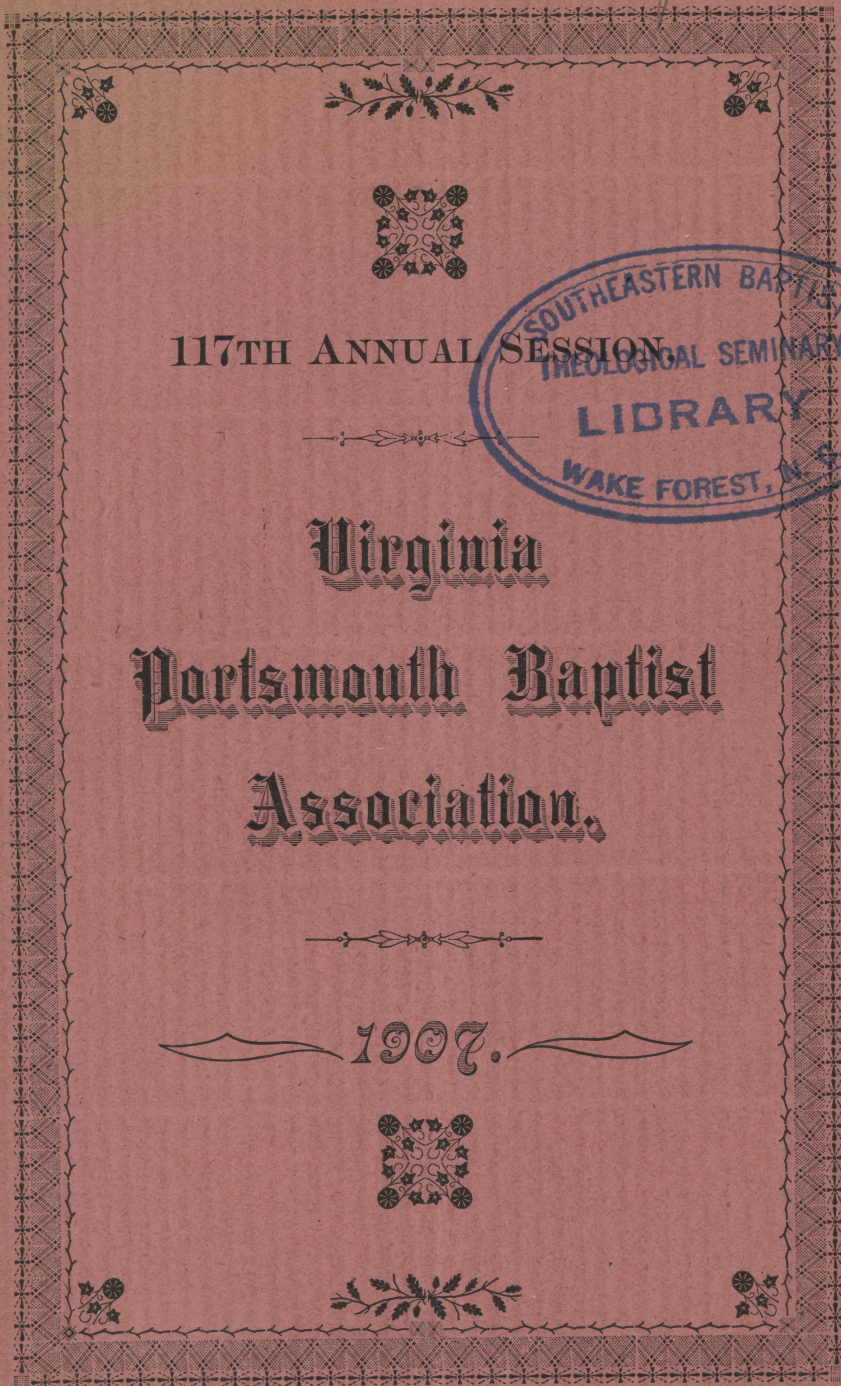
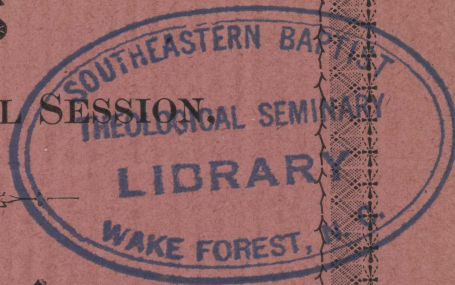


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Virginia

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MINUTES

OF THE

VIRGINIA

Portsmouth Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH,

NORFOLK COUNTY, VA.,

September 24th and 25th, 1907.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

MODERATOR, L. LANKFORD.
VICE-MODERATOR, W. J. KENDRICK.
CLERK AND TREASURER, GEO. J. HOBDAY.

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in office until the next annual election. As soon as the new officers have taken their seats, the body shall be declared organized and prepared for business.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

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

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

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

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

Article 14. This Constitution may be altered at any annual session of the body by the votes 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 member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission of the body.

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

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

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

9th. All questions of order not herein provided for shall be decided by the rules of Mell's Parliamentary Practice.

MINUTES.

PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH,
Norfolk County, Va., September 24th, 1907.

1. THE VIRGINIA PORTSMOUTH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met this day in its one hundred and seventeenth annual session with the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church of Norfolk County, Va.

Devotional Exercises were conducted by P. B. Blackwell.

2. The Association was called to order by C. S. Blackwell, the former Moderator.

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

Berkley Avenue—E. L. Cox, E. M. Graves.

Bethel—George E. Wood, J. E. Brothers,

Blackwater—R. P. Wilson, B. E. Fletcher.

Broadway—Lemuel McLain.

Burrows' Memorial—Letter only.

Centerville—F. P. Jennings, W. J. Herring, J. T. Roach.

Churchland—John W. Bidgood, L. A. Deans.

Deep Creek—

Gilmerton—Solomon Charlton.

Kempsville—Letter only.

Knott's Island—Letter only.

Lake Drummond—L. W. Charlton. William Tuttle.

London Bridge—David Barnes, J. E. Old.

Little Creek—

Nansemond—Letter only.

Newsoms—J. D. Ferguson.

North West—Letter only.

Norfolk, First—C. L. Bonney, T. J. Creekmore, D. C. Whitehurst.

Norfolk, Freemason Street—L. Lankford, W. F. Robertson, V. L. Cofer.

Norfolk, Park Avenue—Letter only.

Norfolk, Spurgeon Memorial—W. J. Fulford.

Norfolk, Grace—Letter only.

Norfolk, Central—S. B. Ironmonger.

Norfolk, Park Place—

Oak Grove—Letter only.

Portsmouth, Court Street—W. C. Corbitt, O. L. Williams, B. B. Peele.

Portsmouth, Fourth Street—Wm. L. Walker, W. B. Lynch, S. B.

Hutchins.

Portsmouth, South Street—Letter only.

Portsmouth, Calvary—Letter only.

Portsmouth, Park View—A. R. Williams.

Portsmouth, Prentis Place—H. M. Coleman, W. H. Eckeist.

Port Norfolk—W. H. Rodman.

Pleasant Grove—J. B. Eason, J. W. Smithson.

Salem—

St. John—J. C. Sawyer, Griffin Hewitt.
 South Norfolk—J. W. Jennings, Zack Quidley.
 Suffolk—W. J. Kendrick, J. H. Rowell.
 West Norfolk—R. L. Raby, A. C. Davis.

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

L. LANKFORD—Moderator.

W. J. KENDRICK—Vice-Moderator.

GEORGE J. HOBDAY—Secretary and Treasurer.

5. The Clerk appointed V. I'Anson his Assistant.

6. The Introductory Sermon was preached by the alternate, W. F. Watson, the principal having been prevented from performing that duty. The text was Jude, 3rd verse: "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

A. J. Fristoe assisted in the pulpit.

7. The Moderator appointed A. W. Burfoot and the Deacons of the Pleasant Grove Church as a committee on Religious Exercises, also E. E. Dudley, W. M. Vines and Q. C. Davis as the committee on Order of Business.

8. The reading of the Constitution and Rules of Order was dispensed with for this session.

9. Visiting brethren were recognized as follows: R. D. Garland, Field Secretary of the State Mission Board; J. M. Pilcher, of the Sunday School and Bible Board and fraternal messenger from the Petersburg Association; B. C. Henning, of the Education Commission; W. S. Royal, of the *Baptist Times*, and brethren W. N. Gregory, — Pritchard and — Whitehurst, of N. C.

10. J. M. Pilcher, Corresponding Messenger from the Petersburg Association, read the following:

The Petersburg Association to the Portsmouth Association—Greeting:

Last fall, with great reluctance, we yielded to circumstances and requested your permission to withdraw from union with you for the purpose of forming a district Baptist Association. We are now (September 10-12) in our first annual session. Our twenty-four churches have reported by letter and nearly all have sent messengers. Our organization consists of Dr. Wm. B. Daniel, President; Elder A. R. Love, Vice-President; Elder Hugh C. Smith, Secretary; Dr. L. Lofton, Treasurer; and Joseph H. Jackson, Auditor.

We have 28 churches, 15 ministers and 3,492 members. Our contributions for home purposes are \$19,915 38; for the objects of the General Association \$5,714.76; in all \$25,630.14.

We have undertaken the work of the coming year with plans for thoroughness in our territory and enlargement in our general beneficence.

We have lost our organic union with you, but our love for you is unabated. Carrying in our hearts and minds most delightful recollections of the high-toned fellowship of the years past, we pray the great Shepherd of us all that he will hold you in his tenderest care. Let us both be inspired by his love to provoke one another to love and good works.

Adopted by the Association September 12th, 1907, and committed to Brother J. M. Pilcher, our duly accredited messenger, to be handed to the Portsmouth Association on September 24th, 1907.

HUGH C. SMITH,
Secretary Petersburg Association.

The Clerk proceeded to read the following which was sent to him by mail:

The Blackwater Association, in session at Beaver Dam Baptist Church, Isle of Wight county, Va., September 17-19, sends greetings to the Portsmouth Association.

Feeling that you have upon us the eye of maternal affection, and regarding you with filial devotion, we feel that you would like to hear some account of this our first meeting.

Our sessions have been largely attended, our people have been earnest and enthusiastic, and an excellent spirit of harmony and love has prevailed. The reports from the churches show an increase in their contributions.

We are gratified at the work of the past year, and the prospect for the future is bright and encouraging.

We think with pride of our ancestor, the noble old Portsmouth Association, and we trust that we may be true to the traditions of the past and ever worthy of our lineage.

We pray that in the coming meeting you may have the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Again extending most cordial greetings, we are, filially yours,

THE BLACKWATER ASSOCIATION,
By W. THORBURN CLARK, *Committee.*

On motion, a committee consisting of C. S. Blackwell and Geo. J. Hobday were appointed to make suitable replies to the above communications.

11. Application for membership in this body was made by the First Baptist Church at Virginia Beach, through their pastor, N. Richards, which was referred to a committee composed of R. B. Garrett, W. M. Vines and R. J. Bateman.

12. The Moderator appointed the following Committee on Finance, viz; W. L. Hayes, W. F. Robertson and E. L. Cox.

13. The Treasurer submitted his report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

14. The Committee on Order of Business submitted the following, which was adopted:

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

- 2.15 to 3.00, State Missions.
- 3.00 to 3.45, Orphanage.
- 3.45 to 4.30, Sunday School and Bible Board.

WEDNESDAY A. M.

- 9.30 to 10.00, Devotional Exercises.
- 10.00 to 10.45, Home Missions.
- 10.45 to 11.30, Foreign Missions.
- 11.30 to 12.00, Laymen's Movement.
- 12.00 to 12.30, Report of Missionary Committee and Committee on Reception of Churches.

WEDNESDAY P. M.

- 2.00 to 2.45, Temperance.
 2.45 to 3.30, Education.
 3.30 to 4.00, Ministers' Relief Fund.
 4.00 to 4.15, Pastoral Support.
 4.15 to 4.30, Obituaries.

15. A. W. Burfoot, Pastor of the Pleasant Grove Church, extended to the delegates and visitors a hearty welcome to the church and community.

16. Adjourned with prayer by A. W. Burfoot.

TUESDAY—Afternoon Session.

17. The Association reassembled at 2.00 o'clock, the Moderator in the chair. After Singing, prayer was offered by R. D. Garland.

18. W. F. Watson read the

Report on State Missions.

Eight hundred thousand! A great company to be sure, all accountable to God and shortly to stand before His judgment bar, there to render an account of their stewardship; all lost and ruined and sinking down to death, tell the story, and tell it well of the sad destitution religiously of Virginia, and at the same time emphasize the great need of vigorous work on the part of our churches to the end that no one from this great commonwealth shall go out into a dark eternity without first refusing and absolutely rejecting the offer of salvation as set forth in the glorious gospel of the blessed God.

One thousand white churches organized and equipped for service, with the constituency of one hundred and thirty-five thousand believers baptized into the death of Jesus Christ and professedly raised to a newness of life, a life of consecrated service to the kingdom, tell the story of our forces to take the field and gather the ripening grain. If this vast company could be utilized and made serviceable to the kingdom, a decade would tell another story, a glad story concerning the status in this good State.

Thirty-five thousand dollars from one hundred and thirty-five thousand believers for the salvation of eight hundred thousand unsaved ones, tell too powerfully and sadly the meagerness of our interest in this work.

The churches of this Association are earnestly exhorted to adopt a very liberal policy in dealing with the State Mission Board.

A contribution from every church, and a contribution from every member in every church for the work of State Missions, should be the watchword for the incoming Associational year.

The report would commend most heartily and enthusiastically the good work done by the field Secretary, Brother Garland, and bespeaks for him and the Board the hearty, sympathetic co-operation of the churches of the old Portsmouth.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. WATSON.

Discussed by R. D. Garland and adopted.

10. P. B. Watlington read the

Report on Baptist Orphanage.

Our Master called a child into the center of His circle of friends. As He set the children in the midst of His early apostles, that He might teach them important truths, and develop in them a right spirit, so has He placed the child right in the centre of our denominational life, with the evident intention of beneficence to the child and benevolence to us. In this heart of our denominational life we are caring for one hundred and sixty-one girls and boys, whom the Master has given us. In the excellent fold, builded and fostered by our churches, Sunday Schools, this Association and individual Christians, we furnish them protection from the chilling snows, drenching rains, wintry winds, summer's scorching suns, and give them security from the dark hours of the night.

Though the regular systematic contribution of our people make provision for their daily needs, food, clothing and home comforts, the gifts must continue to flow as the days come and go, and must increase in number, so that all our churches and members may take a part in this great work. Comparison shows that the support of the institution has been as large and as generous as in any part of its past history. Nothing should check the flow of these contributions, but they should increase more and more in size, that we may meet the enlarged demands of the work.

As to improvements and repairs, the work has been steadily going on. The Superintendent's residence has received a thorough renovation. The wood work of several of the buildings has had a coat of paint. Some changes have been made upon the interior arrangements of the Schmetz Cottage. Also some necessary changes have been made in the different departments of the work-shop, and yet much remains to be done before the buildings and grounds will present a satisfactory appearance.

A new horse has been bought for the Carrie Roy farm, and many needed implements added to its equipment. The acreage under cultivation this year has been largely increased and with good results. The printing office has been enlarged and rearranged; several new fonts of type added, and some other necessary equipments procured. The foreman of this department is reported as being a first-class printer, and is now prepared to do artistic job work, but yet, he is greatly hampered by the need of a larger job press. *The Orphanage News* continues to be an interesting feature of the work; besides affording useful occupation to some of the boys, it has added to its equipment during the year. We recommend it to the Sunday Schools.

There are at present 79 girls and 82 boys in the Orphanage, but contracts have been made to receive several more, who are to come in as soon as room can be made for them. There are more applications of full orphans than can be accepted. It is a sad feature of the work that they are compelled, for lack of space, to turn away so many worthy cases.

The health of the children has been remarkable for the past year. With the exception of two boys, who died almost twelve months ago, there has not been a serious case of sickness among them. This does not mean that there has been no sickness at all, for there are usually a few in the Infirmary, but nothing alarming.

It has been arranged so that each child gets one-half day in school every day during the term, and the regular routine work is not interfered with.

Between forty and fifty professed conversion within the past year, and have united with the Salem Baptist church.

There is an earnest need and demand for \$18,000.00, a portion of which has been raised, for repairs and the heating plant.

If we can only secure this money needed for repairs and improve-

ments, especially the money needed for the heating plant, which has already been ordered and is now under construction, it is felt and believed that our institution will be upon a first-class basis, so far as the present equipment is concerned.

We are persuaded that one of the most imperative duties confronting Virginia Baptists to-day, is to give heed to this appeal in behalf of the orphans of our State. To them the Orphanage means everything; the home training, the primary education and Christian cultivation, so essential to the welfare of the church, and so necessary for that high citizenship demanded for the welfare of the State.

We are convinced that our great denomination demands a great Orphanage—great in its necessary equipment, great in beauty, and great in the results of its work in feeding and clothing the children and sending them forth trained for life and prepared for eternity.

Respectfully submitted,

P. B. WATLINGTON.

Discussed by W. V. Savage, and the roll of churches was called and \$1,375.00 pledged for supplying the Orphanage with a suitable heating plant. The report was adopted.

20. Q. C. Davis read the

Report of the Sunday School and Bible Board.

The importance of the work of the Sunday School and Bible Board is easily seen in the fact that it is preliminary and preparatory to the work of all other missionary agencies, and especially so with regard to the work of the State Mission Board. It is therefore both elementary and elemental. The foundation of any great undertaking is of first importance. The work of our State Mission Board, great and tremendously essential as it is, begins only with the organized church. While the Sunday School and Bible Board, by sending out its colporters to distribute the Holy Scriptures and other religious literature; to visit the homes of the people, conversing with them on the subject of religion, and preaching the gospel, and establishing Sunday Schools wherever there is a need and opportunity; prepares the way and lays the foundation for the future church. It would appear therefore that the more effective we can make the Sunday School and Bible Board, the more rapidly will the evangelization of our State be accomplished.

The report of the Board for the first eight months of the Associational year show some interesting statistics as follows, for 26 colporters, 3 Bible women and the Corresponding Secretary:

Families visited,	16,696
Destitute of the Bible,	1,313
Sermons preached,	633
Prayer meetings,	477
Sunday Schools organized,	29
Sunday Schools reorganized,	34
Sunday School Conventions held,	7
Persons baptized,	80
Conversions, in addition to above,	229
Churches organized,	1
Number of Bibles and Testaments given away,	738

The committee would earnestly ask for a larger interest and increased contributions for the work of the Sunday School and Bible Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Q. C. DAVIS.

Discussed by J. M. Pilcher, and adopted.

21. Adjourned, prayer by R. B. Garrett.

WEDNESDAY—Morning Session.

22. The Association met at 10 o'clock, the Moderator in the chair. W. L. Hayes conducted the devotional exercises.

23. The Moderator appointed as the Committee on Time, Place and Preacher for next meeting, C. S. Blackwell, C. K. Hobbs and James Winston.

24. Newsoms Church, through her pastor, E. S. Pierce, asked for a letter of dismission to unite with the Blackwater Association. Granted.

25. On motion, the Moderator appointed the following Committee on Digest of Church Letters: A. J. Fristoe, D. G. Lancaster and N. Richards.

26. On motion, the following Committee was appointed on the revision of the Rules of Order: R. J. Bateman, Q. C. Davis and E. E. Dudley.

27. W. A. Smith read the

Report on Home Missions.

Jesus commanded His disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He declared they were to be his witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. This order suggests to us city, State, Home and Foreign Missions. Indeed, the field is the world, and no part of it is to be neglected.

The territory of our home field, in which our Home Board is doing work, includes our own Southland, Cuba, the Isle of Pines and Panama. On this field last year there were 865 workers, reporting 18,798 baptisms, 703 Sunday Schools organized, 271 churches constituted. It was the most successful year's work in the history of the Board. When we consider, however, the pressing and growing demands upon our Home Board, what we are doing to support it is comparatively small.

We have in the South about 2,000,000 white Baptists, who gave last year less than \$250,000, or about 12½ cents per capita. This looks like playing at so great a work.

We recognize the fact that all along the line of our missionary operations the demands are pressing, and none of these demands ought to be neglected. I think, however, that I may say without fear of contradiction, that when the needs of Home Missions is considered, our support of the Home Board is below and not in proportion to our support of the other objects of our convention. I do not think we ought to give less to the great work of Foreign Missions, but I do believe we ought to give as much to the support of Home Missions as to Foreign Missions.

It is no secret that the South has advanced with startling rapidity along all lines during the last decade or more. Its progress within these last few years is not excelled by any land under the sun. A short while since our people were given almost solely to agriculture, and while this has by no means been abandoned, our Southland is rapidly being a great industrial centre. Villages have grown into towns and towns into teeming cities, and at the same time, in most sections, the population in rural districts has grown more dense. The centre of the nation's population is moving Southward every year. And with this increase of population there is a large foreign element which is not Christian, and therefore not in sympathy with the institutions the South holds so dear.

What is to be done? There is but one answer—carry them the gospel. We owe it to God to give the gospel to every man among us, whether Anglo-Saxon, negro or foreigner of whatever nationality or race.

The destitution in our great cities is simply appalling, and there is many a house and country district without the gospel.

I close this report by offering three reasons for supporting our Home Mission work.

First, it is the will of God.

Second, it is the means of self-perservation.

Third, it is the hope of the world's evangelization.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. SMITH, *Committee.*

Discussed by W. A. Smith, and adopted.

28. The Committee on Religious Exercises announced that Q. C. Davis would preach at the stand.

29. D. P. Harris, in the absence of R. B. Garrett, the author, read the

Report on Foreign Missions.

The story of the Foreign Mission work of Southern Baptists in the last few years is enough to fill every Baptist heart with joy and gladness. The growth has been something marvellous, and exceed the wildest hopes of a few years ago. In 1887 the convention met with the Broadway church in Louisville, Ky., and there was great rejoicing over the report that year, which showed that we had 116 missionaries on the field, that there were 228 baptisms the previous year, with a total membership of 1,646 on all our foreign fields, and \$87,830 had been raised for the work. That was twenty years ago. This year there are 500 missionaries instead of 116. 2,239 baptisms instead of 228, 14,437 members instead of 1,646, and \$403,811.54 raised for the work instead of \$87,000.

Truly we have reason to thank God and take courage.

Our Baptist people at home are waking up to this great work as never before, and the reports from the fields thrill us with the glorious possibilities of the future. A significant feature of this awakening is the laymen's movement. Our Christian business men are taking hold of the work with a calm business-like determination to evangelize the world in the next thirty years. They have figured it out, and they say it can be done and they are going to do it. Think what that means; that every nook and corner of this sinful old world is going to hear the name of Jesus in the next thirty years! That every lost and ruined man shall have a chance to find his way home to God through the blood of Jesus Christ in the next thirty years! We have been 1900 years trying to do it, trying in a half-hearted way oftentimes, but now the news has gone out that it must be done. It will mean work and self-sacrifice and toil and tears, but they are all for Him, "Who loved us and gave Himself for us." The beloved Willingham is even now somewhere on the broad Pacific on his way around the world to see for himself, and to come back to tell us what he has seen and heard. Already those who know him best, know that if he would, he could say with the man of old, "The zeal of thine house hath eateth me up," but he will come back with a face shining like the face of Moses as he came from his talk with God, and his great heart will throb anew with the enthusiasm of his work.

He went reluctantly, in fear and trembling that the work might suffer in his absence, but his brethren everywhere pledged themselves to carry it on.

At Richmond they said in the convention this year we must raise \$750,000 instead of \$400,000. That means a quarter of a million advance,

and that means larger giving, larger praying, larger trusting. It will not be raised by you and I praying and hoping that somebody else will do it, but it will be raised if you and I, and every other you and I among all our Southern Baptist hosts, begin in our own hearts and our own pockets to increase our faith in the work and our gifts to it.

R. B. GARRETT.

Discussed by D. P. Harriss, and adopted.

30. Vice-Moderator W. J. Kendrick in the chair.

The question of the Laymen's Movement came up for discussion and was participated in by L. Lankford, A. W. Burfoot, R. J. Bateman and V. I'Anson.

On motion of W. L. Watson, the Association endorsed the Layman's Movement, and requested the Moderator, who is Vice-President for Virginia, to exert his influence to arouse the laymen of the Association and the State.

31. In the absence of W. R. Haight, the chairman, V. I'Anson read the report of the Missionary Committee, which was, upon motion, referred to a special committee for revision, to be appointed by the Moderator, but in the hurry the committee was not appointed.

32. The newly constituted church at Virginia Beach, after full explanation by C. S. Blackwell and V. I'Anson, members of the presbytery at the constitution, was duly admitted into fellowship in the Association, and the Moderator gave the hand of fellowship to the pastor and delegate, N. Richards.

Brother Richards made a brief statement of the outlook of the church and, on motion of W. F. Watson, the Association endorsed the efforts of N. Richards in the work at Virginia Beach.

33. Adjourned with prayer by A. W. Burfoot.

WEDNESDAY—Afternoon Session.

34. The Association reassembled at 2.00 o'clock, the Moderator in the chair. Prayer by W. Mosby Seay.

35. The Committee on Time, Place and Preacher for next meeting submitted the following:

Time—Tuesday after the 4th Sunday in September, 1908.

Place—Fourth Street Church, Portsmouth, Va.

Preacher—W. Mosby Seay.

Alternate—P. B. Watlington.

Adopted.

36. W. J. Kendrick read the

Report on Temperance.

The curse of this great American Republic and of the world, is strong drink. This is undeniable and has been recognized by the ablest men

of all countries in every sphere of life. We quote the words of two statesmen alone. Mr. Gladstone said in the House of Commons: "It has been said that greater calamities are inflicted on mankind by intemperance than by the three great historic scourges of war, pestilence and famine combined. That is true for Great Britain, and it is the measure of our discredit and disgrace."

Said Mr. Joseph Chamberlain: "If I could destroy the desire for strong drink in the people of England, what changes we would see. We should see our taxes reduced by millions sterling, we should see our jails and work-houses empty. We should see more lives saved in twelve months than are consumed in a century of bitter and savage war."

Strong as these statements are as regards the conditions in Great Britain, they do not exaggerate the facts with reference to our own American Republic.

One of the most hopeful signs of the ultimate triumph over the drink traffic, is the unequivocal stand taken by so many of our ministers and laymen, and Godly women of the churches of all denominations. Temperance is one of the fundamental principles of the Baptists, and the Portsmouth Baptist Association stands now, as it has always stood, and will forever stand, unequivocally opposed to the drink traffic. But resolutions and statements, however good they may be and however strong we put them, will not do away with this monster evil unless we shoulder the responsibility of higher citizenship, and by our voice and ballots, destroy this arch-source of squalor and degradation.

Much has been accomplished within the last five years to rid Virginia of the licensed saloon, and every day, as the battle waxes hotter and men grow stronger and braver, above the din and smoke, the white flag—the stainless flag—is borne aloft, on which is inscribed in imperishable letters of blood, "The Saloon Must Go." Thanks be unto our invincible leader, even Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has promised to be with us and not to forsake us, the saloon is going. We are just now and then catching foregleams of what shall be if we faint not. We are only living in the morning glory of this wave of public sentiment, which is sweeping over our fair Southland and Virginia, and if we will only keep up the fight, not many years will pass until there will burst in upon our vision the glorious noontide, when victory will perch upon our banners, victory for God and the Lamb.

All along the line comes the shout of triumph, which thrill our hearts with unspeakable joy, but when we reflect that here in Tidewater Virginia, the most cultured and God-favored section of the old commonwealth, there are more saloons than in all the rest of Virginia, our hearts burn within us and ask, How long, oh, how long will we have to undergo this measure of discredit and disgrace. Brethren, the fiend Drink and all the forces of Righteousness are struggling for mastery. The fight is on. It is to the death. This one man may win or lose, but in the end the victory must be with temperance, righteousness and God.

We commend the work of the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia in their well organized federation of the churches against the saloon, and pledge our sympathies, prayers, co-operation and money to help in the mighty crusade against the sale and manufacture of intoxicant liquors. And we would suggest that all the churches in this Association make their contributions to Temperance regularly and at specified times during the year, just as they do to the different Boards.

In conclusion, the social conditions of our country were never so malleable as now, and so easily moulded for better or for worse. Emerson said, "America is only another name for opportunity." No such opportunity was ever presented to the American people to set the pace toward a higher citizenship as now. I go into the blacksmith shop and see the smith take from his furnace fire the iron all aglow at white heat and lay it on his anvil. Then with a little hammer he indicates the

place where, and the time when, the man with the larger hammer shall wield the heavier blows which mould that iron into a useful instrument. And to-day, methinks I can see the Great Master Workman taking from His furnace fires the social and political conditions under government, at white heat, and lay them upon his political anvil. Then by His providences as indicators, He is now indicating the place where, and the time when, you men of God shall wield the strong educational and legislative blows that will mould these conditions, minus the saloon, into the higher and the Christian civilization. Are we of the Portsmouth Association ready to strike?

“By all for which the martyrs bore their agony and shame,
 By all the warning words of truth with which the prophet came;
 By a future that awaits; by all the hopes that cast
 Their trembling beams athwart the shadows of the past;
 And by the blessed thought of Him who for earth’s freedom died,
 Strike! Strike quick, strike hard, strike now on God Almighty’s side.”

W. J. KENDRICK.

Adopted by a rising vote.

37. R. J. Bateman, chairman of the Committee on Revision of the Rules of Order, submitted the report, which was adopted. See Rules of Order.

38. A. J. Fristoe read the report of the Committee on Digest of Church Letters, which was adopted:

Your Committee on the Digest of Church Letters respectfully report that there are 31 churches represented by letter at this meeting of the Association. These churches report a membership of 8,152, with 5,717 pupils in Sunday Schools and 369 baptisms. Their contributions to the Boards are as follows:

Foreign Missions	\$5,542 87
Home Missions	2,624 77
State Missions	2,660 74
Sunday School and Bible Board	670 39
Education Board	1,128 56
Ministers’ Relief Fund	450 95
Orphanage	1,606 51
General Education	26 00
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	\$14,710 79

A. J. FRISTOE,
 N. RICHARDS,
 D. C. LANCASTER,
Committee.

39. W. L. Hayes read the

Report of the Ministers’ Relief Fund.

The apostle Paul said, “do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.”

The ministers’ means of support is the preaching of the gospel. His work is worthy of being supported; of this work our Lord said the laborer is worthy of his hire. Whatsoever is paid for the preaching of the gospel is not too much.

In supporting the minister the whole period of his life ought to be considered, and not simply the time of his most active service, or even

actual labors; but under the Baptist system, ministers are paid only for actual service.

Now, since in many cases ministers' salaries only furnish them and their families a support, and supply only their actual needs and give them no opportunity to lay up anything against the time of old age, or to provide for an emergency, such as prolonged sickness or periods of inactivity, or the burial of any member of his family. And since these needs are liable to occur, and do occur, we therefore recognize it as a *duty* to contribute liberally to that fund.

This fund does not support aged and enfeebled ministers and their families, but only relieves their wants; so a sense of justice, as well as a feeling of gratitude, ought to impel us to support this work.

W. L. HAYES, *for the Committee.*

Adopted.

40. W. J. Kendrick, Vice-Moderator in the chair.

L. Lankford made a strong address on Pastoral Support, which was greatly enjoyed.

41. W. L. Hayes, from the Finance Committee, submitted the following, which was adopted;

We, the Finance Committee, have examined the Treasurer's report and found it correct, leaving no funds in his hands. We have received from the churches during this session \$73.85 for the Associational Fund, and \$35.00 from Northwest Church for the Boards, which amounts we have turned over to the Treasurer.

W. L. HAYES,
W. F. ROBERTSON,
E. L. COX, *Committee.*

42. By W. V. Savage.

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

43. R. J. Bateman read the

Report on Education.

The time has never been in the history of American civilization when education was more eminently needed than now. The recognition of this fact by our commonwealth is shown by the ever improving system of public education. The State realizes that it must educate in the interest of government, and the church must soon realize that it must educate in the interest of religion. These two functions are distinct and, at many points, are in direct opposition, yet, in the main, they should blend into a common agency, the end of which shall be to conserve the glorious right of liberty of our enlightened conscience.

He who said, "Ye are the light of the world," and "the salt of the earth," in that assurance made the church of Jesus Christ the possessor of light that truly lights the human mind and of the salt that saves individuals and republics alike. To this end the denominational school is a necessity, to the State as well as to itself: to the State because the State is precluded from injecting religion into its training, lest they offend a fundamental law of our republic; and to itself because it must provide for a continuous Christian testimony and a blending and developing of the minds of the young into the channels of sympathy and of practical equipment for Christian work. It is here that the first impulse of sympathy and denominational patriotism are developed, for the student's mind is opening under circumstances conducive to conviction. For this reason let us maintain our denominational schools,

Every church should educate, for as Hon. William T. Hume has recently said, "that the only vital religion among us is of the denominational type." To this end let the State of Virginia maintain the schools within its bounds, namely, Woman's College, Rawlin's Institute, Virginia Institute, Southside Female Institute, Richmond Academy, Newport News Academy, Lee Baptist Institute and Richmond College, which is pre-eminently the educational opportunity of Virginia Baptists. It has grown great; we must make it greater; it has achieved great ends; its day of usefulness should just be dawning. This can be perfected only by the co-operation of the individual Baptists of Virginia.

We cannot too greatly emphasize or endorse the excellent work done by the Educational Board. It has already aided about seven hundred preachers, and 51 in the last year were dependent upon it for help. For this Board we ought to pray and sacrifice, that its field of usefulness should be ever enlarging until not one of God's poor who desire to preach shall find the doors barred.

I cannot close this report without urging the Baptists of Virginia to never rest until an equipment for the education of young women shall be equal at least to that of which we boast for our young men.

Respectfully submitted, R. J. BATEMAN.

Pending its adoption, B. C. Henning of the Education Commission, addressed the body, and upon motion of V. P'Anson, the Association heartily endorsed the efforts of the Educational Commission.

The report on Education was then adopted.

44. By C. S. Blackwell:

Resolved, That this Association assures the Pleasant Grove Church and its Pastor that we heartily appreciate the generous hospitality and gracious attention received by us during the session of this Association.

45. In lieu of the report on Obituaries, the pastor's of the several brethren recently deceased were requested to prepare sketches of these brethren and forward them to the Clerk for publication in the minutes.

The subject elicited remarks from C. K. Hobbs and C. S. Blackwell.

The following are the sketches, so far as received by the Clerk:

DEACON W. L. POWERS.

That period in the history of the Portsmouth Association from 1840 to 1845 gave to the world and Christianity some men whose names and deeds should and will live for generations yet to come, and not the least of these is the name that heads this notice. The civil war ended just as Brother Powers was merging into manhood, and the awful sweep of its ravages devastated every community in all our Southland. Fortunate was the section that had such a progressive, hopeful spirit, as did the one about whom I write, to undertake the repair of such a waste. It was in August of 1872 that the writer was conducting a great meeting at Northwest when Brother Powers professed religion and he baptized him, with twenty-six others. Almost from the day of his conversion and baptism he began to take interest in the church, and it increased to the day of his death. He learned his letters and also learned to read in the Sunday School, for when he grew up to manhood there were no schools near, and he was a poor young man, without a dollar and without a friend who had dollars to lend. Space forbids my telling his great

work for his church and his God. Like Solomon of old, his middle and latter life found him prayerfully desiring to see the house of the Lord where he worshipped the best and most attractive in all his section, and the fine and commodious house of worship of Northwest is largely the result of his energy and tact and contagious enthusiasm. As a Deacon he served his church well and earned for himself a good report, ever faithful to the great trust committed to him. As a business man, he had a comprehensive grasp of details and a high regard for his good name, and during his life of sixty-five years he accumulated a good fortune. He provided well for his family, was generous in their education and left them an example calculated to inspire them to high and noble resolves. At his church on Saturday before the first Sunday in August, 1907, full of hope and zeal, and on Sunday morning we all watched him as he went out of the world. The writer preached his funeral and witnessed the largest concourse of people at the grave that he ever witnessed on such an occasion in the country. J. A. SPEIGHT.

DEACON J. W. CREEKMORE

Died at his home in Norfolk county, October 5th, 1906, being sixty-six years old. Brother Creekmore was a consistent member of Blackwater Baptist Church for thirty-nine years and a Deacon for twenty years. He loved his church devotedly and was one of the most faithful members, being present at most of the services. It was one of his most pleasant duties, though being a great sufferer from an incurable cancer. For twenty years he bore his suffering in a Christlike spirit, and died in the faith in which he had lived for so many years.

W. E. LANKFORD, Pastor.
J. W. BERBY, Deacon.
B. C. FLETCHER, "
B. P. WILSON, "

THOMAS W. GODWIN.

Thomas W. Godwin departed this life September 8th, 1907, in the 79th year of his age. He was a native of Portsmouth, Va., and spent his active business career in Norfolk, where he built up a large business as a machinist and head of the Godwin Iron Works. As a man of probity in business he commanded the respect of this community. As a large employer of men he was just and kind. His great, generous heart led him to help many young men forward and up in life. In his home, as husband and father, he was thoughtful and generous. As a member of the First Baptist Church and senior Deacon and Sunday School teacher, he was punctual, liberal, diligent and pious. He was mighty and tender in prayer. The church loved him. He was a true friend of the pastor. He was a faithful servant of his Lord and a devout reader of the Bible. He died after a lingering illness in great triumph of faith.

46. Q. C. Davis was elected delegate to the next meeting of Southern Baptist Convention, and on motion, his expenses are to be borne by the churches of the Association, and that the Clerk be instructed to apportion the amount among the churches.

47. C. S. Blackwell was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon at the next meeting of this Association.

48. Prayer by W. Mosby Seay, and the Association adjourned to meet with the Fourth Street Church, Portsmouth, Va., on Tuesday after the 4th Sunday in September, 1907.

L. LANKFORD, *Moderator.*

GEORGE J. HOBDAY, *Clerk.*

V. I'ANSON, *Ass't Clerk.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Gavin Rawls, Treasurer Portsmouth Associon,
In account with Evangelistic Fund.

1906.	By balance	\$75 90	
September.	" amount from Centerville Church	25 00	
October.	" " " Hebron "	10 00	
"	" " " Nansemond "	10 00	
	To check to Mrs. Owen		\$120 71
	" postage, etc.		19
		<u>\$120 90</u>	<u>\$120 90</u>

The Portsmouth Association,
In account with Gavin Rawls, Treasurer.

1906.	By amount received from Finance Committee	\$123 40	
September.	" " " later	24 00	
	To amount paid F. A. Owen, printing and mailing Minutes	\$100 00	
"	" " " Clerk	40 00	
"	" " " " balance	3 60	
"	" " " Expressage and postage	3 80	
		<u>\$147 40</u>	<u>\$147 40</u>

Woman's Missionary Union.

The seventh annual meeting of the W. M. U., auxiliary to the Portsmouth Association, was held at Pleasant Grove Church, Hickory, Va., September 24th 1907.

Motto—"In just that very place where God hath put and keepeth you, He hath no other thing for you to do."

The meeting was opened with Scripture reading by the Superintendent, Mrs. Sadie J. Culpepper.

Then the Union was led in prayer by Brother Richards of Va. Beach, after which he made a plea for a Baptist church at Va. Beach. On motion of Miss Wood of Berkley, the Union decided to recommend that each Society would make a contribution to the object presented. Mrs. M. L. Lee of Pleasant Grove, delivered an address of "Welcome," and the response was by Mrs. W. N. Grubb, of Freemason Street, Norfolk. The words of both were beautiful and appropriate to the occasion.

Roll-call by the Secretary, Mrs. C. D. Mahone, of Norfolk, was responded to by eleven delegates with reports, and five additional reports were sent to the Secretary, making sixteen in

all, showing the contributions to be \$2,266.83, for the year ending September 30th, 1907.

There were many visitors from the various churches, and much needed interest was manifested during the entire session.

State, Home and Foreign Missions were freely discussed, and interesting and instructive papers were read by the following ladies, viz: Miss Mary Wood, Mrs. Annie Johnakin, Mrs. W. S. Wilkins, Mrs. W. M. Vines, Mrs. Fannie Vaughan, Mrs. J. M. Marshall and Mrs. S. B. Ironmonger. The papers read by Mrs. Vines and Mrs. Marshall were written by Mrs. R. A. Lumber and Miss Tenie R. Eley, (who were absent on account of sickness.)

The Superintendent read letters from the President of the W. M. U. of the S. B. C., (Miss F. E. S. Heck,) from the Corresponding Secretaries from the Home, Foreign and Sunday School and Bible Boards, also a letter from our Immigrant Pier Missionary, in Baltimore, (Miss Marie Brehlmaier.)

The Union was led in prayer by Mrs. W. M. Vines, of Freemason Street. The Secretary read a letter from the "Margaret Home," in which reference was made to the need of a new matting in the Va. Room. The ladies decided to make voluntary contributions for this purpose. The Superintendent emphasized all of the above mentioned objects, also the endowment fund for Woman's College at Richmond, the Training School for women at Louisville, the support of Miss Fuller, the girls missionary in Indian Territory, and the woman's missionary in Buchanan county, (Mr. Hash,) and the Parsonage for him.

The exercises were interspersed with songs of praise, the closing one being "God be with you till we meet again."

The benediction prayer was offered by Mrs. W. S. Wilkins of Norfolk.

Adjourned.

MRS. SADIE J. CULPEPPER,
Superintendent.

MRS. C. D. MAHONE,
Secretary.

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

CHURCHES,	LOCATION.	Estab- lished.	PASTORS.	Value of Church Building and Lot.	Value of Pastor's and Lot	Sundays of Preach'g
Berkley Avenue	Norfolk, Va.....	1873	W. A. Smith	\$15000 00	.....	Every
Bethel	Norfolk Co	1889	A. W. Burfoot ..	1500 00	.....	1st & 3rd
Black Water	Prin. Anne Co.	1840	W. E. Lankford.	1200 00	.....	1st&3&4h
Broadway	Norfolk Co	1898	D. G. Lancaster ..	300 00	.....	1st & 3rd
Burrows' Memorial ..	Norfolk Co	1894	Geo. W. Cox	2000 00	.....	Every
Centreville	Norfolk Co	1872	A. W. Burfoot ...	1000 00	.....	1st & 3rd
Churchland	Norfolk Co	1785	W. V. Savage.....	12000 00	3500 00	Every
Deep Creek	Norfolk Co	1869	.....	1500 00	.....	1st
Gilmerton	Gilmerton	1895	D. G. Lancaster ..	1500 00	800 00	Every
Kempsville.....	Prin. Anne Co.	1814	R. J. Bateman ..	2000 00	.....	2nd & 4th
Knott's Island	Currituck, N. C.	1876	W. E. Lankford.	650 00	.....	2nd
Lake Drummond	Norfolk Co	1850	.....	1000 00	.....	2nd & 4th
London Bridge.....	Prin. Anne Co.	1784	P. B. Watlington	3000 00	800 00	Every
Little Creek	Prin. Anne Co.	1891	.....	700 00	.....	.....
Nansemond	Nansemond Co.	1891	W. V. Savage	2500 00	.....	1st & 3rd
Northwest	Norfolk Co	1782	J. A. Speight.....	3000 00	.....	1st & 3rd
Newsoms	South'm'ton Co.	1883	E. S. Pierce.....	3000 00	2500 00	2nd & 4th
Norf. First.....	Norfolk Va.....	1804	C. S. Blackwell..	75000 00	.....	Every
Norf. Freemason St...	Norfolk Va.....	1848	W. M. Vines	50000 00	10000 00	Every
Norf. Park Ave	Norfolk Va.....	1885	A. J. Fristoe	35000 00	5000 00	Every
Norf. Spurg. Mem	Norfolk Va.....	1892	R. J. Bateman	2000 00	.....	Every
Norfolk, Grace	Norfolk Va.....	1884	Vernon P'Anson ..	13000 00	1000 00	Every
Norf. Central	Norfolk Va.....	1886	E. E. Dudley.....	65000 00	.....	Every
Norf. Park Place	Norfolk, Va.	1902	.....	5000 00	.....	Every
Oak Grove	Prin. Anne Co.	1762	W. E. Lankford ..	2500 00	600 00	1st&3&4th
Ports., Court St	Portsmouth, Va.	1789	R. B. Garrett	75000 00	.....	Every
Ports., Fourth St.	Portsmouth, Va.	1855	C. J. D. Parker...	30000 00	2800 00	Every
Ports., South St	Portsmouth, Va.	1889	W. F. Watson	17500 00	.....	Every
Ports., Calvary	Portsmouth, Va.	1889	W. R. Haight.....	8000 00	1800 00	Every
Ports., Park View	Portsmouth, Va.	1899	D. P. Harris	10000 00	.....	Every
Ports., Prentis Place ..	Portsmouth, Va.	1906	.....	1000 00	.....	Every
Port Norfolk	Port Norf., Va. .	1898	F. W. Kerfoot	10000 00	.....	Every
Pleasant Grove	Norfolk Co	1845	A. W. Burfoot ..	1000 00	.....	2nd & 4th
Salem	Norfolk Co	1829	.....	5800 00	.....	.....
St. John	Prin. Anne Co.	18-6	P. B. Watlington	3500 00	1800 00	Every
South Norfolk	Norfolk Co	1893	Q. C. Davis.....	5500 00	.....	Every
Suffolk	Suffolk, Va.	1827	W. Mosby Seay ..	10500 00	2500 00	Every
West Norfolk	W. Norfolk, Va.	1895	W. L. Hayes	1600 00	1000 00	Every
Virginia Beach.....	Prin. Anne Co.	1907	N. Richards .....	.....	.....	.....
				\$499700 00	34100 00	

MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	ADDITIONS BY				DIMINUTIONS BY				PRESENT NUMBER.		
	Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration.	Experience.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Death.	Erasure.	White Males.	White Females.	Total.
Berkley Avenue	16	53	5	9	5	15	3	24	135	207	342
Bethel	1	1	1		1		1		54	48	102
Black Water	1	1			2	3	3		50	80	130
Broadway									10	10	20
Burrow's Memorial	10	13		4	5	2	2		91	188	279
Centreville	9		1		6		1		78	72	150
Churchland	24	1		2			1		114	94	208
*Deep Creek									45	50	95
Gilmerton	2	5		1	3	3	1		31	54	85
Kempsville							1		35	37	72
Knott's Island	1	2					1		34	53	87
Lake Drummond	5	1			1		3	4	50	62	112
London Bridge	24	14	1	2			3		64	104	168
*Little Creek									10	22	32
Nansemond					1		1		19	26	45
Northwest	1						2		81	119	200
Newsoms	1	2			2	2	3	1	95	112	207
Norfolk, First	3	5			9		4		175	250	425
Norfolk, Freemason Street	42	57	4		11		15	44	465	632	1097
Norfolk, Park Avenue	27	32		15	37		7	1	456	326	782
Norfolk, Spurgeon Memorial	35	17		5	16	1	4		180	346	526
Norfolk, Grace	16	8					1		78	134	212
Norfolk, Central	12	10		1	9		6	6	126	232	358
*Norfolk, Park Place									45	62	107
Oak Grove	2	1			1				128	148	276
Portsmouth, Court Street	20	34	1	2	13	12	4	29	233	366	599
Portsmouth, Fourth Street	22	16	2	6	6	11	4		161	289	450
Portsmouth, South Street	11	26		2	16	11	4	2	105	208	313
Portsmouth, Calvary	34	13	3	5	14	13	4	1	130	264	394
*Portsmouth, Park View	11	18		1	5	1			92	132	224
Portsmouth, Prentis Place	6								22	37	59
Port Norfolk	20	7		3	6			20	70	110	180
Pleasant Grove	4	3			5		2		45	65	110
Salem											
St. John	13	7		1					40	71	111
South Norfolk	41	14		16	6	5	4		237	320	557
Suffolk	11	22	1	4	11		2	1	131	232	363
West Norfolk	2	3		1	1				42	45	87
Virginia Beach											
Total	425	387	19	80	192	79	87	133	3957	5607	9564

*Statistics of last year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	Superintendents and Post Offices.	No. of Schools, Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions.	Mths in Session.	Volumes in Library.	Church Members in School.
Berkley Avenue	E. J. West, Berkley Station, Va.	1	22	285	12	106	.....
Bethel	W. A. Ethridge, Herbert	1	9	50	12	.....	30
Black Water	W. J. Berry, Hickory	1	9	39	12	.....	20
Broadway	B. F. Niles, Berkley Station	1	20	250	12	50	75
Burrows' Memorial	A. W. Riggins, Norfolk	1	15	75	7	.....	50
Centreville	J. T. Roach, Hickory	1	14	132	20	757	90
Churchland	John T. Griffin, Portsmouth	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Deep Creek	.....	1	10	80	12	.....	27
Gilmerton	H. C. Harris, Gilmerton	1	15	31	12	100	23
Kempsville	T. Edmunds, R.F.D., No. 2, Norfolk	1	15	100	12	100	20
Knott's Island	J. E. Bonney, Knott's Island, N. C.	1	8	72	6	.....	34
Lake Drummond	B. F. Vaughn, Wallaceton, Va.	1	8	126	18	.....	90
London Bridge	J. E. Old, Jacksondale	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Little Creek	.....	1	6	38	12	.....	.....
Nansemond	W. T. Jordan, Drivers	1	8	25	12	150	15
Northwest	N. B. Powers, Northwest	1	12	96	6	12	65
Newsoms	R. E. Darden, Newsoms	1	40	313	12	500	75
Norf., First	H. J. Williamson, Norfolk	1	54	943	20	800	523
Norf., Freemason St.	M. Winston, Norfolk	1	40	500	35	200	300
Norf., Park Avenue	H. W. Snellings, Norfolk	1	38	536	23	110	200
Norf., Spurg. Memorial	E. A. Binns, and H. S. Jarvis, Norfolk	2	21	276	12	300	45
Norf., Grace	{ E. S. Fergusson and W. W. Workman, Norfolk	2	29	323	12	.....	95
Norfolk, Central	J. W. Phillips, Norfolk	1	14	114	12	300	43
*Norfolk, Park Place	R. C. Campbell, Norfolk	1	15	130	5	150	100
Oak Grove	W. W. Bowen, Creeds	1	32	340	12	400	150
Ports., Court St.	G. S. Rains, Portsmouth	1	43	400	12	.....	137
Ports., Fourth St.	M. W. Allen, Portsmouth	1	24	210	10	.....	75
Ports., South St.	Ceo. H. Ballance, Portsmouth	1	30	442	23	125	145
Ports., Calvary	W. F. Watkins, Portsmouth	1	21	166	11	50	60
Ports., Park View	Jesse Hanners, Portsmouth	1	9	83	1	.....	21
Ports., Prentice Place	Carroll Myers, Portsmouth	1	17	164	17	148	42
Port Norfolk	W. H. Rodman, Portsmouth	1	9	60	6	.....	25
Pleasant Grove	C. F. Eason, Hickory, R.F. D. No. 1.	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salem	.....	1	12	108	8	.....	52
St. John	Alonzo Lee, Princess Anne	1	24	350	42	12	70
South Norfolk	G. B. White, South Norfolk	1	19	282	11	610	70
Suffolk	W. J. Kendrick, Suffolk	1	8	104	2	56	30
West Norfolk	N. P. Williams, West Norfolk	1
Virginia Beach	1
Total	37	678	7093	316	5077	2710

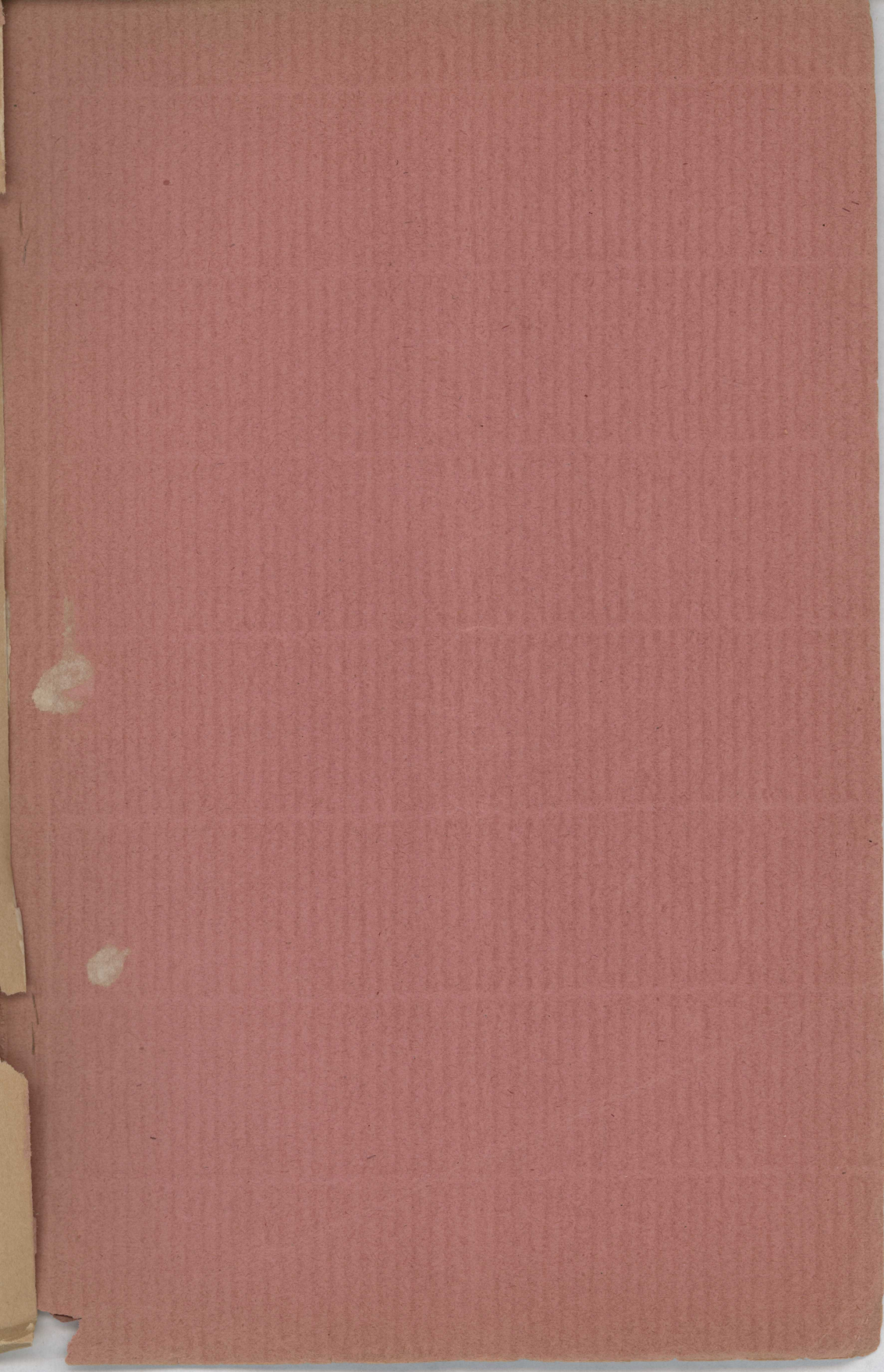
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CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE BOARDS.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	S. S. and B. Board.	Education Board.	Ministers Relief Fund.	Orphan-age.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Total.	Educational Commission.
Berkley Avenue	58 80	18 95	17 55	15 02	73 45	153 28	33 81	370 86	6 00
Bethel	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	6 00	4 00	4 00	30 00	.....
Black Water	10 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00	5 00	10 00	35 00	.....
Broadway	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....
Burrows' Memorial	85 00	5 25	20 50	4 50	10 00	100 00	12 00	237 25	.....
Centreville	18 00	6 60	6 59	6 60	16 27	15 70	9 80	79 56	.....
Churchland	325 00	15 00	15 00	15 00	160 00	250 00	70 00	850 00	.....
Deep Creek .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gilmerton	16 50	5 00	3 60	2 50	12 00	7 50	7 00	54 10	.....
Kempsville	20 00	20 00	.....	10 00	16 00	55 75	20 00	141 75	.....
Knott's Island	2 00	4 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	3 00	15 00	.....
Lake Drummond	10 00	10 00	3 00	3 00	7 00	23 01	9 14	65 15	.....
London Bridge	21 60	18 00	10 67	8 50	26 65	25 00	22 00	132 42	.....
Little Creek .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nansemond	27 50	5 00	3 00	5 00	15 00	15 00	15 00	85 50	.....
Northwest	7 00	5 00	2 00	1 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	35 00	.....
Newsoms	23 15	15 00	.....	.....	34 94	25 00	15 00	113 09	.....
Norfolk, First	105 49	16 00	.....	22 00	14 50	100 00	181 00	438 99	.....
Norfolk, Freemason street	722 58	177 11	900 00	108 11	279 52	1,545 16	1,012 10	4,744 58	.....
Norfolk, Park Avenue	77 59	50 00	50	160 00	63 00	500 00	183 37	974 46	.....
Norfolk, Spurge'n Mem'l	120 00	25 00	8 00	5 00	96 60	552 60	176 35	983 55	.....
Norfolk, Grace	18 25	6 00	.....	.....	8 30	20 00	23 50	76 05	.....
Norfolk, Central	40 85	13 15	6 67	9 75	60 63	100 45	63 87	296 40	.....
Norfolk, Park Place .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oak Grove	45 00	20 00	5 00	5 00	15 00	21 00	17 00	128 00	4 00
Portsmouth, Court Street	350 00	75 00	70 00	40 00	220 00	908 84	310 91	1974 75	.....
Portsmouth, Fourth Street	260 30	55 64	35 00	40 00	115 00	255 22	265 05	1027 21	10 00
Portsmouth, South Street	103 67	33 01	.....	.....	34 68	143 42	48 42	363 20	.....
Portsmouth, Calvary	26 70	7 01	.....	.....	35 25	64 62	4 00	137 58	.....
Portsmouth, Park View	45 00	10 00	.....	10 00	137 00	105 00	34 00	341 00	.....
Portsmouth, Prentiss Place	12 00	12 25	.....	2 50	14 00	5 00	2 50	48 25	.....
Port Norfolk	50 00	6 26	5 00	5 00	38 65	11 00	5 00	120 91	5 00
Pleasant Grove	10 00	9 28	.....	.....	5 22	68 13	.....	92 63	.....
Salem .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. John's	24 00	17 00	12 00	11 53	29 50	23 00	17 00	134 03	.....
South Norfolk	35 00	10 00	.....	.....	60 00	15 00	15 00	135 00	.....
Suffolk	110 06	13 82	19 75	20 90	.....	204 29	107 73	476 55	.....
West Norfolk	30 00	10 32	5 23	5 14	35 60	20 40	13 77	120 46	.....
Virginia Beach .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	\$2816 02	698 65	1154 06	461 05	1648 76	5854 40	2714 32	14958 28	25 00

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR HOME PURPOSES.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Current Expenses.	Support of S. School.	Aid of Poor.	Church Building and Improvements.	Association Fund.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
Berkley Avenue	1300 00	609 45	176 19	25 26	51 20	3 00	536 07	2701 17
Bethel	125 00	18 00	10 00	.....	26 05	1 50	23 00	203 55
Black Water	200 00	50 00	20 00	.....	.....	1 50	.....	271 50
Broadway	60 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60 00
Burrows' Memorial	840 00	125 00	150 00	10 00	1000 00	1 00	.....	2126 00
Centerville	350 00	35 00	.....	.....	64 00	1 50	34 00	484 50
Churchland,	1500 00	500 00	50 00	50 00	25 00	3 00	.....	2128 00
Deep Creek .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	481 79
Gilmerton	435 00	.....	45 79	.....	.....	.....	.....	375 00
Kempsville	300 00	30 00	20 00	.....	.....	.....	25 00	375 00
Knott's Island	100 00	15 00	15 00	3 00	.....	1 50	.....	133 50
Lake Drummond	250 00	12 00	25 20	6 40	.....	1 50	.....	295 10
London Bridge	375 00	35 64	65 00	.....	97 65	3 35	169 28	745 92
Little Creek .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	242 50
Nansemond	192 00	30 00	19 00	.....	.....	1 50	.....	301 50
North West	250 00	15 00	15 00	20 00	.....	1 50	.....	412 00
Newsoms	300 00	61 50	22 00	.....	7 00	1 50	20 00	3679 01
Norfolk, First	2000 00	600 00	322 26	402 75	150 00	4 00	200 00	13009 10
Norfolk, Freemason St.	4200 00	2839 55	528 36	428 18	2174 00	6 00	2833 01	8180 75
Norfolk, Park Avenue	2500 00	900 00	475 75	300 00	3900 00	5 00	100 00	4160 77
Norf'k, Spurg Memor'l	1440 00	591 54	296 17	114 65	1531 94	5 00	381 47	2416 48
Norfolk, Grace	1000 00	200 00	173 23	16 50	1000 00	3 00	23 75	4961 52
Norfolk, Central	2000 00	519 17	243 15	47 70	2150 00	1 50	.....	717 44
Norfolk, Park Place	475 00	50 00	50 00	.....	75 00	3 00	64 44	8144 41
Oak Grove	2500 00	3039 74	310 27	283 93	1200 00	5 00	805 47	7406 95
Portsmouth, Court St.	1500 00	689 44	356 59	157 92	4700 00	3 00	.....	3184 77
Portsmouth, Fourth St.	1200 00	713 96	120 00	26 04	1000 00	2 00	122 77	1758 00
Portsmouth, South St.	1100 00	200 00	296 00	10 00	.....	2 00	150 00	2478 26
Portsmouth, Calvary	1200 00	750 00	232 72	34 31	.....	2 00	259 23	1954 34
Ports., Prentiss Place	600 00	262 75	90 59	.....	1000 00	1 00	.....	1828 98
Port Norfolk	1000 00	269 00	82 72	15 76	225 50	1 00	235 00	341 50
Pleasant Grove	200 00	26 00	20 00	.....	75 00	1 50	19 00	1012 00
Salem	325 00	32 88	26 12	.....	428 50	1 50	198 00	1289 89
St. John	1060 00	108 67	.....	69 22	50 00	2 00	.....	2292 11
South Norfolk	1000 00	800 00	.....	39 11	450 00	3 00	.....	522 96
Suffolk	400 00	58 00	40 96	.....	.....	1 00	23 00	1 00
West Norfolk .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....
Virginia Beach .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	32200 00	13987 29	4298 07	2060 73	21380 84	75 85	6222 49	80202 17



STANDING COMMITTEES.

State Missions,	- - - - -	A. J. Fristoe
Home Missions,	- - - - -	F. W. Kerfoot
Foreign Missions,	- - - - -	R. J. Bateman
Education,	- - - - -	V. I'Anson
Sunday School and Bible Board,	- - - - -	C. J. D. Parker
Pastoral Support,	- - - - -	W. F. Robertson
Ministers' Relief Fund,	- - - - -	W. H. Rodman
Obituaries,	- - - - -	A. W. Burfoot
Orphanage,	- - - - -	W. E. Lankford
Temperance,	- - - - -	W. Mosby Seay

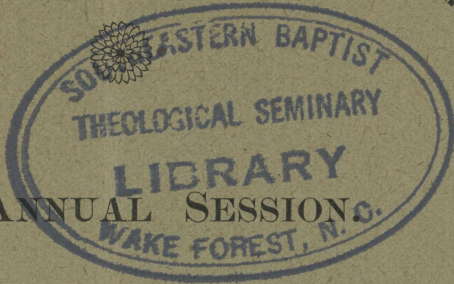
MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

Churches—Berkley Avenue, Broadway, Blackwater, Bethel, Burrows' Memorial, Centerville, Churchland, Deep Creek, Gilmerton, Kempsville, Knott's Island, Lake Drummond, London Bridge, Little Creek, Nansemond, Norfolk, Northwest, Oak Grove, Portsmouth, Pleasant Grove, South Norfolk, Salem, Suffolk, St. John, West Norfolk, Virginia Beach.

Committee—J. A. Speight, W. V. Savage, D. C. Whitehurst, W. R. Haight, W. C. Corbitt.

NOTE—The Clerk will not be responsible for letters made out on separate bits of paper. If the Church Clerks do not receive letter blanks by September 1st, drop me a postal to that effect. Church letters must be mailed to the Clerk by September 15th. This is very important.

CLERK.



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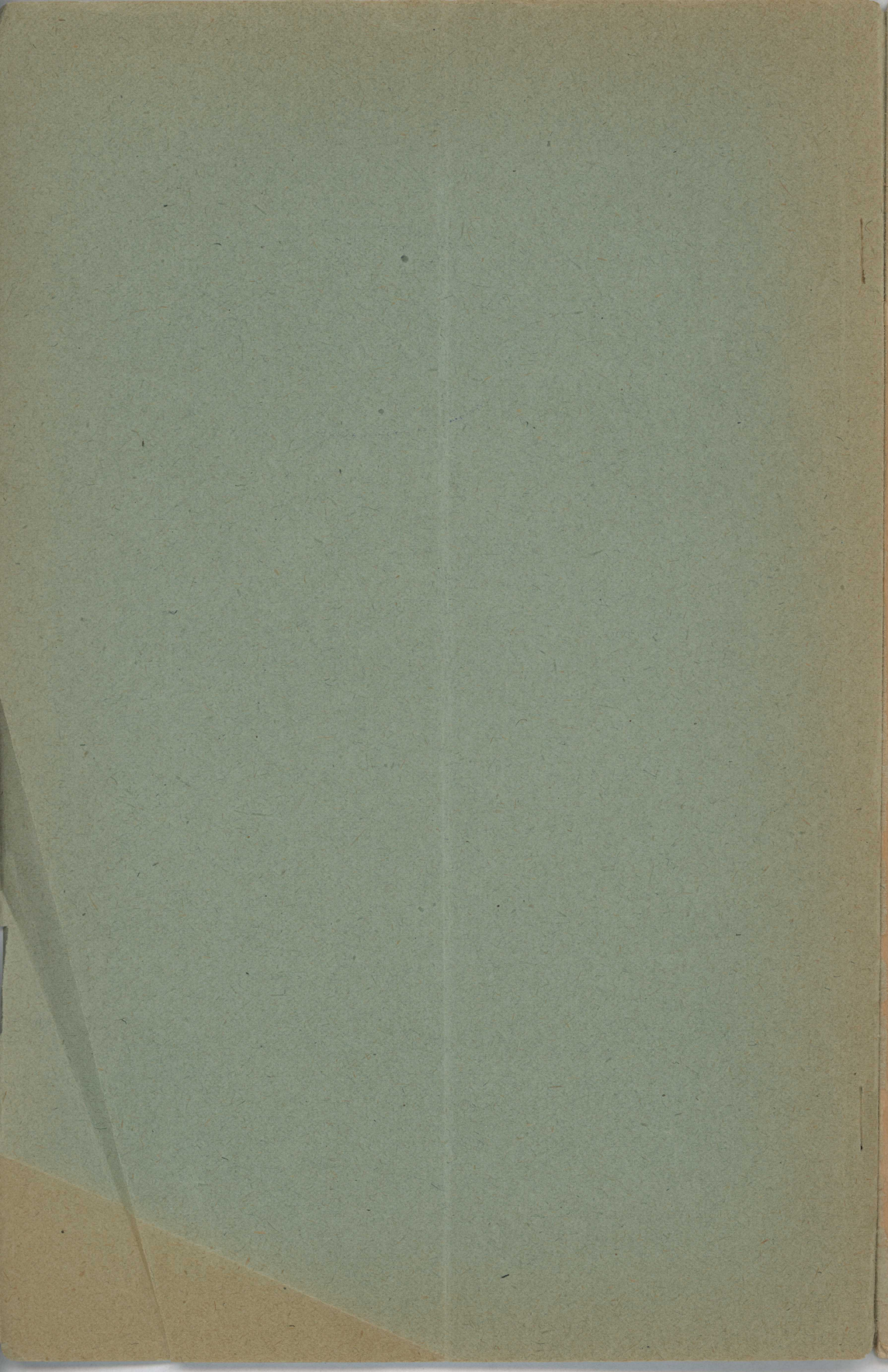
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PORTSMOUTH, VA.,

September 29th and 30th, 1908.

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MODERATOR, W. J. KENDRICK.
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Ordained Ministers.

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

Clerks of the Churches.

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