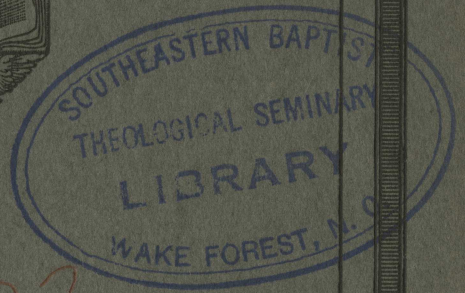


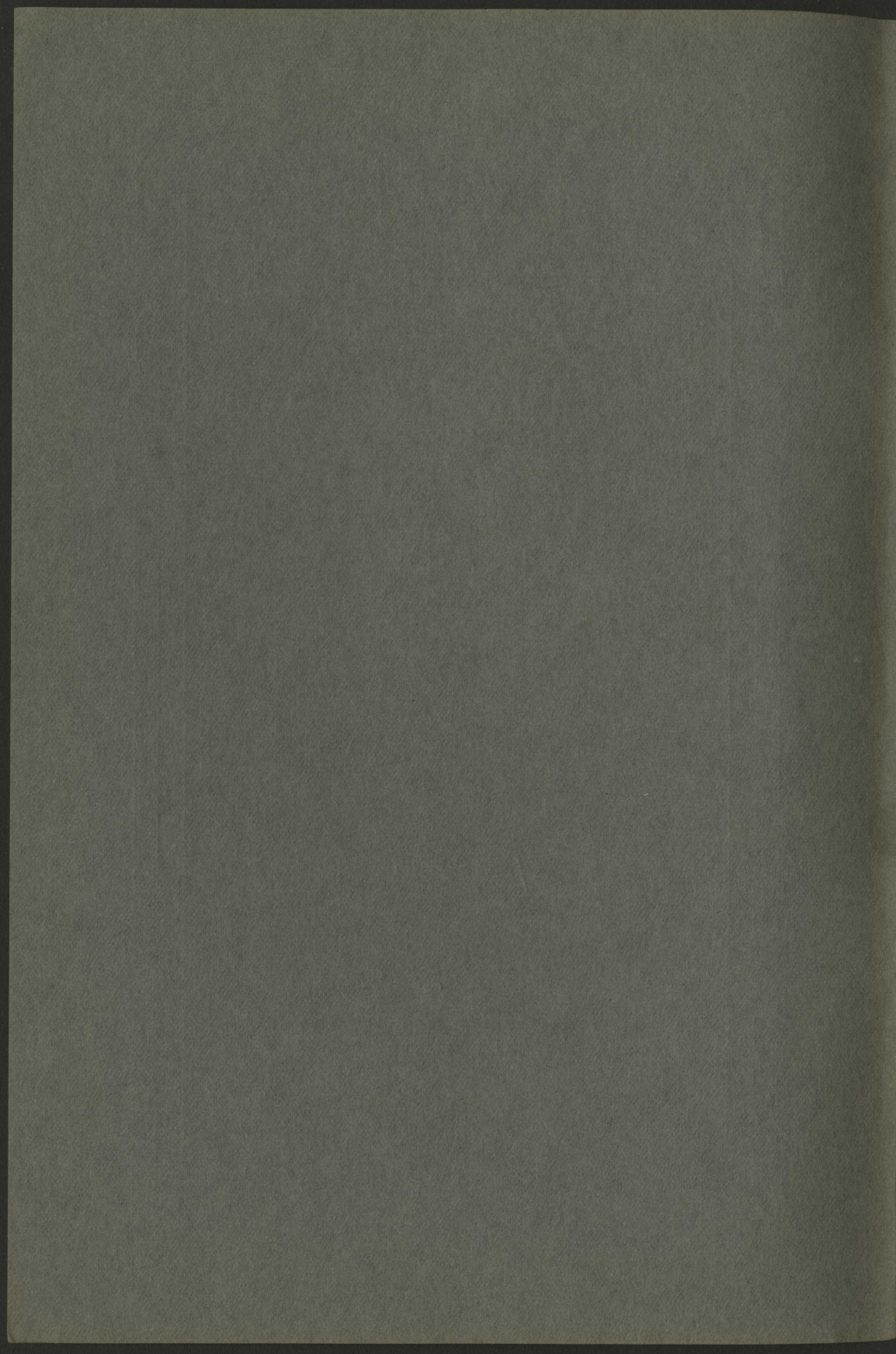
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CONSTITUTION.

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

Membership.

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

Objects.

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

Powers and Prerogatives.

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

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

Rights of the Churches.

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

Duties of the Churches.

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

Article 8. It shall be the duty of each church to send annually a letter to the Association giving: 1. Location; 2. The names of the pastor and clerk and their respective postoffices; 3. The Sabbaths of regular service; 4. The church statistics, including the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, deceased, expelled, and aggregate membership, male and female; 5. Sabbath-school statistics; 6. Amount contributed to benevolent objects and the Association Fund; 7. Names of the Delegates and Alternates; 8. Any other information deemed of special importance.

Organization.

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

Duties of Officers.

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

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

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

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

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

RULES OF ORDER.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MINUTES

Fentress, Va.,
September 27, 1927.

The Virginia Portsmouth Baptist Association met this day in its One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Annual Session with Centerville Church, and was called to order at 10:00 o'clock A. M. by Moderator M. Winston.

Devotional exercises conducted by A. W. Burfoot. Prayer by P. Rowland Wagner. Singing, "Love Lifted Me."

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

- BAPTIST TABERNACLE—W. S. Sallinger, Mrs. M. V. Taylor.
BERKLEY AVENUE—Rev. and Mrs. B. L. Rhodes, Mrs. William J. Heard, Mrs. E. S. Wilson.
BETHEL—F. H. Williams, Thos. C. Davis, Mrs. Bertie Brown, Mrs. Josephine Fentress.
BLACKWATER—H. B. Cole.
BURROWS MEMORIAL—Willis Hutchings, Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Lambert, Mrs. Virginia Backus, Mrs. O. L. Gilbert, Mrs. U. Grant Cobb.
CALVARY—W. T. L. Shepherd, A. O. Curling, Mrs. A. F. Ozment, Mrs. Lem. Martin, Mrs. Geo. W. Bailey, Mrs. J. C. Davis.
CAMPOSTELLA—W. A. Etheridge.
CENTRAL—E. F. Abel, Jr., C. C. Collmus, Dr. W. Tilden Smith, W. F. Watkins, S. T. Potts, Shelton N. Woodard.
CENTERVILLE—F. P. Jennings, Archer Roach, B. M. Wood, Mrs. W. E. Herring.
CHURCHLAND—H. L. Deans, Z. D. Owens, M. W. Griffin.
COURT STREET—Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Adamson, E. C. Rose, Joel H. Cotton, M. P. Claud, Mrs. W. P. Harrell.
CRADOCK—Mrs. C. J. Rice, Mrs. Frank Chapman, Mrs. V. C. Randall, Mrs. Ida Lee.
DEEP CREEK—J. A. Willoughby.
FAIRMOUNT—O. B. Rountree, Mrs. Nettie Cook, Mrs. J. A. Lang.
FIRST—Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Collings, E. A. Watkins, J. W. Saunders, J. M. Robertson, E. E. Kirkwood, A. H. Garrett, Mrs. W. H. McGehee, Mrs. R. C. Taylor, Mrs. A. D. Lawrence, Mrs. R. A. Smith, Mrs. Robert Stephen.
FOURTH STREET—Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Brinson, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Myers, Mrs. W. E. Brinson, E. C. Lewis, Elmer Mays, R. A. Hutchins, C. H. Rowe.
FREEMASON—M. Winston, W. Frank Robertson, Geo. Van Leeuwen, L. B. Cox, Miss Ella Thomas.
GILMERTON—
GRACE—
JACKSON MEMORIAL—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Anderson, Mrs. J. C. Cotton, Fred Morris, A. L. Daughtry, R. W. Daughtry.
KEMPSVILLE—Mrs. F. L. Berry, Mrs. J. C. Fentress.
KNOTTS ISLAND—A. E. Litchfield, S. J. Waterfield.
LAKE DRUMMOND—Mrs. Nannie Ferree, Miss Mary Lynch, Miss Gladys Newberne.
LARCHMONT—Mrs. C. V. Brown.
LONDON BRIDGE—R. B. Carter, Mrs. W. J. Buskey.
NORVIEW—Mrs. E. W. Butler, Mrs. Gee Overby, Mrs. J. H. Garrett.
NANSEMOND—W. V. Savage.
NORTHWEST—Vernon Powers.
OAK GROVE—S. B. Barnes.
OCEAN VIEW—
PARK AVENUE—Mrs. F. T. Holland, Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Fentress, Mrs. T. J. Hampton, Mrs. W. A. Wright, Mrs. R. L. Bullman, Mrs. Griffith, A. O. Lynch.

PARK PLACE—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Callaham, Mrs. C. M. Brannon, Mrs. I. D. S. Knight, Mrs. P. S. Ferree, Mrs. J. H. Butcher, Mrs. E. E. Gardner, Mrs. E. M. Moore, Mrs. C. E. Holland, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Fleming, Mrs. W. T. Crafton, R. W. Outland, John Russ.

PARK VIEW—J. L. Robertson, L. M. Harrell, Mrs. F. T. Beazley, Mrs. Julia M. Gaskins, Mrs. Thos. D. Roper.

PLEASANT GROVE—S. E. Charlton, J. J. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Mathews, Chas. F. Eason.

PORT NORFOLK—Paul Murphy, J. A. Pritchard, Mrs. L. M. Bailey, Mrs. S. G. Blalock, Miss Lola Tebbs.

RALEIGH HEIGHTS—I. R. Dozier, W. G. Anderson, Miss Virginia O'Neal.

SOUTH NORFOLK—G. B. White, J. T. Forehand, Mrs. W. O. Baucom, Mrs. S. Van Vleck, Mrs. Lottie Sykes, Mrs. W. C. Meginley, Mrs. H. A. Stewart.

SOUTH STREET—Mrs. A. E. Curling, Mrs. Beverly Moore, Mrs. H. M. B. Jones.

SPURGEON MEMORIAL—W. W. Gordon, Mrs. L. W. Brabble, Mrs. Alice Pizzini, Mrs. L. B. Ward, Mrs. T. D. Hayman, Mrs. J. T. Stanton, Mrs. Edgeworth Morris.

ST. JOHN'S—T. B. Sawyer, A. F. Toxey.

VIRGINIA BEACH—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Baker, Mrs. E. E. Chapman.

WESTHAVEN—W. F. Monell, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Carr, Mrs. R. L. Hanners, Mrs. W. L. Broadwell, Mrs. H. A. Parker.

WEST NORFOLK—J. E. Dennis, Sr., A. C. Davis, C. G. Dennis.

The Association was formally organized by the election of the following officers for the ensuing year:

M. Winston, Moderator.
 Dr. A. M. Burfoot, Vice-Moderator.
 W. T. L. Shepherd, Clerk and Treasurer.

Report of Program Committee was submitted and adopted.

The following new pastors were welcomed to the Association by W. V. Savage: Robt. E. F. Aler, Larchmont; W. H. Baylor, Park View; S. B. Barnes, Oak Grove and St. Johns; I. S. Harrell, Jackson Memorial; George T. Terrell, Fairmount Park; A. P. Thompson, Kempsville.

It was the pleasure of the Association to have the following visitors present during its sessions: Rev. Josiah Elliott of North Carolina; Rev. R. G. Kendrick of Hertford, N. C.; Rev. A. A. Butler of Hertford, N. C.; Rev. L. F. Paulette of Holland, Va.; Rev. W. A. Snyder of Portsmouth; Treasurer F. T. Crump of Richmond; Rev. E. J. Wright of the Sunday School Board, Richmond; Rev. David Hepburn of the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia; Rev. R. D. Stephenson of Franklin, Va.; Rev. F. B. Handley of Boykins, Va.; Mrs. G. R. Martin, State President of W. M. U.; Rev. J. L. Price of Como, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Smith, missionaries from China; Mrs. J. P. Barnard and Mrs. G. H. Ferree of the Chowan Association of North Carolina.

Singing, "Jesus Calls Us."

Temperance Report was read by W. Rush Loving and adopted after discussion by W. V. Savage and David Hepburn.

TEMPERANCE REPORT

For a period of seven years and eight months the Eighteenth Amendment has been in effect, vitalizing for the first time the spirit of the Federal Constitution, "to insure tranquility, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity."

The fight to secure honest enforcement of that Amendment has been difficult, for strong parties have united to hinder the carrying out of the law. Some prominent men would remind us of the sweeping tide of lawlessness which has followed in the footsteps of Prohibition, forgetting the time when the open saloon constantly violated the law by selling to minors and drunkards. It seems to us that the unusual spirit of lawlessness is but the uncovering of conditions which already existed when the party boss and the open saloon worked hand in hand for liquor interests. Politics have always been corrupt. Men have worked by hook or crook for their own interests rather than for the interests of righteousness and justice. Those who have studied the political history of Mr. Roosevelt or Mr. Wilson have been impressed with the fact that both men had to contend with corruption in government and disregard for the rights of the people. That was before the Eighteenth Amendment was adopted. Prohibition has revealed in a startling way the real moral condition among the politicians of our country, both among the leaders and those who follow.

With all the opposition, prohibition has made remarkable progress. Dr. Irving Fisher, Professor of Economics of Yale University, after an intensive study, declares, "That prohibition saves five per cent that used to be wasted out of our incomes and adds another five per cent into the bargain. This double gain, through the transfer of energy and the increase of energy is over \$6,000,000,000, without counting any savings in the costs of jails, almshouses, asylums, etc., or any economic savings from reducing the death rate."

Mr. Herbert Hoover says, "Exhaustive study from many angles of production over average periods of ten years apart, before and since the war, would indicate that while our productivity should have increased about 15 per cent, due to increase in population, yet the actual increase has been from 25 to 30 per cent, indicating an increase of efficiency of somewhere from 10 to 15 per cent."

According to the report of the Sub-Committee on the Alcoholic Liquor Traffic to Congress, there are fewer paupers in the almshouses of the United States than there have been in 20 years. Prohibition has enabled charitable institutions to take \$74,000,000 every year from funds formerly used to support drink-caused poverty and use this money in constructive general welfare work. This report shows further that insanity has decreased 66 per cent, and that arrests for public drunkenness has decreased about 500,000 per year.

However, it is unnecessary to introduce statistics to prove the success of prohibition. The average citizen can answer the question from his own observation. A casual observation reveals the fact that there is less drunkenness than in the old days. The reduction of crime and lawlessness, the reduction in the death rate from alcoholic disease, the lessening of the number of dependents in public institutions and those receiving outdoor aid, the improved business and

economic conditions in the state and nation, are recognized by leading authorities as due in large measure to the prohibition of the beverage liquor traffic.

The liquor traffic, however, is not dead. The liquor forces have never given up the fight. They have forty-two organizations, with practically unlimited money, carrying on through the public press, the national magazines, a tremendous propaganda for the modification of the Federal prohibition law. Their earnest desire is to place in control of public offices men in sympathy with their purpose. They have succeeded in doing this in the past. Mr. Gifford Pinchot in a recent address in Georgia said Mr. Coolidge and Mr. Mellon were undoubtedly friendly toward the anti-prohibition element, quoting from a report made by Mr. Coolidge to a committee of which he was a member.

The one organization in a position to uncover the corruption among officials and to exert an influence for a fair trial of the Eighteenth Amendment is the Anti-Saloon League.

As the Anti-Saloon League is the one organization most hated and feared by the organized liquor forces, for the New York World recently said in an editorial that "If the United States wants beer and wine, the Anti-Saloon League must be put out of commission," and recognizing the fact that as long as the churches keep the League on the job there is no hope for the return of beer and wine, we, therefore, as a District Association, representing 44 churches, with about 18,000 members, desire to go on record as recognizing the Anti-Saloon League as the one non-denominational, non-partisan organization through which all Christians of all denominations can co-operate for the utter extermination of the beverage liquor traffic, and to promote the peace, happiness and prosperity of our people.

We therefore earnestly request our pastors and churches to open their pulpits to the representatives of the League, and give this militant organization their moral and financial support.

We would also commend the World League Against Alcoholism and the W. C. T. U. for the great work they are doing.

Respectfully submitted,

W. RUSH LOVING.

A Finance Committee was appointed consisting of Willis Hutchings and P. W. Mathews.

Report on Ministers' Relief was read by the Clerk. Discussed by C. S. Sawyer, W. V. Savage and J. E. Welsh and adopted.

REPORT OF MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND ANNUITIES

The Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention with headquarters at Dallas, Texas, has made much progress during the past year with its great problems of caring for our aged ministers, their widows and dependent orphans. There is a growing appreciation of what the Board is doing to drive further away from the hearts of our preachers the haunting and paralyzing dread of penniless invalidism or destitute old age.

Ministerial Relief

The funds administered by this Board for relief work come from two sources; first, from the gifts through the Unified Program; and, second, from invested funds. The gifts from the churches last year

amounted to a little less than \$100,000.00, and the invested fund is now a little more than \$500,000.00. With this amount available, the Board cannot do all that it would like; it craves to do more—but what it has been enabled to do in the past is by no means to be despised. To meet the urgent appeals that are coming from really needy ministers, and the widows and orphans of deceased ministers, the Board must have a much larger income.

The Annuity Fund

Nearly thirteen hundred ministers are now active members of this Fund. They pay a small sum into the treasury of the Relief Board annually, and the denomination undertakes to add four dollars to every dollar thus contributed by the minister. A member of the Annuity Fund who reaches the age of sixty-eight years, or who becomes permanently disabled will receive an annual pension of \$500.00 as long as he lives. Should he die, his widow receives \$300.00 per year so long as she lives. The accumulations in the treasury of the Relief Board in this Fund are approximately \$2,000,000.00. Ministers in active service who are under fifty-nine years of age, and in good health, are eligible to membership in this Fund.

A New Pension Plan

The Relief and Annuity Board is promoting a plan which it hopes to put into operation by 1930, which is a decided improvement over the present plan. This new pension plan contemplates a payment to every minister who joins the fund, at age sixty-five, provided he retires, or later if he chooses, an amount equal to 50% of his average salary, based on thirty-five years of service, and a disability pension, after one year's membership in the plan, if he breaks down permanently and totally, of approximately 40% of his average salary for the five preceding years. To his widow would go one-half of the amount allotted to the husband. This plan is to be financed very differently from the present Annuity Fund. The minister will be expected to pay 2½% of his salary annually to the Board, while his church or churches will pay an amount equal to 8% of his annual salary. This plan is already in operation in several denominations, and among the Northern Baptists, and has been heartily approved more than once by the Southern Baptist Convention. It will unquestionably be the prevailing plan in the future, and is the nearest approach to an adequate provision ever attempted by the Baptists.

The Death of Doctor William Lunsford

Dr. William Lunsford, the Corresponding Secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board from its organization, who literally gave his life away for the Baptist preachers of the South, passed to his reward on May 24th, 1927. The loss to Southern Baptists of this good man, and especially to the cause of Ministerial Relief in the South, cannot be estimated.

At its annual meeting on June 2nd, the Board elected Dr. Thomas J. Watts to succeed Dr. Lunsford. Dr. Watts has served as Associate Secretary of the Board for the past two years.

It is needless to say that the work of the Relief and Annuity Board, which was placed upon a sure foundation by its faithful founder, who was the friend of all ministers and particularly of disabled and aged ones, will go on performing its task with the greatest fidelity, through the years to come, and we bespeak for the new Secretary the prayers and co-operation of the brotherhood.

Respectfully submitted,

A. O. LYNCH.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Dr. Howard I. Stewart from the text "The Disciples Were First Called Christians in Antioch."

Prayer by A. W. Burfoot.

Singing, "He Leadeth Me."

Benediction by Dr. Josiah Elliott.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The Moderator called the body to order and the session opened by singing "We Are Marching to Zion."

Devotional exercises conducted by S. B. Barnes, who read the first Psalm. Prayer by Dr. Josiah Elliott. Singing, "Oh Zion Haste."

The work of the Baptist Council was presented by its President, H. M. B. Jones, in a stirring and forceful manner. J. T. Riddick, R. E. F. Aler, R. W. Mapp and H. T. Cole also spoke words of praise for the work of the Council.

REPORT OF BAPTIST COUNCIL

LOANS TO CHURCHES AND OTHER ASSETS:

Loans	\$37,675.00
Liberty Bonds	350.00
Furniture and Fixtures.....	476.10
Craddock Baptist Church (Bldg. and lot).....	3,532.12
Larchmont Baptist Church.....	760.00
Chinese Board—Balance last report.....	316.14
Accrued interest on loans to churches.....	1,713.50
*Cash Balance.....	9,685.40
TOTAL.....	\$54,508.26

* Most of this being held for Ocean View.

The following report and recommendation was read by the Clerk and unanimously adopted:

Recommendation from Baptist Council

At the quarterly meeting of the Baptist Council held with the Spurgeon Memorial Baptist Church Friday, September 23rd, 1927, the following recommendation was unanimously adopted:

"That we recommend to the Portsmouth District Association that we proceed as of 1927 until such time as the General Association of Virginia formulates adequate plans for financing Baptist Council work."

The following report on Combined State Interests was read by W. H. Baylor and adopted. Rev. E. J. Wright spoke on the State Mission and B. Y. P. U. phases of the work and P. Rowland Wagner discussed the work of the Sunday Schools.

COMBINED REPORT OF STATE INTERESTS

This report is simply a brief introduction to the subject. It is not necessary to enumerate or tabulate, but annunciate. Others will speak of the interests which are simply mentioned here.

For more than one hundred years Virginia Baptists have been seeking with their men and money to evangelize the State. Last year the Board spent about \$45,000 in helping to support more than 130 pastors serving churches which otherwise could not sustain a minister. Ministerial support is the primary work of the Board. In this is included our several evangelists. These have labored faithfully to proclaim the Gospel in needy fields. More than 2,000 baptisms are credited to these self-sacrificing pastors and evangelists.

In our Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Departments a far-reaching work is being done in training and developing the young people. There are about 200,000 members of the schools in the State and more than 1,000 Baptist Young People's Unions. The potential church is in these young people. In local church training schools, in city-wide institutes and in our two summer assemblies at Virginia Beach and Bristol, we are developing our fine young men and women whom we have won to Christ.

We are looking confidently to a worthy successor to Dr. J. T. Watts, who at the beginning of this month began his work with Maryland Baptists. We are fortunate in having with us Brethren E. T. Smith and E. J. Wright, who are directing these activities with skill.

The principles of Christian Stewardship are being forcibly brought to our churches through Bro. W. J. Kendrick. When all of our pastors shall practice conscientiously and teach constantly tithing is the minimum of Christian giving, then we shall behold the drawing of a new day in Baptist advance.

Our several schools and colleges, including the fine mountain schools, are rendering a great service to our young men and women. Baptists are more and more realizing that we need not only an educated ministry, but trained men and women who shall occupy our pews. Let us give unstinted support to our schools. They desire and deserve our loyalty.

One of the great blessings to our Sunday schools and churches is our Orphanage at Salem. The privilege of aiding those children is a high one. That we can have a part in saving boys and girls less fortunate than we, and seeing them grow into useful lives should cause us to have joy unbounded.

The hospital at Lynchburg is one of our more recent institutions, but which should command our attention and engage our support. The ministry of healing is not to be despised, for Christ was a healer of the body as well as of the soul.

How can we help all of these agencies which make their appeal to us in their dire need? A sympathetic study of their claims and a generous support of the Co-operative Program is the practical way to do it.

Virginia Baptists, along with Baptists far and near, have fallen much below their ability in helping the needy ones at our doors, and in saving the lost everywhere. May these combined interests have their rightful place in our prayers and in our gifts.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. BAYLOR.

The report on Denominational Interests in the State was read by Treasurer F. T. Crump and adopted after discussion by a number of the pastors. The only changes being reduction in amount suggested by the report from \$77,000 to \$60,000 and the manner of allotment.

THE CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM

At the recent session of the Southern Baptist Convention that body adopted the policy of a straight budget control whereby each board and agency of the Convention receiving funds from the denominational treasury must submit its proposed operating budget each year to the Convention for its approval, and then keep its expenditures within that budget. This plan will not only prevent the piling up of additional debts, but will result in the retirement of those debts already accumulated within a few years if the churches support the Co-operative Program of the denomination in anything like an adequate manner. We believe this support will be forthcoming when our constituents are fully informed upon the merits and extent of the work; are assured that our denominational affairs are being wisely handled; and are adequately challenged to meet their duty and privilege in supporting the general cause.

The only change made in the plans of the Co-operative Program by the Southern Baptist Convention was to place the Southwide promotion of it in the hands of the executive committee rather than the Co-operative Program Commission, though there will be associated with the executive committee in its promotional tasks the representatives of the Southwide boards and agencies and the representatives of the state boards, who have carried on the promotional work of the denomination heretofore, along with the editors of the Baptist papers.

With the assurance from the Convention that its boards and other agencies will not incur further debts, and that those obligations already accumulated will be taken care of within a reasonable time if the churches support the general denominational work in proportion to their ability, we would urge the churches of this association to rededicate themselves to the support of all the general missionary, educational and benevolent work as represented in the Co-operative Program. Large progress in taking care of all our work will be made if the receipts in this State reach the objective that has been set for 1927. We would earnestly request every church to put on this fall the most effective every member canvass of which it is capable in an effort to enlist every Baptist in a definite share in support of our great denominational causes during the remainder of 1927.

In this connection we appeal to all our pastors to preach frequently upon missions and other kingdom enterprises, setting forth their nature, extent and needs, and calling upon the people to adopt the Bible plan of giving—each one bringing in his offering upon the first day of the week, offering to be in proportion to the prosperity that God has given.

Support of the kingdom of God with his time, his service and his substance is an escapable obligation of every Christian, and when a majority of our Baptist people realize and meet that responsibility our debts will be lifted, our boards and institutions reinforced in all their work, and our Lord glorified in the salvation of increasing thousands of lost souls at home and around the world.

Our state goal for 1927 is one million dollars. The total receipts for the first six months are \$304,721.84. The Portsmouth Association was asked to undertake a quota of \$77,000, and the receipts for the first six months from the Portsmouth Association were \$23,147.04. The figures given do not include any money sent directly to the participating causes, but they do include all money sent by the churches to the treasurer of the General Association, designated and undesignated. There was a shortage for the first six months in the Portsmouth Association, based on the goal of \$15,352.96, and for the whole state there was a shortage of \$195,278.16.

The Virginia Baptist Board of Missions and Education instructed its executive committee to prepare recommendations to the Baptists of Virginia covering the 1928 Program. The recommendations are as follows:

1. That we co-operate with the plans of the Southern Baptist Convention in the conduct of a thorough-going every member canvass December 4-11, or as near those dates as practicable.

2. That the goal of Virginia be maintained at one million dollars.

3. That the undesignated funds received be divided 50% to the Southern Baptist Convention causes and 50% to General Association causes.

4. That funds for Southwide causes be divided as follows:

Foreign Missions	30%
Home Missions	10%
Ministerial Relief and Annuity	4½%
New Orleans Hospital	5%
Southwide Education	5%
(Louisville Seminary 2%, Baptist Bible Institute 1%, S. W. Seminary 1%, American Baptist Theological Seminary ¼%, W. M. U. Training School ½%, Education Board ¼%, making a total of 5%)	

5. That the percentage for state causes be continued as agreed upon at the last meeting of the General Association, to wit:

State Missions	24%
Baptist Orphanage	7%
Baptist Hospital	4%
Ministerial Education	2%
Averett College	1%
Intermont College	1%
Fork Union Military Academy	6%
Bluefield College	4%
Hargrave Military Academy	1%
Total	50%

It is recommended that the Portsmouth Association adopt as its goal for 1928 \$60,000, and that the executive committee together with pastor and one layman from each church work out suggested goals for the local churches which will aggregate the associational goal.

The directors take the liberty of further recommending that in suggesting goals for the local churches in the association careful attention be given to the present ability and development of each church with a view to distributing the associational goal more equitably than obtains in the present goals, it being evident that some churches are in position to take larger goals than heretofore, while others will need to be relieved of some of the denominational expectancy.

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. GARLAND,
JOSEPH T. WATTS,
Co-Directors.

Moderator announced the following Committee on Time, Place and Preachers: W. Frank Robertson, T. E. Etheridge and T. B. Griffin.

M. S. Noffsinger, Superintendent of the Orphanage at Salem, told of the work at the Orphanage and the progress that is being made in caring for the orphans. The report was encouraging and pleasing.

Under the head of Education, President F. W. Boatwright of the University of Richmond was introduced and spoke of the progress of this growing institution. The campaign for funds to enlarge was endorsed by the Association in resolutions submitted by I. D. S. Knight as follows:

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the present campaign of the University of Richmond for much needed funds with which to carry on its great and ever expanding work. Also that the churches, pastors, laymen and the good women co-operate in every way they may find practical and feasible to accomplish the success and ultimate victory of this worthy effort in behalf of our beloved institution.

IRA D. S. KNIGHT.

Adjourned with prayer by Beecher L. Rhodes.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Session was called to order by Vice-Moderator, Dr. A. M. Burfoot.

Devotional exercises by George T. Terrell, who read the third chapter of Phillipians and led in prayer. Singing, "Near the Cross" and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Prayer by J. E. Welsh.

The following report on Woman's Work was read by Mrs. I. D. S. Knight and adopted:

WOMAN'S WORK

We frequently read in our Bible "and it came to pass." This theme has been chosen by a much read writer, F. W. Boreham, in which he compares the experiences of life to a busy port of the world into which events and experiences, like various ships, enter into our daily affairs, constantly arriving and departing "they come to pass," says Dr. Boreham, "but nothing passes as it came and nothing leaves us as it found us."

As I bring to you the W. M. U. report of the Portsmouth Association it is with grateful heart that as things have come to pass through the year 1926 there have been many opportunities for thanksgiving to Him who has lead us on.

In October 1926 the Portsmouth group of our Association was hostess to the annual meeting of the W. M. U. of Virginia.

The special seasons of prayer for Foreign, Home, and State missions have been observed in the majority of our churches. We have counted ourselves fortunate in having Miss Kathleen Mallory and Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence for informing, inspirational addresses during these seasons of prayer.

We would not fail to remember that the W. M. U. of the Portsmouth Association has given to the W. M. U. of Virginia during the past year our State president, Mrs. G. R. Martin. In honoring her they have honored us.

The White Cross work has taken an unusual but exceedingly useful form in completing our apportionment of \$450 toward the refrigerating plant for the Virginia Hospital in Ogbomoso, Southern Nigeria, Africa. The W. M. U. of Virginia having sponsored this refrigerating plant as their White Cross work for the year.

We are endeavoring to put study and information in its proper relationship to kingdom building. Our records show 170 mission study classes, with 1,397 seals awarded, 94 of these being official seals. This is a substantial increase in both seals and classes, especially noted in the county groups and among the junior organizations.

Our gifts for the co-operative program have totaled \$27,088.98. Of this amount \$4,213.62 was the Thank Offering given at the various seasons of special prayer during the year. The Norfolk, Princess Anne, Norfolk County and Portsmouth groups are each supporting a student at a mountain school. The Berkley group gave \$100 as a special gift for our Baptist Orphanage at Salem, Va.

We have a total of 123 organizations, 35 of these being W. M. S., 18 Y. W. A., 26 G. A., 13 R. A., 31 Sunbeam Bands. This is a gain of seven organizations through the year.

The W. M. U. of the Southern Baptist Convention enters in 1928 into forty years of its existence. We realize that with this forty years of service there must be many lines of weakness as well as strength of character. It is a splendid mirror which reveals to us the blemishes as well as the better lines. The ruby, most costly of jewels, has been chosen as emblematic of these forty years. As we look in its depths of glowing red we see reflected the opportunities we have had to strengthen a W. M. S. here, to foster a junior organization there, to enlist everywhere the unenlisted to an ever increasing service to our Master.

The Ruby Anniversary aims for 1928 are:

- 1—Forty thousand new members in existing organizations by the close of 1928.
- 2—Forty per cent increase in the number of Woman's Missionary Societies and junior organizations by close of 1928.
- 3—Forty million dollars as a total of all W. M. U. gifts for 1928.

These aims present a tremendous challenge to our faith.

Many of you have graciously said, "We could not get along with out the various W. M. U. organizations." We know we cannot go forward as we should without the prayerful help, the wise counsel, and the sympathetic understanding of the pastors of our churches. Without you we cannot do it, with you we can work together victoriously towards this challenging goal.

MRS. I. D. S. KNIGHT.

YEARLY REPORT OF PORTSMOUTH GOOD WILL CENTER

January 1st, 1926—September 1st, 1927

On roll	73	Average attendance	4
Kindergarten, on roll	32	Prayer meeting average	31½
Average attendance	23½	Music lessons given	145
Boys' Club, on roll	12	Cottage prayer meetings	
Average attendance	10½	held	3
Blue Bird Club, on roll	8	Books read from library	103
Average attendance	8	Bibles distributed	15
Camp Fire Girls, on roll	12	D. V. B. S. held	1
Average attendance	10½	Visits made on field	327
Mothers' Club, on roll	9		

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. CLYDE H. CARTER,

G. W. C. Secretary.

Report on Home Missions was read by J. E. Welsh and adopted after discussion of the report by the writer.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The Home Missions Board presents an all-around program of activity to the denomination for its prayerful consideration. The Department of Co-operative Missions and Enlistment is very important as is evidenced by the fact that \$143,000 of last year's Home Mission Budget was devoted to this phase of the work of the Board. In this work the Home Board co-operates with the various State Mission Boards in the employment of needed workers. Last

year 669 workers reported 16,000 baptisms in this department alone. Co-operation and enlistment have given to Southern Baptists largely whatever measure of success they have had in extending our Master's Kingdom and they will insure our success in the future.

The Board employs 132 workers in the department that cares for the work among the foreigners, Indians, negroes, deaf-mutes, soldiers and seamen. On this work our Board is expending the sum of about \$121,500.

Today there are upwards of a million and a half of Mexicans living in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. We have 5,000 Mexicans, 65 churches, 68 mission stations, 104 Sunday schools, 4,000 pupils enrolled, with an average attendance of 2,500, along with four day schools, and five Good Will Centers. Last year our Mexican workers baptized 643. This year, so far, 556 have been baptized while 409 are awaiting baptism. This people can never be won to Christ and Protestantism without a native trained ministry. Their school at Bastrop, Texas, needs equipment and funds sorely.

In the Southland today there are approximately 550,000 Italians. As the tendency to industrialize this section of the country more and more develops, we may look for a gradual increase in the influx of foreigners into our midst. Within the next ten years, it is probably safe to predict there probably will be twice the number of Italians with us that we now have. We employ twenty workers among these Italians, have ten Baptist churches, 412 members, 18 Sunday schools, with an average attendance of 1,050, five Young Peoples Organizations. It is heartening to note that from these people during recent months, 74 baptisms have been reported.

In Southern Louisiana there are more than 500,000 French-speaking peoples. Because of the pitiable shortage of funds, the Board has been able to do very little for the conversion of these people to Christ. There are in our midst in some of our larger centers Germans, Hungarians, Bohemians, Swedes and Chinese. In some of our cities from ten to twenty languages are spoken. This in the Anglo-Saxon South, mark you!

Among the 162,000 Indians in our Convention territory, we have 124 churches, with 7,200 members, 125 Sunday schools with 2,175 pupils enrolled, 115 Young Peoples Societies, 100 Women's Organized Societies with 686 members, and mission property valued at \$121,500; 269 baptisms among the Indians have recently been reported to the Board.

We have eleven million negroes in the South and are spending nearly \$12,000 on this work this year. We are aiding in the support of 33 colored workers, all filling positions of strategic importance. These workers baptized last year 1,876 candidates.

We have two workers among the deaf-mutes who seek to take care of 66 stations where we maintain classes or Sunday schools for the 45,000 mutes in our midst.

Nearly 40,000 men visited our reading room at the Jacksonville port last year. We co-operate with the Baptists of Texas in work at three regular army camps in that state. We are also serving among the disabled ex-service men in Camp Oteen in North Carolina and among the midshipmen at Annapolis.

There are more than 13,000,000 people of the Southland, ten years of age and over, who are unsaved. The newly created department of Evangelism under the able direction of Dr. Ellis Fuller is doing an excellent work. The department shares in the Board's budget to the extent of \$100,000.

Brother Jacob Gartenhaus, our lone missionary to the Jews, is becoming quite a familiar figure to all well-informed Baptists, and is

holding very effective meetings among his people in many of our large cities, and is succeeding in winning some to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Board still supervises the work of our 29 mountain mission schools. These schools have a student body of 4,600,210 ministerial students, and are the plant beds for much of our future denominational leadership. Last year these wonderful developers of manhood and womanhood reported 204 conversions, 568 graduates, and 161 volunteers for special service. The Board is expending about \$98,000 on this work, and J. W. O'Hara, superintendent of this department, feels greatly encouraged over the outlook.

In Cuba, our Superintendent, Dr. M. N. McCall, reports 34 ordained workers, 36 other workers, 3,120 church workers, 4,000 Sunday school enrollment, 960 in our day schools, and nearly \$18,000 contributed by the churches for all purposes. There are many loyal, sacrificial givers among our brethren in Cuba. They report a financial gain of over forty per cent over last year. Unfortunately the hurricane which swept the island this spring caught in its toils our orphan home and completely destroyed it.

In the Canal Zone, we have an American speaking church of 80 members with Rev. Geo. F. Austin as pastor. There is a Sunday school of 200 and other flourishing church organizations. The church made a fine financial showing last year. The Home Board is spending \$98,000 this year in the work in Cuba and Panama.

The Church Building Fund now has a principal of \$1,324,146. This department has been more or less quiescent during the past several years, mainly because of the large debt resting on the Board. With the coming to its superintendency of that superb worker and leader, Dr. A. J. Barton, it may be looked upon as entering a new realm of service and usefulness for the housing and welfare of our homeless congregations.

Out at El Paso, Texas, is one of our very much discussed institutions. This is our tubercular sanatorium. The superintendent, Dr. Vermillion, reports for the last year the following: Patients treated, 253; charity patients, 160; gifts to charity, \$18,731.13; income from patients, \$53,610.23; income from Home Mission Board, \$30,000.

May God help us to do our best to win this wonderfully blessed Southern country with its untold possibilities and rare opportunities for material, mental, and spiritual expansion to a saving knowledge of Him who loved us and gave Himself for us.

Respectfully submitted,

J. ELWOOD WELSH.

The Foreign Mission report was read by T. E. Peters and after discussion by T. E. Peters, Sparks W. Melton and W. H. Baylor, the report was adopted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Thirteen thousand two hundred and sixty-nine baptisms were reported last year from the fields in which the employees of the Foreign Mission Board labor. Five hundred and fifty-seven self-supporting churches are listed, and in all a total membership of one hundred and forty thousand four hundred and eighty-eight.

More than five hundred missionaries are employed in all departments of the work, and most of our home organizations and plans of work have been introduced and are used by the workers and churches abroad.

The staggering debts of the Board, for which the Southern Baptist Convention and the States are primarily responsible, together with the wars and upheavals of the nations, make imperative retractions, recalls, and changes in methods of approach.

Half of our missionaries were in China. Perhaps half of these are unable to pursue their programs. In fact many of them are not on their fields. Much of the property of the Board has been possessed by beligerants and is being used for military purposes. The unfavorable turn of the Chinese toward our work, and especially those phases of it which they interpret as an attempt to establish American civilization, makes it quite uncertain as to when definite and constructive work can be resumed on any very large scale in China.

On the other fields conditions are less serious, but readjustment of the work, perhaps with changes in methods, are certainly to be faced in the near future.

These conditions and the situation among the churches with regard to the Co-operative Program lead your committee to suggest that we recognize first of all our obligation to liquidate the debts of the Board. This is urgent. And the action of the Convention, and the Board's own action, puts it in the forefront.

In addition to this the mind of our people should be sanely directed toward the future of this work. No longer is it possible to send out and support missionaries upon mere sentiment. Able statesmen of the Kingdom must direct us in the way of largest usefulness. Those men and women peculiarly fitted for a particular work should be called and sent to that enterprise. For we are henceforth to deal with the minds of nations as well as of individuals. Each people must have Christ interpreted to them in terms of their own life.

It also seems apparent that we must direct ourselves to the whole task of the Kingdom work. No longer can one consistently say that he or she is interested only in this or that phase of the effort to make men everywhere truly His disciples. Let us recognize that a unified program of co-operation is essential for the support of our Lord's program, and as rapidly as possible develop each local church into a compact unit of teaching and endeavor.

Respectfully submitted,

T. E. PETERS.

Prayer by Dr. Josiah Elliott.

The Association was favored with several selections by the Quartette of Freemason Street Church.

The Doctrinal Sermon was preached at this time by Dr. Sparks W. Melton. Text, "Now if Any Man Have Not the Spirit of Christ He is None of His."

Prayer by Beecher L. Rhodes.

Benediction by J. T. Riddick.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Meeting was called to order by Moderator M. Winston.

Devotional exercises led by I. S. Harrell, who read from the 13th chapter of Romans, followed with prayer by Dr. John Bomar. Singing, "More Love to Thee, Oh Christ" and "I Love to Tell the Story." Prayer by S. A. Campbell.

L. C. Brinson, Committee on Digest of Letters, presented a large chart of the work of the churches and by vote of the Association he was given an expression of thanks for same and requested to prepare another for next year.

At the suggestion of Mr. Brinson the Association voted to have the year terminate on August 31st instead of September 15th as heretofore and send reports to the Clerk before the middle of September.

Report of Missionary Work in the Association was read by S. A. Campbell and adopted.

MISSIONARY REPORT

The principal missionary work done in the Portsmouth Association consists in supplementing the salaries of pastors and assisting churches in erecting new buildings. It is notable that the appropriations made to the association by the State Board of Missions and Education have decreased from \$3,450.00 in 1924 to \$1,200.00 in 1927; and the number of churches aided have decreased from eight in 1924 to four in 1927. An interpretation of these facts may be a bit risky, but one may hopefully conclude that the churches helped have shown a rapid tendency to become self supporting.

The State Board of Missions and Education made appropriations to the following four churches:

1. **To Westhaven, \$4.00.** In addition to this the Baptist Council at its last quarterly meeting voted, "That we waive the interest now past due up to September 23, 1927, and grant a further extension of twelve months on renewal note without interest." The interest item referred to is for a loan of \$10,000, and amounts to more than \$2,000. There are not a few of us who have a feeling that it would be the wise and brotherly thing to cancel the whole of the Westhaven debt to the Baptist Council.

2. **To Cradock, \$300.** This amount has been supplemented by the Baptist Council in canceling a note of \$1,075.00, the money having been borrowed for the purpose of remodeling the building to conform to their needs. The building in which they worship is owned by the Baptist Council and the church pays the Council ten dollars per quarter for the use of the same.

3. **To Ocean View, \$300.** Here, probably, is the most acute situation in our Association. Their immediate and imperative need is a new building. This they have been contemplating for some time. When their hopes were about to be realized they had the rare experience of having their pastor promoted to the rectorate. It is expected that with the coming of the man whom they have chosen to lead them,

they will soon bring their delayed plans to consummation. The Baptist Council has voted them a loan of \$7,500.00 toward the erection of a building to meet their needs.

4. **To Raleigh Heights, \$200.00.** The remarkable thing about this church is that it has recently passed from half time preaching to full time service, and has received no more help from the State Board than when it was joined with Virginia Beach and had half time service.

The Norview Baptists deserve special mention here. Until recently they were worshipping in a small frame building and were known as a community church. The Baptists being in the majority, it was agreed that they turn the property over to the Baptist Council with the understanding that a Baptist church be organized there. Representatives from their organization came before the Council and offered to turn over the building and the lots if the Council would assume responsibility and organize a Baptist church. Then Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Davis offered to exchange four corner lots for the three owned by the church, provided the Baptist Council took the work over. The Council accepted the offer and organized them into a Baptist church. Since then the church has been moved to the new site and greatly enlarged and remodeled. This has been made possible by the fine leadership of their pastor, the untiring labor of the membership—many of the men giving of their time after their day's work had been done, working far into the night—and a gift of \$1,000 from Freemason Street Baptist Church and a loan of \$4,000 from the Baptist Council.

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. CAMPBELL,
W. W. GORDON,
ROBT. A. McKAY,

Committee.

T. O. Williams made the following Report on Obituaries and the same was adopted:

OBITUARIES

After hearing the many encouraging reports from the several branches of our work for the past year, we now pause to show respect to those who have died since the last meeting a year ago.

The various church letters record one hundred twenty-six deaths. Your committee makes special mention of the names of Messrs. V. S. Lawrence and J. S. Wright, Jr., both of the Churchland Baptist Church. These men were loyal to the cause and influential and will be missed.

We are thankful for the officers of the District Association who have been spared to plan our work and to lead us in a broader field of usefulness in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

T. O. WILLIAMS.

Committee on Time, Place and Preachers made the following recommendation after the Association had voted to hold the next meeting in the city:

Time: Tuesday and Wednesday following the fourth Sunday in September.

Place: Park Avenue Church.

Preachers: Introductory Sermon, H. B. Cole. Alternate, Robt. E. F. Aler. Doctrinal Sermon, T. E. Peters. Alternate, P. Rowland Wagner.

Report was adopted.

A discussion of the "Hindrances to Spiritual Progress" was opened by J. T. Riddick, followed by L. B. Cox. The discussion brought forth much comment and showed the need of a return to the old gospel as taught by Jesus.

Report of Treasurer as follows:

REPORT OF TREASURER FOR 1926

Receipts

Balance on hand from 1926.....	\$ 54.62	
Associational Fund from churches.....	309.97	
Total.....	\$364.59	\$364.59

Disbursements

Printing minutes and programs, postage on minutes, stamps and stationery.....	\$188.00	
Five years' supply Annual Reports.....	27.50	
Clerk's salary for 1926.....	50.00	
Total.....	\$265.50	\$265.50
Balance on hand.....		\$ 99.09

W. T. L. SHEPHERD, Treasurer.

Motion was adopted that the Clerk receive \$50.00 for his services.

Motion offered by W. H. Baylor, unanimously adopted, that a vote of thanks be extended the pastor, H. B. Cole, and the members and friends of Centerville Church for the generous hospitality accorded the Association.

Dr. Josiah Elliott expressed appreciation for the courtesies shown him by the Association.

After singing "How Firm a Foundation," the One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Session closed with prayer by C. S. Sawyer.

M. WINSTON, Moderator,
Norfolk, Va.

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

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

	CHURCHES	LOCATION	Estab- lished	PASTORS	Value of Church Building and Lot	Value of Pastori'n and Lot	Sundays of Preaching
1	Baptist Tabernacle	Norfolk, Va.	1922	J. T. Riddick	\$ 23700 00		Every
2	Berkley Avenue	Norfolk, Va.	1873	E. L. Rhodes	35000 00	10000 00	Every
3	Bethel	Norfolk Co., Va.	1889	H. B. Cole	2200 00		2nd & 4th
4	Blackwater	Princess Anne Co.	1874	H. B. Cole	2500 00		1st & 3rd
5	Burrows Memorial	Norfolk, Va.	1894	S. A. Campbell	40000 00		Every
6	Calvary	Portsmouth, Va.	1889	S. F. Hudson	80000 00	6000 00	Every
7	Campostella Heights	Norfolk, Va.	1916	Robt. A. McKay	12000 00	5000 00	Every
8	Centerville	Norfolk Co., Va.	1872	H. B. Cole	25000 00	5000 00	Every
9	Central	Norfolk, Va.	1885	P. Roland Wagner	115000 00	10000 00	Every
10	Churchland	Portsmouth, Va.	1785	W. V. Savage	55000 00	8000 00	Every
11	Court Street	Portsmouth, Va.	1789	J. Elwood Welsh	200000 00	12000 00	Every
12	Craddock	Portsmouth, Va.	1919	Ralph Mapp	2500 00	3250 00	Every
13	Deep Creek	Portsmouth, Va.	1869	J. A. Willoughby	35000 00	4000 00	1st & 3rd
14	Fairmount Park	Norfolk, Va.	1909	G. T. Terrell	30000 00		Every
15	First	Norfolk, Va.	1801	Howard I. Stewart	125000 00	12000 00	Every
16	Fourth Street	Portsmouth, Va.	1855	T. E. Peters	44000 00	12000 00	Every
17	Freemason	Norfolk, Va.	1848	Sparks W. Melton	140000 00		Every
18	Gilmerton	Portsmouth, Va.	1895	J. W. Welstead	2500 00	1000 00	3rd after'n
19	Grace	Portsmouth, Va.	1922	J. W. Welstead	3000 00		Every
20	Jackson Memorial	Portsmouth, Va.	1906	I. S. Harrell	60000 00	3000 00	Every
21	Kempsville	Princess Anne Co., Va	1814	A. P. Thompson	10000 00	4000 00	Every
22	Knott's Island	Currituck, N. C.	1876	L. D. Mathews	1000 00		2nd & 4th
23	Lake Drummond	Norfolk Co., Va.	1850	J. A. Willoughby	3000 00		2nd & 4th
24	Larchmont	Norfolk, Va.	1919	Robt. E. F. Aler	50000 00		Every
25	London Bridge	Princess Anne Co., Va	1788	J. F. Ingram	15000 00	3500 00	Every
26	Nansemond	Drivers, Va.	1891	W. V. Savage	3000 00		1st & 3rd
27	Norview	Norfolk, Va.	1925	H. B. Cole	10000 00		Every P.M.
28	Northwest	Norfolk Co., Va.	1782	J. A. Willoughby	5000 00		2nd & 4th
29	Oak Grove	Princess Anne Co., Va	1762	S. B. Barnes	2500 00	2000 00	Every
30	Ocean View	Norfolk, Va.	1910		1500 00		Every
31	Park Avenue	Norfolk, Va.	1885	F. T. Holland	47000 00	5000 00	Every
32	Park Place	Norfolk, Va.	1902	I. D. S. Knight	150000 00		Every
33	Park View	Portsmouth, Va.	1889	W. H. Baylor	100000 00		Every
34	Pleasant Grove	Norfolk Co., Va.	1845	R. E. Vellines	2500 00	4000 00	Every
35	Port Norfolk	Portsmouth, Va.	1898		50000 00	6000 00	Every
36	Raleigh Heights	Norfolk, Va.	1898	C. E. Anderson	4000 00		Every
37	South Norfolk	South Norfolk, Va.	1893	C. S. Sawyer	60000 00	7800 00	Every
38	South Street	Portsmouth, Va.	1889	H. M. B. Jones	50000 00		Every
39	Spurgeon Memorial	Norfolk, Va.	1892	W. Rush Loving	65000 00	4000 00	Every
40	St. John's	Princess Anne Co., Va	1856	S. B. Barnes	3000 00	2000 00	Every
41	Virginia Beach	Virginia Beach, Va.	1908	A. C. Cheetham	20000 00		Every
42	Westhaven	Portsmouth, Va.	1913	John Bomar	30000 00	6000 00	Every
43	West Norfolk	West Norfolk, Va.	1895	E. G. McGehee	5374 50	1900 00	Every
				TOTALS	1720274 50	137450 00	

MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCHES

	CHURCHES	ADDITIONS BY				DIMUNITIONS BY				Present Number		
		Baptism	Letter	Statement	Restoration	Death	Letter	Exclusion	Erasure	Males	Females	Total
1	Baptist Tabernacle	9	24	8			8			174	267	441
2	Berkley Avenue	15	9	5	1	6	21			297	351	648
3	Bethel	1	2							30	37	67
4	Blackwater	1	1	1		1	1			43	44	87
5	Burrows Memorial	2	16			3	18		331	147	285	432
6	Calvary	49	4		1	6	6		2	344	484	828
7	Campostella Heights	10	8			1	7		26	69	84	153
8	Centerville	5	7				4		6	80	102	182
9	Central	35	19	2		2	7		1			715
10	Churchland	5	4	1		3	2			115	117	232
11	Court Street	25	28	12		8	15		21	303	371	674
12	Cradock	11	10	3			6			79	102	181
13	Deep Creek	7				6	1		8	130	135	265
14	Fairmount Park	3	2	4		2	37			176	208	384
15	First	43	35	16		10	27					1329
16	Fourth Street	30	13	1		4	22	1		395	496	891
17	Freemason Street	57	46	5		17	42			630	684	1314
18	Gilmerton									3	4	7
19	Grace					1	3			4	10	14
20	Jackson Memorial	6	10	2			27		23	231	290	521
21	Kempsville	6	1	2		2	11		18	37	34	71
22	Knott's Island	3	1							30	40	70
23	Lake Drummond	5	2	1	1	1	1			63	64	127
24	Larchmont	5	8			2	10		7	60	76	136
25	London Bridge	7	1	1		4			7	78	102	180
26	Nansemond											
27	Norview		8							25	31	56
28	Northwest	2	1			1				79	164	243
29	Oak Grove		6	1		2	2			131	131	262
30	Ocean View		2				4			80	120	200
31	Park Avenue	22	9	5		2	25		3	469	586	1055
32	Park Place	18	55	2	6	17	26	4	12	575	756	1331
33	Park View	50	30	8		2	11			238	315	553
34	Pleasant Grove	11	2			2	4			77	80	157
35	Port Norfolk	20	21			8	9			485	562	1047
36	Raleigh Heights	19	6	5				1	2	47	72	119
37	South Norfolk	34	10	4		6	11		22	281	398	679
38	South Street	20	12	3		4	7		4	377	475	852
39	Spurgeon Memorial	18	10	3		8	40	48	188			610
40	St. John's	7			1	2			12	81	115	196
41	Virginia Beach	6		1	1	1	7			49	62	102
42	Westhaven	12	18			1	16	1	3	174	185	359
43	West Norfolk	9	5		1	1	4			63	67	130
	TOTALS	588	446	96	12	186	442	55	696	6740	8506	17900

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

CHURCHES		Superintendents and Post Offices	Total Enrollment	Conversions	Church Members in School
1	Baptist Tabernacle	J. T. Horne, 215 E. 28th St., Norfolk, Va.	509	9	...
2	Berkley Avenue	W. N. Duval, 22 Clifton St., Norfolk, Va.	530	15	225
3	Bethel	F. H. Williams, Route 1, Fentress, Va.	86	2	46
4	Blackwater	J. N. Baxter, Hickory, Va.	50	...	30
5	Burrows Memorial	L. W. Curfman, 852 43rd St., Norfolk, Va.	563	10	...
6	Calvary	McVernon Rogerson, 1804 County St., Portsmouth, Va.	578	...	312
7	Campostella Heights	R. R. Pierce, 124 Princeton Ave., Norfolk, Va.	221	8	130
8	Centerville	J. P. Wright, Hickory, Va.	138	4	...
9	Central	E. F. Abel, Jr., Cambridge Crescent, Norfolk, Va.	547	31	464
10	Chinese	Matthew Lam, 1442 W. 48th St., Norfolk, Va.	68	...	23
11	Churchland	J. S. Lawrence, Royster Bldg., Norfolk, Va.	220	...	120
12	Court Street	N. E. Adamson, 50 Washington St., Portsmouth, Va.	523	25	355
13	Cradock	T. F. Joyner, 35 Decatur St., Portsmouth, Va.	225	10	80
14	Deep Creek	J. T. Forehand, Route 2, Portsmouth, Va.	255	6	220
15	Fairmount Park	J. C. Simpson, 3220 Bapaume Ave., Norfolk, Va.	550	...	...
16	First	Geo. E. Kirkwood, 212 Forest Ave., Norfolk, Va.	1102	58	560
17	Fourth Street	L. B. Pendergraph, Waterview, Portsmouth, Va.	838	25	330
18	Freemason Street	W. Frank Robertson, P. O. Box 911, Norfolk, Va.	723	45	...
19	Gilmerton	...	...	...	...
20	Grace	John W. Welstead, 98 Cushing St., Portsmouth, Va.	30	...	18
21	Jackson Memorial	S. A. W. Poe, 1704 Richmond Ave., Portsmouth, Va.	589	18	300
22	Kempsville	J. R. Lassiter, Lynnhaven, Va.	91	3	...
23	Knott's Island	C. W. Gorden, Knott's Island, N. C.	138	2	75
24	Lake Drummond	R. W. Warren, Hickory, Va.	60	2	45
25	Larchmont	S. A. D. Parker, 1006 Hanover Ave., Norfolk, Va.	176	5	...
26	London Bridge	R. B. Carter, Lynnhaven, Va.	192	6	82
27	Nansemond	...	...	...	...
28	Norview	E. W. Butler, Norview, Va.	160	...	151
29	Northwest	H. W. Powers, Northwest, Va.	75	2	...
30	Oak Grove	C. C. Gornto, Back Bay, Va.	216	...	160
31	Ocean View	S. B. Cox, 1732 Ocean View Ave., Norfolk, Va.	276	...	...
32	Park Avenue	C. E. Cousins, 524 W. 36th St., Norfolk, Va.	617	7	...
33	Park Place	W. H. Pearson, Taylor Bldg., Norfolk, Va.	1334	19	719
34	Park View	T. A. Willett, 1025 Leckie St., Portsmouth, Va.	543	49	350
35	Pleasant Grove	S. E. Charlton, Hickory, Va.	145	10	...
36	Port Norfolk	C. L. Haycock, 428 Maryland Ave., Portsmouth, Va.	751	...	563
37	Raleigh Heights	B. F. Wentz, Route 3, Norfolk, Va.	133	14	100
38	South Norfolk	G. B. White, 68 Chesapeake Ave., South Norfolk, Va.	450	20	260
39	South Norfolk Mission	Dempsie Cowand, 94 Perry St., South Norfolk, Va.	167	4	...
40	South Street	E. L. Beale, 1024 "B" St., Portsmouth, Va.	580	11	375
41	Spurgeon Memorial	O. S. Hart, 726 Park Ave., Norfolk, Va.	673	18	...
42	St. John's	A. F. Toxey, Lynnhaven, Va.	150	...	103
43	Virginia Beach	Geo. M. Baker, 203 37th St., Virginia Beach, Va.	132	2	35
44	Westhaven	Rowland C. Houghton, Route 2, Portsmouth, Va.	401	5	228
45	West Norfolk	A. C. Davis, West Norfolk, Va.	171	5	89
TOTALS			16026	450	6548

The figures include Home Department and Cradle Roll.

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	Baptist Tabernacle	3250 00	4932 25	1508 75		55 11	10 00		75 00	9831 11
2	Berkley Avenue	3000 00	1709 23	740 00	1976 39	100 00	10 00	386 27	159 60	8081 49
3	Bethel	200 00	48 00	99 17			2 00	48 00	55 00	452 17
4	Blackwater	312 65	30 00	57 30			2 50			402 45
5	Burrows Memorial	2700 00	1218 74	250 00	1523 65	58 25	5 00		80 00	5835 64
6	Calvary	2947 82	1569 78	932 62	75 00		8 00		101 00	5634 22
7	Campostella Heights	1800 00	1128 44	225 97	150 00		4 65		308 08	3617 14
8	Centerville	1500 00	148 40	222 02	1800 00		5 00	248 06	120 00	4043 48
9	Central	3980 00	2532 00	2210 00		188 00	20 00	1298 00	1607 00	11835 00
10	Churchland	2500 00	1700 00	224 72		260 00	5 00	464 67	70 00	5224 39
11	Court Street	5400 00	5718 03	567 77	2214 30	325 25	15 00	757 50	515 00	15512 85
12	Cradock	1200 00	368 08	258 68	186 72		3 00	63 12		2079 60
13	Deep Creek	1300 00	223 00	360 00		10 00	5 00	108 71	4052 00	6058 71
14	Fairmount Park	1491 00	850 91	1677 35	200 00	5 00	5 00		50 50	4279 76
15	First		15902 41	1501 30		673 54	12 00	4131 84	3785 56	26006 65
16	Fourth Street	3525 00	3236 00	1212 00	370 00	382 00	15 00			8740 00
17	Freemason Street	7200 00	9457 87	2099 13	3000 00	954 49	15 00	1801 63	4781 56	29309 68
18	Gilmerton									
19	Grace		46 84	70 25			1 00		17 00	135 09
20	Jackson Memorial	1737 59	970 06	364 62	357 55	82 00	5 00	67 98	2781 60	6366 40
21	Kempsville	460 65	57 19	73 60	9 85	6 00	2 25	16 00	199 25	824 79
22	Knott's Island	100 00	35 00	40 00	60 00				40 00	275 00
23	Lake Drummond	240 00	85 41	49 60	28 97	4 05	3 50	4 06	104 46	520 05
24	Larchmont	2871 57	1737 14	514 48	1669 01		3 00	152 90	615 75	7563 85
25	London Bridge	1800 00	210 50	116 14	6022 50		3 00	326 63	143 02	8621 79
26	Nansemond									
27	Norview	480 00	220 00				2 50			700 00
28	Northwest	500 00	125 00	75 00		50 00	5 00		52 00	807 00
29	Oak Grove	900 00	99 54	76 24	1136 00	30 00	5 00	58 78	92 00	2397 56
30	Ocean View	833 35	180 25			12 00	4 00	47 83	710 09	1787 52
31	Park Avenue		5805 06	553 62	825 61	304 61	10 00	997 71	2818 29	11314 90
32	Park Place	4500 00	8975 19	1675 52	7181 40	471 74	20 00	2999 84		25823 69
33	Park View	4500 00	2254 47	602 89		188 18	10 00		11666 69	19222 23
34	Pleasant Grove	872 00	342 00	200 00	100 00	24 00	4 87	66 00	57 48	1666 35
35	Port Norfolk	3200 00	3782 67	1301 45	313 91	41 00	10 00	515 03	754 47	9918 53
36	Raleigh Heights	1740 00	216 23	208 31	30 80	17 00	3 50		117 00	2332 84
37	South Norfolk	2600 00	1331 44	1067 75	3455 68	132 71	10 00	221 81		8819 39
38	South Street	3300 00	2367 92	1067 91	466 45	158 00	10 00	84 20	2030 22	9484 70
39	Spurgeon Memorial	1946 25	6036 28	1874 32	146 61	95 61	10 00	400 74	100 00	10609 81
40	St. John's	800 00	79 31	139 36	418 80		5 88	134 35	67 35	1645 05
41	Virginia Beach	1091 36	30 00	145 95	92 00	20 00	3 00			1382 31
42	Westhaven	1941 46	1326 14	270 34	207 55	25 05	5 00	146 38	972 48	4894 40
43	West Norfolk	1200 00	257 01	409 12	1401 59	20 80	3 00		132 83	3424 35
TOTALS		79920 70	87343 79	25043 25	35420 34	4694 39	281 65	15548 04	39232 28	287481 94

NOTE—No Column for Pastor's Salary. Amounts given is salary actually paid during year.

WORK OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES		Quota '27 Program	Paid to Date Co-operative Program
1	Baptist Tabernacle	1500 00	989 20
2	Berkley Avenue	2500 00	2021 35
3	Bethel	100 00	15 37
4	Blackwater	200 00	60 00
5	Burrows Memorial	2250 00	1423 90
6	Calvary	750 00	507 42
7	Campostella Heights	400 00	188 00
8	Centerville	750 00	332 41
9	Central	4000 00	2386 00
10	Churchland	2500 00	1215 22
11	Court Street	6500 00	5573 89
12	Craddock	225 00	235 84
13	Deep Creek	400 00	113 94
14	Fairmount Park	500 00	81 16
15	First	10000 00	6730 60
16	Fourth Street	2500 00	1835 00
17	Freemason Street	11000 00	4797 79
18	Gilmerton		
19	Grace	25 00	
20	Jackson Memorial	1000 00	836 27
21	Kempsville	500 00	44 93
22	Knott's Island		12 75
23	Lake Drummond	200 00	97 94
24	Larchmont	1200 00	696 44
25	London Bridge	1000 00	420 43
26	Nansemond	200 00	10 29
27	Norview	100 00	
28	Northwest	500 00	12 81
29	Oak Grove	500 00	200 00
30	Ocean View	400 00	29 75
31	Park Avenue	3000 00	2274 12
32	Park Place	7000 00	3863 68
33	Park View	3000 00	2543 72
34	Pleasant Grove	500 00	241 75
35	Port Norfolk	3000 00	2057 47
36	Raleigh Heights	200 00	150 00
37	South Norfolk	1000 00	1015 20
38	South Street	3500 00	2625 90
39	Spurgeon Memorial	2500 00	2139 86
40	St. John's	500 00	337 50
41	Virginia Beach	150 00	153 45
42	Westhaven	400 00	510 22
43	West Norfolk	400 00	149 37
TOTALS		76850 00	48951 94

CONTRIBUTIONS TO BAPTIST COUNCIL

October 1st, 1926, to September 27th, 1927

Berkley Avenue Baptist Church.....	\$ 286.43
Baptist Tabernacle	297.43
Central Baptist Church.....	420.54
Cradock Baptist Church.....	28.16
Fairmount Park Baptist Church.....	14.33
First Baptist Church.....	630.82
Fourth Street Baptist Church.....	116.91
Freemason Street Baptist Church.....	500.00
Jackson Memorial Baptist Church.....	131.64
West Norfolk Baptist Church.....	16.43
Larchmont Baptist Church.....	210.19
Virginia Beach Baptist Church.....	25.55
Spurgeon Memorial Baptist Church.....	253.52
South Street Baptist Church.....	454.62
Raleigh Heights Baptist Church.....	27.50
Port Norfolk Baptist Church.....	344.39
Park Place Baptist Church.....	717.42
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.....	25.00
Park View Baptist Church.....	298.74
Total.....	\$4,785.65

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Session.	Year.	WHERE HELD	MODERATORS	CLERKS	PREACHERS	Churches.	Membership	CONTRIBUTIONS
1	1791	Portsmouth	J. McGlamre	William Boyce	David Barrow	21	1355	4 £ 18s. 7½ d.
2	1792	Meherrin (Hebron)	J. McGlamre	William Boyce	Ed. Mentz	22	1660	6 £ 8s. 10d.
3	1793	Black Creek	J. McGlamre	William Boyce	Wm. Brown	22	1692	6 £ 19s. 6d.
4	1794	Black Water	David Barrow	William Brown	Ed. Mentz	22	1641	6 £ 5s.
5	1795							
6	1796	London Bridge	David Barrow	William Brown	Wm. Brown	22	1609	12 £ 4s.
7	1797	High Hills	J. McGlamre	William Brown	Wm. Morris	22	1698	9 £ 8s. 7d.
8	1798	Malones	Wm. Brown	Jos. Saunders	Wm. Brown	23	1736	8 £ 3s.
9	1799	Mill Swamp	J. McGlamre	William Brown	Jacob Grigg	23	1647	7 £ 10s. 11d.
10	1800	Shoulders Hill (Ch'd)	Wm. Brown	James Wright	Wm. Brown	25	1514	7 £ 3d.
11	1801	Cut Banks	Wm. Brown	Jos. Saunders	Jacob Grigg	23	1446	9 £ 1s. 7d.
12	1802	North West	Wm. Brown	Jos. Saunders	Wm. Brown	24	1331	7 £ 8s. 6d.
13	1803	Black Creek				22	1571	7 £ 8s. 6d.
14	1804	Seacock (now Elam)	John Bowers	James Wright	Jas. Wright	21	1858	7 £ 10s. 6d.
15	1805	Portsmouth	John Bowers	James Wright	Jas. Mitchell	19	2059	7 £ 14s. 6d.
16	1806	Raccoon Sw'p (Ant'h)	John Bowers	James Wright	Robt. Murrell	20	2137	8 £ 2s. 4½ d.
17	1807	Western Branch	John Bowers	James Wright	Jno. Gwaltney	20	2100	7 £ 7s.
18	1808	London Bridge	Robt. Murrell	James Wright	Jno. Gwaltney	20	2013	8 £ 2s. 9d.
19	1809	Meherrin	Robt. Murrell	W. P. Riddle	H. Keeling	21	2327	8 £ 18s. 6d.
20	1810	Otter Dam (Cabin Pt)	John Bowers	Jacob Darden	Wm. Brown	22	2329	\$ 31 00
21	1811	Black Water	Robt. Murrell	Jacob Darden	Robt. Murrell	22	2243	29 53
22	1812	High Hills	John Bowers	Jacob Darden	Jas. Mitchell	22	2036	23 75
23	1813	Mill Swamp	John Bowers	Jacob Darden	N. Chambliss	22	2086	23 75
24	1814	South Quay	John Bowers	Jacob Darden	Jer. Ritter	22	2048	29 15
25	1815	North West	N. Chambliss	Carr Bowers	M. Smith	22	1865	26 30
26	1816	High Hills	Robt. Murrell	Jacob Darden	Jas. Mitchell	22	2200	30 54
27	1817	Black Creek	Robt. Murrell	Jacob Darden	Geo. Norris	22	2321	34 25
29	1818	Norfolk	Robt. Murrell	Jacob Darden	Robt. Murrell	22	2260	32 75
29	1819	Raccoon Swamp	Robt. Murrell	Jacob Darden	H. Keeling	23	2237	44 75
30	1820	Western Branch	Robt. Murrell	Jacob Darden	Jas. Mitchell	25	2307	45 37½
31	1821	Pungo (Oak Grove)	Robt. Murrell	Jacob Darden	Sam Cornelius	25	2264	38 75
32	1822	Mark't St., Peters'bg	Robt. Murrell	Jacob Darden	S. Sherwood	25	2511	35 70
33	1823	Seacock	Robt. Murrell	Jacob Darden	Jas. Mitchell	25	2599	38 22
34	1824	Portsmouth	Carr Bowers	Jacob Darden	S. Sherwood	26	2540	39 55
35	1825	High Hills	Carr Bowers			25		
36	1826	Mill Swamp	N. Chambliss	Jacob Darden	S. Sherwood	26	2438	65 37½
37	1827	Shoulder's Hill	N. Chambliss	Jacob Darden	Fielding Bell	26	2482	42 00
38	1828	Raccoon Swamp	Carr Bowers	Wm. M. Jones	D. M. Woodson	28	3722	51 85
39	1829	Tucker's Swamp	Carr Bowers	Wm. M. Jones	S. Sherwood	31	3894	69 25
40	1830	London Bridge	Carr Bowers	R. B. C. Howell	R. T. Daniel	33	4633	65 85
41	1831	South Quay	Jos. Holleman	Wm. M. Jones	Wm. Snow	34	4817	135 84
42	1832	Otter Dam	Jos. Holleman	R. B. C. Howell	R. B. C. Howell	32	4063	67 62½
43	1833	Tanner's Cr'k (Sal'm)	R. B. C. Howell	Thomas Hume	Gilbert Mason	33	4985	190 38
44	1834	Beaver Dam	R. B. C. Howell	Thomas Hume	R. B. C. Howell	32	4966	111 25
45	1835	Sappony	John Goodall	Thomas Hume	S. Sherwood	32	5089	116 06
46	1836	Pungo	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	Thos. Hume	34	5146	106 25
47	1837	Black Creek	J. C. Jordan	Jas S. Baker	D. M. Woodson	35	5573	81 25
48	1838	Newville	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	S. Sherwood	35	5252	522 67
49	1839	Sycamore Hill (Sh. Hill)	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	J. C. Bailey	35	5893	461 80
50	1840	High Hills	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	Thos. Hume	35	4722	411 19
51	1841	Western Branch	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	J. B. Breed	36	6093	758 95
52	1842	Market St., Peters'bg	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	Putnam Owens	36	6482	986 35
53	1843	Mill Swamp	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	J. R. Scott	36	7392	363 74
54	1844	Cumberl'd St., Norf'k	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	Reuben Jones	39	7655	1062 35
55	1845	Raccoon Swamp	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	J. L. Gwaltney	39	7953	853 60
56	1846	Tucker's Swamp	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	J. W. M. Williams	39	8089	3114 61
57	1847	Court St., Portsm'h	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	Putnam Owens	40	8010	2164 87
58	1848	South Quay	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	C. B. Jennett	40	8007	1912 53
59	1849	Hicksford	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	Thomas Hume	41	8442	2122 15
60	1850	London Bridge	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	Reuben Jones	42	10794	1568 47
61	1851	Moore's Swamp	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	T. G. Jones	44	9282	2156 33
62	1852	Hebron	J. R. Chambliss	Thomas Hume	W. M. Young	44	9583	1915 53
63	1853	Suffolk	J. R. Chambliss	Thomas Hume	S. G. Mason	44	9522	1554 82
64	1854	Newville	J. R. Chambliss	Thomas Hume	J. G. Council	44	9966	1920 13
65	1855	North West	J. R. Chambliss	Thomas Hume	J. H. Womble	45	8405	1665 15
66	1856	Beaver Dam	J. R. Chambliss	Thomas Hume	Thomas Hume	46	7912	2068 17
67	1857	High Hills	J. R. Chambliss	Thomas Hume	T. G. Jones	46	9731	1870 16
68	1858	Black Creek	J. H. Prince	Thomas Hume	G. W. Keesee	46	6238	1992 70
69	1859	Sycamore Hill	J. H. Prince	Thomas Hume	Thos. Lansdale	46	7150	4071 02
70	1860	Black Water	J. H. Prince	Thomas Hume	M. R. Watkinson	46	9431	3181 06

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Session.	Year.	WHERE HELD	MODERATORS	CLERKS	PREACHERS	Churches.	Membership	CONTRIBUTIONS
71	1861	Freemason St., Norfolk	J. H. Prince	Thomas Hume	J. G. Keen	46	3879	1570 52
72	1862	Sappony	J. H. Prince	Thomas Hume	J. M. Butler	46		
73	1863	High Hills	T. G. Keen	Thomas Hume	J. B. Hardwick	45		
74	1864	Fed'l Army, occupied	the whole field and	no meeting was held				
75	1865	Black Water	Reuben Jones	C. E. W. Dobbs	H. Petty	38	1778	62 00
76	1866	Beaver Dam	Thos. Hume	C. T. Bailey	J. F. Deans	38	4807	270 00
77	1867	Mill Swamp	Thos. Hume	C. T. Bailey	T. H. Pritchard	38	4123	109 80
78	1868	Pleasant Grove	Thos. Hume	J. F. Deans	J. C. Hiden	36	4115	10159 58
78	1869	Western Branch	Thos. Hume	N. B. Cobb	W. E. Hatcher	38	4838	12327 98
79	1870	Antioch	Thos. Hume	N. B. Cobb	N. B. Cobb	40	4524	15191 40
80	1871	Smithfield	Thos. Hume	E. B. Branch	A. E. Owen	42	4715	13952 84
81	1872	Millfield	Thos. Hume	E. L. Turner	J. W. Ward	45	5259	13981 79
82	1873	Shoulder's Hill	Thos. Hume	E. L. Turner	J. E. Hutson	47	4536	42088 25
83	1874	Tucker's Swamp	Reuben Jones	E. L. Turner	W. D. Thomas	47	4191	24198 39
84	1875	Hicksford	Reuben Jones	G. J. Hobday	R. Jones	47	5233	26352 20
85	1876	Suffolk	Reuben Jones	G. J. Hobday	T. T. Eaton	47	6153	25152 77
86	1877	Centerville	Reuben Jones	G. J. Hobday	G. J. Hobday	49	6355	22608 39
87	1878	South Quay	J. H. Wright	G. J. Hobday	A. E. Owen	49	6518	28259 69
88	1879	Kempsville	J. H. Wright	G. J. Hobday	O. F. Flippo	53	6829	24671 50
89	1880	High Hills	J. H. Wright	G. J. Hobday	J. A. Speight	53	7062	27091 56
90	1881	Waverly	J. H. Wright	G. J. Hobday	C. H. Nash	54	7070	28490 35
91	1882	Beaver Dam	J. H. Wright	G. J. Hobday	J. C. Hiden	55	7321	29502 04
92	1883	Great Fork	J. H. Wright	G. J. Hobday	W. W. Wood	55	7258	32687 16
93	1884	North West	A. E. Owen	G. J. Hobday	M. S. Read	56	8051	38294 12
94	1885	Black Creek	A. E. Owen	G. J. Hobday	E. C. Dargan	59	8121	39271 62
95	1886	Hebron	A. E. Owen	G. J. Hobday	R. W. Criddle	62	8856	41748 86
96	1887	Berkley Avenue	A. E. Owen	G. J. Hobday	J. D. Brown	63	9358	48301 61
97	1888	London Bridge	L. B. Allen	G. J. Hobday	J. M. Pilcher	63	9772	55581 56
98	1889	Boykin's	J. M. Pilcher	H. C. Smith	T. G. Jones	63	9944	54200 65
99	1890	Franklin	J. M. Pilcher	H. C. Smith	D. W. Gwin	66	10859	49925 51
100	1891	Portsmouth	J. M. Pilcher	H. C. Smith	H. C. Smith	67	10851	60726 87
101	1892	Shiloh	J. M. Pilcher	H. N. Quisenberry	M. B. Wharton	68	11242	58672 85
102	1893	Tucker's Swamp	M. L. Eure	H. N. Quisenberry	J. A. Barker	65	11151	63692 36
103	1894	Churchland	J. F. Deans	H. N. Quisenberry	J. L. McCutcheon	72	12638	61101 46
104	1895	Sycamore	J. F. Deans	G. S. Kennard	A. B. Dunaway	73	12846	73235 61
105	1896	Colosse	J. F. Deans	G. S. Kennard	G. S. Kennard	76	13515	99509 57
106	1897	Great Fork	J. F. Deans	Gavin Rawls	J. J. Hall	77	13780	7806 40
108	1898	Hicksford	J. F. Deans	Gavin Rawls	J. F. Love	78	14357	73621 10
109	1899	Berkley Avenue	A. B. Dunaway	Gavin Rawls	W. V. Savage	80	14687	91914 57
110	1900	Suffolk	A. B. Dunaway	Gavin Rawls	H. W. Battle	80	14888	102765 69
111	1901	Holland's Corner	H. W. Battle	Gavin Rawls	T. C. Skinner	82	15303	111402 10
112	1902	South St., Portsmouth	H. W. Battle	Gavin Rawls	J. J. Taylor	84	15693	118471 48
113	1903	Western Branch	W. P. Hines	Gavin Rawls	R. W. Bagwell	86	15959	136046 28
114	1904	Boykins	Simon Seward	Gavin Rawls	R. B. Garrett	86	16810	136737 68
115	1905	Churchland	C. S. Blackwell		L. E. Barton			
116	1906	Petersburg (2nd Ch.)	C. S. Blackwell		E. E. Dudley			
117	1907	Pleasant Grove	L. Lankford	Geo. J. Hobday	W. F. Watson	39	9564	97660 45
118	1908	Fourth St.	W. J. Kendrick	Geo. J. Hobday	W. Mosby Seay	37	10156	102472 01
119	1909	Suffolk	W. J. Kendrick	Geo. J. Hobday	A. J. Fristoe	38	10478	189495 68
120	1910	London Bridge	W. J. Kendrick	Geo. J. Hobday	S. W. Me ton	39	10132	140031 59
121	1911	Deep Creek	W. F. Robertson	Geo. J. Hobday	J. T. Anderson	40	10521	107700 62
122	1912	Churchland	W. F. Robertson	Geo. J. Hobday	Geo. W. Swope	40	9905	95163 16
123	1913	Port Norfolk	R. B. Garrett	Geo. J. Hobday	R. D. Stephenson	38	10627	127146 82
124	1914	South Street	R. B. Garrett	Geo. J. Hobday	L. F. Paultette	39	10717	118471 98
125	1915	Oak Grove	R. B. Garrett	H. M. Fugate	W. M. Black	39	11390	129897 97
126	1916	South Norfolk	R. B. Garrett	J. A. McKaughan	W. A. Snyder	39	11890	39304 26
127	1917	St. John	R. B. Garrett	A. O. Boda	B. K. Mason	39	12282	
128	1918	Central	W. W. Gordon	J. B. Jackson	R. A. Williams	39	10617	151734 52
129	1919	Centerville	H. F. Jones	J. B. Jackson	R. W. Cox	40	13553	246801 87
130	1920	Kempsville	L. C. Brinson	W. T. L. Shepherd	J. J. Dogan	41	14985	336048 77
131	1921	Northwest	L. C. Brinson	W. T. L. Shepherd	H. F. Jones	41	16727	495568 58
132	1922	Freemason Street	W. F. Robertson	W. T. L. Shepherd	I. D. S. Knight	43	17454	339782 53
133	1923	Churchland	W. F. Robertson	W. T. L. Shepherd	F. L. Hardy	43	17415	346432 43
134	1924	Court Street	A. R. Love	W. T. L. Shepherd	Marinus James	43	17495	355138 67
135	1925	St. John's	W. F. Watkins	W. T. L. Shepherd	J. E. Welsh	43	17346	359404 82
136	1926	Park View	M. Winston	W. T. L. Shepherd	J. T. Riddick	43	18161	337499 92
137	1927	Centerville	M. Winston	W. T. L. Shepherd	Howard I. Stewart	43	17900	336433 88

NOTE—In 1906 the Portsmouth Association was divided into three separate bodies. Viz.: Portsmouth, Blackwater and Petersburg Associations.

MINUTES OF THE W. M. U. AUXILIARY TO THE PORTSMOUTH ASSOCIATION

The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to Portsmouth Association, was called to order by the superintendent, Mrs. W. W. Gordon, Thursday morning, June 9th, in London Bridge Church, and opened with the hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign." Mrs. B. L. Rhodes offered prayer.

The first item of business was appointment of Enrollment Committee by the superintendent, as follows: Mesdames Gimbert, Doyle, Fentress and Murden.

Resolutions and by-laws were read by the secretary, after which a motion was made and carried that the program as printed be accepted as the program for the day.

Motion made and carried that the distribution of the Plan of Work for 1927-1928 be considered presentation of same.

Mrs. J. F. Ingram cordially greeted delegates and visitors, assuring all of a very sincere welcome on the part of every woman of the local church. The response was made by Mrs. Gordon.

Mrs. A. Moses conducted the morning devotional, using portions of Ephesians v; 1st Corinthians ii, and II Corinthians iv as the Scripture lesson, the message being the manifesting of Christ in one's daily life as a result of the indwelling of His Spirit in the heart.

Mrs. Gimbert reported, for Enrollment Committee, 197 visitors and 99 delegates, with more being added.

Upon motion, those enrolled and those enrolling later would constitute the body.

Wives of all ministers who had come into the Association during the year and all visitors, together with Miss Campbell, recently appointed Field Secretary, were recognized and cordially welcomed by the Superintendent.

Next in order was appointment of following committees:

Committee on Time and Place—Mrs. T. D. Roper, Mrs. M. E. Hillard and Miss Mary Dey.

Committee on Resolutions—Mrs. E. F. Abel, Mrs. Annie Gray and Mrs. L. U. Brabble.

Committee on Obituaries for 1928—Mrs. E. S. Wilson, Mrs. Ed. Umphries, Mrs. Edgar Herrick, Mrs. W. A. Wright and Miss Annie Arrington.

Chairman of Personal Service—Mrs. W. T. L. Shepherd.

Nominating Committee for 1928-1929—Mrs. J. M. Overton, Portsmouth; Mrs. C. E. Johnson, Berkley; Mrs. E. E. Chapman, Princess Anne County; Mrs. H. B. Cole, Norfolk County; Mrs. W. H. McGhee, Norfolk.

Reports of officers were next read, the Treasurer reporting:

Amount received	\$162.35
Amount disbursed	70.50
Balance on hand	\$ 91.85

In addition, the Treasurer stated that \$100.00 contributed for Superintendent's expenses to the S. B. C. last May was not used, and asked to be instructed regarding same. A motion was made and carried that this amount be held in the treasury for the same purpose next year, and if it was impossible for the Superintendent to attend the S. B. C. that the expenses of an alternate be paid.

Mrs. Shepherd, in reporting on Personal Service, urged that reports be more accurately filled out and more promptly sent in.

Chairman of Mission Study, Mrs. S. B. Johnson, reported 168 classes held, 1,303 small seals and 94 official seals awarded. First Church of Norfolk led in number of W. M. Society classes, but Port Norfolk led in number of classes in all organizations (17).

The Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. G. R. Martin, gave an encouraging report of Young People's Work, with 87 organizations.

Leaders of the several groups made brief and concise reports, each leader presenting the W. M. S. Presidents in her group; these, in turn, giving the outstanding feature of her society for the past year, and her aim for the coming year.

After a few announcements, Mrs. H. E. Hood presented the plans of "Our Ruby Anniversary" to be celebrated this year, and, next, the aim being to enlist 40,000 new members and to raise \$4,000,000.00, with a forty per cent increase in new organizations. The time given for this achievement is eighteen months, or until the close of December, 1928. This means for Virginia 600 new societies and for Portsmouth Association 47 new societies. Mrs. J. E. Anderson sang, "Win Them, One by One," the words being very appropriate, a plea in song for furthering the plan as outlined by Mrs. Hood. Miss Campbell followed with an earnest prayer for its success.

By special request, Miss Ethel N. Peake sang, "My Task," which preceded the inspirational address given by Mrs. Geo. R. Martin, President of the State W. M. U., who stressed the thought that one's chief task is to go and tell, as the risen Christ bade Mary upon the resurrection morn. Mrs. Martin spoke very forcefully upon the preparation necessary for this task, and the source of strength—a dedicated life and close communion with God the Father—closing with the watchword for the year—"The Master has come and calleth for thee."

Mrs. Gordon closed the morning session with a short prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with singing of hymn, "Jesus Calls Us," followed by minutes of morning session read by Secretary. Mrs. J. D. Brame, of Port Norfolk Church, conducted the devotional, mentioning the three calls suggested by the watchword for the year—the call of the past, the present and the future, the Master has come, is come and will come and calleth for thee.

Rev. W. H. Baylor of Portsmouth made an address in which he mentioned as some of his reasons for upholding missions: common fairness, humanity's need, missionary achievements, reflect influence and power, loyalty to Jesus and obedience to His command. Mrs. S. A. D. Parker led the prayer which followed.

Mrs. Dorothy Potts of Central Church, a recent graduate of Louisville Training School was scheduled to speak but was unavoidably prevented from being present. Miss Potts is prepared for work on the foreign field as a trained nurse.

A motion was made by Mrs. Annie Gray that the last article of the Plan of Work for 1927-1928 be amended to read: "That the various groups provide funds to send Superintendent, who shall be the delegate, to the W. M. U. of S. B. C." Motion carried.

Committee on Time and Place reported an invitation from Park View Church for the first Thursday in June, 1928. Report accepted.

The Nominating Committee reported through Mrs. Julia Gaskins, naming the following officers for ensuing year:

Superintendent.....	Mrs. W. W. Gordon
Assistant Superintendent.....	Mrs. L. E. Hall
Secretary.....	Mrs. F. L. Nicholson
Treasurer.....	Mrs. I. W. Morgan
Secretary Mission Study.....	Mrs. S. B. Johnson

Group Leaders

Norfolk.....	Mrs. I. D. S. Knight
Portsmouth.....	Mrs. S. G. Blalock
Berkley.....	Mrs. E. S. Gordon
Norfolk County.....	Mrs. J. E. Johnson
Princess Anne County.....	Mrs. J. F. Ingram
Delegate to S. B. C.....	Mrs. W. W. Gordon
Alternates.....	Mrs. W. H. Baylor and Mrs. B. L. Rhodes

Mrs. H. E. Hood presided during the reading of this report and, upon motion, Mrs. Little of Park Avenue Church, cast the ballot of the body for the election of officers as named.

Mrs. Annie Gray of the Committee on Resolutions read the following:

Resolved: (1) That we, the women of Portsmouth Association, hereby express our appreciation of the cordial welcome extended us, the gracious hospitality and the delicious luncheon served by our hostesses of London Bridge Church;

(2nd) That we express our appreciation of the helpful addresses given by Mrs. H. E. Hood, Mrs. G. R. Martin and Rev. W. H. Baylor.

(3rd) That our sincere thanks be given the officers for their faithful services; to those who assisted in giving us a most excellent program for the day, and to Mrs. Jos. Anderson and Mrs. R. H. Peake who so sweetly challenged us, in song, to the task given us by our Master.

MRS. E. F. ABEL, Chairman,
MRS. L. U. BRABBLE,
MRS. ANNIE L. GRAY.

Banners were awarded the following A1 societies:

W. M. Society—Jackson Memorial and South Street.

Y. W. A.—South Norfolk and Burrows Memorial.

G. A.—Burrows Memorial and Freemason Street.

The report of the Obituary Committee, Mrs. Blalock, chairman, was preceded by a vocal selection rendered by Mr. Redwood Richardson, as each name of those who had passed away during the year was called, Miss Mary Lynch placed a white carnation in a vase upon the pulpit stand. The list of the deceased follows:

Mrs. Polly V. Culpepper	Mrs. M. L. Hurtle
Mrs. Amelia Falton	Mrs. L. E. Sincobaugh
Mrs. Elizabeth Hanbury	Mrs. Louisa Sawyer
Mrs. Annie Gordon	Mrs. Richard Bell
Mrs. Mary Curling	Mrs. J. E. Parker
Mrs. Luther Smith	Mrs. W. T. Anderson
Mrs. H. C. Christian	Mrs. Emily R. Thomas
Mrs. M. I. Williams	Mrs. C. B. Langley
Mrs. H. W. Fentress	Mrs. Sarah A. Smith
Mrs. Alice Phillips	Mrs. F. M. Hackle
	Mrs. Emily T. Brownley

Minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved, after which Mrs. Willoughby of Deep Creek dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs. F. L.) ADA P. NICHOLSON, Secretary.

M I N U T E S
...of the...
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION
...of the...
PORTSMOUTH ASSOCIATION

The fifth annual session of the Sunday School and Baptist Young People's Union Convention of the Portsmouth Association was held with Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Thursday, September 15th, 1927.

Thursday Morning Session

Rev. R. E. Vellines, pastor of the entertaining church, conducted the devotional service.

The convention was called to order by President C. H. Myers.

The Secretary called the roll. Twenty-six schools were represented in the three hundred or more present.

The Program Committee made the following recommendation which was unanimously adopted:

"When the Program Committee began to make its arrangements for the 1927 Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. convention it found certain difficulties in its way which it believes can be eliminated in future years. To help increase the efficiency of the convention, it wishes to make the following recommendations:

"First: If the conviction of this assembly of people is that this convention be an annual affair, we recommend the selection of some set time in the year for its convening.

"Second: We recommend that the time for the meeting of this convention be Thursday after the third Sunday in July.

"Third: We recommend that the Program Committee be composed of the President of this convention with the Presidents of the Sunday School Associations and the B. Y. P. U. Associations in the Portsmouth District Association, unless the B. Y. P. U.'s shall choose to have a separate annual meeting.

"Fourth: We recommend, in the event that this convention is to become an annual affair that a committee be appointed to draw up a brief constitution stating name, object, officers, membership and time of meeting at this convention.

W. RUSH LOVING,
RALPH W. MAPP,
L. B. COX.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, C. H. Myers; Vice-President, O. S. Hart; Secretary-Treasurer, Marion Amy Bradshaw; Press Reporter, Rev. W. Rush Loving.

Dr. W. H. Baylor addressed the body on "Efficiency in Sunday School Methods."

Associational reports were made by Presidents O. S. Hart for the Norfolk Association; W. T. L. Shepherd, the Portsmouth Association, and P. W. Matthews, the Norfolk County-Princess Anne Association.

Before adjourning for dinner eighteen pastors and several visitors were introduced. The presence of so many of our pastors was very encouraging.

Thursday Afternoon Session

Devotional led by Rev. Beecher L. Rhodes.

Solo by Mrs. W. M. Stanton.

Rev. P. Roland Wagner gave an inspiring address on "Profits from a Teacher Training School."

Rev. E. T. Smith of the Baptist Board of Missions and Education delivered a short address on "Emphasizing the Standard of Excellence."

Rev. H. M. B. Jones delivered an address on "The Sunday School An Opportunity for Soul Winning."

Reports from the B. Y. P. U. Associations were made by Rev. W. Rush Loving and J. C. Harrell.

The President appointed the following committee to draw up the constitution: Rev. R. E. F. Aler, Rev. W. H. Baylor and L. B. Cox.

The convention was then favored with a solo by Mr. C. P. Etheridge.

Rev. R. E. F. Aler delivered an address on "The Churches' Assets—Its Young People."

Mr. E. J. Wright, B. Y. P. U. Secretary, spoke on "Saving the Young People for Christian Service."

A vote of thanks was extended to the Program Committee and the entertaining church.

The convention closed with prayer by Rev. W. Rush Loving.

MARION AMY BRADSHAW, Sec'y.

Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS—

To balance on hand from 1926.....	\$ 7.00	
Amount collected 1927 convention.....	17.06	\$24.06

DISBURSEMENTS—

Shepherd Printing Company (Programs).....	5.00	
To balance on hand September 15, 1927.....		\$19.06

MARION AMY BRADSHAW, Treasurer.

NOTE—Since this meeting there have been held in the Portsmouth District Association two successful Training Schools with an average attendance of two hundred and thirty-five in each. The Norfolk school was held in the First Baptist Church and the Portsmouth in Park View Baptist Church. Both schools were under the direct supervision of Rev. E. T. Smith of Richmond with an able faculty supporting him.—M. A. B.

