

MINUTES.

OF THE

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Portsmouth Paptist Pszociation,

HELD WITH THE

CHURCHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH,

NORFOLK COUNTY, VIRGINA.

September 24th-26th, 1912.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION,

MODERATOR,	W. F. ROBERTSON
VICE-MODERATOR,	
CLERK AND TREASURER,	
ASSISTANT CLERK	

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Ordained Ministers.

Anderson, J. T., Norfolk, Va.

*Arendall, C. B., Georgia.

*Burrett. J. W. Jr., Tye River, Va.

*Black, W. M., South Norfolk, Va.

Burfoot, A. W., Fentress, Va.

*Blackwell, C. S., Norfolk, Va.
Cox, George W., Norfolk, Va.
Carter, A. A., Portsmouth, Va.

*Pay, J. H., Norfolk, Va.
De Yarmett, W.E., Ocean View, Va.

*Pulng, W. B., Back Bay, Va.

*Ferebee, J. B., Portsmouth, Va.
Fugate, H. M., Norfolk, Va.
Garrett, R. B., Portsmouth, Va.

Hobday, Geo. J., Portsmouth, Va.

*Howell, J. D., Norfolk, Va.
Jacobs, I. T., Portsmouth, Va.

Licentiates: R. W. Torbert, Portsmouth, Va.

Jenkins, C. A., Norfolk, Va.

*Jennnings, Jas., South Norfolk, Va.
Melton, S. W., Norfolk, Va.

*Moore, F. W., Petersburg, Va.
Peebles, J. D., London Bridge, Va.
Perryman, G. W., Norfolk, Va.

*Patrick, B. R., Norfolk, Va.
Paulette, L. F., Fentress, Va.
Phillips, J. T., West Norfolk, Va.

*Rabb, R. M., Norfolk, Va.
Richards, N., Virginia Beach, Va.
Savage, W. V., Churchland, Va.
Smith, W. A., Norfolk, Va.
Seymour, T. Y., Portsmouth, Va.
Stephenson, R. D., Portsmouth, Va.
Swope, G. W., Norfolk, Va.
Westfall, L. J., Portsmouth, Va.

*Absent.

Licentiates: R. W. Torbert, Portsmouth; J. W. Leafe, Portsmouth; G. T. Lendall, Portsmouth; M. P. Williams, Norfolk, Va.

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9. Gilmerton	n	M. G. Gallimore Cilmenton Va.
10. Immanue		J W Watking Ocean View Vo
11. Kempsvi	lle	O B Mears Norfolk Va Route 2
12. Knott's I	sland	J. J. Miller Knott's Island N. C.
13. Lake Dru	ammond	B. F. Vaughn Wallaceton Vo
14. London I	Bridge	Elzy Land London Bridge Va
15. Nansemo	nd	W. Tyus, Portsmouth, Va., Route 2, Box 66. M. G. Gallimore, Gilmerton, Va. J. W. Watkins, Ocean View, Va. O. B. Mears, Norfolk, Va., Route 2. J. L. Miller, Knott's Island, N. C. B. F. Vaughn, Wallaceton, Va. Elzy Land, London Bridge, Va. J. E. Jordan, Driver, Va. W. B. Powers, Northwest, Va. F. J. Creekmore, Norfolk, Va.
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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 male delegates, elected by the churches connected with this body, and all ordained ministers who are members of, or laboring in connection with said churches. Each church of one hundred members and under shall be entitled to two delegates, and for every additional one hundred members an additional delegate. No church shall have more than four delegates.

OBJECTS.

Article 3. The objects shall be to devise and recommend measures for increasing the harmony, the intelligence and the spirtual 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 dismission.

RIGHTS OF THE CHURCHES.

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

DUTIES OF THE CHURCHES.

Article 7. It shall be the duty of the churches to appoint as delegates, as far as practicable, their most capable members, to insist upon their attendance, and to send by them a contribution to the Associaton 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.

5th. 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 Mell's Parliamentary Practice,

MINUTES.

CHURCHLAND, NORFOLK COUNTY, VA., September 24, 1912.

1. The Virginia Portsmouth Baptist Association met in its 122nd annual session with the Churchland Baptist Church, Norfolk county, Va., on the above date, at 10:30 o'clock A. M.

The former Moderator, W. F. Robertson, called the meeting to order and religious exercises were conducted by A. W. Burfoot.

2. The letters from the churches were then read and delegates enrolled as follows:

Berkley Avenue
Bethel W. T. Davis, I. E. Brothers, W. A. Etheridge, Geo. E. Wood
Blackwater Letter only
Broadway I. R. Dozier, E. S. Leary
Burrow's Memorial
Centreville J. T. Roach, John Scott
Churchland John T. Griffin, T. J. Wright, M. J. Kilby
Deep Creek John Carey
East Brambleton Letter only
Gilmerton
Immanuel
Kempsville
Knott's Island Letter only
Lake Drummond Letter only
London Bridge Geo. W. Reader, J. B. Overman
Nansemond J. W. Daughtry
North West Letter only
Norfolk, First J. M. Robertson, T. J. Creekmore, W. G. Collins
Norfolk, Freemason Street L. Lankford, S. T. Dickinson, W. F.
Robertson J. B. Jenkins.
Norfolk, Park Avenue W. McK. Woodhouse
Norfolk, Spurgeon Memorial C. H. Joyner, Edgar Chapman
R. M. Jarvis, S. B. Miller.
Norfolk, Grace
Norfolk, Central F. E. Hansell
Norfolk, Park Place S. E. Morriss, E. L. Holtzclaw, E. Folliard
Norfolk, Fairmount
10,700,

Oak Grove
C. R. Robertson, B. B. Peele.
Portsmouth, Fourth Street C. R. Frame, L. C. Brinson
Portsmouth, South Street J. L. Pruden
Portsmouth, Calvary
Portsmouth, Park View J. L. Robertson, T. D. Roper
Portsmouth, Prentis Place W. H. Bassett, George Andersen
Port Norfolk W. H. Rodman, S. G. Webb, H. C. Duerr, Henry Duke
Pleasant Grove J. W. Smithson, A. O. Lee
St. John Letter only
South Norfolk J. A. Stephenson, C. J. Spence, W. C. Whitley
Virginia Beach Letter only
West Norfolk R. L. Raby, A. C. Davis, John Dennis, Sr.

3. The officers of the Association were elected as follows:

W. F. Robertson—Moderator.
W. H. Rodman—Vice-Moderator.
George J. Hobday—Clerk and Treasurer.
H. M. Fugate—Assistant Clerk.

4. The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Finance—R. D. Stephenson, George Anderson.

On Religious Exercises—The Pastor and Deacons of Churchland Church.

- 5. On motion of V. I'Anson the name of Salem Church was stricken from the Minutes, it having been unrepresented for several years.
- 6. The Treasurer's report was then read and referred to the Finance Committee. (See Treasurer's report).
- 7. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Geo. W. Swope. II Cor., iv: 1-6. Subject, The supreme duty of the church.
- 8. New Pastors were recognized as follows: A. A. Crater, L. F. Paulette, J. D. Peebles.
 - 9. The Committee on Program made a partial report.
- 10. On motion of George W. Perryman the Association appointed the following as a committee to write to the President of the State Fair Association, protesting against the sale of intoxicating liquors at the fair grounds: W. F. Robertson, Geo. J. Hobday, H. M. Fugate.
- 11. On motion of W. V. Savage the following resolution was adopted, viz: "That we respectfully suggest that the ladies of the Woman's Missionary Union be requested to consider the wis-

dom of a change of time and place of the meeting of their Union." The motion was carried unanimously and the following committee were requested to inform the ladies of this action: W. V. Savage, George W. Perryman and S. W. Melton.

12. On motion, the Association adjourned with prayer by A.

A. Crater.

TUESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

13. The body reassembled at 2:15 P. M., and religious exercises were conducted by B. F. Robinson.

14. The report on Home Missions was read by W. A. Smith, and was discussed by him and, by invitation, Rev. Charles I. Morris, of the Bank Street Colored Church, of Norfolk, also spoke on the report, which was then adopted as follows:

Home Missions.

The work of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention includes within its scope the destitute sections within its own territory, and also Cuba.

The Board is paying the salaries, or assisting to do so, of some 1,400 missionaries. About 20 evangelists are working under its auspices. It controls some 25 or 30 mountain schools, employing about 130 teachers. In these schools are some 5,000 young people being educated. In the judgment of your committee no more important work is being done by the Board than its work in these mountain schools.

Some 45 or 50 of our Home Missionaries are working exclusively among the foreigners within our bounds—one of whom is located in Norfolk, Miss Margarite Tweedy, whose work moves on with such hopeful encouragement and satisfaction.

Its work in (Cuba?) is a work of growing success. The rapid development in the South, with new towns and cities springing up on every hand, with a population growing more dense and complex every day, lays an obligation upon our Home Board which we cannot afford to disregard.

The social and religious life of the South for the future depends in no small measure upon the Home Mission endeavors of the various Protestant denomi-

nations of the South.

The work of the Home Board is not only a matter of self-preservation, socially and religiously, for our own great Southland, but, in the nature of the case, containing as it does something like two-thirds of the Baptists of the world, it is the base of supplies for Baptist missionary operations in all parts of the world There is no more effectual door open unto us in this good day than that opened to us through our Home Board.

Let us see to it that we go forward in this great department of the work of our Master's kingdom.

W. A. SMITH, Committee.

a committee be appointed to memorialize the General Association, which held its meeting at Bristol, Va, that fall, urging that body to undertake at once the establishment of a Home of the fatherless, motherless and homeless children. Hon. L. B. Allen was Moderator, and George J. Hobday was Clerk and Treasurer of this Association at that time. A committee, consisting of Vernon I'Anson, James T. Borum and Thomas J. Nottingham, was appointed to bring this matter before the General Association. At Bristol Vernon I'Anson and Jas. T. Borum presented this resolution, which was referred to a special committee along with a statement by John Moffett and Dr. Geo. Cooper, for consideration and report. The Rev. William E. Hatcher was Moderator at that time of the General Association. He appointed a committee, consisting of Geo. Cooper, James T. Borum, John Moffett, John Peter Saul and Vernon I'Anson. By special motion Dr. Hatcher was added to the committee. A report, after a careful consideration of the matter for the appointment of a committee, whose duty should be to select a place most suitable and secure the best terms for the establishment of such a Home. So my brethren, you will see that in the very beginning this Association took a leading part in securing for orphan children a noble home and school, such as we have in our Orphanage at Salem.

When the school was ready to begin its work our present efficient and noble Clerk was made its first Superintendent and the second, and the present Superintendent is also an old Portsmouth Association man, Rev. C. L. Corbitt. But this brief historical sketch furnishes comparatively a poor reason why we should support this Orphanage when we consider the great need of the Orphanage for the support of about 175 children, their training, education, clothing and food. Such efficient work and excellent training has been done by the management of this institution, that in some instances it is a very difficult matter to secure one of the graduates, because they can so easily get good homes and enter business for their own support, they being so well fitted for the different callings of life.

The 12th of October has been selected as a Labor Day, and every friend of the institution in the State is requested to give the proceeds of that day for the uses of the Home. The churches and Sunday Schools are urged to bring this matter before their people, and church and Sunday School officials are requested to press this matter to the hearts of our brethren. We earnestly hope that our people will respond liberally to the pleadings of the officials of the Orphanage. This will not hurt any of our Boards. But this Orphanage matter will prove to be in the future, as it has in the past, an opening wedge, which will enter our hearts and pocket-books and be a source of rejoicing as we help every other good cause.

Our beloved President of the Board of Trustees, Rev. Wm. E. Hatcher, D. D., after a long life of great usefulness, one of the most faithful and helpful of the friends of the Orphanage, has gone to his heavenly reward. We note this with much sorrow.

V. I'ANSON, Committee.

25. W. V. Savage read the report on the Woman's Missionary Union, which was adopted as follows:

Woman's Missionary Union.

With grateful recognition of the guidance of our Heavenly Father, and realizing that we can accomplish nothing in His vineyard only by the strength He gives us, as the days are passing by, I submit the following:

There are fifty-one Societies in the Union, the majority of them having done noble work during the past year. Some of our number have been called to their reward. I regret that I have not been able to organize much new work; and have reorganized a few Societies.

I have written 511 letters and postals, and received 145 letters and

postals.

The contributions that have been reported to me amount to \$3,696.85. Asking an interest in the prayers of this body for the success of its auxiliary, (The Woman's Missionary Union), and appealing to my brothers, the pastors, to give their co-operation by encouraging the work now existing, and also by aiding the Superintendent to organize more Societies in their respective churches, I remain

Your sister in Christ, MRS. SADIE J. CULPEPPER, Superintendent.

26. L. J. Westfall read the report on Education. After remarks by I. T. Jacobs and J. T. Duncan, it was adopted:

Report of Committee on Education.

The Education Board had under its care last session fifty young men, forty-four of whom pursued their studies at Richmond College and six at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Board closed the year free of debt, but were enabled to do this by reason of the fact of a balance in the treasury brought over from the

preceding year.

The churches did not give within \$1,000 of the necessary amount to pay expenses for the session. Therefore the need of the hour is more money and an increased contribution from the churches during the next year.

It is no small thing for the Baptist churches of our Association to have a share in this work of training young men for the service of the Master. This part of our work must be carried on in Faith.

We are not to establish this work because of a spirit of rivalry with other denominations, or even from the point of view of imitation, setting in motion like schemes or machinery. But the standards of our denominational work must be erected in faith: Faith is the victory that enables us to overcome all opposing to an educated and well-trained ministry. Faith is the spring of all our activities, men put their souls, energies and money into those objects which are rooted in faith and above all we must exercise faith in our God, that in the way the Prophets of old were trained and the desciples of Jesus became efficient

workmen after careful preparation. Then our churches must have faith in the men whom, by our gifts and prayers, receive an education in our colleges and seminaries.

There is a tendency today not to believe in our fellowman, in the greatness of human nature, blessed by the uplifting influence of God's saving grace.

We are not to measure our young men as they are first discovered in our churches, in the mountain districts and out of the way places. But we are to believe in the good qualities of human nature and its capacity for improvement. We should not measure the mind by its failure to grasp truth in its fulness or by its expression of ignorance and doubt. But within ten years the youth will be a man matured and trained to come forward to responsible positions and the arduous duties of the ministry, to assume places of leadership in our churches which are doing large things in the kingdom.

Let us have faith in our young men as capable now as in any age of knowing the gospel and loving its precepts and truths; also able to respond to a heavenly call into Christ's service, as having a conscience to look seriously on the side of duty and righteousness, and a soul redeemed by the Master's saving love, stirred by motives for well doing and elevated to the higher planes of wisdom, knowledge, piety, and disinterested service. Let us believe in man that he is more precious than fine gold, even the gold of Ophir.

Then we should believe in our schools, colleges, and Theological seminaries; that such as we have are among the best in the land, and that they are presided over by Godly men under whose personal supervision our young men will receive great help for their equipment for life's task.

A greater Richmond Colege should inspire the Baptists of our State to realize that we are living in an age where we are expected to do big things because we are able. In planning for the greater institution it became advisable to seek larger grounds. A splendid site has been secured consisting of 284 acres in the western suburbs of Richmond; they propose to expend there in building and improvements the sum of \$800,000. This does not include the college building and equipment for women, which will also heavily tax the resources of the trustees and there is now an opportunity and immediate need for large gifts.

There is also a growing need for scholarships which may be founded by the gift of \$1,000.

Here at our very door is an opportunity for a splendid investment in the interest of Education and the young men and women of our State.

L. J. WESTFALL.

27. The report on Laymen's Missionary Movement was read by S. T. Dickinson and adopted:

Report on Laymen's Missionary Movement.

A study of the history of missions reveals the fact that every Missionary Movement organization or society during the past nineteen centuries has been

result of an awakening of a few devout Christians to the true import of that great commission "Go ye therefore and teach all nations," and a realization of the fact that this command was being almost totally ignored by a great majority of church members. In fact the success and progress of missions to this date has been due chiefly to the clergy and a very few devout Christians. The vast majority being grossly ignorant, as well as indifferent, to this great work committed to them, have remained seemingly unconscious of their opportunities and consequent obligations.

The Laymen's Missionary Movement is only another plan inaugurated by a band of consecrated Christians, who, as others have done before them, realizing the obligation resting on the Church, and earnestly desiring to awaken the heart and conscience of every Christian, devised this plan with that pur-

pose in view.

Because of its breadth, including as it does all branches of Christian endeavor. Because of its simplicity, its only rule being give God that which is due Him, and give it systematically, it is clearly apparent that the purpose for which it was devised, can easily be accomplished. Its success or failure must depend on the enlightenment of the churches to their opportunities and their obligations, and the enlistment of their interest and activity for the fulfillment of same. These will not result of themselves, but will require some study, much labor and self-sacrifice on the part of those who are willing to

identify themselves actively in this great work in their church.

Such men are extremely hard to find. In only a few of the churches that I have visited have I been able to secure a chairman or leader for this great movement. In some churches indifference is most marked, and in each church where these conditions obtain, it requires no deep insight to see that the spiritual life of the church is at low ebb. Unless the brethren will take hold of the work and push it, and at once, no possible good can come from it. It will be worse than the old time dead Missionary Sunday, which was often a signal for the majority of the congregation to stay at home. On the other hand if a good leader or chairman can be secured for each church and an active Missionary Committee appointed that will push the work along the line as adopted by the Laymen's Missionary Movement, a tremendous impetus will be given to all branches of church work, and the spiritual life of each and every member participating in the work will be greatly stimulated and benefitted thereby.

The glory that was Greece, the grandeur that was Rome, was chiseled in marble and stone, and thus was the pride and pathos of the past linked to the modern world. A far greater glory and a more lasting grandeur is within the reach of every Christian of to-day, which he may perpetuate and pass on, not only to generations and centuries unborn, but to eternity's furthest shore, chiseled not in cold lifeless marble and stone, but in far grandeur and more glorious monuments, which time and eternity can never efface, even the pre-

cious, redeemed souls of our fellowmen.

Brethren, this is your opportunity, what will you do with it?

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. DICKINSON, Chairman.

28. Adjourned, Prayer by V. I'Anson,

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

29. The Association met at 10:30 and devotional exercises were conducted by N. Richards, after which the Moderator called the body to order.

30. The report of the Missionary Committee was read by Geo. W. Swope. It was discussed by the author, C. A. Jenkins, S. W. Melton, Geo. W. Perryman, W. V. Savage, Geo. W. Cox, W. DeYarmett, J. D. Peebles, L. F. Paulette and R. B. Garrett, and adopted:

Report of the Missionary Committee.

The marvelous complexity of our political and social life, which has so largely absorbed the attention of the people, has not destroyed the religious progress of our Association. God has led, and the leadership is glorious. The visible results have not been satisfying and causes for many regrets are too plainly manifest. It is gratifying, however, to note that a large number of conversions are recorded, the membership of most of our churches have increased, and some valuable material improvements have been made.

MATERIAL IMPROVEMENTS.

Park Place leads in contemplated improvements. Plans have been drawn for the erection of a new \$30,000 edifice, modern and commodious in design, and the preliminary work is being rapidly pushed forward. Brother H. M. Fugate, the pastor, is successfully grappling with the problem there, aided by his loyal workers. The Port Norfolk Church has made some valuable interior improvements in their building, adding much to the attractiveness of their place of worship. Brother Jacobs and his people are looking forward and hopefully planning for yet larger things.

We joyfully report that Park Avenue Baptist Church has paid in full its indebtedness and other churches have made decided reductions in their debts. Brother J. T. Phillips has been called to the West Norfolk and Gilmerton churches, and is on the field.

PASTORAL CHANGES.

We are glad to record no deaths in our ranks as ministers. Several pulpit changes have been made. Brother E. S. Pierce has been called from the South Norfolk Church to West Durham, N. C., and is already on his new field. Brother T. W. Croxton has resigned at Fairmount Baptist Church to enter the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville. Ky. Brother W. A. Smith has resigned from the pastorate of the Berkley Church and has accepted a call to an important field in Charlotte, N. C. Thus it will be seen we are now paying our sister State in full measure for her contribution to our Virginia ministry.

Brother L. F. Paulette has taken charge of the work as pastor at Centerville, Lake Drummond and Blackwater. During the year a pastorium has been completed at Centerville and extensive repairs have been made at Black-

water on the church edifice. Brother J. D. Peebles took charge of London Bridge Baptist Church, and is doing a good work there. Rev. H. M. Black has been called to the South Norfolk Baptist Church and will soon enter the work there.

REVIVALISM.

The spirit of revivalism has not been strong in our midst for the past year. The workers have been fairly faithful, but the results have not been commensurate with the work. Surely God would do greater things for our churches than this year has recorded. Surely it is His pleasure to increase many fold the record of conversions. To ascertain THE POINT OF WEAK-NESS IS DIFFICULT. May it not be in OUR LOSING FAITH IN PRAYER? We would recommend more earnest and insistent prayers that, through an increased faith, God will help us to surmount our difficulties, to destroy our weaknesses. We recommend a simultaneous evangelistic campaign, through the intercourse of pastors, reaching to the smallest and most remote church in this Association, the offerings made in such meetings to go to missions. With all the true Christians among our Baptists hosts, in the city and in the country, earnestly praying and working for the salvation of souls at the same time, each knowing of the earnest prayers and efforts of the others, with all our ministers proclaiming the gospel in its purity at the same time; with all our congregations meeting and worshipping thus unitedly, A RE-LIGIOUS ATMOSPHERE OF GREAT POWER AND EFFICIENCY WOULD BE CREATED, we believe THAT WOULD ACCOMPLISH WONDERS THROUGHOUT THE COMING YEAR. If this is not best, brethren, suggest something better, but let us seriously study this situation before passing from this report.

That the thought of barronness shall not linger in your minds, we hasten to add that several revival meetings in local churches resulted in good; positive results, while many other conditions have resulted from the regular services on Sundays.

NEW FIELDS.

Your committee has carefully gone over those places which might be considered "new fields." We, find that the territory is quite well occupied. A mission might be successfully carried on at some advantageous place, drawing from Villa Heights, Lindenwood and Huntersville, in Norfolk. If this work is done it seems to your committee to be essentially the work of the Park Place Baptist Church. The situation at the East Brambleton Baptist Church has been carefully studied. The territory is thinly settled; a number of present residents are trying to remove from the field, including several of the best members; but few new buildings are being constructed. No pastor has been called, but Dr. Vernon I'Anson is acting pastor at the present time.

The building is small and inexpensive. The work there should be maintained for some time to come as a mission and fostered by some strong city church. A mission should be maintained at Larchmont, a rapidly developing suburb of Norfolk. It seems to me that Burrows Memorial or Freemason Street Church should assume this work; possibly a joint work of those two churches would be best.

MISS TWEEDY'S WORK AMONG THE FOREIGNERS AT NORFOLK.

This work is essentially slow. The task is difficult. The obstacles are all but insurmountable. The work is carried on on Bermuda street, in the midst of a teeming population of Spaniards, Italians, Greeks and other nationalities, practically all of whom are members of the Catholic church. A Sunday School regularly convenes each Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, wherein Miss Tweedy is ably assisted by Miss Alice Russell, Miss Annie Widgeons, and others. From thirty to forty-five of the neighborhood children are there regularly instructed in the Word of God. The industrial school reported last year is still maintained and has proven one of the strongest ties to bind the children to the work. The report your committee has received from Miss Tweedy is herein included as the most direct and satisfactory information of the work she is doing. It reads as follows:

"For the past year the Home Mission Work among the foreigners in Norfolk has made progress. It is not two years old yet, with several departments of work. This work is for the foreign children especially, and every effort is used to interest and reach the neglected American child. The Sunday School is a very interesting feature of the work. It is held on Sunday afternoon. There are sixty-five on the roll, the attendance having doubled itself during the past year. The children are bright and very anxious to learn. Most of them are Catholics, so of course there is much opposition from the Priests and Sisters; but in spite of their threats and punishments, the children attend regularly. The Industrial is a very effective phase of the work. Through it we are able to reach some we cannot get into the Sunday School. Here part of the time is given to religious teaching, such as telling Bible stories, teaching scripture verses, etc. The children are taught the plain practical methods of sewing. They are soon able to make their own clothes. There are about fifty children on roll in the Industrial School. We have also the Sunbeam Band. This affords the opportunity of teaching missions. A great deal of time is given to house-to-house visiting. This not only affords a splendid opportunity to gain recruits for the school, but also to become acquainted with the parents. Religious literature, tracts, Bibles, etc., are distributed. Material aid is given them so far as it is practical. During the past year 1260 visits have been made among those people. Every effort is being made to instill the gospel of Christ into the hearts of these little ones, and make of them strong Christian children. They are responsive and eager to learn, so it only remains for us to give them the gospel. Many of the parents and children are dissatisfied with Catholicism and are longing for something better. Much yet remains to be done. By our prayers, efforts and gifts, let us do our part in helping these foreigners in our midst. Personal contact is the best way to reach them. Let us show them our religion is a practical one, and that we are willing to serve them as they come into our gates.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY.

Your committee concludes this report with a suggestion as to the value of an Associational Missionary. We make this as a suggestion only, inasmuch as the means to employ the same are far out of sight. Yet if some Godly minister or efficient layman could be placed in the suggested position to superintend the mission work of this entire Association, visiting mission fields, preaching and doing personal work there, helping to unravel the problems and plan to meet the difficulties, holding revival meetings here and there, and sometimes spending a week with our stronger churches, working personally in the field, the results for good would be incalculably great.

ORDINATIONS.

Brethren Croxton and Phillips were ordained as ministers at the instance of the Grace Baptist Church.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. SWOPE, E. S. FERGUSSON,

O. T. WILLIAMS, Committee.

31. Geo. W. Swope offered the following resolution:

That a committee, consisting of six members, be appointed by the Moderator to consider, with care, matters pertaining to the compactness of country fields and the holding of revival meetings simultaneously by all the churches of the Association, and to suggest to the missionary committee and the churches remedies and plans. Committee-George W. Perryman, R. B. Garrett, George W. Swope, L. F. Paulette, J. D. Peebles, J. T. Phillips.

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L. F. Paulette, J. D. Peebles, J. T. Phillips.

32. I. T. Jacobs read the report on Foreign Missions, which, after discussion by Geo. W. Perryman, R. B. Garrett, S. W. Melton, H. M. Fugate and Gavin Rawls, was adopted as follows:

Report on Foreign Missions.

The sending of the gospel to the heathen has been termed Missions. Then Missions is God's program for evangelizing the world.

Not since the days when Jesus said, "go ye into all the world and preach the gospel," thereby placing the responsibility of extending the Kingdom upon the hearts of the disciples, has the Master's command gone forth with such rapid strides as it is to-day. The past year has been the banner year in the history of the Foreign Mission Board. In spite of the hindrances, both at home and abroad, the results are far in excess of any previous year.

EQUIPMENT—During the year the Board has labored in seven different countries, with 271 missionaries, 17 medical missionaries and 574 native workers, making a total force numbering 858. There are 342 native churches, 826 mission stations, 422 Sunday Schools with 14,562 scholars. The 13 medical missionaries, in 16 hospitals and dispensaries, treated last year more than 51,000

patients.

Under the fostering care of the Education Work there are 9 Training Schools for women, with an enrollment of 312,186 day schools, 31 boarding schools, 1 college and 10 theological schools, making a total of 227 educational institutions. Through the Publishing Plants, many thousands of pages of literature are sent over the field each year. The Bible alone has been printed in 520 languages and dialects. As a partial result of the Board's work for the year, 4,300 have been baptized, which is the largest number ever reported for any one year,

loon, we can but conclude we have too long neglected our duty and as a re-

sult humanity is suffering the consequences.

The saloon is an enemy to the church, home, society and all that is pure and good in the world. It has become a mighty giant of evil; intrenching itself behind the laws of our land. As long as the liquor traffic is protected by law, Christian people must give no uncertain sound, and see to it that a progressive educational campaign is kept up until our people learn to appreciate the awful result of the saloon.

It has been aptly said 'the saloon is the only institution known to man whose influence is wholly degrading.' No good deeds have ever been charged to the saloon. This demon fills our courts with criminals, our jails and penitentiaries with convicts and our almshouse with paupers. We pay annually the inconceivable sum of two billion dollars to debauch our people and to consign men and women to untimely graves and an endless perdition.

Much, however, has been done to remedy this evil. Business organizations and corporations are declaring against the evils of strong drink. The world

is gradually waking up and soon the victory will be complete.

Most of the counties and many of the towns and cities of our old Commonwealth have declared themselves in favor of no licenses. Ten years ago thers were 3,000 liquor licenses issued in our State, while last year there were about 1,000 issued. The enemy is giving way to the forces of righteousness. Let us be untiring in our efforts, true to the trust committed to us, and faithful to our God and we will come out victorious. We would recommend:

1. That we pledge ourselves anew to the cause and continue to inform our

people of the evil of the saloon.

2. That we reaffirm our confidence in the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia, and commend it to the support of our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. DULING.

40. W. McK. Woodhouse read the report on Pastoral Support, and after remarks by the author was adopted.

Report on Pastoral Support.

All agree that we owe our pastors our support morally, financially and spiritually. To this proposition there is no dissent; all agree that this is an obligation. Some act as though they believe that the obligation rest heavier on others than it does on them, but all concur that the obligation exists. Many regard it as a duty while others look upon it as a pleasure. Some recognize this obligation because of a feeling that it must be performed because others do so. Some because of a feeling that not to recognize it will put them in disfavor with the brethren and thus prevent the standing to which they aspire, and some agree to it from a sense of duty imposed because of their church affiliation.

All of these reasons are selfish and sordid and lack the true conception of Christian obligation. Even in the commercial, business and home life, those to whom we owe a duty; either financial or moral, are regarded in a different light and are given their support; moral or financial, because of the position which they occupy and what is their just desert.

When a congregation gives to its pastor its moral or financial support from

either of these reasons, there you will find a church devoid of the true spiritual condition, frequently selfish and sordid, and often torn assunder with dissension.

The true attitude in this regard should be the result of a due sense of responsibility of our relation to God and his kingdom on earth, together with our responsibility to those who serve Him and us while here.

In calling pastors the church expects him not only to proclaim the way of salvation, but to be a guide and director of the people; to enter into their sorrows and take part in their joys; to give counsel upon every perplexing subject; to visit the sick, bury the dead, encourage the disconsolate, restrain the erring, and in fact to make himself a part of their home, their every day as well as their church life.

The pastor is thus put upon a pinnacle and occupies a position not expected of other men, and it follows as a natural consequence that from one from whom "much is expected much must be given." It is the just due of every one in a prominent position, especially one placed there by the acts of others, that he be given the support to commensurate with the obligations imposed or resting upon them, and if the churches and their members would give to their pastors that moral and spiritual support their work and position entitle them to the financial obligation would not be perplexing, but would be already solved.

A church in full sympathy with its pastor, ready to uphold his hands in every good work, standing by him in his endeavors to better making and lead them to Christ, uniting with Him in all things which elevate and build up, never has trouble about where the funds will come to meet financial obligations to the pastor. A church and pastor united for the work that each has to do, with each always mindful of the obligations resting upon them, always meets its financial obligations.

See to it therefore, brethren, that you and your church give the pastor that spiritual and moral support which is not only his due, but give him that which will aid and encourage him to perform the arduous duties you and his calling impose upon him and the financial obligation resting upon you will be easily met.

Respectfully submitted,

W. McK. WOODHOUSE.

41. The Moderator appointed the Standing Committees. (See list back of Minutes).

42. R. D. Stephenson read the report of the Finance Committee:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the report of the Treasurer, find it correct and supported by proper vouchers, and that there is a balance in his hands of 52c. The churches have sent up this year to the Association Fund \$70.70.

Respectfully submitted, R. D. STEPHENSON, Com.

Adopted.

43. By C. A. Jenkins;

Resolved, That we extend to the members of the Churchland Church our most hearty thanks for their generous hospitality in entertaining us during this session of our Association.

Adopted.

44. By C. A. Jenkins:

Resolved, That the Clerk have printed as many copies of the Minutes as the funds in his hands will allow, after deducting \$40 for his services, and distribute the Minutes to the churches according to the amounts sent by them to the Association fund.

45. J. W. Leafe read the report on Ministers' Relief Fund:

Ministers' Relief Fund.

The Ministers' Relief Fund is maintained by the General Association tion of Virginia for the assistance of aged pastors and their dependents. It is not necessary to describe the scope of its objects, as they are well known to all of us.

From the last report we learn that the churches throughout the State contributed \$5,122.13 to this fund during the year. This was about \$600.00 less than the amount paid out for relief.

Seventy-one persons were assisted during the year, and when we remember that 45 of these, or about 60%, were widows and orphans of our deceased pastors, it should appeal to the tender sentiment of our nature and we should cheerfully open our hearts and come to their relief.

Investigation shows that 50% of the churches in our Portsmouth Association do not contribute to the Ministers' Relief Fund. This indicates either a lack of knowledge on the part of our churches as to the needs of this fund, or that the methods used for making collections do not bring the desired results.

It is possible that some of our pastors do not advise the people of the needs of this fund. It is certainly true that every method and plan known to us have been used to induce the people to contribute to our various Boards, and still we fail to measure up to the requirements of the situation.

Our pastors have become adepts in urging their people to give up their money to meet the needs of our denominational work, but the burden seems to grow heavier and heavier year by year.

It is a condition that confronts us, not a theory, and we must meet the condition practically. Your committee believes that we have begun at the wrong end in this matter of raising contributions. We cannot expect to raise a crop until we have cultivated the soil in which it grows.

It is a matter of education, not of methods. When our people have the right ideas of Christian stewardship we shall have no trouble to get all the money we require for the extention of Christ's kingdom.

When we realize that all we have which we call our own is given to us by our Heavenly Father, and that our first obligation is to return to him that which he needs for his work, we shall strike at the root of our troubles.

Instead of making impassioned pleas to induce contributions, let our pastors devote their energies to teaching the truth about Christian stewardship. Let our Sunday School Training Classes make it a part of their curriculum, so that our Sunday School scholars may have the right training along this line. Let the parents of our children implant the truth, and teach by example that God must have his share first, and

the next generation of Christians will have no trouble in meeting all the financial requirements of Christ's kingdom.

In the meantime the Ministers' Relief Fund needs help, and your committee recommends that the matter be presented to the people by the pastors of the half of our churches which have not contributed, so that next year we may find some of these blanks filled up.

JOSEPH W. LEAFE.

Adopted.

4.6 A. W. Burfoot presented the report on Obituaries. (See Obituaries).

47. Ater singing "Blest be the tie that binds," on motion, the Association adjourned to meet on Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in September, 1913, at Port Norfolk Baptist Church, Norfolk county.

W. FRANK ROBERTSON, Moderator.

GEORGE J. HOBDAY, Clerk.

H. M. FUGATE, Assistant Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE J. HOBDAY, Treasurer.

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DEACON JOHN N. ARMENTROUT.

On May 19th, after a long illness, Deacon John N. Armentrout, of the Court Street Church, Portsmouth, entered into his eternal rest. Brother Armentrout was raised in the Lutheran faith but was baptized into the fellowship of the Court Street Church about twelve years ago. He was a loyal and faithful Christian, and as Treasurer of the church and Deacon he served faithfully till the end. He was in the prime of life, and was called away in the full strength of his manhood, but he went with unfaltering faith in his God.

R. B. GARRETT.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

The twelfth annual session of the Woman's Missionary Union convened with the Churchland Church September 24th at 10 o'clock, Mrs. Sadie J. Culpepper, the Superintendent, presiding.

Motto: "Feed my Lambs." John 21:15.

The devotional was opened by reading the twenty-third Psalm. Prayer by the Superintendent. "All hail the power of Jesus name" was heartily sung by the congregation. A chain of prayer, led by Mrs. W. McK. Woodhouse, was engaged in by a large number of the ladies. "Onward Christian Soldier" was sung, then the Constitution and By-laws of the Union was read by the Secretary.

In behalf of the Churchland society a most cordial welcome was extended the ladies of the Union and visitors, by Miss Virginia Hathaway. In the absence of Mrs. G. G. Cummins, of the Fourth Street Church, Miss Annie Arrington, of Court Street, responded to Miss Hathaway in a few well chosen remarks.

The roll was called and thirty-one societies responded, with reports showing that \$3,641.07 had been raised during the As-

sociational year.

The Sunbeams and Royal Ambassadors of the South Norfolk

Church have just been reorganized.

"The Immediate Task," Mark 10-13:16, was to have been discussed by Mrs. Julian P. Thomas, of Richmond, Va. Owing to sickness Mrs. Thomas was unable to be with us. Many were the wishes by the ladies for her speedy recovery.

Home Missions was now taken up by Miss Margaret Tweedy, our Immigrant Missionary in Norfolk. She touched the principle points in our Home Mission work, especially the immigrant work in Norfolk and the Western section of Virginia, calling attention to the great need of the work and the responsibility

resting on us.

Miss Mildred Thorne, of Freemason Church, who is now in the Training School, gave a detailed account of the daily life of the young women in the school, also showing what a blessing these young women will be to those with whom they come in contact; not only blessing them temporarily, but giving them spiritual comfort. This year there will be six young women from Virginia in the Training School.

The Committee on Obituaries was now appointed.

The Superintendent read her report for the year, showing 511 letters and postals written and 145 received. One new society organized-Virginia Beach W. M. S.-and several reorganized.

The earnest manner in which Mrs. W. A. Smith presented the "Standard of Excellence" caused much enthusiasm among the women. Each one of the nine points of the Standard of Excellence was made by two to five societies, but none made all nine points, Freemason W. M. S. making the highest average.

Miss Buhlmaier, the Pier Missionary of Baltimore, gave many good suggestions how to attain the Honor Roll. One was to keep the Home Department roll separate from the regular roll.

The Standard of Excellence was unanimously adopted by the

Union. A rising vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Smith for her work, also regrets that she would soon leave to make her home in a

The Doxology was sung and the Union dismissed by Miss Elizabeth Savage, Superintendent of the Blackwater Association, to partake of a bountiful and beautifully served dinner, which every one enjoyed.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Motto: "Whatsoever we beg of God, let us also work for it." -Jeremy Taylor.

Devotional exercises were opened by reading the seventeenth chapter of John.

Prayer by Mrs. C. Elleross, of Freemason Church. The Obituary Committee presented the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, As our Heavenly Father has called home from her labors our much beloved sister and co-worker, Mrs. W.S. Leake, who was our most efficient of Y. W. A. and Royal Ambassadors;

Resolved, That the W. M. U. of Portsmouth Association recognize her faithful and untiring efforts for our denomination, and we will ever cherish her memory and strive to imitate her example.

Mrs. N. C. BOOKER,
Mrs. J. R. DOLES,
Mrs. L. C. BRINSON,
Mrs. E. O. YOUNG,
Mrs. J. M. MARSHALL,

Committee.

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Mrs. E. O. Young, Mrs. N. C. Booker, Mrs. A. Moses, Mrs. L. C. Brinson and Miss Annie Arington reported the following nominations: For Superintendent, Mrs. Sadie J. Culpepper; Secretary, Mrs. W. S. Wilkins, Treasurer; Mrs. W. McK. Woodhouse, who were duly elected.

Miss Elizabeth Savage was called upon for a report of the Blackwater Association, which she very willingly gave, stating that her Union had raised three thousand dollars during the

Associational year, which showed good work.

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Dr. Wm. V. Savage, pastor of Churchland Church, came in and stated that he was sent in by the men of the Portsmouth Association to request the ladies of the Union to hold their meeting at a different time and place from the men. This brought forth much discussion, but it was voted upon and almost unanimously decided that the Union would not meet with the men any more.

Miss Buhlmaier was now introduced, and in her own impressive way told of her wonderful work in Baltimore, impressing every one that we not only have to send missionaries to the far countries to reach the foreigner, but have them at our doors. She recited many instances that brought tears to the eyes of her listeners and made them feel that they wanted to lend a helping hand in her work.

Mrs. J. M. Marshall, of Freemason Church, made a motion, which was carried, that the Union extend a vote of thanks to Misses Buhlmaier, Tweedy, Thorne and Mrs. Smith for the intelligent and instructive manner in which they presented their subjects to the Union.

Mrs. N. C. Booker made a motion to thank the ladies and all who took part in the cordial welcome and kind hospitality extended the women of the Missionary Union, which motion was unanimously carried.

The Union was now dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Dorcus

Johnson, of Lake Drummond Church.

The Union will meet with the Court Street society in September, 1913.

MRS. SADIE J. CULPEPPER, Supt.

MRS. W. S. WILKINS, Secretary.

DELEGATES OF W. M. S.

Berkley Avenue-Mrs. W. A. Smith.

Churchland-Mrs. C. W. Coleman, Mrs. E. W. Bidgood.

Central-Mrs. N. C. Booker.

Court St.—Mrs. A. J. Phillips, Mrs. J. N. Armentrout, Miss A. E. Arrington.

Norfolk, First—Mrs. W. R. Pope, Mrs. J. R. Doles. Norfolk, Freemason St.—Mrs. Mattie W. Richardson.

Portsmouth, Fourth St.—L. C. Brinson.

Lake Drummond—Mrs. Dorcus Johnson.

Norfolk, Park Avenue-Mrs. A. Moses.

Norfolk, Park Place—Mrs. Stanworth, Mrs. Tom J. Latham. Portsmouth, Park View—Mrs. E. O. Young, Mrs. A. R. Williams, Mrs. E. M. Miller.

Pleasant Grove-Mrs. M. L. Lee.

South Norfolk—Mrs. Z. R. Journagin, Mrs. A. M. Smith, Mrs. W. F. Harris.

Norfolk, Spurgeon Memorial-Mrs. Chapman.

Y. W. A.

Norfolk, Central—Mrs. W. S. Wilkins. Portsmouth, Fourth St.—Miss Margaret Brinson.

SUNBEAMS.

Norfolk, Park Place—Mrs. Holtzclaw. Portsmouth, Fourth St.—Mrs. Annie C. Johnikin. Nansemond—Mrs. W. J. Doughtie.

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South Norfolk just organized. South Norfolk Royal Ambassadors just organized.

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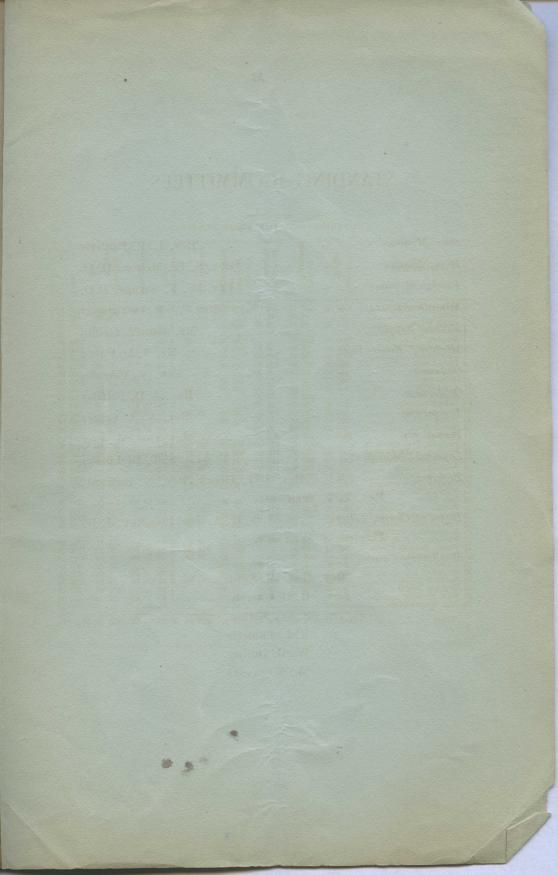
CHURCHES.	Superintendents and Post Offices.	No. of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions.	M'ths in Session.	Church Member in School.
1 Berkley Avenue 2 Bethel 3 Black Water 4 Broadway 5 Burrows' Memorial 6 Centreville 7 Churchland 8 Deep Creek 9 Gilmerton 10 Immanuel 11 Kempsville 12 Knott's Island 13 Lake Drummond 14 London Bridge 15 Nansemond 16 Northwest 17 Norf., Frist 18 Norf., Freemason St 19 Norf., Park Avenue 20 Norf., Spurg. Memol 21 Norf., Graee 22 Norfolk, Central 23 Norfolk, Park Place, 24 *Norfolk, Fairmount 25 Oak Grove 26 Ports., Court St 27 Ports., Fourth St 28 Ports., South St 29 Ports., Calvary 30 Ports., Park View 31 Ports., Prent. Plaee 32 Port Norfolk 33 Pleasant Grove 34 St. John 35 South Norfolk 36 Virginia Beach 37 West Norfolk 38 East Brambleton Total	E. J. West, Norfolk, Va. W. T. Davis, Fentress, Va. R. F.D.2 Alex. Waller, St. Brides C. C. Bowden, Knott's Island, N.C., G.W. Baker, 17th & Omo. Ave. Norf'k J. T. Roach, Hickory, Va. John T. Griffin, Portsmouth W. A. C. Deal, Portsmouth, R. F.D. 2. J. H. Cotten, Gilmerton, Va. T. W. Smith, Norfolk, Va. R. F. D. 1. J. L. Miller, Knott's Island, N. C. Geo. W. Waller, Hlekory, N. C. RFD11 Elzy Land, London Bridge, Va. Dr. W. T. Jordan, Drivers, Va. N. B. Powers, North West J. M. Robertson, Norfolk W. Frank Robertson, Norfolk R. E. Summers, Norfolk R. E. Summers, Norfolk E. A. Binns, 113 Walk St., Norfolk E. A. Binns, 113 Walk St., Norfolk E. A. Binns, 113 Walk St., Norfolk W. A. Etheridge, Back Bay C. E. Stephenson, Portsmouth L. C. Brinson, Portsmouth W. S. Parker, So. St., Portsmouth T. D. Roper, Portsmouth W. A. Vance, Portsmouth J. W. Smithson, Hickory, Va. T. B. Sawyer, Princess Anne C. H. G. B. White, South Norfolk W. F. Bevy, Norfolk	122111111111111111111111111111111111111	14 58 29 18 14 18 13 10 12 12 24 43 39 40 25 12 22 43 23 24 25 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	96 60 38 300 102 186 122 43 110 38 67 118 39 428 620	33 44 4 11 12 20 9 9 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12	12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12	2 400 5 6 6 1 1000 2 121 2 400 1 2 100 2 121 2 20 1 200 2 25 5 225 5 20 1 152 1 30 1 21 1 50 1 152 1 30 1 152 1 152

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE BOARDS.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	S. S. and Colportage	Education Board.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Ministers Relief Fund,	Orphan- age.	Educat'nal Commissi'n	Other Bene'lents.	Total.
1 Berkley Avenue	67 40 10 00 10 00 2 50 40 00 28 30 512 00 11 86 5 00	8 55 190 00 5 00	12 35 2 50 	161 89 9 00 7 00 27 20 1300 00 10 00 10 00	92 89 5 00 6 00 	16 00 2 50 	10 00 10 00 2 50 70 00 104 65 267 57 35 00 17 00		45 00 7 20 6 20 83 45 5 00	517 20 39 00 33 00 5 00 265 27 218 00 2530 77 150 31 67 00
10 Immanuel 11 Kempsville 12 Knott's Island 13 Lake Drummond 14 London Bridge 15 Nansemond 16 Northwest 17 Norfolk, First 18 Norfolk, Freemason st.	13 57 9 00 19 28 30 70 15 00 8 00 164 00 454 00	8 00 3 00 4 00	1 00 3 50 2 00 4 00 58 55	2 40 40 35 12 29 75 00 10 00 8 00 192 45 1721 35	2 65 9 00 26 05 45 67 10 70 8 00 158 32 993 45	4 55 1 25 2 00 22 00 2 00 4 00 12 00	7 00 18 50 	226 72	15 00 2 50 4 00	30 17 80 10 94 91 274 74 66 70 43 25 1378 65 4396 21
19 Norfolk, Park Avenue 20 Norfolk, Spur. Mem'l. 21 Norfolk, Grace 22 Norfolk, Central 23 Norfolk, Park Place 24 Norfolk, Fairmount 25 Oak Grove 26 Portsmouth, Court St.	104 56 143 50 30 00 40 00 71 35 53 58 400 00	10 00 2 00 7 19 6 00 80 00	10 00 2 00 10 00 6 00 80 00	248 85 655 58 15 00 85 00 234 37 18 00 909 68	323 73 138 75 15 00 77 00 81 45 	10 00 2 00 10 00 6 00 80 00	90 00 556 25 19 00 26 19 146 10 36 50	3 00	184 50 75 00 40 00 347 00	767 14 1518 58 160 00 228 19 560 46 156 58 2569 85
27 Ports., Fourth Street., 28 Portsmouth, South St. 29 Portsmouth, Calvary 30 Portsmouth, Pk. View 31 Ports., Prentis Place 32 Port Norfolk 33 Pleasant Grove 34 St John's 35 South Norfolk	55 74 50 55 58 35 32 65 67 61 25 00 24 00 26 60	14 00 2 75 10 00 15 00	10 00 	71 15 66 03 	169 65 21 00 18 50 29 99 60 50 15 00 36 95 34 00	3 00 7 57 10 25	72 00 76 76 87 27 25 00 30 00 60 00	2 00 8 00	99 74 56 00 60 00	447 26 237 32 307 86 161 49 362 53 120 57 172 85 185 60
36 Virginia Beach 37 West Norfolk	15 00 30 00 2 00 \$2741 10	5 00 1 00 384 49	1 00 298 48	13 00 1 00 6266 43	10 00 2 50 3040 82	1 00 267 26	25 84 2 00		1041 09	25 00 76 34 8 00

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR HOME PURPOSES.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Current Expenses.	Support of S. School.	Church Building and Impro'm'ts.	Aid of Poor	Association; Fund.	Evangelists	Miscella- neous.	Total.
1 Berkley Avenue 2 Bethel	1500 00	935 44 18 00	126 97 12 11 35 00	860 00	70 17	3 00 1 00 2 00	50 00	61 52 20 00	3607 10 51 11 810 50
3 Black Water	113 50	60 00	39 00	000 00					75
5 Burrows' Memorial	1000 00	310 00		500 00	50 00		05 05		1861 00
6 Centerville	300 00	30 90	55 29	1093 15	5 00	2 50 5 00	25 35		1550 77 2495 00
7 Churchland,	1500 00	750 00 127 98	185 00 152 00	50 00 350 00	9 00	3 00	33 26	15 00	1081 24
8 Deep Creek	400 00 225 00	50 00	25 00	300 00	*************	1 00			300 00
9 Gilmerton	937 12	130 52	92 50	105 35					1276 99
11 Kempsville	400 00	25 00	20 00	500 00	9 00			15 00	970 25 68 64
12 Knott's Island		18 14	25 00		25 00	2 50	20 41	12 50	304 75
13 Lake Drummond	216 30	26 68	26 36 168 30	25 00	75 20	2 50	40 35		943 45
14 London Bridge	500 00 192 00	132 10 30 00	19 00		10 20	1 50		15 00	291 50
16 North West	250 00	30 00	25 00			2 00	18 00		325 00
17 Norfolk, First	3000 00	940 04	803 80		145 49	6 00			4895 33
18 Norfolk, Freemason St	******	10419 47	985 00	305 00	323 78				12833 86 4378 60
19 Norfolk, Park Avenue	2000 00	673 91	600 0d 525 00	800 00 1378 07	101 69 225 15	5 00			5381 39
20 Norf'k, Spurg Memor'l	1800 00 600 00	921 31 150 00	100 00	360 00	60 00	1 50			1271 50
21 Norfolk, Grace	1910 84	1389 57	350 00	272 10	40 00	3 00			3965 51
23 Norfolk, Park Place	1800 00	607 50		46 19	30 00	3 00		1151 65	3638 34
24 Norfolk, Fairmount						0.50	05 00		758 52
25 Oak Grove	500 00	100 00	80 12		430 00	5 00	Z5 90	1382 75	7103 04
26 Portsmouth, Court St	2400 00 1159 00	2365 55 807 10	319 74 381 90		150 00				3229 00
27 Portsmouth, Fourth St 28 Portsmouth, South St	1500 00	800 00	301 30	235 68	77 80	3 00	100 00		2716 48
29 Portsmouth, Calvary	1000 00								
30 Portsmouth Park View	1304 00	474 64	265 29	533 07	29 35	3 00	00 00	212 31	2821 66 1796 24
31 Ports., Prentis Place	747 54	60 00		831 50	115 00 14 05	2 20	20 00 30 00	20 00 75 74	3397 19
32 Port Norfolk	1425 00	1009 96 37 00	124 55 30 00				30 00		401 50
33 Pleasant Grove	200 00 300 00	46 55	30 00			2 00	30 00	5 00	613 55
34 St. John	1066 00	157 00	698 77		74 78	3 00	120 00	10 00	2129 55
36 Sirginia Beach	384 61	75 00	58 45	50 00		1 50		107 73	
37 West Norfolk	250 00	51 70	35 15	75 20			15 00	25 00	453 55
38 East Brambleton						50			00
Total	28880 91	23771 06	6354 30	10797 20	2051 46	90.70	540 77	4725 25	77211 65



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Temperance -	•			•		Rev. A	. A. Crater
Periodicals -	•					Rev. G	eo. W. Cox
Layman's Moven	nent			-	•	S. T.	Dickinson
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