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NEWVILLE, SUSSEX Co., May 26th, 1854.

The Virginia Portsmouth Baptist Association assembled here this day in its sixty-fourth session.

The introductory sermon was preached, according to appointment, by Elder James G. Council, of Kempsville, Princess Ann county, from First Thessalonians, v : 12-13—"We beseech you brethren to know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake"

These services being concluded, brother John R. Chambliss, the former Moderator, called the body to order, and prayer was offered by Elder S. G. Mason.

The letters from the churches were then called for, during the reading of which the hour for dinner arrived, and on motion made, a recess was taken.

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At 3 o'clock the Association resumed its business. After singing, prayer was offered by Elder B. Manly, jr.

The reading of the letters was continued. When completed, the election of officers was announced as in order—whereupon, brother John R. Chambliss, of Hicks' Ford, Greensville county, was unanimously re-elected Moderator, and Elder T. Hume, of Portsmouth, Clerk.

On motion, messengers from corresponding associations, and visiting ministering brethren, were requested to report themselves, and affectionately invited to participate in our deliberations.

The following were reported: B. Manly, jr., from the Dover Association, and agent of the Richmond Female Institute; J. L. Truman, from the Middle District Association; James L. Gwaltney, of the Valley Association, and J. H. Wombwell, Colporteur of this Association.

A letter was presented from a church recently constituted at

“Brandon,” Prince George county, seeking admission into this body. As the church heretofore located at this place was removed to Cabin Point, which is within a few miles of Brandon, and there was no satisfactory information given to the Association of the necessity or desirableness of this new organization, on motion made, a committee consisting of brethren W. M. Young, J. C. Bailey, F. H. Robertson, S. G. Mason and James E. Peters, was appointed to visit the church and report to the next session.

On motion, the following committees were appointed :

*On religious exercises*—R. R. Owens, R. A. Chappel, and Joseph M. Mason.

*On Finance*—John W. Potts, and Michael Sykes.

*On corresponding letter*—P. Owens.

Brother M. P. Sledge asked leave of absence for the remainder of the session, after to-day, on account of the sickness of his family, which was granted.

Messengers to corresponding associations were then, on motion made, called on to report. Brother S. G. Mason reported his attendance at the Concord, brother F. H. Robertson reported his attendance at the Middle District, T. Hume reported his attendance at the Accomac, brother J. H. Wombwell presented a written report (in compliance with a regulation of the Association) of his attendance at the Chowan.

The Association then proceeded to appoint messengers to corresponding associations, as follows :

To the Middle District, (which meets Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in August, at Skinquarter Church, Chesterfield county) S. G. Mason, Overby, D. G. Potts, and Robertson.

To the Dover, (which meets Saturday before the 2nd Sabbath in October, at Bethel Church, York county) Hume, Mason, T. G. Jones, and Crowder.

To the Concord, (which meets at Mt. Zion, Lunenburg county, Saturday before the third Sunday in August) J. C. Bailey, Mason, J. W. Potts, and Wombwell.

To the Accomac, (which meets Friday before the 3rd Sabbath in August, at Rehoboth Church, Somerset county, Md.) G. W. Griffin, Hume, Council, and Young.

To the Chowan, (which meets Thursday before the 3rd Sabbath in May, with the Cashie Church) R. R. Owens, P. Owens, J. H. Prince, and J. K. Daughtery.

Brother S. G. Mason stated that he was present at the last

session of the Appomattox Association, where he was courteously received and recognized as the representative of this body. He then moved that this Association should open a correspondence with the Appomattox, by appointing messengers to the next session of that body, (to be held the Saturday before the 2nd Sabbath in August, at Red House M. H., Charlotte county,) which being agreed to, brethren Mason, Overby, Robertson, D. G. Potts, Thos. Wallace, and J. R. Chambliss, were appointed.

The following standing resolution was then ordered to be inserted :

*Resolved*, That should any member of this body be present at the session of any corresponding association, he may be privileged to present himself as a messenger from us.

The committee on religious exercises made a partial report, by announcing that Elder J. L. Gwaltney had been selected to preach on to-morrow at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The standing committees not being prepared with their reports, on motion, the Association proceeded to the selection of a place for holding our next annual session. North West, Beaver Dam, and Kempsville Churches were severally presented as petitioning for that meeting.

After some discussion of this matter, a motion to adjourn until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock, was made and passed. Prayer by brother Joseph H. Prince.

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SATURDAY MORNING, May 27th, 1854.

At the hour appointed, the Moderator took the Chair. After a hymn had been sung, Elder R. R. Overby led in prayer.

The minutes of the previous day were then read and the roll called.

Elder A. F. Davidson was reported present, as a messenger from the Concord Association.

The Moderator then announced that the question before the body was the selection of a place for the next annual session. The petitions of Kempsville and Beaver-Dam were then withdrawn, and the Association voted unanimously to meet with the North-West church, in Norfolk county.

Elder J. H. Wombwell was then elected to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder R. R. Overby his alternate.

Elder Wm. M. Young, from the committee on "The Chowan Female Collegiate Institute," presented the following report, which was adopted :

#### REPORT ON "CHOWAN FEMALE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE."

Your committee on the Chowan Female Institute beg to lay before you the following report :

They are gratified to say, that the College has been signally blest. The number of pupils has been larger than usual during the past year. The blessing of God has rested upon the pious labors of the Faculty. Many professed an interest in Christ, and several interesting young ladies have been baptized.

It is an interesting fact, that this Institution has been blessed from year to year, with the outpouring of the Spirit of God.

It yet continues to secure the patronage and support of an intelligent public, and we are fully persuaded that it still continues worthy of our influence and support, as an Association.

It is with painful feelings, that we have learned that the Rev. M. R. Fory has resigned his charge of the Institution. We regard him as pre-eminently qualified for such a position as he now occupies.

The Institution has been raised to its present flourishing condition mainly through his untiring, faithful, and judicious management. Gifted with superior scholarship, and devoted piety, with the heart and mind consecrated to the great cause of education, we regard him peculiarly fitted to the work in which he is now engaged. We had hoped his relation to the Chowan Institute would have continued much longer, but the change contemplated on his part, which will identify him with our State, we hail with pleasure, and feel assured that his labors with us will not be in vain.

Upon the motion to adopt the report, Elder B. Manly, Jr., offered some interesting remarks on the subject of female education ; and as the president elect and acting agent of the "Richmond Female Institute," made an extended statement in regard to that Institution. He gave assurance that the conductors of that enterprise design putting into operation and thoroughly sustaining a first-rate school. An opportunity was given for those present to subscribe for stock in the Institute, and several shares were taken.

The following resolutions were then presented, which were unanimously adopted :

*Resolved*, That this Association has heard, with pleasure, of the incorporation of the Richmond Female Institute, and of the vigorous ef-

forts of our brethren, the trustees, to establish it upon such a scale as will reflect honor upon our denomination, and advance the cause of religion.

*Resolved*, That we believe the interests of our cause will be promoted by the multiplication of such facilities for education, and that we recommend our brethren to sustain this enterprise by their subscriptions and patronage, as well as those in which we have already been enlisted.

The committee on religious exercises, made a partial report, by announcing that Bro. A. F. Davidson had been selected to preach this afternoon, at 4 o'clock.

Elder R. R. Owens, from the standing committee on Foreign Missions, presented the following report, which after remarks by brethren Manly, Councill, and others, was adopted :

### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The several departments of religious effort, in which we as a denomination, are at present engaged, should elicit the lively sympathy and active co-operation of every sincere lover of Christ. They are each the cause of God, and not mere human enterprises. And although each may have its own specific object, and its own peculiar sphere and mode of operation, yet there is no clashing of interest, and no contrariety of purpose. They all beautifully harmonize,—they are the radii of one great circle, all pointing to the same centre; they are but the several parts of one grand system, each directed and governed by one and the same pervading principle—love to Christ and our fellow men—and each having the same great end in view—the glory of God and the salvation of souls. Hence, the number of these separate organizations, so far from weakening our efforts or abating our ardor, in behalf of any one, should rather incite us to more vigorous exertions and more effective co-operation, in support of each.

The magnitude and importance of the Foreign Mission enterprise must at once be obvious to every enlightened Christian mind. Regarded merely in a temporal point of view, in its effects upon the present welfare of those nations that are now destitute of the blessings of the gospel, it is, to say the least, a laudable, a humane, a benevolent enterprise; but, viewed in the light of eternity, in its spiritual regenerating effects upon the hearts, its saving influence upon the deathless spirits of the benighted, perishing millions of earth, it is truly a God-like undertaking, and infinitely transcends the capacity of man to estimate its worth.

But in addition to, and above, the important considerations which reason and benevolence suggest, we have Divine authority and a Divine command to give the gospel to the world. He, who spake as never man spake, who is the Supreme Law-giver of his church, and whose voice can never be wilfully disregarded without incurring guilt and condemnation, has said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach my gospel to every creature." Here, then, is not only sufficient authority, but a *positive injunction*, binding, not upon ministers alone, nor upon the

church, as a body only, but upon every individual disciple of Jesus Christ. Do we as ministers, do we as churches, do we as christians, realize its constraining force, its momentous importance? and are our acts the exponents of our convictions of duty?

Moreover, we have abundant evidence that the blessing of the Great Head of the church has attended, and is still attending, the efforts of his people for the evangelization of the world. Thousands have already been released from the iron fetters of cruel, superstitious, and debasing idolatry, and been made the happy subjects of the kingdom of Christ. It is true, difficulties and discouragements have at times seemed to thicken, and presented barriers apparently insurmountable; yet, He who sees the end from the beginning, and overrules all things to his own name's glory, has continued to open a way for the introduction and spread of his truth, and has never failed to verify his consoling and encouraging promise, "Lo! I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

The prospects at the present time are more cheering, and the demand for a larger number of faithful, self-denying, energetic missionaries, and for increased liberality on the part of the churches, is more urgent, than at any former period. Especially is this true in regard to the great empire of China. God in his providence, seems to be preparing the way for the introduction of the gospel into every part of that wide-extended domain of heathendom. Are we prepared to go up and possess the land? Are our present efforts, our benefactions, our prayers, even in an approximate degree, commensurate with the great end to be accomplished, the mighty results to be realized? Truth compels us to answer, no. Far from it. And why this delinquency? Why is it that so many of our churches, and so many individual christians whom God has blessed with abundant means, evince so little interest in this great work?

Brethren in the ministry, to you especially, and for your reflection, we propound these inquiries. And may we not further ask, are you faithfully discharging your duty to the churches to which you have been called to minister in holy things? May not much of this sin lie at your door? Do you faithfully, without the fear of man, but in the fear of God, "reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all long-suffering and doctrine?" May God enable us all, ministers and people, to clear our skirts of the blood of the perishing heathen!

Respectfully submitted.

The Association then took a recess. Benediction by Elder J. C. Bailey.

At 3 o'clock the Association resumed its session—prayer was offered by Elder H. Crowder.

Elder Wm. M. Young, from the Standing Committee on Education, presented a report, which, after some interesting discussion, was referred to a committee consisting of brethren Mason, J. C. Bailey, P. Owens and J. W. Potts.

Brother J. H. Prince, from the Standing Committee on Temperance, presented a report. After its reading, interesting and effective addresses were made by brethren J. L. Gwaltney, Young, Griffin and Wombwell. Upon the motion to adopt, brethren were reminded of the earnest and decided tone of the report, and upon the question being taken, there were only three negative votes. The report is as follows :

### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following report :

That while the Temperance cause is making considerable progress, yet not as rapid as its devoted friends could, or as all Christians *ought* to wish. While the Baptist church generally profess to be friendly to the Temperance cause, there is not that decided, prompt, and energetic action that should characterize such a body. 1st. Because many in said church do manufacture, use and vend ardent spirits as a beverage; though long and uniform experience has demonstrated that such is the spring and fountain from which flow a stream, destructive in all its meanderings, overflowing the fields and prostrating the hopes of the husbandman, and sending off a malaria that saps the health and maddens the brain in such a manner, that discord in frightful union accompanies disease into the once happy family circle. This naturally leads us, as Baptists, who pride ourselves upon a strict adherence to Bible principles, to inquire whether or not this course has the approval or condemnation of the Bible. Let us see Lev., ch. 10, ver. 8, 9, 10, 11, in which Aaron and his sons were commanded not to drink wine or strong drink; the reason there given is that they might put difference between *holy* and *unholy*, *clean* and *unclean*, and that they might be able to teach the children of Israel all the statutes of the Lord. Num., ch. 6, ver. 1, 2, 3. Here when men or women separated themselves to vow a vow unto the Lord, they should also separate themselves from wine and strong drink. Judges, ch. 13. The mother of Sampson was commanded not to drink wine or strong drink, in which case she should bear a son that should begin to deliver Israel from their enemies, and he likewise should neither drink wine nor strong drink from his birth even unto his death. How strange that some men must take strong drink to get strength, when Sampson tasted not a drop in all his life! Habakkuk, ch. 2, ver. 15. "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him and maketh him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness." Jer., ch. 35. We have a description of a sect called Rechabites, who had been taught *never* to use wine or strong drink, and the reason given is, "that they might the *better* serve God and *study* the *Law*." But did not God command that wine should be set before them? Yes; but it was to set an example of obedience before the Jews, in showing them that they would not drink it. This obedience condemned the disobedience of the Jews. "Therefore, thus saith the Lord God of

hosts, the God of Israel: Jonadab the son of Rechab, shall not want a man to stand before me for ever." Luke, ch. 1. In this chapter we are told that an angel appeared unto Elizabeth, and told her that she should bear a son, that he should be great before the Lord, that he should be filled with the Holy Ghost from his mother's womb, and that he should neither drink wine nor strong drink. 1 Thess., ch. 5, ver. 6, 7, 8. "Let us watch and be sober—they that be drunken are drunken in the night—let us who are of the day be sober." The same zealous advocate for the cause of Christ, declares in another place, that if eating *meat* maketh his brother to offend, he will eat no more *meat* while the world standeth. With regret, we have all seen that drinking ardent spirits *does* set an example to our brethren which causes them to offend. Are we not then failing to do as the Scriptures teach us; even things that are in our power, things that are reasonable in themselves? 2d. Because it is a serious impediment to the progress of Christianity. If we send missionaries into a foreign land, many there will tell them to correct the faults of their own people first. Herein our example retards the good work we desire to perform abroad. If we speak to a neighbor about the welfare of his soul, he frequently says, or intimates that his course is as upright as that of others, and will point us to some churchman whom he has seen under the influence of strong drink. And may we not ask, will not this continue to be the case as long as members of the church manufacture, use and vend ardent spirits as a beverage? And again, persons who use strong drink often become careless in regard to religious worship, and do not attend the house of God. They are not seekers of knowledge, and wise arguments are not appreciated by them; they care not for wisdom, and their children are not trained up in the paths of knowledge; but instinctively follow the course of destruction. Such are a loss to society, a destruction of souls, and a shame to the professed followers of Christ. 3d. Because the sale and use of ardent spirits are in their natural tendency destructive to property, which is given for wise and virtuous uses. Consumption is a direct destruction of a thing, but if it be judiciously used it re-appears with increased value; food when eaten is forever destroyed as food, but it "re-appears in reanimated health and vigor, by which we are prepared for subsequent labor." Not so with the consumption of ardent spirits. When it is consumed, its value is forever destroyed, it does not reappear in any valuable form, but on the contrary it re-appears in the destruction of health, strength, industry and economy, the loss of life and abuse of happiness. According to a late estimate, about 60,000,000 of gallons of ardent spirits are annually consumed in the United States; which upon an average sells for fifty cents per gallon, making the enormous sum of thirty millions of dollars that are directly expended in the purchase of consequent misery. But this sum is comparatively small, when we consider the destruction of both life and the industrious frugal habits of so large a number of citizens, who otherwise would swell the tide of benevolence and general prosperity. But the most appalling fact is, that thirty thousand persons in the United States annually come to their graves by the use of intoxicating liquors; this fact is rendered doubly startling when we turn to the testimony of the Bible, and there read "that no drunkard can enter into the kingdom of Heaven."

What! then are there thirty thousand souls annually sent to everlasting woe from the United States on account of strong drink!! And are professed followers of the meek and lowly Jesus found dealing in it, using it, and advocating it!!! Conscience forbid it! Almighty God forbid it!! and let us like Belshazzar of old, repent when we see so horrible a fact written on the walls of our nation, let us pray to be forgiven, and at once resolve:

1st. That we will not be participants, either directly or indirectly, in making, selling or using ardent spirits as a beverage.

2d. That we hereby recommend that all ministers of the gospel belonging to the Baptist denomination, urge the claims of the Temperance cause in their congregations, in both its Scriptural and social bearings.

3d. That we do earnestly and with brotherly love recommend to each member of the Baptist churches within the bounds of this Association, to abandon the use, manufacture and sale of an article, as a beverage, which is fraught with so many evil consequences.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. PRINCE,  
R. L. DOBIE.

On motion, brethren Schoolfield, Lee, Potts, Dobie, Chappel and Prince, were appointed a committee to take up the collection to-morrow, in behalf of the General Association, and brethren J. C. Bailey and Wombwell were appointed to explain to the congregation the objects and claims of that body.

Brother J. W. Potts, from the committee on Finance, presented a report, which exhibited a deficiency in the contributions sent up by the churches. On this account, the report was re-committed for the purpose of giving the delegates an opportunity to make additional contributions in behalf of the churches.

Elder G. W. Griffin, from the committee on Domestic Missions, presented the following report, which was adopted:

#### REPORT ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Your committee on Domestic Missions beg leave to make the following report:

The cause of missions is grandly magnificent in all its connections, and throws around christian hearts thrilling feelings of the deepest interest. Our Domestic Missions are no less important than others; have an equal claim upon our sympathies, our prayers, and our expanding benevolent contributions. While we should do no less for the salvation and elevation of fallen man abroad than we are doing, we ought to do far more to supply our own land, than we have hitherto done.

The Board of Domestic Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention, located at Marion, justly claims of us attention to its work and co-operation. Every destitute city, and town, and village, and community

between Baltimore and San Francisco, between St. Louis and Key West, is the field of this Board; and to overlook this broad expanse open before us, lying at our threshold, peopled with our blood and our friends, would subject us to the criminality of being careless of duty, and insensible to the better feelings of a philanthropist.

The missionaries of this Board are succeeding in many places which they have occupied. A church has been gathered in the metropolis of our own State. The interest in Baltimore is growing. The prospects in New Orleans are becoming encouraging. Brother Shuck is in California, seeking the benefit of the 40,000 Chinese who have come to our shores. All these need our prayers; they strengthen our hearts, and they ought to be continued by our contributions.

We are unable to compress in this report all that we could say—all that ought to be said in behalf of our Domestic Missions, and would therefore propose, that it be

*Resolved*, That the pastors of our churches be requested to call the attention of their charges to the work and aid of the Domestic Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

*Resolved*, That we regard the New Orleans and California missions of very great importance, and will cherish them by our prayers and our contributions.

Upon the motion to adopt, Elder J. H. Wombwell, who had been laboring as a missionary of the Domestic Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, in Florida, and on the Rio Grande, urged the claims of that Board upon the churches for large and constant contributions.

Elder S. G. Mason, from the Missionary Committee of the Upper District, presented the following report, which was adopted:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF UPPER DISTRICT.

The committee for the Upper District report:

That they have kept their eye upon the field during the year, and have endeavored to supply the destitution. At the first meeting of the present Board of the General Association in June last, they requested the appointment, by that Board, of Rev. R. R. Overby to labor with two of the colored churches in Petersburg, and the appropriation of fifty dollars to assist in his support. This amount was readily and cheerfully granted, and a rich blessing has followed the appointment. Both of the churches with whom Brother Overby labored, have enjoyed extensive revivals during the year, and more than two hundred persons have made profession of religion. These churches will, in all probability, arrange for Bro. R.'s support in future, but it is still desirable that his connection with the Board should continue.

Your committee have been unable, however, as yet, to secure a man to supply the other destitute churches within their bounds; but they

have recently heard of two young men whose services they entertain hope of obtaining, and a correspondence has already been opened with one of them.

There are in this district seventeen churches, and nine of them are at this time destitute of preaching—a state of things greatly to be deplored; for several of them are large and interesting bodies, affording promising fields for usefulness, and all are sufficiently large and inviting as to render it very desirable to have them cultivated.

Bro. J. H. Cofer, from the Missionary Committee of the Middle District, presented the following report, which was adopted:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF MIDDLE DISTRICT.

Your committee on the Middle District beg leave to report, that they have not secured the services of a missionary in said district, and they regret to say that no effort has been made to obtain one. Though all the churches have been supplied with pastors a part of last year, we think that there are several important places that might be profitably occupied by us. We hope therefore that the delegates representing the churches of the Middle District, will urge the importance of procuring an efficient minister to labor among us.

Elder T. Hume, from the Missionary Committee of the Lower District, presented the following report, which was adopted:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF LOWER DISTRICT.

The Missionary Committee for the Lower District report, that during the past year Elder James G. Council has been employed as our missionary one half of his time—the church at Kempsville sustaining him the other half. As our missionary, he has preached to the Mulberry Grove church, in the village of Deep Creek, and in a school house on the Bay Shore. His accustomed zeal and efficiency have characterized his labors, some fruit has been gathered, and a general progress is evinced.

Bro. H. J. Chandler, who has within the past year returned and settled in our midst, has been employed a portion of his time as our missionary. He has labored steadily at Princess Ann Courthouse and Pungo, and occasionally at London Bridge, Salem, Black Water and Northwest. At the first named place several have been baptized by him, and a few months since a church of eighteen members was formed, which promises to become a very efficient body.

We have desired to secure other laborers for our district, but have been unable to do so. While it is difficult to find the men, such has been the scarcity of funds at the command of the General Association, by which body our missionaries are directly sustained, that we have been deterred from asking more help. There are vast fields throughout the State opening to us and demanding our culture. The General Association

has from year to year increased the number of missionaries, and yet the cry is "come over and help us." The last report of the Board says: "At no former time have there been so many appeals to furnish our citizens with a Baptist ministry. With a rapidly increasing membership—now numbering nearly 100,000—possessed of ample pecuniary ability, the Baptists of Virginia should at once double their contributions to the General Association, and be ready at all times to give us any amount of funds which might be judiciously expended in enlarging and sustaining our State mission." It is true that the contributions of the churches to this body have increased, but they are not adequate to the support of the necessary laborers. We believe that, in our bounds, there is increased interest in this important organization. More of the churches now contribute to it than at any previous time. We hope soon to see all giving regularly and largely to it.

Elder Wm. M. Young, from the special committee, appointed at the last session, to report a "plan of benevolence," to be recommended to the churches, presented the following, which was adopted:

#### REPORT ON PLAN OF BENEVOLENCE.

Your committee appointed last year to report a plan, at this session of our Association, for raising monies for benevolent objects, in our churches, have not been without thought and reflection upon the subject.

While the subject is not new to this body, the object sought after is an all important one. When we look at our annual contributions compared with our ability, none can fail to see that something is wrong. While the love of many may wax cold, and the passion for wealth may close the hearts of some to the cries of humanity, yet, we are led to believe, that the great difficulty in our way for aiding the different objects according to our ability, arises from a want of regular systems in most of our churches.

The most of our churches, in the country especially, adopt the plan of taking up a collection at the close of the spring, and then but a few of the brethren are found ready to give anything at all. Thus a large portion of the church and congregation are passed by. The widow's mite is not asked or sought after, and a large portion of the friends of each church must remain unsolicited for their sympathy in the work of doing good. Such a course can neither develop the ability or strengthen the church in the solemn conviction that she must make sacrifices for the cause of Christ.

Your committee beg leave to lay before the churches, particularly in the country, the following plan:

1st. Divide the church into three, four, or more districts, according to its membership, and the extent of country it may occupy, having in each district from eight to twelve members.

2nd. Let the church appoint an intelligent and efficient brother or sister in each district, whose duty it shall be to keep a small blank book,

or paper having the names of the members within their district, with opposite columns laid out for the different objects which the church may agree to aid.

3rd. These collectors are to begin their work, say in June, and report to the church in April or May, what they have collected.

4th. They may be required to visit the families during the year, at such times as may facilitate their object, laying before the different persons the claims of each society, and thus seeking to enlist the interest of every member of the church and congregation with their visits and influence.

5th. These collectors may report to the pastor of the church any member who will neither aid nor manifest any interest in the cause of benevolence.

Remarks of an interesting character, and from which it is hoped good will result, were made upon the subject of the above report, by several brethren.

The committee on Religious Exercises then reported by announcing the following appointments for the Sabbath, viz., brethren Mason and Young to preach at the Stand, and brethren Manly and Hume to preach in the Meeting House.

On motion, the Association then adjourned to Monday morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder J. G. Council.

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MONDAY, May 29th, 1854.

The Association met this morning at the appointed hour. After singing, prayer was offered by Elder P. Owens.

The minutes were then read, the roll called, and absentees noted.

Brother S. G. Mason, from the special committee to whom the report of the standing committee on Education had been referred, made a report as follows :

#### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the report of the standing committee, after striking out its concluding paragraph. We further recommend that it shall hereafter be considered the duty of the committee,

1st. To report to this body upon Education in general, as well as to give an account of their own labors.

2d. To co-operate with the Virginia Baptist Education Society, maintaining a strict conformity with the regulations of that body.

3d. To use efforts to secure contributions from the churches for those young men in our bounds who are preparing for the work of the ministry.

4th. To exercise a superintendence over those who are at school or college under our patronage.

This report was adopted, and here follows that of the Standing Committee :

#### REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The "Standing Committee" on Education entered upon the duties assigned them by this body, with a strong hope that the churches would respond in aiding them in this work.

The plan adopted in the last minutes if carried out, would have enabled the committee to have attended to their work with success. But, however, a small portion of the funds have passed through our hands, and consequently we have not done much for our young men in Richmond College. We have received \$70, and distributed the same to the young men now at College. One of those students, aided in part by the churches, will graduate this summer, and soon after will enter a field of labor within the bounds of our Association.

This fact alone is sufficient to stimulate the churches to greater diligence in this work. The remaining young men are doing well in their studies, and giving proof of their fidelity to their studies and profession as Christians.

They need your direct and immediate sympathy. We have also a young man under the instruction of our worthy brother Thomas W. Carney, a member of the Mulberry church.

This young man is giving promise of faithfulness and fidelity to his studies, and we entertain the strong hope that next fall he will be at College.

Bro. F. H. Robertson, from the Standing Committee on Bible Operations, presented the following report, which was adopted :

#### REPORT ON BIBLE OPERATIONS.

The committee on Bible Operations beg leave to state, that not having adequate information at command, for the short time allotted to the discharge of their duties, are unable to give any statistical information in reference to the sale and distribution of Bibles, beyond what was embodied in the report of one of the colporteurs, Brother Wombwell; nor are they able to give the amount collected during the past year for said object, as the various amounts subscribed have not come into the hands of the Treasurer.

The immediate work this Society is engaged in, viz: the distribution of the Sacred Scriptures, calls more loudly for contributions from the churches, than at any former period. In our own country its in-

creasing population demands an increased supply of the word of God, that the masses may be enlightened and strengthened to give stability to our free institutions, and to secure to them, by the favor of God, the saving blessings of the gospel. In foreign lands continually increasing openings are being presented. China's unnumbered millions will soon be accessible to us. In Africa, we have missionaries who will soon need large supplies from us. On the continent of Europe issues will doubtless soon occur, when we may go all over it and distribute the bread of life to the long famishing and destitute multitudes.

This Society is also responsible for the support of colporteurs engaged by a joint committee of theirs and the Virginia Baptist Sunday School and Publication Society, throughout the State. It also supplies those colporteurs with Bibles and Testaments. These two objects themselves require a far larger amount of funds than the Society usually receives. We beg the churches to consider the importance and pressing claims of this very useful Society.

Elder T. Hume, from the standing committee on the Depository, presented the following report, which, after remarks from various brethren, was adopted :

#### REPORT OF DEPOSITORY COMMITTEE.

Your committee at an early period after the last session, in compliance with your instructions, engaged in efforts to establish a system of colportage.

At the last annual meeting of the Virginia Baptist Sunday School and Publication Society, and the Virginia and Foreign Baptist Bible Society, it was resolved to enter actively upon the work of sustaining colporteurs throughout the State.

We secured from the "Joint Committee" of those Societies the appointment of Bro. J. H. Wombwell. He was engaged for nine months from the 1st of August at a salary of \$300 per annum. According to his report, he has travelled 2867 miles, visited 352 families, preached 84 sermons, delivered 46 addresses, sold 493 volumes of miscellaneous religious books, donated 40 volumes, sold 72 Bibles and Testaments, donated 12 of the same and 10,000 pp. of tracts. His collections from the churches for his support, made previous to this meeting, amount to \$151 96. From every quarter we have received favorable reports concerning brother W.'s labors. We have no doubt that great good has already been accomplished by his mission, while we believe that his various efforts will be as good seed sown in good ground, from which abundant fruit will be reaped.

We also employed brethren Robert Williamson and J. T. Wallace during their College vacation in the last summer. They are members of churches in our Association, and are engaged as students at Richmond College, preparing for the work of the ministry. The period of their labors was limited, but they were actively engaged and we believed rendered important service. Bro. Williamson labored one month and a

half, for which time his salary and expenses were \$26 50. He was entirely engaged in distributing books and in preaching as he had opportunity—he made no collections on account of his salary. Bro. Wallace was engaged in our service two months, for which his salary and expenses were \$33. He collected from North-West , and from Lake Drummond . In addition to his direct labors as colporteur he assisted in several protracted meetings. The salaries of these brethren, and the balance due brother Wombwell, have been paid by the Bible Society on account of the Joint Committee on Colportage. We hope there will be a sufficient sum received during the session to repay the Society. A number of pledges are yet due from the churches. We have no doubt that they have seen enough to interest them in the labors of our colporteurs, and to urge them to give cheerfully to the payment of their very small salaries. We believe this to be one of the most important enterprises we have ever undertaken, and we trust this Association will with renewed effort sustain it.

The immediate efforts of our own Depository have been very limited. In the nature of the case we could not keep up a supply of books for our colporteurs, and they have obtained them chiefly from the Depository of our Sunday School and Publication Society. We have been chiefly engaged in making free contributions to the destitute. The present capital belonging to it, including some doubtful debts due to it, may be stated as amounting to \$133 16.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Bro. J. H. Prince then offered the following, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the system of Colportage be continued by us during the present year, under the direction of the committee on the Depository.

This resolution was followed by remarks from brethren, showing the great amount of good accomplished by our colporteurs, and expressive of an earnest desire that these efforts might be continued.

On motion of Elder S. G. Mason, it was resolved, that a distinct, special, and early effort be made by the pastors of the churches to raise funds necessary to sustain our colportage efforts.

The following, presented by Elder R. R. Owens, was adopted :

*Resolved*, That it is desirable a church library should be established in every church, containing a good assortment of our best denominational, as well as other religious books.

*Resolved*, That we recommend our churches to take this subject into early and earnest consideration.

Brother J. W. Potts, from the standing committee on Sabbath Schools, presented the following report, which, after interesting addresses by Brethren Prince, Griffin, and Gwaltney, was adopted :

## REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report :

Out of 39 white churches only 22 have sent up reports, making an aggregate of 37 officers, 281 teachers, 1618 scholars, 4098 volumes, and 65 conversions.

From many of the churches no report has been made to this body, and your committee fear that they have no school at all. Hence there must be a spiritual dearth among them.

It is, however, encouraging to learn that all the churches in our towns and villages, and some in the country, have flourishing and interesting schools, one (the Freemason st. Church, Norfolk,) reports 60 conversions among the Sabbath School scholars during the past associational year.

Other churches report cases of conversions among the Sabbath School scholars, owing no doubt to Sabbath School instruction; for God has always *blessed* and ever will *bless* his people in every faithful effort to promote his cause and enlarge the borders of his Zion.

The Sabbath School is regarded by your committee as the strong arm of the church, and that church which neglects this important and delightful duty must languish, and consequently bring upon herself leanness and barrenness. Your committee would call the attention of all the churches of this body to these encouraging facts, and urge upon those where there is no Sabbath School, the necessity of making an effort to organize one; and to this end we would urge upon every member of the church, particularly the young, to engage in this laudable, noble and praiseworthy enterprise; which has been so signally blessed of God in the conversion of immortal souls.

The annexed table shows the names of the churches which have Sabbath Schools:—

[SEE TABLE ON NEXT PAGE.]

| NAMES OF CHURCHES.       | No. of Officers. | No. of Teachers. | No. of Scholars. | No. of Volumes. | REMARKS.        |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Beaver Dam,              | 1                | 8                | 37               | 61              |                 |
| Black Creek,             | 1                | 8                | 45               |                 |                 |
| Cumberland st., Norfolk, |                  |                  |                  |                 | No report.      |
| Freemason st., Norfolk,  | 4                | 48               | 306              | 700             | 60 conversions. |
| Hebron,                  | 1                | 3                | 24               | 187             |                 |
| Hicksford,               | 1                | 5                | 14               |                 |                 |
| High Hills,              | 1                | 15               | 40               |                 |                 |
| London Bridge,           | 1                | 4                | 20               | 100             |                 |
| Market st., Petersburg,  | 4                | 37               | 186              | 550             | 5 conversions.  |
| Millfield,               | 1                | 10               | 31               |                 |                 |
| Mill Swamp,              | 1                | 8                | 73               |                 |                 |
| Moore's Swamp,           | 1                | 11               | 21               |                 |                 |
| Mulberry,                | 1                | 6                | 30               | 125             |                 |
| Newville,                | 1                | 13               | 54               | 700             |                 |
| Olive Branch,            | 1                | 4                | 20               |                 |                 |
| Portsmouth,              | 5                | 37               | 350              | 700             |                 |
| Pungo,                   | 4                | 10               | 56               | 275             |                 |
| Salem,                   | 2                | 7                | 60               |                 |                 |
| Sappony,                 |                  |                  | 18               | 100             |                 |
| Shoulder's Hill,         | 2                | 13               | 85               |                 |                 |
| Suffolk,                 | 4                | 11               | 35               | 200             |                 |
| Tucker's Swamp,          |                  | 8                | 49               | 200             |                 |
| Western Branch,          |                  | 15               | 64               | 200             |                 |
|                          | 37               | 281              | 1618             | 4098            |                 |

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. POTTS, *Com.*

Bro. Wm. M. Young presented the following :

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be to prepare a brief and comprehensive history of the churches of this Association, beginning at the oldest. The history of at least three shall be presented at the next session.

The resolution was adopted, and Brethren Young, Wombwell, and Hume, were appointed the committee.

Bro. F. H. Robertson moved a reconsideration of the resolution adopted, to appoint a committee to visit Brandon church. The motion to reconsider was adopted. Then a further motion was made to receive the Brandon church as a member of this body. Explanations were given by several brethren, and the motion was adopted. The reception of the church was then declared, by the Moderator giving to the delegate present the hand of fellowship.

The Clerk stated there had been placed in his hands, a letter from a church recently formed at Princess Anne courthouse, asking admission into this body, but there was no delegate present. The Moderator replied that the constitution required the presence of a delegate, and therefore the application could not be entertained. The Clerk was directed to make this minute of the matter.

As the churches at Hunting Quarter and Otter Dams have failed to report and represent themselves in this body for several past sessions, brethren J. C. Bailey, and R. R. Owens, were appointed to visit them and make report at the next session.

Elder P. Owens presented the corresponding letter he had been appointed to prepare, and it was adopted.

Bro. J. W. Potts reported the sum of \$41 50 collected yesterday for the General Association. Other sums were reported in hand, as sent up for the same object, by churches which would not be represented in the ensuing session of that body. The Association then appointed as delegates, R. R. Overby, Davidton Morris, J. H. Wombwell, J. F. Bailey, James Brown, G. H. Bailey, and H. Crowder.

Bro. J. W. Potts, from the committee on Finance, presented the following report, which was adopted:

### FINANCIAL REPORT.

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| The Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined brother Wm. E. Wood's account as Treasurer, accompanied by proper vouchers, and find that he has paid out all the monies in his hands, while there is still a balance due brother Hume of | \$ 9 38   |
| Amount received from the churches, including the extra sums paid by the delegates,                                                                                                                                                                             | \$ 110 41 |

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. POTTS,  
MICHAEL SYKES, } Committee.

On motion, the clerk was directed to distribute the minutes among the churches according to the amounts severally paid in by them.

Brethren who had received funds for the Education, Foreign Mission, Bible, and Sunday School and Publication Societies, made a general report, and as a large proportion of the same would not be represented at the ensuing anniversaries of those societies, it was resolved to appoint delegates from this body—whereupon, brethren Griffin, Wilhoit, J. H. Prince, R. R. Owens, Mason, Council, and Wombwell were elected.

The Moderator then announced the following as the "Standing Committees" for the ensuing year :

*On Foreign Missions*—Griffin, J. C. Bailey, and Hendren.

*On Domestic Missions*—R. R. Owens, Wombwell and Council.

*On Education*—T. G. Jones, Young, Council, Mason, and Hume.

*On Bible Operations*—Overby, P. Owens, and J. E. Peters.

*On Temperance*—J. H. Prince, Chappell, and M. Sykes.

*On Depository*—T. Hume, W. J. Wright, W. Brooks.

*Missionary Committee for Upper District*—Mason, D. G. Potts, and J. F. Bailey.

*For the Middle District*—G. W. Griffin, J. H. Cofer, Isaac Lee.

*For the Lower District*—T. Hume, John S. Wright, and Wm. P. Jones.

Elder J. G. Council presented the following resolution, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That we earnestly urge upon the members of our churches to subscribe to and promote the circulation of the Religious Herald and the Home and Foreign Journal.

The following offered by Elder J. G. Council, was unanimously adopted :

*Resolved*, That the warm-hearted hospitality, and the very kind attentions, which have been dispensed to us during our session, by the brethren and friends of this community, demand and have hereby tendered our heartiest thanks.

On motion made, T. Hume was appointed to edit, secure the printing, and distribute the minutes.

The business being concluded, a motion for adjournment was made, and carried.

The minutes were then read and corrected.

Elder T. Hume offered prayer, after which, the Moderator gave out a hymn, which all united in singing, during which the fraternal hand was given, and all seemed to feel a solemn, yet delightful tenderness of soul.

The Moderator then declared the Association adjourned, to meet in its next annual session with the North West church, Norfolk county, on Friday before the fourth Sunday in May, 1855.

JOHN R. CHAMBLISS, *Moderator*.

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T. HUME, *Clerk*.

## CORRESPONDING LETTER.

DEAR BRETHREN :

Our session was commenced under favorable circumstances—the weather fine and the delegation tolerably full—which continued during the session. We have been favored with the presence of corresponding messengers and visiting ministers, but the number not so large as in former years, nor so large as we wished. The reports from the churches show some degree of prosperity and progress, especially in the way of Sabbath Schools and contributions to the various objects of benevolence. Some of the churches have been blessed with revivals and large additions to their number, while in the most of them a spiritual dearth has prevailed. There exists a great destitution of ministers among us—several churches are without pastors and the regular preaching of the gospel. Our session has been a pleasant and harmonious one. The congregation has been large and attentive. We have appointed corresponding messengers, and hope many of them may be in attendance at your respective sessions, for Christian fellowship is pleasant, cheering and encouraging. God's mercy and peace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ.

J. R. CHAMBLISS, *Moderator.*T. HUME, *Clerk.*

STATISTICAL TABLE.

| CHURCHES.        | DELEGATES.                       | Baptized. | Received by letter. | Restored. | Dismissed. | Expelled. | Deceased. | Nett gain. | Nett loss. | Whites. | Colored. | Aggregate. | Association Fund. | General Associat'n. | Domestic Missions. | Foreign Missions. | Bible and Colport-<br>age. | Education Society. | Sunday School and<br>Public'n Society. |
|------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|---------|----------|------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Antioch,         | James E. Peters, J. G. Mayes,    | 9         | 1                   | 1         | 1          | 1         | 2         | 9          | ..         | 87      | 104      | 191        | 3 00              | 34 75               | ..                 | ..                | ..                         | ..                 | ..                                     |
| Beaver Dam,      | S. Bradshaw, Jos. Jones,         | 7         | ..                  | ..        | ..         | ..        | ..        | ..         | ..         | 185     | 39       | 224        | 3 75              | ..                  | ..                 | ..                | 20 00                      | ..                 | ..                                     |
| Bethesda,        | Joel Brock, *                    | 4         | ..                  | ..        | 3          | 2         | 2         | 1          | ..         | 12      | 43       | 55         | 1 00              | ..                  | ..                 | 2 00              | 15 00                      | ..                 | ..                                     |
| Black Creek,     | Jordan Edwards, A. Edwards, *    | 4         | ..                  | ..        | 1          | 2         | 2         | 1          | ..         | 130     | 17       | 147        | 3 50              | 10 00               | 8 75               | 7 37              | 13 62                      | 1 50               | ..                                     |
| Black Water,     | George W. Bell, T. C. Holt, *    | 10        | 4                   | ..        | 2          | 3         | 7         | 2          | ..         | 81      | 22       | 103        | 2 00              | 5 00                | ..                 | ..                | 2 00                       | ..                 | 50                                     |
| Brandon,         | George A. Hatch,                 | ..        | ..                  | ..        | ..         | ..        | ..        | ..         | ..         | 10      | 34       | 44         | ..                | ..                  | ..                 | ..                | ..                         | ..                 | ..                                     |
| Cabin Point,     | N. P. Sledge, C. Scarborough, *  | 45        | 8                   | ..        | 5          | 1         | ..        | 47         | ..         | 51      | 141      | 191        | 2 00              | ..                  | ..                 | ..                | ..                         | ..                 | ..                                     |
| Cumberland St.   | R. H. Stevens, * J. W. Davis, *  | ..        | 8                   | ..        | 9          | 8         | ..        | ..         | ..         | 270     | 26       | 296        | 3 00              | 22 00               | ..                 | 20 00             | 40 00                      | ..                 | ..                                     |
| Elam,            | T. B. Creath, Elisha Grant,      | ..        | ..                  | ..        | 1          | ..        | 2         | ..         | ..         | 3       | 35       | 1          | 36                | 2 25                | 5 00               | ..                | ..                         | ..                 | ..                                     |
| Free Mason St.   | T. G. Jones, * Z. F. Nance, *    | 100       | 9                   | ..        | 5          | 2         | 1101      | ..         | ..         | 255     | ..       | ..         | 5 00              | 40 00               | 30 00              | 40 00             | 2 42                       | ..                 | ..                                     |
| Hick's Ford,     | Joseph H. Prince, B. Sykes, *    | ..        | ..                  | ..        | 5          | ..        | ..        | 7          | ..         | 72      | 26       | 98         | 2 16              | 10 50               | 3 63               | 40 00             | 40 00                      | 15 00              | 12 00                                  |
| High Hills,      | J. R. Chambliss, Jno. W. Potts,  | 14        | ..                  | ..        | ..         | ..        | ..        | 12         | ..         | 66      | 50       | 116        | 3 50              | 5 00                | ..                 | 5 00              | 10 00                      | 1 75               | ..                                     |
| Hunting Quarter, | James F. Bailey, E. P. Bailey,   | 13        | 2                   | ..        | 3          | 1         | ..        | 9          | ..         | 79      | 54       | 131        | 3 50              | 5 75                | 2 37               | 8 05              | 16 75                      | 1 00               | ..                                     |
| Jerusalem,       | No. report.                      | ..        | ..                  | ..        | ..         | ..        | ..        | ..         | ..         | ..      | ..       | ..         | ..                | ..                  | ..                 | ..                | ..                         | ..                 | ..                                     |
| Kempsville,      | Stephen Henderson, E. Nelms, *   | ..        | ..                  | ..        | ..         | ..        | ..        | ..         | ..         | 28      | 4        | 32         | 1 50              | ..                  | ..                 | ..                | ..                         | ..                 | ..                                     |
| Lake Drummond,   | J. G. Council, W. Etheridge, *   | 12        | 6                   | ..        | ..         | 4         | 6         | 8          | ..         | 95      | 36       | 131        | 3 00              | 10 00               | 10 00              | ..                | 15 00                      | 7 50               | 1 00                                   |
| London Bridge,   | Barnes Jackson, * J. Lynch, *    | 9         | 3                   | ..        | ..         | ..        | ..        | 12         | ..         | 21      | 1        | 22         | 1 00              | ..                  | ..                 | ..                | 2 03                       | ..                 | ..                                     |
| Market St.       | H. J. Chandler, * H. H. Banks, * | 2         | ..                  | ..        | 15         | ..        | ..        | 12         | ..         | 38      | 16       | 54         | 2 00              | ..                  | ..                 | ..                | ..                         | ..                 | ..                                     |
| Millfield,       | S. G. Mason, F. H. Robertson,    | 26        | 17                  | 1         | 8          | 5         | 2         | 29         | ..         | 362     | ..       | 362        | 4 00              | ..                  | ..                 | ..                | ..                         | ..                 | ..                                     |
| Mill Swamp,      | John Fyveash, A. Stephenson,     | 3         | 5                   | ..        | 3          | ..        | ..        | 4          | ..         | 102     | 11       | 113        | 2 00              | ..                  | ..                 | ..                | ..                         | 9 00               | ..                                     |
| Moore's Swamp,   | G. W. Griffin, Isaac Cofer,      | 11        | ..                  | ..        | 4          | 1         | 6         | ..         | ..         | 86      | 31       | 117        | 5 00              | 20 00               | 20 00              | 10 00             | 26 00                      | 20 00              | ..                                     |
|                  | John H. Lane, R. H. Rowell,      | 18        | ..                  | ..        | 1          | ..        | 9         | 12         | ..         | ..      | ..       | 158        | 2 50              | 11 00               | 6 00               | 5 00              | 19 56                      | 2 00               | ..                                     |

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| Mulberry,          | Wm. T. Carney, S. N. Whitson,            | 3   | 1   | 1   | 64  | 5   | 69  | 2 25 | 90 00 | 5 00  | 4 00   | 13 00 | 6 65  | 1 00  |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |    |    |
| Newville,          | R. R. Owens, R. A. Chappell,             | 16  | 1   | 15  | 98  | 57  | 155 | 3 50 | 11 00 | 14 00 | 15 00  | 45 00 | 1 50  | 50    |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |    |    |
| Northwest,         | M. Sykes, R. Wigginton,                  | 6   | 1   | 5   | 100 | 28  | 128 | 2 00 | 10 00 | 3 00  | 2 12   | 7 00  |       |       |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |    |    |
| Old Shop,          | William Jones, * S. H. Jones,            | 4   | 1   | 1   | 61  | 41  | 102 | 2 00 |       |       |        | 2 25  |       |       |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |    |    |
| Olive Branch,      | Richard Bland, R. Wiseman,               | 2   | 3   | 3   | 12  | 13  | 13  | 1 25 |       |       |        | 3 13  |       |       |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |    |    |
| Otter Dams,        | No report,                               | 8   |     |     |     |     |     |      |       |       |        | 1 00  | 50    | 50    |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |    |    |
| Pleasant Grove,    | J. Pritchard, * A. Cooper,               | 5   | 14  | 8   | 27  | 13  | 40  | 1 00 | 3 00  | 3 00  | 1 00   | 1 00  | 13 97 | 11 92 |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |    |    |
| Portsmouth,        | T. Hume, William H. Morris,              | 1   | 3   | 4   | 488 | 190 | 678 | 4 00 | 30 00 | 70 00 | 100 00 | 14 67 | 13 97 | 4 00  |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |    |    |
| Pungo,             | Davidon Morris, * J. B. Stone,           | 11  | 3   | 7   | 88  | 46  | 134 | 2 00 | 10 00 | 4 00  |        | 5 00  |       |       |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |    |    |
| Salem,             | J. Hendren, * H. Parkinson,              | 11  | 3   | 11  | 35  | 37  | 72  | 3 00 | 10 50 | 11 75 | 14 00  | 11 00 | 8 00  | 10 00 |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |    |    |
| Sappony,           | J. C. Bailey, Miles Horn,                | 3   | 1   | 2   | 32  | 37  | 69  | 1 75 |       |       |        | 41 00 | 32 00 | 31 00 |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |    |    |
| Shiloh,            | R. R. Turner, J. E. Pettway,             | 80  | 3   | 5   | 141 | 266 | 407 | 4 50 | 36 00 | 60 00 | 111 00 | 41 00 | 5 00  |       |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |    |    |
| Shoulder's Hill,   | Wm. M. Young, J. Mansfield,              | 12  | 1   | 10  | 99  | 29  | 128 | 3 50 |       |       |        |       |       |       |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |    |    |
| Smithfield,        | J. C. Jordan, * S. H. Holmes,            | 8   | 2   | 1   | 55  | 226 | 281 | 2 00 | 5 50  | 13 25 | 23 25  | 5 25  | 10 50 | 5 00  |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |    |    |
| South Quay,        | Isaac Lee, J. K. Daughtery,              | 8   | 1   | 5   | 3   | 130 | 114 | 3 50 | 5 00  | 9 15  | 2 88   | 12 00 | 5 03  |       |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |    |    |
| Suffolk,           | D. P. Daughtery, D. O. Hanna-<br>ford, * | 8   | 2   | 1   | 3   | 130 | 114 | 3 50 | 5 00  | 9 15  | 2 88   | 12 00 | 5 03  |       |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |    |    |
| Tucker's Swamp,    | M. D. Butter, Graves Niblett, *          | 8   | 2   | 1   | 3   | 130 | 114 | 3 50 | 5 00  | 9 15  | 2 88   | 12 00 | 5 03  |       |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |    |    |
| Western Branch,    | P. Owens, John Simons,                   | 8   | 2   | 1   | 3   | 130 | 114 | 3 50 | 5 00  | 9 15  | 2 88   | 12 00 | 5 03  |       |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |    |    |
| African, Peters'g, | R. R. Overby, I. C. School-<br>field,    | 111 | 41  | 3   | 18  | 20  | 113 | 2 00 |       |       |        | 5 00  |       |       |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |    |    |
| Gillfield, do.     | H. Crowder, I. C. Schoolfield,           | 166 | 7   | 26  | 8   | 23  | 155 | 3 50 | 2 00  |       | 70 00  | 5 00  |       |       |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |    |    |
| Third col'd do.    | R. R. Overby,                            | 29  | 7   | 4   | 9   | 1   | 29  | 2 00 |       |       |        |       |       |       |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |    |    |
| First do. Nor'k,   | R. H. Stevens, * John W.<br>Davis, *     | 18  | 1   | 40  | 13  | 13  | 10  | 2 00 |       | 2 00  | 2 00   | 2 00  |       |       |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |    |    |
| Bute St. col'd do. | V. Falen, * T. G. Jones, *               | 18  | 6   | 2   | 6   | 9   | 5   | 1 00 |       |       |        | 5 00  | 5 00  |       |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |    |    |
| 45 churches.       | Those marked * were absent.              | 780 | 107 | 136 | 141 | 146 | 133 | 690  | 86    | 368   | 4      | 6176  | 9966  | 110   | 41 | 397 | 63 | 293 | 90 | 457 | 87 | 447 | 61 | 135 | 79 | 76 | 92 |

