	Knight, Ira D. S.	Sawyer, G. W.
Davis, E. C.	Love, A. R.	Snyder, W. A.
Dogan, R. J.	Melton, Sparks W.	Stephenson, R. D.
Dudley, E. E.	Peebles, J. D.	Trueblood, C. H.
Harris, D. P.	Putney, F. W.	Vines, W. M.
Harrell, E. J.	Ramsey, E. M.	

4. The Association then proceeded to organize by electing the following officers:

Moderator—L. C. Brinson.

Vice-Moderator—M. Winston.

Clerk and Treasurer—W. T. L. Shepherd.



5. A Finance Committee was appointed, consisting of Dr. A. M. Burfoot, H. C. Duerr and D. W. Darden.

6. Report of Program Committee was made by H. F. Jones, and adopted.

7. After singing "In the Sweet Bye and Bye," R. J. Dogan read a part of the 6th chapter of Judges, followed with prayer by C. S. Blackwell.

8. The Introductory Sermon was preached by H. F. Jones on the subject "Power for Service," using as the text the 14th verse of the 6th chapter of Judges.

9. W. V. Savage introduced to the Association: D. P. Harris, Calvary; W. A. Snyder, Knotts Island; N. F. Hunt, West Norfolk; A. R. Love, Fourth Street; E. M. Ramsey, Bethel, Centerville and Raleigh Heights; John T. Coburn, Cradock, and Ira D. S. Knight, Park Place.

10. The following visitors were recognized: R. D. Garland and J. W. Cammack, of the State Mission Board; W. B. Duling, Hertford, N. C.; E. S. Pierce, Cumberland County, Va.; Prof. James B. Craft, President Averett College, Danville, Va., and J. T. Betts, of Atlanta.

11. The following report was read and discussed by A. R. Love:

#### TEMPERANCE.

Surely a strange thing has happened. Never before, in the knowledge of your committee, has the report on Temperance been placed first in the list of reports to be made at a Baptist Association. We interpret this fact as a good omen. It bespeaks the importance which the members of the Portsmouth Baptist Association, and especially the members of your program committee, attach to the subject.

While Baptists have always been in favor of temperance, and have for many years provided for a report on that subject at their annual associational meetings, they have heretofore almost invariably placed that report on the last day, and generally among the last reports to be made, which naturally, whether intentionally or not, made the impression that the report on Temperance was regarded by the body as one of minor importance. While we are convinced that it has never been so regarded, certainly not in recent years, we nevertheless are glad that the report on Temperance has for once been placed first on the list of reports to be made at a Baptist Association.

The temperance question is an age-long one. The evils of intemperance are perhaps as old as the human race. It is not improbable that Adam and Eve learned to make wine and if they did it is more than probable that Cain was under the influence of it when he slew his brother.

The first mention of wine and its evil effects is in the story of Noah's drunken spree and his shameful exposure. (Gen. 9:20-21). Then comes the story of drunken Lot and his unspeakable sin. (Gen. 19:31). Later we read of Belshazzar's orgy, which resulted in the loss of his kingdom and of his life. (Dan. 5).

From those days to the present drunkenness has been rampant in



the world, and shame, crime, poverty, degradation and death have followed in its wake.

The battle against intemperance is perhaps as old as the evil itself. The first society to combat the ravages of king alcohol was organized about 3,400 years ago; God Himself dictated the constitution and by-laws of that society and Moses wrote them down. That society was known as the society of the "Nazarites." (Numb. 6). It was a total abstinence society and both men and women were eligible to membership. The first known person to join this, the first known anti-alcohol society, was a woman, Manoah, who was induced to join by an angel in the interest of Samson, her yet-to-be born son. (Samson was probably the first male member of that society).

Good women have ever been in the lead in the fight against the evils of intemperance. All honor to the W. C. T. U. of America. Its members were pioneers in the modern fight against the licensed saloon and they kept up the fight till the Eighteenth amendment to the Constitution was enacted, and still they fight.

Like every other great movement, the war against alcohol has had its long periods of hopelessness and defeat, only to be benefitted at the last by the accumulated force of unending agitation. From Colonial days to the present temperance societies and total abstinence societies have flourished in America.

The first National Temperance Convention ever held was held in Philadelphia in 1833. On August the 8th, 1837, the friends of temperance held simultaneous meetings throughout the world. In 1872 the Prohibition party was born and though it never elected a candidate, yet for forty years it fought for prohibition until public opinion advanced so far in favor of prohibition that it became a non-partizan question and the candidates and representatives of the two old political parties were compelled to yield to the cry of the people, consequently on the 23rd day of January, 1920, Congress passed the Eighteenth amendment to the Constitution, forever ruling out of America, and all of her foreign possessions, the legal manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes.

But the liquor evil did not die with the enactment of the Eighteenth amendment and John Barleycorn is not buried, even though Billy Sunday did preach his funeral in Norfolk. The activity of a wet minority and the indifference of a dry majority has prolonged the life of his satanic majesty.

The only hope for a speedy deliverance is the election of men to the Legislature who will enact the expressed will of the majority of our people into organic laws and place the enforcement of those laws in the hands of friendly officials who will see that they are executed. Penalties must be made more drastic and adequate prison sentences prescribed and the imposition of those penalties not left optional with the courts.

The combined liquor forces of the nation have contested the legality and the constitutionality of every phase of the National Prohibition Law and have been defeated in every contest in every court. Their pernicious influence in the enforcement of the law and the Palmer ruling in the interest of beer and wine hastened the enactment of more stringent and drastic laws by Congress.

The present flagrant violations of the Prohibition Law by the lawless liquor element demands the speedy enactment and the stern enforcement of yet more rigid laws in order to stamp out this pest, and suppress this anarchy that so blatantly flaunts itself in the face of an outraged public conscience.

Is Prohibition a failure? Far from it. The argument that because a law is not obeyed it is a failure and should therefore be repealed is sheer nonsense. Such a course would mutilate the deca-



logue and abolish every law upon the statute book. We are told that we cannot legislate men into morality. Then let us see to it that we do not legislate them into immorality. We are told that we cannot, by law, make men sober. Yet we can, and have, by law, removed legalized facilities for making them drunk. Law has failed in its purpose when it does not make it easy for men to do right and hard for them to do wrong. If virtue cannot be evoked by law then the activities of those who would make money out of the weakness and depravity of human nature can be curtailed by law. The encouragement of vice for the sake of gain is the blackest of all crimes. And to proclaim a law a failure because it is not respected and kept by outlaws is the height of folly.

Respect for law is the one essential fact of our government. Without it life, liberty and property are insecure. Without it civilization falls back to the chaos and anarchy of primitive times. The history of civilization has been a continuous struggle for law and order.

When once public sentiment has crystalized itself into law there can be no question as to the duty of every citizen thereto. There is only one course of honorable conduct possible and that is obedience to the law. If laws are obnoxious to the people it is their province to repeal them. Relief, if to be had at all, is to be had through the legislative department of the government, and through the executive department, not by ignoring, defying or evading the law.

From the standpoint of government the only safe course is that of law enforcement. Whatever may be one's personal views or opinions as to the wisdom or the justice of the law, can be of no concern to the agencies for law enforcement. The executive department of our government does not make the laws nor can it nullify them.

To refuse or to neglect to enforce an enactment of government, or to enforce it mechanically or half-heartedly, or to wink at its violation, is to perjure one's self as an official, the penalty for which should be impeachment. The official who refuses to enforce the law, which he is sworn to enforce, is as guilty in the sight of the law as the man who breaks the letter of the law. As a citizen cannot choose what laws he will obey, no more can those charged with the enforcement of the laws choose what laws they will enforce. All citizens must obey all the laws or pay the penalty. It is the duty of every citizen to keep the law and it is the duty of every official to enforce the law.

The government will endure on the rock of law-enforcement, or it will go to pieces upon the quicksands of lawlessness. The citizen who defies the law should be made to pay the penalty for so doing. And the official who refuses to enforce the law should likewise be required to pay the penalty for his offense.

The moonshiner and the bootlegger are outlaws and rebels and as such are dangerous citizens, and in reality enemies of the commonwealth. And those who shield and patronize them are no better than they. The law will probably have to go another step and make it as great a crime for a man to purchase liquor from a bootlegger, or to have bootleg liquor in his possession as it is to make or sell it. If it is a crime to buy or to receive stolen goods, when the purchaser has good reason to suspect that they are stolen, then it ought to be a crime to buy or receive illicit goods. And everybody knows that all liquor offered for sale without a doctor's prescription is illicit liquor.

We have made wonderful strides against the enemy, but let us—

“Ne’er think the battle won,  
Nor lay our armor down,  
The arduous task will not be done,  
Till we obtain our crown.”



"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." While good men sleep moonshiners and bootleggers creep, and defiers of the law and agitators for its repeal are active.

The Anti-Prohibition organizations that are springing up all over the country with the avowed purpose of combatting the Prohibition law and of fighting for its repeal, convinces us that there is still great need for the Anti-Saloon League and that it should be maintained in an active, aggressive way lest we lose rather than gain ground in the future.

Your committee, therefore, recommends that our pastors and church members in general extend to the Anti-Saloon League and to its preresentatives their hearty moral and financial support in order that it may prosecute its work until moonshiners and bootleggers shall be banished from our shores.

Your committee furthermore recommends that while we, as ministers and laymen, do not relax one iota our efforts to help enforce the law, that we, at the same time, do not forget that our God-given, invincible weapon against every evil of every kind is the everlasting gospel of the ever blessed Christ, which still is "the power of God unto salvation" to every soul, from the evils of intemperance and all other evils. Our hope for the world, after all, is not the law, but the gospel.

Respectfully submitted, your committee,

A. R. LOVE, Chairman.

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON

12. The session was opened by singing "Alas and Did My Savior Bleed," after which E. M. Ramsey read the 91st Psalm and lead in prayer.

13. Report on State Missions was read by R. D. Stephenson and ably discussed by J. W. Cammack and R. D. Garland.

### STATE MISSIONS.

It was ninety-eight years ago under the guidance of the Spirit of God that the State Mission Board of Virginia was organized. The task which confronted the denomination, functioning through this Board, was to evangelize, educate and indoctrinate the people of the State.

How well this task has been performed is revealed by a study of its achievements. Viewed from every angle the last year has been the best yet. There were reported 1,143 churches with a membership of 193,375.

#### Evangelism.

The Board employs seven evangelists, who spend most of their time in the most needy portions of the State, and where visible results are difficult to obtain. There were 1,946 conversions and 269 wanderers restored to churches by these evangelists last year.

#### Missionary Pastors.

There are 154 pastors under the employ of the State Mission Board. These are to be found in twenty-seven of the twenty-nine district Associations. This work, which is done in co-operation with the churches, give these churches in the matter of pastoral leadership a quality of permanency and efficiency which the churches without this aid could not obtain. Scores of our churches, which are now among the strongest in the State, both in country and city, were enabled to be organized and maintained by the work of this Board. The Mis-



sionary forces reported last year 4,890 conversions and 4,165 baptisms, which was an increase of 1,915 conversions and 1,530 baptisms over the previous year. The Board paid to its missionary pastors last year \$54,996.

#### **Enlistment.**

At times when request for meetings were least urgent several of the evangelists gave time to the enlistment work, and taking pledges for the 75 Million Campaign in churches not organized for "Victory Week" and making an every member canvass for increased pastoral support. One worker reported 13 fields visited, with the result that the sum of \$7,829 was added to the amount formerly paid to the pastors by the churches of these fields, thus adding more than 100% to the amount paid before the canvass.

#### **Grouping Fields.**

Continual attention has been given to the work of grouping fields as requested by the General Association, and the results have been very gratifying. Compact fields have been formed and pastors located on the same in numerous places where no regular pastoral services had been provided in years past. The only discouraging feature of this work has been the inability to find a pastor for some of these newly formed fields. God help us to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send forth other laborers into the harvest.

#### **Mission Schools.**

The increased gifts to State Missions have enabled the Board to enlarge and strengthen its work in the State Missions Schools in Buchanan County and in Patrick County, new buildings, permanent improvements and strengthened facilities have been provided. The schools continue to grow and are filled to capacity, and practically all the students who were not Christians at the opening of the session accepted Christ before the year ended. The sum of \$21,050 was used for new buildings and current support last year.

#### **Campaign Conservation.**

The State Mission Board has been, by the instruction of the General Association, the Agency for conserving the work of the Baptist 75 Million Campaign. This work has been conducted under the direction of the Corresponding Secretary of the Board without the employment of any extra working force other than the usual force of the State Mission Board. Other States have employed numerous extra secretaries and conservation men, which meant larger additional expense. The work has been done in Virginia at an extra cost of about one-fourth of one per cent. The effectiveness with which this work has been conducted in Virginia is suggested by the reports to the Southern Baptist Convention in May. Virginia reported more to the Board at the Convention than any other State in the South, and was the only State which reported approximately one-fifth of all pledges to the Campaign within the Convention year.

#### **Every One Win One.**

Attention is very earnestly called to the evangelistic goal of the Southern Baptist Convention for the present year. The slogan is "Every One Win One." Our State Mission Board is using its every resource to a full co-operation in this South Wide Campaign for Christ. The ultimate purpose of the Baptist 75 Million Campaign is not to raise money, but to lead men and women to Jesus Christ. Every church member in every church in every district association is called on to be the instrument in God's hands in leading at least one lost soul unto Salvation through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

There is ample opportunity for each one of us to "win one"



among the 600,000 adults who are without God and without hope in our own State. As soldiers of the Cross, let us thank God and take courage. The victory is the Lord's. Virginia must be won.

#### Some Recommendations.

1. That specific effort be made by the pastors and churches to deepen the spiritual life of their people. Our supreme need is a vitalized church membership.

2. That we pray earnestly and work diligently to lead out the called of God into specific Christian service.

3. That the tenth be made the minimum standard of our giving, and that our pastors and churches seek to enlist all of our people in the observance of such a standard.

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. STEPHENSON.

14. The Laymen's Missionary Movement report was made by E. H. Barrick.

#### LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT.

The Laymen's Missionary Movement was organized some fifteen years ago for the express purpose of advancing the interest of the Lord's Kingdom and assisting in the evangelization of the entire globe. The great movement set apart to be accomplished by this union is a high goal which every layman who is saved through faith in our Lord and Master should strive to reach.

With its high achievements in view and the marvelous and wonderful results which have been accomplished since its inauguration, it is not to be wondered at, therefore, that there have been changes with its long stretches of undeveloped country, that the evil forces are using their highest offices and every available means to break down, destroy and set apart the noble, high and fine purposes of our glorious movement. We may expect a hard battle and will have to fight the devil and his forces with all our might, but we have the blessed assurance of our Christ that we shall reap if we faint not, and all our efforts put forth in His behalf shall be crowned with success.

The Laymen's Missionary Movement has been the means of awakening and creating new interest in our idle laymen, who should have years ago been actively engaged in the Master's cause. It should be of great value to the churches of all denominations. The services of the laymen are needed more today than ever in helping the churches to raise the pledges and in securing new pledges.

The great success with which the union has met in its past efforts should be an inspiration to the brethren to make it a greater success in the future. We owe it to the Christ who died for our redemption.

Your committee strongly recommends that every church in the Virginia Portsmouth Baptist Association who are not already actively and enthusiastically engaged in the Laymen's Movement, wake up and realize what wonderful power they are losing. Your committee would further recommend that every Pastor in this Association bring this movement to the attention of his people, and that each church organize a Laymens Union, the officers of the union to consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and its membership to consist of all male members of the church over eighteen years of age.

It is further recommended to this body that they elect a General President of the Laymen's Movement of the churches representing the Virginia Portsmouth Baptist Association, to whom all the various unions shall report monthly of the activities of their unions in order



that there may be something definite furnished this Association as to exactly what is being accomplished by this great Laymen's Movement. The General President will in turn report to Brother J. T. Henderson, General Secretary, Laymen's Missionary Movement of Southern Baptists, of the accomplishments achieved through the efforts of the Laymen's Missionary Movement representing the Virginia Portsmouth Baptist Association.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. MORRIS.

15. Marinus James read the Educational Report and Prof. James B. Craft, president of Averett College, was presented and delivered an address on the subject.

### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

"The aim of all true education," in the language of Dr. Henry Van Dyke, "is no vain and nebulous thing. It has four definite marks: the power to see clearly, the power to imagine vividly, the power to think independently and the power to will nobly. The final result of true education is not a selfish scholar, nor a scornful critic of the universe, but an intelligent and faithful citizen who is determined to put all his powers at the service of his country and mankind."

Religion without education is superstition and fanaticism. Education without religion is skepticism and infidelity. Christianity has for the most part given to the world its schools and colleges and universities. Christendom is in a large measure the emporium of the world's learning and the harbinger of universal education. The record of our own great denomination in reference to this question is one of which we are justly proud. Baptist educational institutions in the United States alone, not to speak of England or Canada, and the continent of Europe, or of our school system in many mission fields, number twelve theological seminaries, one hundred universities and colleges and ninety-five academies, which have an endowment of between forty and fifty millions and about the same amount in real estate and buildings.

Baptists should be vitally concerned in the cause of education for several reasons. Christian patriotism should compel us to stress the education of our people. "Roger Williams," says Bancroft, "was the first in modern Christendom to assert in its plenitude the doctrine of the liberty of conscience, the equality of opinions before the law." Our historical position and recognized contribution to American civilization as a matter of consistency requires us to support our public and high schools and the universal education of all people in every possible way. A democracy cannot exist unless the people comprising it are enlightened. "Knowledge is power" and this may be for good or evil. "Your ignorant thief may rob a freight car, but your educated thief will go and steal the whole railroad." Christian education is essential to the perpetuity of the American Republic. Our emphasis on individuality and democracy renders it imperative that we should emphasize the importance of the training and development of our children and our membership. That is a fine thought suggested by Eucken: "We begin as individuals nestling within the narrow circles of our petty, egotistic interests; we are called to end as personalities and co-workers with God." An uneducated membership is a menace to growth and prosperity and will cause our denomination to lag and suffer inevitable defeat in the march of progress. Efficiency in serv-



ice and usefulness in life demand that we give much attention to this great cause.

There is a very close relation between culture and leadership. More than 70% of the leading clergymen, lawyers, physicians and authors are college graduates.

Loyalty to our denominational institutions requires us to support the University of Richmond and other schools of learning under the patronage of our denomination. The denominational college must be sustained if we keep pace with other denominations and especially in view of the improved equipment of secular and State schools. Here we are confronted by a serious situation demanding our profoundest concern and appealing to our deepest convictions as Christians and as Baptists. Eight of the nine justices of the Supreme Court of the United States are college men; seven of the eight are from denominational colleges. Eighteen out of the twenty-six Presidents of the United States were college men; sixteen of the eighteen were from denominational colleges. (Of the members of Congress in 1905 receiving college education who were prominent enough to be mentioned in Who's Who, two-thirds were graduates of denominational colleges). To sustain our own splendid institutions in view of the keen competition of other schools is a call to our loyalty and consistency.

Our self preservation as a denomination requires the patronage and encouragement of our own excellent schools. Secular education is challenging the very existence and support of our colleges. In an address recently before a religious body, former Vice-President Marshall is reported as saying that one of the weak points and danger points in our American life today "is that there is too much science in the so-called educational system and too little God Almighty." He is reported as saying further that because State and Church are separated and the State is looking after the schools that the Church, therefore, feels itself absolved from any duty in the direction of the education of our youth. Mr. Marshall declared, according to the report, that "the State is permitted to mold the children from the age of six up through the time they are going through college, where many of the professors are agnostics and atheists." "The church is beginning to see," he declared, "that it has turned over too many tasks and functions to the State." The most serious question in the religious life of our country is the trend away from denominational and Christian education. Our ministry comes almost entirely from Christian colleges. Through a period of five years ninety-three per cent of the preachers came from Christian schools. If we are to have an educated ministry our denominational schools must be maintained. Let us rally as never before to our own Baptist institutions of learning.

Within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention there are 120 educational institutions under Baptist ownership and control. Last year the enrollment in the Baptist educational institutions of the South was nearly 40,000, a gain of approximately 50 per cent over the attendance reported prior to the inception of the campaign. The property valuation of our schools and seminaries is now given as \$21,109,641 and the endowment fund at \$13,000,662. Included in the list of these 120 educational institutions owned and operated by Southern Baptists are 36 senior colleges, 22 junior colleges, 56 academies and high schools and six theological seminaries, Bible and training schools.

The following are some of our Baptist schools in Virginia: Averett College (Junior), Danville; Virginia Interment College (Junior), Bristol; Chatham Training School, Chatham; Fork Union Military Academy, Fork Union; Lee Baptist Institute, Pennington Gap; Oak Hill Academy, Kendrick; Buchanan Mission School, Council, Blue



Ridge Mission School, Buffalo Ridge; University of Richmond, including Richmond College, Westhampton College and T. C. Williams' Law School.

MARINUS JAMES.

16. The Sunday School report was made by W. Frank Robertson and discussed by the same brother and C. H. Trueblood.

### SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The demands upon the Sunday School were never greater and more urgent than at the present time. There have been delegated to the Sunday School many duties and obligations which are essential to intelligent Christianity. There seems to be no other department of the church which can or is in a position to perform this important task of teaching and training our young people along Christian lines and for active service in the church.

The demands are great because the need of such training was never more paramount. It fills the need which neither the pulpit nor the home can supply and to that end the church should lend every encouragement possible to those who are actively engaged in this great work. It is alarming to realize how few of our people are interested in this part of the Master's Kingdom, especially when we consider it offers an opportunity for Christian training and development from the cradle to the grave.

Your committee regrets not being able to report any new schools organized since the last meeting of our Association, however at a recent meeting of the Baptist Council of Norfolk and Portsmouth it was voted to start a mission school in Park Place at an early date.

Not being able to secure figures from all the Sunday Schools we cannot state accurately the growth of the schools during the past year, however from the reports to the Sunday School convention held at Bethel in June there seems to be a growth from fifteen to twenty per cent in enrollment. There are three schools in the Association reporting an enrollment of more than one thousand. The Chinese Sunday School, which reported an enrollment of thirty-five last year, now has an enrollment of forty-seven with average attendance of eighty-five per cent and the offerings in this school deserve special mention. For instance, July collection was \$11.76, which shows a larger per cent per capita than in all our other schools. Twelve of these Chinese have been baptized and received into the church within less than two years.

The Baptist Encampment this year under the supervision of Dr. Watts was the best and largest ever held. The District Sunday School Convention held at Bethel Baptist Church in June proved to be a great success and inspiration and will become an annual event. The departmental heads appointed at that meeting are working at their tasks and will present a survey of the entire Sunday School situation in the Portsmouth Association at the next annual meeting of the convention. Rev. W. Rush Loving, the field worker assigned to this Association by the State Sunday School Board, has done creditable work during the summer, having presented 122 awards, including diplomas and seals. The Baptist Council of Norfolk has rendered valuable service to the Sunday Schools throughout this district. The interest manifested in both the Norfolk and Portsmouth Sunday School Associations has been very marked by larger attendance than ever before.

After all is said and done, the thing we are most interested in is



how many have really been saved. It seems that in this twentieth century when so many things are claiming the attention of our people, unless they are brought into the Kingdom while under the influence of the Sunday School the chances are they never will be, if statistics are true.

May we not catch a vision of the great possibilities and grasp the opportunities as they come to us, and during the coming year move forward to the end that we leave no child within our reach out of the Sunday School. There are hundreds in our cities and many in our country districts who are without the influence of the Sunday School and church.

Respectfully submitted,

W. FRANK ROBERTSON.

17. The report on the work of the B. Y. P. U. was read and discussed by C. L. Tyler and C. S. Blackwell.

#### B. Y. P. U.

The B. Y. P. U. work has made great strides during the past year and is in a most flourishing condition.

There are five hundred and sixty-five unions in Virginia, one hundred and sixty-three having been organized since the last meeting of this association. Two hundred and five institutes and study classes have been conducted during the year and approximately thirty-five hundred diplomas and seals have been awarded.

The B. Y. P. U. State convention was held at Virginia Beach during encampment week in July and was a splendid success, a most excellent and instructive program being enjoyed by all that were fortunate enough to attend.

There are sixteen city and rural associations in the State doing a most effective work.

Among the forty-one Churches comprising the Portsmouth Association there are twenty-four Senior Unions and fifteen Junior Unions, a total of thirty-nine; and as some of the Churches have more than one Union it can be readily seen that there are some Churches without this medium for training their young Christians for effective Church work.

More than three hundred thousand young people among the local Baptist Churches of the South are actively engaged in the work of the B. Y. P. U. There are six thousand, seven hundred and eighty-six Senior Unions with a total membership of two hundred and forty-one thousand, six hundred and thirty-five, while the Junior Unions total two thousand, one hundred and eighty-three with a membership of sixty thousand, two hundred and thirty-eight. Texas, by reason of its great size and the large number of Churches, leads in the number of young people enrolled in the Unions, furnishing a total of eighty-six thousand, while Georgia comes next with forty-two thousand.

The splendid success during the past year has been due to the consistent efforts of the membership plus a better understanding on the part of our Pastors and lay members as to the value of the B. Y. P. U. to the Church, and the splendid co-operative efforts and leadership of our Field Secretary, Rev. E. J. Wright.

In conclusion, permit me to urge that our Pastors and lay members emphasize more and more the importance of this splendid work, ever remembering that the Boy or Girl of today is the Man and



Woman of tomorrow who will have to take up the work of the Churches and should be properly trained therefor.

Lets adopt as a slogan for the coming year "At least one B. Y. P. U. in each Church in this Association."

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. TYLER, Committee.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING

18. The Association was called to order by the Moderator, L. C. Brinson.

19. Devotional Exercises were conducted by C. S. Blackwell. Hymn, "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning." Prayer by R. J. Dogan.

20. Report on Orphanage was read by B. F. Robinson and after discussion by B. F. Robinson, R. J. Dogan and Vernon I'Anson, the report was adopted.

### THE ORPHANAGE.

Virginia Baptists have no institution of which they are prouder than their Orphanage at Salem. During the more than twenty-nine years of its existence the Orphanage has been, as it were, a great, loving mother to 698 children. The success which has crowned the faithful efforts of those in charge of this work fills us with gratitude to God for His blessings in such a large way upon our Orphanage, at the same time it should inspire the determination to enlarge the facilities so that other needy children may be cared for. We are using the word fundamental freely these days. It can truly be said that the work done by the Orphanage is fundamental, since it takes boys and girls who otherwise might be lost to Christ and Christian service and, in certain cases, become a positive menace to society, and cares for and trains them and finally sends them out into the world fitted in heart and head to take their places in its ranks and in the onward march of human progress become potential factors in the upbuilding of the kingdom of our Lord.

There are at present in the Orphanage 113 boys and 106 girls, making a total of 219.

Since November 1st, 1920, the sum of \$55,634.42 has been received from the 75 Million Campaign, or less than two-thirds of the amount received during the previous fiscal year.

It is not necessary for your committee to plead for support for the Orphanage from the Portsmouth Association. The splendid cottage bearing your name, as well as the record of your gifts in the past, speak eloquently of the abiding interest of this Association in the Orphanage.

In closing this report we record our profound appreciation of the efficient and faithful services of our brethren, Corbitt and Chelf, and their corps of helpers, and pledge them anew our sympathetic and substantial support.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. ROBINSON, Committee.



21. The chairman of the Finance Committee, Dr. A. M. Burfoot, made the statement that the Association is running behind in finances and, on motion, Dr. Melton proved himself a good collector by raising by special collection the sum of \$-----.

22. The report on Pastoral Support, prepared by H. J. Williamson, was read by the clerk, and adopted.

#### PASTORAL SUPPORT.

Pastoral support is of two kinds, Moral and Financial. Every Pastor is entitled by right of his Divine calling to the hearty and cordial moral support of his members, without this no Pastor can hope to succeed. By right of his Divine call he is also entitled to financial support, "The other Tribes were required to support the Tribe of Levi." Even so hath the Lord ordained that those who preach the gospel should live by the gospel. With very few exceptions the minister of the gospel receives smaller compensation than any other vocation.

The Pastor is expected to dress becomingly, to entertain company, to attend conventions and associations, he must supply himself with books and periodicals of current literature, he buries your dead, in sickness and affliction he offers you the consolation of the gospel. Is it not therefore, your duty to keep him above want and to enable him to make provision for those dependent upon him? With the question of sustenance harrassing him he cannot prepare nor preach as he could were his time not thus employed and his mind thus harrassed.

Without the hearty support, the tender sympathy, the loving counsel and the cordial assistance of the pew the pulpit cannot accomplish much; hand in hand they must work, heart to heart they must labor.

Churches which pay the largest salaries to pastors give the most to missions, and the churches which have preaching the oftenest give the most to all objects, this is in keeping with the spirit of the gospel. If the pastoral spirit of the church is at a low ebb the missionary spirit will also languish. The more we do for God, the more we desire to do, and the more we are, through His help, enabled to do for Him. The churches which have every Sunday service, with few exceptions, pay the pastor fairly well, while those who have services once or twice a month seldom pay sufficient salaries.

Churches should look earnestly into this matter of every Sunday service and pastors should strive to bring the churches up to this standard. It is not so much a question of ability as it is a willingness to honor and serve the Master. We surely cannot expect His continued blessing when we are such slothful and unprofitable servants. Many churches need not so much more members as they need to develop and make useful those they have and the chief way to develop the members is to have a settled pastor for every church.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. WILLIAMSON.

23. On suggestion of Dr. Blackwell, the proceedings of the Association were held up and the Association paused while Dr. Blackwell lead in prayer for one of our old ministers, Dr. Wm. E. Lankford.



24. Mrs. A. R. Turnbull delivered a splendid report on Woman's Work and the report was adopted by a rising vote.

#### REPORT OF WOMAN'S WORK.

Before giving the report of our women's work in the Portsmouth Association, may I assure you gentlemen that we are not insensible of the honor conferred upon us in granting the privilege of having our report given today by one of our own workers and also allowing our presence as delegates. We thank you and we women will do our best to prove that you have not erred in judgement.

A retrospective glance of activities of any organization is valuable only as the possessions may show larger possibilities; as the successes of the past may suggest greater opportunities; and advancement may create a more progressive program. As figures and facts are the two conspicuous units of a report, this statement is presented to you without separating the one from the other. According to the scheme of our organization with 41 churches in the Association, we should today report 205 societies which would include working forces of women, young women, boys, girls and children; or five organizations in each church. We feel grateful, but far from satisfied, to report 104 W. M. U. organizations for Portsmouth Association today. Our possessions, 104 societies; our possibilities, 205.

It is difficult to incorporate with any accuracy our successes in figures: 1st, Because all societies do not report to the associational superintendent as systematically or promptly as they should; and 2nd, Our activities are too varied to ever be measured by dollars and cents. During the past year the sum of \$44,406.44 has been reported as covering the gifts of our women and young people for the Campaign and Personal Service. This gold and silver might "make a joyful noise unto the Lord" if taken by itself; but, friends, in comparison with money spent for our own pleasures and luxuries, its jingle sinks into silence; and we hear our so-called successes cry out for greater accomplishments and opportunities.

Only through education, enlarged interest may be developed. No feature of our work has advanced with truer co-operation than that of our Mission Study. The Association claims 21 graduates and 4 post-graduates in this course. The former figures mean 21 of our women have completed the study of six authorized books, successfully passing standard examinations on same; while the smaller group shows those women who have further pursued the course after having earned their diploma. During the past year 56 classes have been conducted with activity can easily report at least 560 women in actual study of some standard Mission Study book. Thus we know with this increased information which is inseparable with interest, our women can only be satisfied to accept such a program as shall include child welfare, freedom for women from oppressive traditions, the missionary settlement, which is the social settlement plus religion, Christian education, industrial training and the gospel of healing both physically and spiritually. It is truly a progressive program, but it was all born in the heart of our Master and committed to us as parts of His plan for world-wide missions.

To the two questions, "Can it be done?" and "Will it be done?" comes the short, decisive answer, "Yes." But yet again we hear the doubtful one calling "How?" For the benefit of our gentlemen friends, we women are going to let you into our secret of success. We PLAN OUR WORK—then WORK OUR PLAN—and this is just the difference between a progressive or a haphazard society.



The working out of the plan can only be carried on as the individual society becomes dependent upon using its tool chest, which is as essential to a well conducted organization as it is indispensable to a completed household. These tools we use just as any man would from his handy chest for repairs and construction.

First, we use all sizes of nails, which are the facts we need to know about the world's great mission fields—the needs for hospitals, schools and colleges; eagerness for education; value of trained native workers; responsiveness of Oriental governments and their co-operation with our missionaries; great problem of foreigners in America; appeal of Latin-America; amount of money needed to finance all these movements—all these and many more are the nails to be driven into our minds and hearts. But nails are useless without hammers, so we have these tools in the shape of programs and study books—the former with various suggested leaflets easily secured from headquarters, come to us each month in Royal Service. These should always be supplemented by the many articles of intense interest as published in Home and Foreign Fields; the latter may be named The Bible and Missions—Call of the South—Making America Christian—Stewardship and Missions in Royal Service—such hammers as these put into the hands of those who know how to use them, will drive the nails straight through any woman's conscience. However, sometimes the nails fail to go through even with a well-wielded hammer and so we have to bore a hole first with our awl and pierce the attention of the indifferent. We have several awls in the guise of posters.

Another awl is the telephone, which sounds a message of invitation; while others are the reminding post-card or note and the personal visit which often brings about results as no other tool can.

For some people the plane is absolutely necessary, as they want everything in life and religion, especially about a missionary meeting, made smooth and easy. So we let our automobiles play the part of the plane and carry all such minded members to our meetings.

Here are two tools we are most careful in using—the hatchet and the saw. We use the greatest discretion not to chop our meetings up into little bits of items about New China, our Schools in Cuba, Kindergartens in Japan, and Italians in America; for in so doing we have made havoc of a number of perfectly good subjects for a single meeting; our saw we employ to cut out the useless and well-worn bits of information, using our skill to smooth off the unfinished ends of various activities and efforts.

The chisel, or stories of the terrible wrongs and sufferings of women and girls in the Orient, with sharp, quick cut, is used to clear away the hardness of indifference and interest in petty things. We use this chisel persistently and patiently, fearing to let it lie idle, as often the result of a well-chosen, well-told story is more decisive than abstract facts.

This chest of ours would be incomplete were it lacking the spirit level, our Bible. This is the only tool that can be used to keep us true and right in our relation to our Master, to His world and to each other.

Last, but not least, is a tool we so often overlook, but one that is so needed and so strong—the magnet. Love is our magnet and in the same proportion as we use it will our hearts and lives be drawn out in Christ-like service to those who need His love.

And so may we, the women of the Portsmouth Association, continue in the use of our tool chest that we may go forward in our program to strengthen our churches in their work; diffuse a wider Missionary intelligence; and gather in a greater abundance of gifts for the advancement of His Kingdom.

MRS. A. R. TURNBULL.



25. The report on Home Missions was read by Norman W. Cox and after he had made a fine address on the subject, the report was adopted.

### HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board is the only great inter-State missionary organization of Southern Baptists. Its work is largely co-operative in connection with various State Mission agencies. It thus forms a bond of union and has probably been the greatest force among Southern Baptists for the unification of our denomination.

Through this agency Southern Baptists in the largest way make it possible for the strong to help the weak. The principal work of the Board is, therefore, in the weaker States of the Mississippi Valley and the Western States of our territory. Yet the changes in our industrial and business life, and in the cities and country-side of the older States are so great that increasing attention must be given to the needs in the older sections.

The problem in the cities of the South is growing acute in many places like Birmingham, St. Louis, New Orleans and Memphis. The Home Mission Board is helping to solve this problem and to meet the demands as rapidly as funds will justify.

Evangelistic campaigns by the Evangelistic Department of the Home Mission Board are proving to be a mighty factor in the evangelization of the cities.

An opposite problem is presented in the changing conditions of country life, where we must go with greater forces of men and money. In the country lies the greatest numerical strength of Baptists and yet there is found our greatest weakness in point of efficiency.

Through the missionary and enlistment forces of the Home Mission Board much is being done to conserve our vast host of country Baptists and to enlist them in our denominational work.

The Board has just closed the most remarkable year of its history, both in the amount of funds received and in the results accomplished, as was shown in the Board's report to the Southern Baptist Convention in Chattanooga in May.

At an annual meeting of the Board in June, 1920, the work was laid out on a basis of 100 per cent greater than that of any previous year. The calls were so numerous and compelling, fields so white unto harvest and the spirit of the brotherhood so optimistic in view of our great success in the 75 Million Campaign, that the Board, by the urgent advice of the various State Mission Secretaries, was emboldened to project its work on a new and vastly enlarged scale.

At that time cotton was forty cents a pound. The prices dropped so suddenly and drastically that during half the year cotton was only about ten cents. This brought a serious financial situation with the Board. Heavy obligations had been assumed which could not be cast off. The Board retrenched where it was possible, but in spite of this, had to report a debt of \$727,622. Consequently for the new year they have had to retrench very materially in order to take care of the indebtedness as well as the current expense.

The Board needs immediate help in order to maintain its credit at the banks, to meet the current expense, and lessen the burdensome debt.

Let us conclude this report with a brief statement of results of the year's work which are truly inspiring:

In the EVANGELISTIC DEPARTMENT there were 15,567 baptisms, 22,689 additions to the churches. Since the Department of Evangelism was organized in 1907 there have been baptized 124,103



converts, with a total of additions to the churches of 169,102 members; and 17,611 volunteers for the ministry and mission work. A great record, indeed.

Among the FOREIGNERS, INDIANS AND NEGROES there were 2,157 baptisms and 3,208 additions to the churches; in CUBA AND PANAMA 178 additions to the churches, the contributions of the native churches \$11,849.

In CO-OPERATIVE MISSIONS there were 25,532 baptisms, additions 50,307. We had eighty enlistment workers who rendered 5,336 weeks of service; in our SANATORIUM for the sufferers of the great White Plague there were 298 patients treated and we have a property worth \$400,000; in the work among the SOLDIERS AND SEAMEN there were 3,331 professions of faith and at our Seamen's Institute, Jacksonville, Florida, the boys from the seas wrote home 6,049 letters; in thirty-seven MOUNTAIN SCHOOLS 6,183 students, and we have a property valued at \$1,688,000; in CHURCH EXTENSION the Board aided 824 churches with loans or gifts and there were 1,084 others asking aid which could not be helped; in the PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT the Board distributed 5,641,000 tracts and sent forth thousands of copies of various books.

The above sets forth briefly some of the inspiring accomplishments of our Home Mission Board and attests the efficiency of this great agency in helping to make the South Christian and Baptist and through it to bring the same blessing to the whole world.

We recommend that earnest prayer be offered constantly for our great Home Mission work and that the churches immediately come to the help of the Board with contributions in order that the glorious work may be carried forward and the Board may soon be relieved from its burdensome debt.

Respectfully submitted,

NORMAN W. COX.

26. The Foreign Mission report was read by Sparks W. Melton, who also made a stirring address on the subject, and the report was adopted.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS

Foreign Missions still occupy the place of supreme importance in the consciousness of the Church of Jesus Christ. Notwithstanding the indifference of some and the opposition of others, the Church is constantly enlarging its work in foreign lands.

Our own Board has added Palestine, Syria, Argentine, Uruguay, Chile and Italy, and of the territory assigned by the London Conference, Spain, Jugo-Slavia, Hungary and Rumania, and a part of Russia. In other words, our parish embraces 200,000,000 black people, 475,000,000 yellow people, 4,000,000 brown people and 225,000,000 white people.

No motive is adequate for the accomplishment of this task save loyalty to Jesus Christ and the conviction that His gospel is the power of God unto the salvation of the world. The world of blacks and yellows and browns as well as our own race.

The gloomy predictions heard so often during the war that Christianity had failed and could not again appeal to the people have not been realized. The church has a place in the thoughts and life of the world, not because the church is without fault and free from blemish, but because the church, although weak and faulty, still points to ONE who is without blemish.



So with the close of the war has come an increase of missionary activity. The field of activity has been enlarged, the number of missionaries multiplied and the gifts to this work greatly increased.

The result of our efforts as presented in the Foreign Board report, gives cause for thanksgiving.

The highest altitude in the number of baptisms was reached in the baptism of 6,998 converts. We now have 611 churches, 187 of which are self-supporting. The total membership is 59,438. Their contributions last year amounted to about \$5.00 per member. More than half own their own houses of worship. 41,727 scholars were instructed in our 907 Sunday Schools. 405 foreign missionaries are now under appointment, 72 having been sent out during the year. The Board owns 94 residences to be used by these missionaries. 978 native workers are employed. Our schools have an enrollment of 22,866 students. Of these, 284 are theological students. This represents an increase over last year of 68 schools and 4,352 students. We have now 21 foreign physicians and 8 foreign nurses, who gave last year 154,070 treatments. This medical record is shown to be more remarkable by the fact that several of the medical missionaries are new and several of the older physicians were on furlough during most of the year.

There comes to us, facing as we do, our work from a new angle, some imperative considerations.

1. The demand comes for increased information. The importance of the movement calls for intelligent consideration. Our women have realized this and with splendid persistence are giving to the study of missions a prominent place on their program. They are setting an example, in this, which our men are slow to follow. While our women are becoming better informed, and hence more active and enthusiastic, our men, in the great majority, are woefully ignorant and desperately indifferent.

No man or woman can in the highest sense be regarded as educated who is ignorant of one of the most striking historical movements of modern times.

2. A reconstruction of our motives. Arguments for missions are after all unnecessary. There is only one argument. The Great Commission might be spoken of as the Great Program. Only one motive is worthy of our Master, and that is loyalty to Him. Not to do it for reasons which are more or less sectarian or selfish, but because He loved us and gave Himself for us. The Incarnation, the Atonement, the Resurrection should be to us a sufficient motive for all necessary zeal and activity.

3. The imperative necessity falling upon our churches of conserving as far as possible the fruits of the 75 Million Campaign. That our people are passing through a period of great financial depression, no one questions.

We found the changing conditions hard to meet. As a result our pledges have not been met. We must make every effort this fall and winter to meet every demand. Before we retrench let us be sure that we are justified in doing so. We would suggest:

- (a) That a committee be appointed of ministers and laymen, to study the situation, and make recommendations as to plans for meeting this condition.

- (b) That our ministers and Sunday School officers and teachers keep the matter before our people and urge them to deeds of loyalty and sacrifice.

- (c) To strive to fill our souls with the vision and purpose of Him who came to save the world from its sins.

Respectfully submitted,

SPARKS W. MELTON.



## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

27. Session opened by singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

28—Report on Time, Place and Preacher reported as follows:

Time—Tuesday and Wednesday following the fourth Sunday in September, 1922.

Place—Left with Executive Committee.

Preachers—Introductory Sermon, Ira D. S. Knight; alternate, D. P. Harris. Doctrinal Sermon, A. R. Love; alternate, R. D. Stephenson.

29. After R. D. Stephenson had led in prayer, the Doctrinal Sermon was preached by C. S. Blackwell.

30. Digest of Church Letters, prepared by the Moderator, and reads as follows:

Enrollment in Sunday School, 1920-----	12,894
Enrollment in Sunday School, 1921-----	14,236
Gain over last year-----	1,342
Total Church Membership, 1920-----	14,985
Total Church Membership, 1921-----	16,712
Gain over last year-----	1,727
Total Baptisms, 1920-----	1,151
Total Baptisms, 1921-----	1,303
Gain over last year-----	148
Contributions for Home Purposes, 1920-----	\$234,487.00
Contributions for Home Purposes, 1921-----	233,332.00
Total Decrease-----	\$ 1,155.00
Paid 75 Million Campaign, 1920-----	\$101,611.00
Paid 75 Million Campaign, 1921-----	109,838.00
Gain over last year-----	\$ 8,227.00

Report adopted, and a vote of appreciation was given the Moderator for providing the large tabulated report of the churches.

31. The Missionary Report was read by Marinus James, Executive Secretary, Baptist Council of Norfolk and Portsmouth.

### REPORT OF MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

If anything good can be said concerning the great war it is the fact that we learned to "carry on." The expression was more than a pious platitude in those days which our generation can never forget; it had red blood in it.

The Missionary Committee is appointed from year to year to "carry on" in the weak and waste places of the Association. During



the past year your Committee has paid particular attention to pastorless churches. Not only has the Executive Secretary of the Baptist Council responded to the many constant calls for supply pastors, some of which have literally come at the eleventh hour, but earnest efforts have been made to bring pastorless churches and churchless pastors as well as pastors looking for a change, together.

The Committee regrets that the time worn habit of sampling preachers, is still in vogue in city as well as in country churches. A church is not a horse market, nor are pastors like horses, groomed for the market. When will churches get away from this abominable custom, and use horse sense?

It has been stated repeatedly that the Association has never had a finer set of preachers than that are manning the churches at the present time, and we may say amen to that.

The right hand of fellowship has been extended to a number of new under-shepherds since the last annual report was published. Some of these men have been on the field for some time, while others have just arrived. We do not wish the brethren to judge the welcome extended to them by the coldness of printer's ink. The names of new pastors and their churches follow:

Bether, Centerville and Raleigh Heights—Rev. E. M. Ramsey.

Cradock—Rev. John T. Coburn.

Park Place—Rev. Ira D. S. Knight.

Fourth Street—Rev. A. R. Love.

West Norfolk—Rev. N. F. Hunt.

Larchmont, Campostella Heights, Virginia Beach and East Brambleton are pastorless.

Northwest and Pleasant Grove are being supplied by Rev. A. W. Burfoot until a permanent pastor is called.

The State Mission Board is assisting seven churches in the District, the amounts ranging from four hundred to eight hundred dollars to each church. During the past year the State Mission Board appropriated a total of thirty-three hundred dollars for this purpose.

The Knott's Island Church has apparently come back to life, and was the first to send in its Associational letter. The Westhaven church is completing a magnificent modern church building with the help of the Baptist Council, which extended a loan of ten thousand dollars. Deep Creek has voted to build a new house of worship, the present building not being large enough to fill the need, especially for Sunday School purposes. The Cradock Church is putting the finishing touches to additional class rooms. The Church building is owned by the Baptist Council. Park Place built and paid for a frame building for the primary and beginners' department. The building, which stands on the church lot next to the church, takes care of the situation, the church being inadequate to house the large Sunday School. Fourth Street will begin the construction of a large addition to the present plant as soon as circumstances permit. The reconstruction and addition will give the church an auditorium which can accommodate a congregation of one thousand, and Sunday School facilities amply adequate for the attendance of eighteen hundred. All of these churches are to be congratulated upon their vision and spirit of enterprise. Central Baptist Church has practically completed the building of a modern Sunday School addition, the urgent need of which is an indication of rapid growth. Ocean View has purchased lots on which to build, the present frame building standing on ground owned by the Virginia Railway and Power Company.

The general outlook of the entire District is most encouraging. The only black cloud on the horizon is the failure to pay up in full on the Seventy-five Million Campaign pledges.



The Missionary Committee is hoping that the "Every One Win One" Campaign, the Tithers' Campaign and a wholesome steadfastness of purpose will offset the falling off in receipts caused by the general business depression.

In closing this report the committee urges the Missionary Churches to work toward independence by a gradual reduction of the annual appeals for help from the State Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,

MARINUS JAMES, Chairman

T. O. WILLIAMS

W. F. WATKINS

## 32. Report on Obituaries by E. C. Davis.

### OBITUARIES.

Your committee submits the following report:

We have been blessed in that we have not lost any of our ministers by death during this associational year. It is with sorrow we have to report the death of two very prominent deacons: Brother William H. Rodman of the Port Norfolk Church, Portsmouth, Va., and Brother Andrew Dusch of the Park Place Church, Norfolk, Va. As we have not been furnished with information concerning their birthplace and early life, we submit the resolutions presented by their distinctive churches.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. DAVIS.

Andrew Dusch.

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to remove from our midst on July 20th, our beloved brother, esteemed friend and co-laborer, Andrew Dusch, in the seventy-eighth year of his age, who has been an active member of the Park Place Baptist Church for the past seven years, a member of the Board of Deacons, and a charter member of the Men's Progressive Bible Class. Faithful and loyal to all the activities of the Church, always present and alert to its best interests;

Therefore, be it Resolved, That while we bow in submission to the divine will of our Heavenly Father, we bear willing testimony that we have lost a friend and brother whose fellowship it was not only a pleasure to enjoy, but an inspiration to our lives, and though with body enfeebled by many years of unselfish service, yet his zeal for Kingdom work and his faith in God grew stronger day by day, doing at all times his full share in service, contributing of his means, and greatest, spreading sunshine to those about him with never a word of complaint.

Resolved, That we extend to his bereaved family and friends, over whom sorrow has hung her sable mantel, our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement, commending them to that Celestial Kingdom made brighter by his going.

That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of the Park Place Baptist Church, a copy be presented to the family of the deceased, and published in the Religious Herald.

R. W. OUTLAND,

C. F. WRIGHT,

W. W. GRESHAM,

Committee.

Done by order of the Church, July 27th, and adopted August 7th, 1921.



**William H. Rodman.**

Whereas God in His infinite wisdom saw fit on November 19, 1920, to call from our midst to His eternal rest our brother, William H. Rodman, one of our most faithful deacons of the Port Norfolk Baptist Church; therefore be it

Resolved, First, That we deeply realize the great loss we have sustained in the death of our much esteemed brother deacon, and while our hearts are sad that another tie that bound us together has been broken, yet we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who is too wise to err, and too good to be unkind.

Resolved, Second, That we extend to the bereaved family our hearts deepest sympathy and pray that they may be comforted by Him who doeth all things well.

Resolved, Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family and a copy be sent to the Virginian-Pilot and a copy spread on our minutes.

BOARD OF DEACONS,  
Port Norfolk Baptist Church.

33. Henry C. Duerr read the report on Ministers' Fund, and the same was adopted.

**MINISTERS' FUND.**

Your committee on Ministerial Relief begs to submit the following:

We believe that the minister, who has come to his day of retirement, or who, for any reason, has become disabled, is in every way worthy of our sympathy, prayer and financial support. The same thing is true of their widows and orphan children. These men and women were faithful to God and His cause, in the midst of the greatest sacrifices in laying the foundation for the work of Christ in this State, and surely they should receive our hearty support in their declining years. Other Christian organizations are far ahead of us in this department of work and in the discharge of this Christian obligation. Even railroads and other business and worldly institutions care for their aged and faithful employees who have labored hard and long, and have spent their strength for their employer. We should not only strive to emulate other Christian and worldly institutions, but we should furnish these old heroes of our faith the support they so richly deserve.

The Convention Board, located in Dallas, known as the Relief and Annuity Board, has taken over the work of the States. The aim of this board is to give aid and comfort to the disabled ministers, as well as those who have grown old in the service, and have come to their day of need and retirement, and to their widows and orphan children such aid as their exigencies demand, and as their financial condition will allow.

The Board has now a beneficiary list of between seven and eight hundred. Others are being added from month to month. The stipends of the beneficiaries who have transferred to us from the states have, in the most part, been increased from 40 per cent to 60 per cent and in some instances as much as 100 per cent. 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 just beginning to do what we should do. Our aim should be to persuade our people to say to the ministers in active service today: Give yourself whole heartedly to the work; spend yourself freely; be not afraid; we do not pay you the salaries that we should, and that you



deserve, but this we do, at least solemnly promise: We will stand back of you; if you fall in the work, we will care for you; if you die we will not permit your family to suffer; if you grow old in the service, we will comfort your declining years." Just that and nothing short of it should be the attitude of our great denomination to its ministry, and every one of our young preachers should feel that the denomination has so spoken to him and that he can accept its word at par.

If we could say that so as to carry conviction to the men of the hard fields and the small salary, we should put new life in them, we should greatly increase their efficiency and the denomination would be the real beneficiary.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. DUERR.

34. After Chas. R. Robertson had read the report on Periodicals, Ira D. S. Knight and Norman W. Cox made short talks on the subject and the report was adopted as read.

#### PERIODICALS.

In this day of numerous kinds of periodicals which are generally popular with almost all classes of people, and some of which are hurtful, especially to the younger of our population, it is highly important that we seek to place before our Baptist folks, both young and old, the very best literature published by us.

As the reading of a good secular paper is said to be a liberal education in itself, so may the reading of our denominational press be a better way of educating our membership and others in Baptist doctrines and fundamental truths. The New Testament, of course, is our text book for Baptist doctrine, but through editorials and other writing in our State paper we get ideas and information in regard to our position which serve to help those who are not strong in their convictions, to teach the young converts what we believe in regard to the ordinances which we observe, viz: Baptism and the Lords Supper, and to enable all of us to be better informed as to "why we are Baptists."

Then again, these periodicals are a constant source of education, inspiration and helpfulness to ourselves and the cause we represent. What a power for good in season and out of season is our State paper, the Religious Herald; also Home and Foreign Fields, and Royal Service. The Herald especially is always and forever boosting and backing every worthy cause and effort that our Virginia Baptists and the Southern Baptist Convention promote.

It would appear, therefore, that the very least thing we can do is to support these publications by subscribing to them and then enlighten ourselves and our posterity by reading and study of them.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. R. ROBERTSON.

35. R. D. Stephenson was elected delegate from the Association to the Southern Baptist Convention.

36. A vote of thanks was extended the Pastor and members of Northwest Church and also the people of the community for the magnificent entertainment given the Association.



## REPORT OF TREASURER FOR 1920

### Receipts

Balance on hand from 1919	\$ 6.55	
Associational Fund from Churches	232.18	
Total		\$238.73

### Disbursements

Paid for 1920 Programs	\$ 7.50	
Paid for Printing Minutes	211.00	
Paid for Mailing Minutes	5.80	
Paid for Postage	2.30	
		\$226.60
Balance on hand		\$ 12.13

W. T. L. SHEPHERD, Treasurer.

37. The Moderator announced the Standing Committees for the year. See back cover.

38. The Association, after a most delightful, interesting and largely attended session, adjourned with prayer.

L. C. BRINSON, Moderator,  
Portsmouth, Va.

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



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

	CHURCHES	LOCATION	Estab- lished	PASTORS	Value of Church Building and Lot	Value of Pastorim and Lot	Sundays of Preaching
1	Berkley Avenue -----	Berkley City -----	1873	R. D. Stephenson	\$ 35000 00	\$10000 00	Every
2	Bethel -----	Norfolk Co., Va. -----	1889	E. M. Ramsey	1500 00	-----	2nd & 4th
3	Blackwater -----	Princess Anne Co., Va. -----	1774	G. W. Sawyer	2500 00	-----	1st & 3rd
4	Burrows Memorial -----	Norfolk Co., Va. -----	1894	C. H. Trueblood	25000 00	-----	Every
5	Calvary -----	Portsmouth City -----	1889	D. P. Harris	80000 00	6000 00	Every
6	Campostella Heights -----	Norfolk Co., Va. -----	1916	-----	10000 00	-----	Every
7	Central -----	Norfolk City -----	1885	F. W. Putney	85000 00	-----	Every
8	Centerville -----	Norfolk Co., Va. -----	1872	E. M. Ramsey	4000 00	4000 00	Every
9	Churchland -----	Norfolk Co., Va. -----	1785	W. V. Savage, D.D.	32000 00	5000 00	Every
10	Court Street -----	Portsmouth City -----	1789	N. W. Cox, D.D.	75000 00	-----	Every
11	Cradock -----	Cradock, Va. -----	1919	John T. Coburn	4000 00	3500 00	Every
12	Deep Creek -----	Norfolk Co., Va. -----	1869	A. J. Coons	2000 00	4000 00	Every
13	East Brambleton -----	Norfolk Co., Va. -----	1913	-----	2500 00	-----	Every
14	Fairmount Park -----	Norfolk Co., Va. -----	1909	J. D. Peebles	5000 00	-----	Every
15	First Church -----	Norfolk City -----	1801	W. M. Vines, D.D.	100000 00	12000 00	Every
16	Fourth Street -----	Portsmouth City -----	1855	A. R. Love	30000 00	5000 00	Every
17	Freemason Street -----	Norfolk City -----	1848	S. W. Melton, D.D.	140000 00	-----	Every
18	Gilmerton -----	Norfolk Co., Va. -----	-----	A. J. Coons	1500 00	1000 00	2nd & 4th
19	Kempsville -----	Princess Anne Co., Va. -----	1814	M. Jamerson	10000 00	5000 00	Every
20	Knott's Island -----	Currituck, N. C. -----	1876	W. A. Snyder	800 00	-----	4th
21	Lake Drummond -----	Norfolk Co., Va. -----	1850	G. W. Sawyer	2100 00	-----	2nd & 4th
22	Larchmont -----	Norfolk Co., Va. -----	1919	-----	11000 00	9500 00	Every
23	London Bridge -----	Princess Anne Co., Va. -----	1788	-----	3000 00	3000 00	Every
24	Nansemond -----	Drivers, Va. -----	1891	W. V. Savage, D.D.	3000 00	-----	1st & 3rd
25	Northwest -----	Norfolk Co., Va. -----	1782	A. W. Burfoot	5000 00	-----	1st & 3rd
26	Oak Grove -----	Princess Anne Co., Va. -----	1762	E. J. Harrell	2500 00	1000 00	Every
27	Ocean View -----	Norfolk Co., Va. -----	1910	C. S. Blackwell, DD	2500 00	-----	Every
28	Park Avenue -----	Norfolk City -----	1885	J. T. Riddick	80000 00	5000 00	Every
29	Park Place -----	Norfolk City -----	1902	I. D. S. Knight	90000 00	-----	Every
30	Park View -----	Portsmouth City -----	1839	E. E. Dudley, D.D.	10000 00	8000 00	Every
31	Pleasant Grove -----	Norfolk Co., Va. -----	1845	-----	2000 00	-----	2nd & 4th
32	Port Norfolk -----	Portsmouth City -----	1893	H. F. Jones	50000 00	5000 00	Every
33	Prentiss Place -----	Portsmouth City -----	1906	B. F. Robinson	40000 00	-----	Every
34	Raleigh Heights -----	Norfolk Co., Va. -----	1893	E. M. Ramsey	3500 00	-----	Every
35	South Norfolk -----	Norfolk Co., Va. -----	1893	C. S. Sawyer	50000 00	-----	Every
36	South Street -----	Portsmouth City -----	1889	H. M. B. Jones	50000 00	-----	Every
37	Spurgeon Memorial -----	Norfolk City -----	1892	R. J. Dogan	75000 00	6000 00	Every
38	St. John -----	Princess Anne Co., Va. -----	1856	E. J. Harrell	3000 00	2000 00	Every
39	Virginia Beach -----	Virginia Beach, Va. -----	1908	-----	20000 00	-----	Every
40	West Haven -----	Norfolk Co., Va. -----	1913	E. C. Davis	2000 00	6000 00	Every
41	West Norfolk -----	Norfolk Co., Va. -----	1895	N. F. Hunt	1500 00	1200 00	Every
				Total -----	1057100 00	100700 00	



# MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCHES

CHURCHES	ADDITIONS BY				DIMUNITIONS BY				Present Number		
	Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Statement	Letter	Exclusion	Erasure	Death	Males	Females	Total
1 Berkley Avenue	57	35	2		15		1	2	204	308	512
2 Bethel	6	3			13	1	1		42	44	86
3 Blackwater	2								52	50	102
4 Burrows Memorial	42	24	4		8		6	4	191	313	504
5 Calvary	116	34	4	17	20		5	1	352	443	795
6 Campostella Heights	14	14		14	12			2	57	119	176
7 Central	54	25		10	42		14	2	333	409	747
8 Centerville	6	2			6		1	1	75	84	159
9 Churchland	15	3			1				123	108	231
10 Court Street	69	101		3	42	4		7	429	466	895
11 Cradock	29	61		4	5			2			226
12 Deep Creek	17	22	1	4	10			2	114	124	238
13 East Brambleton	9	3			1				11	31	42
14 Fairmount Park	49	50		15	10		35	1	115	128	243
15 First Church	62	109	1	12	54		2	6	476	712	1188
16 Fourth Street	149	54	6		42	4		7	398	522	920
17 Freemason Street	54	39			37			14	514	711	1225
18 Gilmerton	8	3							18	23	41
19 Kempsville	14	14	1	1	2	1	1	1			143
20 Knotts Island								4	37	47	84
21 Lake Drummond	14		2	1	1		4	2	61	67	128
22 Larchmont	7	16			8		1	1	61	50	111
23 London Bridge	4	3			7	4	5	2	68	95	163
24 Nansemond					5				22	16	38
25 Northwest	7		1		4			1	77	147	224
26 Oak Grove	22	12	7		2	1		3	169	196	365
27 Ocean View	18	10			1				48	60	108
28 Park Avenue	60	42	4	31	45		17	8	385	537	922
29 Park Place	127	120		17	43		1	3	522	720	1242
30 Park View	59	17	2	17	36	5	1	4	293	353	646
31 Pleasant Grove	6			1	3		1	1	61	61	122
32 Port Norfolk	43	9	15	17	19			6	388	450	814
33 Prentiss Place	27	29		7	14	8	6	3	204	271	475
34 Raleigh Heights	1			4			2	1	37	37	74
35 South Norfolk	30	64	5	8	18		1	8	298	387	685
36 South Street	25	25		8	8			3	346	410	756
37 Spurgeon Memorial	43	15		13	18		5	5	386	576	962
38 St. John	19			1	3		7	2	72	112	184
39 Virginia Beach	3	6							47	55	102
40 West Haven	19	5		1	8				85	96	181
41 West Norfolk	9	1	1		3				46	48	94
Totals	1350	970	56	206	566	28	117	114	7222	9386	16727



# 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.	495	57	320
2	Bethel	Wilson Davis, Fentress, Va.	52		
3	Blackwater	S. L. Creekmore, Hickory, Va.	40		35
4	Burrows Mem.	Geo. R. Martin, Powhatan Ave., Norfolk, Va.	533		210
5	Calvary	H. C. Duerr, 221 Sixth Ave., Portsmouth, Va.	868	104	440
6	Campostella Hgts.	J. J. Swindell, Station 13, Norfolk, Va.	289	12	100
7	Central	W. F. Watkins, 815 Spottswood Ave., Norfolk, Va.	726	30	400
8	Centerville	W. W. Cowan, Hickory, Va.	79		79
9	Churchland	M. J. Kilby, Churchland, Va.	182	16	112
10	Court Street	J. W. Addington, Court & Queen Sts., Portsmouth, Va.	771	50	353
11	Cradock	J. B. Jeffries, 26 Shell Road, Cradock, Portsmouth, Va.	371	27	
12	Deep Creek	W. H. C. Deal, R. F. D. No. 3, Portsmouth, Va.	148		
13	East Brambleton	W. F. Berry, R. F. D. 2, Box 4, Norfolk, Va.	94	9	18
14	Fairmount Park	J. C. Simpson, Fourth St., Fairmount Park, Norfolk, Va.	406	20	203
15	First Church	J. A. Derring, 1802 Omohundro Ave., Norfolk, Va.	1086	102	650
16	Fourth Street	L. B. Pendergraph, 318 Fourth St., Portsmouth, Va.	1241	168	428
17	Freemason Street	W. F. Robertson, 524 36th St., Norfolk, Va.	1005	54	675
18	Gilmerton	J. H. Cotton, Gilmerton, Va.	112	4	26
19	Kempsville	J. E. Old, Lynnhaven, Va.	120	7	
20	Knott's Island	S. J. Warterfield, Knott's Island, N. C.	100		25
21	Lake Drummond	R. D. Godfrey, Hickory, Va.	50	10	35
22	Larchmont	S. A. D. Parker, Hanover Ave., Norfolk, Va.	183	7	79
23	London Bridge	B. F. Owens, London Bridge, Va.	149	4	
24	Nansemond	Dr. W. T. Jordan, Drivers, Va.	43		
25	Northwest	N. B. Powers, Northwest, Va.	114	2	50
26	Oak Grove	W. W. Dudley, Back Bay, Va.	331	14	160
27	Ocean View	G. J. Butcher, Ocean View, Va.	145	12	50
28	Park Avenue	F. A. Walker, 511 Reeves Ave., Norfolk, Va.	686	70	400
29	Park Place	Willis V. Fentress, 622 New Jersey Ave., Norfolk, Va.	1348	130	725
30	Park View	M. O. Lawrence, 411 Webster Ave., Portsmouth, Va.	687	50	400
31	Pleasant Grove	Alexander Charlton, St. Brides, Va.	106	3	65
32	Port Norfolk	H. W. Dickerson, 500 Broad St., Portsmouth, Va.	841	37	693
33	Prentiss Place	S. A. W. Poe, 1704 Richmond Ave., Portsmouth, Va.	587	20	200
34	Raleigh Heights	B. F. Wentz, R. F. D. 3, Norfolk, Va.	111	1	40
35	South Norfolk	G. B. White, 68 Chesapeake Ave., South Norfolk, Va.	935	15	400
36	So. Norfolk Mission	C. E. Johnson, 110 Jackson St., South Norfolk, Va.	140	5	80
37	South Street	T. O. Williams, 605 London St., Portsmouth, Va.	589	50	400
38	Spurgeon Memorial	E. A. Binns, 717 Windsor Ave., Norfolk, Va.	893	34	420
39	St. John	T. B. Sawyer, Princess Anne, Va.	165	17	89
40	Virginia Beach	John Freeman, Virginia Beach, Va.	107		30
41	West Haven	G. W. Hamer, R. F. D., Portsmouth, Va.	296		222
42	West Norfolk	A. C. Davis, West Norfolk, Va.	127	9	68
Totals			17351	1150	8680



# 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	2500 00	1751 95	1191 07	1216 46	126 30	5 00	184 61	200 00	7175 39
2 Bethel	149 65	43 61	79 05	36 00		2 00	3 85	44 00	363 16
3 Blackwater	200 00	30 00	89 58	45 00		5 00	15 31	60 00	439 89
4 Burrows Memorial	2700 00	739 63	723 59	514 72	136 48	3 50		963 23	5786 15
5 Calvary	3230 00	4062 42	1572 58	1562 87	497 26	8 00		188 41	11171 54
6 Campostella Hgts.	1500 00	540 60	249 93		25 00	3 52		553 43	2872 48
7 Central	3600 00	1723 30	2471 82	1000 00	124 77	15 00		150 00	9084 89
8 Centerville	1250 00	50 00		200 00		3 00		65 00	1568 00
9 Churchland	2500 00	1412 72	71 72		180 00	5 00	350 00	595 80	5115 24
10 Court Street	5000 00	6252 55	731 31	1325 85	928 78	17 90	3194 27	5979 42	23430 08
11 Cradock	1216 60	223 24	328 28	937 35	120 00	4 52		558 33	3388 38
12 Deep Creek	1000 00	81 00	305 00	210 00	12 40	5 00		135 00	1748 40
13 East Brambleton	500 00	36 00		100 00	25 00	1 00		10 00	671 50
14 Fairmount Park	2392 00	239 43	708 00		33 00	2 00	85 00	138 50	3597 93
15 First Church	5425 01	10469 85	2222 48	18350 00	367 00	23 76	1849 10	4603 77	43310 97
16 Fourth Street	3500 00	2900 51	2086 40		482 66	12 00		197 01	9178 58
17 Freemason Street	6000 00	8221 14	2479 26	3731 39	1037 72	15 00	3641 49	3304 63	28430 63
18 Gilmerton	240 00	50 00	50 00	112 00		1 00		65 00	518 50
19 Kempsville	170 00	173 72	253 81	500 00		2 00	220 00	305 00	1454 53
20 Knott's Island	150 00	25 00	50 00		25 00	1 00		25 00	276 00
21 Lake Drummond	300 00	43 16		130 04		4 00		78 04	555 24
22 Larchmont	1626 01	683 80	495 53	374 77	18 54	3 00	25 00	45 16	3271 81
23 London Bridge	1066 70	125 35				5 00		44 50	1236 55
24 Nansemond	210 00	30 50		110 35	2 00	2 00			352 85
25 Northwest	400 00	260 00	110 00			5 00			775 00
26 Oak Grove	900 00	49 30	189 74	286 25	45 33	5 00	107 16	155 59	1738 37
27 Ocean View	1404 00	212 38		1550 00	25 00	2 00			3193 38
28 Park Avenue	3170 10	3486 26	1081 36	621 85	207 53	12 00	1585 26	3492 84	13657 20
29 Park Place	3875 00	4350 18	1575 42	4184 65	383 10	10 00	1453 21	4163 62	19995 18
30 Park View	5000 00	1379 55	910 97		136 00	12 00		746 57	8185 09
31 Pleasant Grove	250 00	24 00	83 42			4 00		23 50	384 92
32 Port Norfolk	4004 00	2501 27	1388 50	3560 00	616 28	13 50	70 00	907 60	13061 15
33 Prentiss Place	2375 00	459 12	629 02	2347 07	150 48	5 00	294 86	97 00	6357 55
34 Raleigh Heights	215 00	333 74	104 37	4 45	13 80	3 00	5 00	77 95	757 31
35 South Street	3000 00	1245 50	1005 60	545 05	108 50	10 00	42 25	268 50	6215 40
36 Spurgeon Memorial	3060 00	2364 43	1205 75	5965 03	132 00	10 00	1367 12	2020 75	16125 08
37 South Norfolk	1800 00	1529 10	1255 45	2486 45	455 32	10 00		100 00	7636 32
38 St. John	900 00	71 35	95 91	115 00		3 68	18 75	56 00	1260 69
39 Virginia Beach	720 00	25 00	40 00			2 04	25 00		812 04
40 West Haven	1500 00	74 70	310 50	150 00	30 63	5 43	23 92	87 80	17032 98
41 West Norfolk	1000 00	108 24	638 40	22 55	15 00	3 00		90 02	1877 21
Totals	80049 13	58383 60	26752 82	52295 15	6460 88	264 85	14561 16	30596 97	284067 56



# BAPTIST SEVENTY-FIVE MILLION CAMPAIGN

	CHURCHES	Quota	Pledged	Paid to Date
1	Berkley Avenue	11344 24	27618 00	7416 82
2	Bethel	1727 14	1424 25	485 76
3	Blackwater	981 20	1280 00	592 00
4	Burrows Memorial	10397 87	28500 00	7511 10
5	Calvary	5222 45	12713 25	2560 34
6	Campostella Heights	2172 94	3026 00	1043 86
7	Central	16335 74	38423 00	8587 72
8	Centerville	6236 50	6341 00	2031 78
9	Churchland	61153 34	62251 80	22099 14
10	Court Street	44812 77	62237 10	16396 69
11	Cradock		1589 00	563 00
12	Deep Creek	1364 31	3200 00	930 00
13	East Brambleton	1249 41	1000 00	74 85
14	Fairmount Park	1351 29	5582 00	1903 25
15	First Church	61853 03	90000 00	24348 54
16	Fourth Street	20439 97	31270 00	7124 25
17	Freemason Street	72154 01	111705 71	30252 60
18	Gilmerton	500 00	1005 00	380 00
19	Kempsville	4394 22	5000 00	1082 04
20	Knott's Island			24 00
21	Lake Drummond	2685 14	3764 50	644 10
22	Larchmont	2200 00	8632 00	2825 06
23	London Bridge	7220 16	9195 00	2404 82
24	Nansemond	2663 07	4025 00	766 71
25	Northwest	2798 12	3272 00	1624 00
26	Oak Grove	3144 30	1761 70	831 47
27	Ocean View	1734 12	2197 00	1160 50
28	Park Avenue	26445 83	43879 75	12743 00
29	Park Place	42189 56	79786 00	17531 29
30	Park View	25362 50	27230 40	8928 81
31	Pleasant Grove	4567 47	5157 00	754 50
32	Port Norfolk	15816 72	32758 60	5521 98
33	Prentis Place	7802 08	10124 25	1104 92
34	Raleigh Heights	1476 34	3000 00	275 50
35	South Norfolk	12319 98	12467 00	4053 86
36	South Street	14464 62	26146 00	6127 74
37	Spurgeon Memorial	39028 64	40175 50	5348 99
38	St. John	5923 84	4477 00	1324 45
39	Virginia Beach	1319 91	2000 00	184 00
40	West Haven	2383 74	3653 00	791 65
41	West Norfolk	3393 61	4364 40	1145 93
	Total	548882 75	822232 21	211501 02



# W. M. U.

## MINUTES OF W. M. U. OF PORTSMOUTH ASSOCIATION.

### Morning Session.

The twenty-first annual meeting of the W. M. U., auxiliary to the Portsmouth Association, was held in Park Avenue Baptist Church Thursday, June 9th.

Opening session was called to order by the Superintendent, Mrs. George Martin, at 10:30 A. M. Singing, "Jesus Shall Reign." Prayer, Miss Annie Arrington, Court Street Church.

Enrollment Committee appointed was Mrs. A. J. West, Miss Blanche Dogan and Miss Eudora Rocke.

The Superintendent presented the program, and upon motion, it was decided that the program arranged and in the hands of delegates be made the order of the day.

Mrs. Edgar Keefe welcomed the Union cordially on behalf of Park Avenue and Spurgeon Societies. Mrs. Martin responded briefly.

Period of intercession was led by Mrs. H. E. Hood of Freemason Street Church. Prayer, Miss Delma Maher.

Constitution and by-laws were read by Secretary.

Enrollment Committee reported 50 delegates, 38 representatives and 40 visitors had registered. Motion that the number enrolled constitute the body and those coming in later be added. Motion carried.

The W. M. U. Training School girls who are now in Norfolk were introduced and each gave her reason for entering into definite Christian work.

Following committees were appointed by Superintendent:

Committee on Time and Place—Mrs. John R. Doles, Mrs. Charlie Wood, Miss Annie Arrington.

Committee on Resolutions—Mrs. M. J. Ober, Mrs. H. E. Hood, Mrs. Geo. W. Daughtery.

Obituary Committee, 1922—Mrs. J. M. Gaskins, Mrs. S. A. D. Parker, Mrs. J. E. Johnson.

Nominating Committee for next year was selected by the body as follows:—Mrs. H. E. Hood, Mrs. W. W. Gordon, Mrs. W. W. Gresham, Mrs. L. E. Hitchings, Mrs. M. J. Ober.

The "Group Review" was given by the five group leaders. Each leader made a uniform report, telling the number of churches, number having full graded system, number new organizations, total number organizations, number group meetings, and then each leader gave in a few words the outlook for the work of the new year.

Superintendent called especial attention to the printed financial report in the hands of delegates. This report showed just what each society and each junior society had contributed to 75 Million Campaign during year, also amount of pledge and of deficit. Mrs. Martin stated that this was not an accurate report, as many societies had failed to send in their quarterly or annual reports.

Hymn—"Loyalty."

Mrs. Jno. F. Vines, of Roanoke, State W. M. U. President, gave a most uplifting address on "The Challenge of a Goal." Flowers presented to Mrs. Vines by Miss Alice Palmer, on behalf of the women of Portsmouth Association as an expression of their love and appreciation for her splendid services as State President.



Message in song, "My Task," was beautifully rendered by Mrs. R. E. Bacchus.

Salient features of Chattanooga Convention were given by Miss Anna Elias of Freemason Street Church.

Miss Marion Greene of Calvary Church, Portsmouth, gave a very vivid and interesting account of her recent trip to Buchanan Mt. School.

Enrollment Committee reported that 71 delegates, 106 representatives and 132 visitors, a total of 309, had registered.

Period of intercession, which concluded the morning session, was led by Mrs. H. M. B. Jones of South Street Church, Portsmouth.

Closing prayer by Dr. Riddick.

#### Afternoon Session.

Afternoon session was called to order by Superintendent. Hymn, "The Son of God Goes Forth to War." The body repeated in unison watchword for the year: "I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me." Prayer by Mrs. James Richardson.

Minutes of morning session were read and approved.

A letter from Mrs. R. A. Henderson of Buchanan Mt. School was read, expressing to us her appreciation for what our women had done for the school and telling us something of the work in the school. A letter of thanks from Miss Alva Arrington, the student our W. M. U. has been supporting, was read. She expressed her sincere appreciation to our women for making it possible for her to attend this school. Our Superintendent stated that \$36.29 on last year's tuition for her was due. This amount was quickly pledged.

The Banner Committee appointed last year to secure five associational banners, one for each grade of organization, made its report. Report adopted.

Following committee was appointed to decide how banners should be awarded:—Mrs. Jas. Richardson, Mrs. H. M. B. Jones, Mrs. F. W. Putney, Mrs. Eleanor Wilson, Mrs. S. B. Johnson.

Mrs. John Vines made a strong appeal for permanent quarters for G. A. and R. A. Camps at Virginia Beach. She urged our women to get this upon their hearts and help in every way to see that these be secured.

By request, Mrs. John Vines sang "Jesus Is Mine."

Hymn—"Come, Women, Wide Proclaim."

Mission Study hour was conducted by Mrs. Walter Anderson of Burrows Memorial Church. Mrs. R. D. Stephenson of Berkley Avenue Church gave a talk on "The Value of Mission Study." Mrs. S. B. Johnson of Port Norfolk Church gave the class history. The class prophecy was read by Mrs. W. T. Crafton of Park Place Church. A report of all mission study work done in each group was given, after which all graduates and post graduates were recognized. There were twenty-one graduates and five post graduates present. Prayer by Mrs. W. N. Grubb.

Miss Ella Wixon presented the Daily Vacation Bible School Work, stressing the need and importance of such schools. Mr. James also made a plea for more of these schools and more organizations for our boys.

"The Baptist Opportunity in Europe" was presented by Mrs. Ira D. S. Knight of Park Place Church, in a splendid address, urging us to realize our true relation and responsibility to Europe.

Miss Kathleen Mallory of Baltimore was asked to speak to the



body and she in her usual attractive manner brought to our minds the W. M. U. fundamentals.

Reports from committees as follows:

Time and Place—Thursday following the third Sunday in June, 1922, at Court Street Church, Portsmouth.

Resolutions—Resolved, That we, the women of the Portsmouth Association, hereby express our appreciation for the cordial welcome extended to us, the kind hospitality and bountiful luncheon served us by our hostesses. Resolved also, To voice our appreciation of the helpful service given by Mrs. John F. Vines and Miss Kathleen Mal-lory. Their presence has been an inspiration. Resolved, That a ris-ing vote of thanks be given our entertainers by this body.

MRS. M. J. OBER  
MRS. H. E. HOOD  
MRS. G. W. DAUGHTERY

Obituary Report—In presenting this report, the Obituary Com-mittee feels that it is most incomplete. All the churches in the As-sociation have been communicated with, but there has been meagre response. In deep submission to God's will and with the prayer that God's blessing will rest on those of us who still remain to work for Him, we report the following deaths:

Port Norfolk—Mrs. E. W. Countiss, Mrs. W. H. Rodman, Mrs. M. E. Mason.

Court Street—Mrs. Esther Williams, Mrs. Ada Fisher.

Prentis Place—Mrs. J. C. Mathias, Mrs. Anna W. White.

South Norfolk—Miss Sallie Womack.

Freemason Street—Mrs. B. L. Houtz, Mrs. E. C. Godwin, Mrs. J. W. Turner.

Pleasant Grove—Mrs. Craven.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. F. JONES  
MRS. L. C. BRINSON  
MRS. C. L. WHICHARD

Committee.

Nominating Committee reported the following:

Superintendent—Mrs. George Martin.

Assistant Superintendent—Mrs. R. J. Dogan.

Secretary—Miss Cora Nottingham.

Treasurer—Miss Annie Arrington.

Norfolk Group Leader—Mrs. W. W. Gordon.

Portsmouth Group Leader—Mrs. S. B. Johnson.

Berkley Group Leader—Mrs. Eleanor Wilson.

Norfolk County Group Leader—Mrs. J. E. Johnson.

Princess Anne Group Leader—Mrs. J. B. Munden.

Mrs. F. L. Nicholson took the chair and upon motion, the officers were elected, Mrs. James Richardson casting the ballot for the body. Mrs. Martin was presented with flowers by Miss Nottingham, on behalf of the women, in appreciation of her faithful services.

Minutes of afternoon session were read and approved.

Dismissed with prayer by Mrs. W. W. Gordon.

#### Evening Session.

Evening session was called to order by Mrs. Martin. Hymn, "The Son of God Goes Forth to War." Period of devotion was led by Miss Annie Welch, a Y. W. A. of Central Church.



Mrs. R. J. Dogan of Spurgeon Memorial and young people's leader, gave report of work done by the young people of Association during year.

Banner Committee appointed in afternoon session made the following report: Your committee begs to report that after careful consideration, it concluded that this was too important a matter to be decided in such a short time, and suggests that a committee be appointed to formulate an associational standard of excellence, based on the W. M. U. standard, which probably shall be the basis for awarding the banners; this plan to be submitted by the Superintendent to the different groups of the Association for discussion and adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JAMES RICHARDSON, Chairman.

Upon motion, this report was adopted, and the Superintendent appointed the same committee to continue in this work.

Master Boole Powell, a Sunbeam of Park View Church, sang a solo.

The G. A. Camp at Virginia Beach was reported on by representatives of last summer's camp. Margaret Cobb of Burrows Memorial Church discussed the "Laugh of Camp." Sara Lee Hutchings of same church spoke on the "Love of Camp." "The Lift of Camp" was given by Ruth Walden of Park Avenue Church.

Special singing by the four Roberts brothers, who are R. A.'s of Fairmount Park Church.

Hymn—"Jesus Calls Us."

Demonstration by Training School Girls—"The Spirit of Service."

Miss Kathleen Mallory, Corresponding Secretary of the W. M. U. of the South, delighted our young people with her splendid address, "Into Missions, the Great Whiteway."

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Ira D. S. Knight.

MRS. GEORGE MARTIN, Superintendent

MISS CORA NOTTINGHAM, Secretary.

# Treasurer's Report of the W. M. U. of the Portsmouth Association, Ending June 9th, 1921.

Amount on hand June, 1920	\$113.86
Amount received at June meeting	25.00
Total receipts	\$138.86

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Printcraft Press Co. for 300 programs	\$ 15.00
Howard S. Hudgins for oil cloth sign	8.00
To Mrs. G. R. Martin for expenses to State Union	40.00
Miss Nottingham for banners	30.39
	\$ 93.39
Receipts	\$138.86
Disbursements	93.39
Balance	\$ 45.47
Returned by Mrs. Martin	10.47
Balance on hand June, 1921	\$ 55.94

(MISS) ANNIE ARRINGTON,  
Treasurer.



# SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

PORTSMOUTH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HELD AT BETHEL

BAPTIST CHURCH, JUNE 2 AND 3, 1921.

The Sunday School Convention of the Portsmouth District Association opened its sessions on June 2nd, 1921 at 10:00 A. M. Brother L. C. Brinson was elected Chairman and W. W. Gordon, Secretary. The attendance was so large that the ushers had difficulty to find seats for all who came, which was all the more gratifying since the only way to reach the church was by automobile, only a few having come on the Norfolk & Southern Railway.

The devotional exercises, after the election of the above officers, were conducted by Rev. C. H. Trueblood. The singing was led by Brother C. H. Myers.

The printed program was adopted with a few minor changes. The Chairman appointed the following nominating committee for the election of officers: Rev. C. H. Trueblood, Mr. W. A. Vance, and Mr. Campbell. The following brethren composed the Committee on Reports from Sunday Schools: W. F. Watkins, S. B. Houghton and Rev. R. J. Dogan.

Dr. Joseph T. Watts delivered the opening address of the convention, choosing for his subject: "The Three-fold Challenge of the Sunday School." The address, as well as the Convention sermon, which was delivered by Rev. Norman W. Cox, set the high standard which was maintained from beginning to end. After this sermon the Convention adjourned to partake of the bountiful dinner which was served by the entertaining church.

The Convention was called to order again at 2:30 P. M., Rev. John T. Coburn conducting the devotional exercises. Brother F. A. Walker, Superintendent of the Park Avenue School, spoke on the work of the Sunday School Officers. Dr. Watts and several other brethren commented on the spiritual tone and the comprehensive nature of the same, which was followed by a second address by Dr. Watts who gave an inspiring message on: "The Sunday School and Missionary Training."

The meeting adjourned after some miscellaneous business had been transacted, including the adoption of a resolution to endorse the Baptist Encampment at Virginia Beach.

## Second Day, June 3rd, 1921.

The second day of the convention was attended by nearly as many delegates and visitors as on the first day.

The morning devotional exercises was conducted by Rev. J. D. Peebles. Rev. C. H. Trueblood, Rev. M. Jamerson and Brother J. R. Guy, teacher of the Men's Class of Park Place Sunday School, were the speakers of the morning. The first two speakers took for their subject: "The Pastor's Work of Leadership," which had been assigned to Rev. A. R. Love, who was unable to fill his appointment on account of sickness. Brother Jamerson spoke on: "The Improvement of Buildings and Equipment"; while Brother Guy discussed the "Class Organization and the Enlistment of Men and Women." After these addresses which were greatly enjoyed, the convention adjourned for dinner.

The afternoon devotions were conducted by Rev. R. W. Torbert. The program that followed was unique, three out of four speakers being young women. It was the consensus of opinion that, with the exception of Dr. Watts addresses, the high water mark was reached while these young women spoke. Miss Mary D. Campbell of Park



Avenue Church and Miss Clyde V. White of Court Street Church, Portsmouth, discussed the B. Y. P. U. and the training of the young Christian, while Miss Delma Maher of First Church, Norfolk, spoke on "Graded Lessons Compared with Uniform."

The convention came to a fitting close when Rev. J. T. Riddick who is an expert pastor-evangelist addressed the meeting, choosing for his subject: "The Sunday School Seeking the Lost."

Chairman James of the Program Committee stated that there was an approximate expense of twenty-five dollars connected with the printing and other items. A collection was then taken up.

The reports of the Committee on Sunday School Reports read as follows:

Your committee finds only twenty-five schools reported. Six schools reported no conversions, while fifteen schools reported one thousand conversions; the same schools reported nearly one thousand baptisms. All schools have twelve months sessions. The schools are evenly divided on the method of electing Superintendents and other Officers. About ninety percent use Bibles in the school. Only nine schools observe the teachers' meeting or workers' council. Considered as a whole the reports are favorable. Fourth Street in Portsmouth and Park Place in Norfolk share equally in the honors of representing the type of successful city schools. Among the country schools we find that Kempsville and Ocean View are doing very creditable work, while Bethel is doing very well in the midst of many handicaps. The outstanding feature of the reports is the lack of teacher training. The year ahead presents a golden opportunity for this work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. FRANK WATKINS,  
R. J. DOGAN,  
STANLEY B. HOUGHTON,

Committee.

The Nominating Committee made the following report:

Elementary-----	Mrs. F. L. Stewart, Superintendent (Spurgeon Memorial)
Intermediate-----	Mrs. Joseph Grimes, Superintendent (South Norfolk)
Senior-----	Mayor R. A. Hutchins, Jr., Superintendent (Fourth Street)
Home Department-----	Mrs. C. D. Mahone, Superintendent (Freemason)
Teacher Training-----	Rev. F. W. Putney, Superintendent (Central)

This committee recommended that the plan usually followed by the District Association be carried out and that the Chairman and Secretary appointed at this meeting continue in office until the opening session of next year, at which time the convention will elect new officers.

Brother C. H. Myers was recommended for Director of Music and Rev. Marinus James as Corresponding Secretary.

The matter of appointment of a program committee was left with the Chairman. The Chairman stated that any church desiring to entertain the Convention in 1922 should communicate with Brother James. The report was adopted in full.

The memorable Convention closed after a tender prayer by Rev. Vernon P'Anson.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. GORDON, Secretary.







## STANDING COMMITTEES

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State Missions	R. J. Dogan
Home Missions	F. W. Putney
Foreign Missions	Ira D. S. Knight
Sunday Schools	H. F. Jones
Education Board	E. W. Countiss
Education Commission	S. C. Sawyer
Ministers' Fund	A. M. Burfoot
Orphanage	C. H. Trueblood
Pastoral Support	W. F. Watkins
Periodicals	D. P. Harris
Temperance	E. E. Dudley
Woman's Work	Mrs. G. R. Martin
Laymen's Movement	D. W. Darden
Digest of Letters	H. M. B. Jones
B. Y. P. U.	Miss Clyde White
Obituaries	J. D. Peebles
Missionary	Marinus James, T. O. Williams, W. F. Watkins
Program	Norman W. Cox, W. M. Vines, Sparks W. Melton